

# *The Quester*



**Fairfield Grace United  
Methodist Church**

**November  
2015**

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## A Message from Pastor Cho:

My dear beloved sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

One of the memorable and inspirational experiences of my one month long staying in Europe was visiting the Taizé community in Taizé, France, from where the Taizé prayer service was originated. I found that about 100 monks live in the community, and it is open to anyone who would like to take a retreat for a week. Every week during the summer time, I was told, about one thousand youth spend a week long retreat, including joining the monks for the prayer service three times a day, participating in Bible study, observing a silent meditation in the afternoon and also laboring in love, such as gardening, repairing, cooking, dish washing, constructing, etc. Even though my stay in the community was brief, it was a fresh time of renewal, rest and recreation to be remembered as long as I live.



We are blessed to have the Taizé prayer service at Fairfield Grace UMC. A special thanks goes to Dot Daruka, who has been faithful in preparing and leading the service for the last 6 years as the prayer service leader. Her gentle and inviting leadership is a true blessing to all of



us. “What makes you keep going with your ministry at FGUMC?” one of my colleagues asked me the other day. “The Taizé Prayer Service on Wednesday” was my response. The time to enter and pray in our beautiful and inviting Sanctuary has been a well from which I draw fresh water to quench my

thirst and a table where I get food for my hunger. It is a holy time to give thanks to the Lord for the opportunity to live and serve with you as disciples of Jesus Christ at FGUMC and also persistently “ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” (Matthew 9:37) Come and join me and others for this precious time, a time with Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God (John 20:28)

Kun Sam

*Please keep in mind the Sanctuary is always open to you for your time away from business, for resting and renewing and recreating.*



Starting this month, the weekly Taizé prayer services will be held on **Wednesdays at 12:30 pm and 5:30 pm**. We hope this changed schedule is welcomed by those who would like to time to pray during the lunch time and/or on the way home after the work.

We will also hold a monthly Taizé prayer service on the **second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm**.



***Ushers***

**Team #4 ~ Greg Tanno**

- ~ *Craig Michelson*
- ~ *Dennis Robb*
- ~ *Denise Tanno*
- ~ *Greg Tanno*

***Greeters***

*Faith Circle*

***Fellowship Hour***

*Youth*

***Worship Leaders***

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|--------------|-------------------------|
| November 1:  | <i>Peter Lowerson</i>   |
| November 8:  | <i>Youth</i>            |
| November 15: | <i>Jeff Tang</i>        |
| November 22: | <i>Franklyn MacLean</i> |
| November 29: | <i>Craig Michelson</i>  |

**Fairfield Grace Families  
In Our Prayers**

*Week of:*

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|--------------|--|
| November 1:  | Trifiatis family, Van Scoy family<br>and Vindheim family |
| November 8:  | Pat Vosburgh, Voss family and<br>Watson family           |
| November 15: | Beverly Wenz, Whiteman family and<br>Wood family         |
| November 22: | Yi family, Dorothy Zupsansky and<br>Ben Abbott           |
| November 29: | Maralyn Abbott, Dorothy Albrecht and<br>Aldrich family   |



*Holiday Gift Fair*  
*November 21, 2014*  
*10:00—4:00*

Our own exciting and wonderful Holiday Fair will have excellent Christmas gifts as well as two new additions.

We will have a Silent Auction held in the Hood Parlor.

We will also have “Second Gift” tables in the Fellowship Hall.. These tables will have new and almost new gifts for children and adults that are donated to the church

Susanna’s will have their delicious bake sale with sandwiches and coffee to purchase.

Al Oneto and ensemble, with Kristina Joukhadar playing the piano, will lift our spirits and voices playing favorite Christmas Carols.

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#### Scripture Readings for November, 2015

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Reading</u>   | <u>Featured Chapter from The Story</u> |
|-------------|--|--|
| Nov 1       | Exodus 19-20, 24-25, 32-34,40                          | 5 – New Commands and A New Covenant    |
| Nov 8       | Numbers 10-14, 20-21, 25,27<br>Deut. 1-2;4;6;8-9;29-34 | 6 – Wandering                          |
| Nov 15      | Joshua 1-2, 6, 8, 10-11, 23-24                         | 7 – The Battle Begins                  |
| Nov 22      | 1 Chronicles 29:12,2 Corinthians 9:6-7<br>John 3:16-17 | <i>Consecration Sunday</i>             |
| Nov 29      | Judges 2-4, 6-8, 13-16                                 | 8 – A Few Good Men...and Women         |



If you know of a family member, a personal friend or a friend of the church that is ill, please contact Anne at the church office at 203-374-6528 or at [fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net) so appropriate Pastoral Care can be arranged.



Fall is in the air ...stay healthy as the weather gets colder



As the cold and flu season starts, remember to get your flu shot at your doctors office, CVS or Walgreens. Wash hands frequently, cover your mouth when you cough or do so into your elbow (same for sneezes) and use Purell when available.

During Sunday worship "Pass the Peace and Pass the Purell". If you feel that you are coming down with a bug, consider staying home and resting.

Stay warm, drink lots of fluids and feel well!

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| 01 | Jim Peters         |    |                    |
| 02 | Jean Bartholomew   |    |                    |
| 03 | Marge Hood         | 22 | Charlotte Backlund |
| 07 | Bill Llewellyn     | 25 | Wanda Meyers       |
| 08 | Paige Sherwood     | 25 | Indiana Whiteman   |
| 12 | Jacqueline Sugrue  | 26 | Fredene Daeschner  |
| 13 | Paul Stein         | 26 | Philip Stein       |
| 14 | Betsy McGrath      | 28 | Ed Galpin          |
| 15 | Cheryl Harris      | 30 | Justin Harris      |
| 16 | Peter Lowerson     |    |                    |
| 18 | Eugene Deneutte    |    |                    |
| 20 | Nick Leppla        |    |                    |
| 21 | Chris Lopes        |    |                    |
| 21 | Barbara Pennell    |    |                    |
| 21 | Charlene Schindler |    |                    |

## November Birthdays



## November Anniversaries

|        |                  |        |
|--------|------------------|--------|
| Nov 06 | Bev & Al Plucker | 67 yrs |
| Nov 24 | Jean & Al Oneto  | 59 yrs |

## CONFIRMATION JOURNEY

All youth in Eighth Grade, or any youth in Ninth Grade that have not yet been confirmed, can join the confirmation journey beginning in November.

Please contact Pastor Cho at (914) 319-4241, or [kunsamcho92@gmail.com](mailto:kunsamcho92@gmail.com) for more information.



Ho! Ho! Ho!

### **Santa is coming to Fairfield-Grace on December 12!**

It's that time again; time to start "Making a list, and checking it twice!" Santa will be coming to Fairfield-Grace on **December 12 for our Annual Breakfast with Santa from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** The morning will feature our usual hearty breakfast including pancakes, eggs and sausage, craft activities and plenty of fellowship.

Eating Breakfast with Santa is a great way for the whole family to get in the Christmas spirit and enjoy this magical time! Throughout the morning, Santa will be sitting in his usual rocking chair ready to visit with the children and hear their special requests. Bring your cameras along to capture these memorable moments!

Admission is free! Fairfield-Grace will be collecting donations of new, unwrapped toys to brighten the holiday for needy children and monetary donations to help with the church's outreach programs.

We need your help to make Breakfast with Santa a success! We are seeking volunteers to assist with cooking and serving breakfast, facilitating craft activities, welcoming families, and clean up. Please contact Laura Sherwood to volunteer (203-292-7241, [lirauscher@yahoo.com](mailto:lirauscher@yahoo.com)).

We hope you can join us on December 12!



## 2015 Consecration Sunday Is Coming...

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance/stewardship teams have selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

*New Consecration Sunday* is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday on November 22nd, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and church council members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Al Oneto, Church Council Chair

Dennis Robb, Consecration Sunday Chair





### Fairfield Grace Church on an Autumn Day



### ***We want your photos!***

Please take pictures at any of the Fairfield Grace events or activities you attend and send them to Anne.

We want to let the Fairfield Grace community know about all the good work it's members are doing! Send updates, news and photos to [fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net)

**Deadline for the November  
Issue of the Quester is  
Friday, November 20.**



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Congratulations to Nancy Hauser for her appointment to President of the CT District UMW. Nancy was elected by the membership to serve as President for next year!



**American  
Red Cross**

## **Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Fairfield Grace Church**

**Thursday, December 17**

**1:00—6:45**

**Please consider donating!**

Sleeves up.  
Hearts open.  
All in.



## **Nursery School Registration**

Methodist Nursery School Registration is now open for the 2016-2017 school year. Children currently enrolled in our school, their siblings and church members are given priority enrollment until Monday, Nov. 2. After Nov. 2, we will open registration up to outside families. Please call or email the office at 203-374-6548 or email us at [methodismns@sbcglobal.net](mailto:methodismns@sbcglobal.net) for details. You can also schedule a tour or visit our website at [Methodist-ns.com](http://Methodist-ns.com) to learn more about our school.



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Concerts for Young  
People offered by  
Music for Youth.





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**MUSIC FOR YOUTH  
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Present the Fall 2015  
FREE Young Persons' Concerts**



**PEQUOT  
LIBRARY**



**September 26th, 2 PM, Pequot Library**  
**NYGASP "The Wand'ring Minstrels"**

The "Wand'ring Minstrels" from the New York Gilbert and Sullivan Players will perform an abbreviated version of *The Mikado* and a variety of scenes and songs from the Gilbert and Sullivan repertoire.

**Master Classes after the concert\***  
*Underwritten by Marianne and Joseph Wertheim*

**October 24th, 2 PM, Pequot Library**  
**Brian Torff, New Duke Ensemble**

New Duke features many of the great band teachers in Fairfield County: Darryl Tookes, vocals; Brian Torff, bass, composer and arranger, harmonica, and vocals; Jamie Finegan, trumpet; Rick Sadlon, saxophone and flute; Steve Moran, tenor and baritone sax; John Fumasoli, trombone; Dave Childs, keyboards; and Don Mulvaney, drums.



**Master Classes after the concert\***  
*Underwritten by Howard Aibel*



**November 21st, 2 PM, Pequot Library**  
**David Lisker, violin**

Described as an "exquisite virtuoso violinist" (Chicago Sun-Times), David Lisker has appeared as soloist, chamber musician, and orchestral performer in many of today's most prestigious concert halls.

**Master Classes after the concert\***  
*Underwritten by Mary and Walter Miller*

**December 12th, 2PM, St Thomas Aquinas Church**  
1719 Post Rd; Fairfield  
**FCCC Chamber Singers**

The Fairfield County Children's Choir (FCCC) is a community based choral program made up of 300 children in grades 4-12 from communities in and around Fairfield County, Connecticut. The chamber singers are the most advanced choristers in grades 6-12.



**Master Classes after the concert\***  
*Underwritten by Sachi Liebergessel.*



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Music for Youth Inc., POB 403; Westport, CT 06881  
\*\$30 registration fee for master class; scholarships available.  
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Music for Youth will also host a season of Showcases open to  
all students ensembles to promote the performance of  
chamber music in our community.

**These showcases will be held at Fairfield Grace Church.**

**Dates:**

**Time:**

**Cost: \$10**

November 27, 2015

5:00—7:00

February 12, 2016

5:00—7:00

March 18, 2016

5:00—7:00



# THE STORY

*The Story* is a book of selections from the Bible, arranged chronologically, that reads like a novel. Come discover together how our story is found in God's story!

Each member of the family will follow along with their own version of *The Story*.

Every week, there will be **four** opportunities to join a small group discussion for each chapter of *The Story*.

You are invited to attend **any** session at **any** time.  
All sessions are held in Hood Parlor

**WEDNESDAY AT 10:10 AM**

**THURSDAY AT 6:45 PM**

**SATURDAY AT 10:00 AM**

**SUNDAY AT 9:00 AM**

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## **Taizé Time Change**

Beginning this Wednesday, November 4, we will have **weekly Taizé Prayer Service on Wednesdays at 12:30 pm and 5:30 pm**. We will also have a **monthly Taizé Service on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm**.



Come and Rest. Come and Listen. Come and Praise.  
Come and Give Thanks. Come to Taizé Service.



# Calendar for November

## THE STORY

### **Week Five (Sermon on Chapter 5 will be on 11/1):**

Chapter 4: New Commands and A New Covenant

Focus: Moses

Related Bible Text: Exodus 19-20, 24-25, 32-34,40

#### **Discussion Sessions:**

Wednesday, Oct 28 10:10 AM

Thursday, Oct 29: 6:45 PM

Saturday, Oct 31: 10:00 AM

Sunday, Nov1: 9:00 AM

Discussion prompts and questions to think about while reading Chapter 5 are in the back of the book on page 475.

### **Week Six (Sermon on Chapter 6 will be on 11/8):**

Chapter 6: Wandering

Focus: Moses

Related Bible Text: Numbers 10-14, 20-21, 25,27,Deut. 1-2;4;6;8-9;29-34

#### **Discussion Sessions:**

Wednesday, Nov 4: 10:10 AM

Thursday, Nov 5: 6:45 PM

Saturday, Nov 7: 10:00 AM

Sunday, Nov 8: 9:00 AM

Discussion prompts and questions to think about while reading Chapter 6 are in the back of the book on page 476.

### **Week Seven (Sermon on Chapter 7 will be on 11/15):**

Chapter 7: The Battle Begins

Focus: Joshua

Related Bible Text: Joshua 1-2, 6, 8, 10-11, 23-24

#### **Discussion Sessions:**

Wednesday, Nov 11: 10:10 AM

Thursday, Nov 12: 6:45 PM

Saturday, Nov 14: 10:00 AM

Sunday, Nov 15: 9:00 AM

Discussion prompts and questions to think about while reading Chapter 7 are in the back of the book on page 476.

### **Week Eight (Sermon on Chapter 8 will be on 11/29):**

Chapter 8: A Few Good Men ... and Women

Focus: Judges

Related Bible Text: Judges 2-4, 6-8, 13-16

#### **Discussion Sessions:**

Wednesday, Nov 18 and Nov 25: 10:10 AM

Thursday, Nov 19: 6:45 PM, Nov 26: cancelled

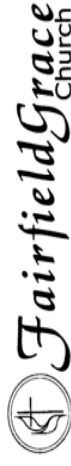
Saturday, Nov 21: 10:00 AM, Nov 28: cancelled

Sunday, Nov 29: 9:00 AM

Discussion prompts and questions to think about while reading Chapter 8 are in the back of the book on page 476-477.



# November 2015



| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed   | Thu   | Fri  | Sat   |
|---|---|--|---|---|--|---|
| 1<br>Communion<br>Daylight Saving<br>9am - Story<br>10am - Worship<br>11:30am - Faith<br>11:30am - Nominati<br>11:30am - Task         | 2<br>7:30pm - Alanon,                         | 3<br>1:30pm - Parish<br>7pm - Yth Adv Bd<br>7:30pm - Handbells | 4<br>9am - MNS,<br>10:10am - The Story<br>12:30pm - Taize<br>5:30pm - Taize<br>6:45pm - Boy<br>7:30pm - Finance,<br>7:45pm - Trustees,            | 5<br>9:30am - Retired<br>6:30pm - The Story<br>7:30pm - Chancel<br>7:30pm - Yth Adv       | 6<br>9am - MNS,<br>5pm - Music4Youth           | 7<br>Youth Grp - Mission<br>10am - The Story<br>11am - Brainy Alley |
| 8<br>CONNECTIONAL<br>9am - Story<br>10am - Worship<br>11:30am - Conformat<br>12pm - Korean<br>1pm - Faith Circle,<br>7pm - Yth Group, | 9<br>7pm - Serena's Book<br>7:30pm - Alanon,  | 10<br>7:30pm - Handbells                                       | 11<br>Veterans Day<br>10:10am - The Story<br>12:30pm - Taize<br>5:30pm - Taize<br>7pm - Boy Scouts,<br>7pm - Taizé Prayer<br>7:45pm - Ch Council- | 12<br>9am - MNS, Prek,<br>9:30am - Parish Ct<br>6:30pm - The Story<br>7:30pm - Chancel    | 13<br>9am - MNS,<br>5pm - Music4Youth          | 14<br>Cancer Fundraiser,<br>10am - The Story<br>11am - Brainy Alley |
| 15<br>9am - Story<br>10am - Worship<br>12pm - Korean<br>1pm - Faith Circle,<br>6pm - Yth Group,                                       | 16<br>7:30pm - Alanon,                        | 17<br>7:30pm - Handbells                                       | 18<br>10:10am - The Story<br>12pm - Susanna's<br>12:30pm - Taize<br>5:30pm - Taize<br>6:45pm - Boy  | 19<br>9:30am - Staff Mtg,<br>5:30pm - Troop 88,<br>6:30pm - The Story<br>7:30pm - Chancel | 20<br>2:30pm - Fair setup                      | 21<br>10am - Holiday Fair<br>10am - The Story                       |
| 22<br>9am - Story<br>10am - Worship<br>12pm - Korean<br>1pm - Faith Circle,<br>5:30pm - Brainy  | 23<br>7:30pm - Alanon,                        | 24<br>Piano Tuning<br>7:30pm - Handbells                       | 25<br>10:10am - The Story<br>5:30pm - Taize<br>7pm - Boy Scouts,  | 26<br>Thanksgiving Day<br>7:30pm - Chancel  | 27<br>5pm - Music for                          | 28<br>11am - Brainy Alley   |
| 29<br>HEALING TIME @<br>9am - Story<br>10am - Worship<br>12pm - Korean<br>1pm - Faith Circle,   | 30<br>4:45pm - Serving at<br>7:30pm - Alanon, | 1<br>7pm - Yth Adv Bd<br>7:30pm - Handbells                    | 2<br>10:10am - The Story<br>12pm - Taize Prayer<br>6:45pm - Boy<br>7:30pm - Finance,<br>7:45pm - Trustees,  | 3<br>9:30am - Retired<br>6:30pm - The Story<br>7:30pm - Chancel                           | 4<br>Youth Group Ski Trip<br>5pm - Music4Youth | 5<br>10am - The Story<br>11am - Brainy Alley                        |