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**Fairfield Grace United
Methodist Church**

**November
2016**

A Message from Pastor Cho:

My dear beloved FGUMC family members and friends,

“For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies, For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies, Lord of all, to thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.” (Hymnal 92 verse 1)

Taking pictures with my smartphone is something I do daily these days. Why? Because of all the beautiful and colorful scenery around us. Isn't it awesome and wonderful? I hope you enjoy this New England fall season and join me singing, “Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.”



What is going on in our country? There will be the presidential election on Tuesday, November 8, as you all know. Join me in praying earnestly, so that we may be able to discern God's will for America and also for the world and eventually sing together, “For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child, Friends on earth, and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.” (UM Hymnal 92 verse 4) Amen.

What is going on this month at FGUMC? Yes, we have the monthly Spaghetti Dinner on the second Saturday (Nov. 12) and the annual Holiday Fair on the third Saturday (Nov. 19). Come with FRAN (Friends, Relatives, Associates and Neighbors) and enjoy this time of fellowship and fun. We also have two baptismal services, on Nov. 13 and Nov. 27, for Caitlyn Daigle and Matias Pennell, respectively. It is a truly great joy to welcome God's precious babies in our midst and enjoy our faith journey with them and their family. In addition, we have the “New Consecration Sunday” service and luncheon on Sunday, November 20. Don't miss this annual gathering that we have been enjoying these last three years. Last but not least, on Wednesday, November 2, UM Cluster youth and their pastors are coming to join us at the 7 pm Taizé service. They came to the Taizé service last fall and loved it so much that they are coming back. Our youth and you, of course, are invited to come and enjoy a prayerful time of rest and reflection, following the 6 pm pizza dinner in Fellowship Hall.

It's coming..... November 20!

What is going on with the BELIEVE campaign? This month we will finish the first part of the three-part campaign, "What We Believe." So far, so good. I am thankful that we have the opportunity to study and affirm and reaffirm our Christian belief as God's beloved children at Fairfield Grace. Have you been memorizing the weekly key verse(s)? I have. Surely, it is challenging but worthwhile. Try it with me, and you will be glad because it reminds us of what we believe and will ultimately strengthen us to be authentic Christians, to follow Jesus boldly and confidently. Yes, what we believe matters.

What is going on with you and your family? How is it with your soul?

See you soon at church.

Kun Sam, your M&M partner

BELIEVE Readings

Date	Topic	Memory Verse	Reading
11/6	Humanity	John 3:16	Luke 6:27-36
11/13	Compassion	Psalms 82:3-4	Deuteronomy 24:10-15. 17-22
11/20	Stewardship	Psalms 24:1-2	Mark 12:41-44
11/27	Eternity	John 14:1-2	1 Corinthians 15:1-28, 35-58

BELIEVE

LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS





Ushers



Team #1

~ Ed Stock
~ Charlie Morris
~ Art Thomas
~ Bob Watson



Fellowship Hour

Oct 2: *Faith Circle*
Oct 9: *Susanna's Circle*
Oct 16: *Michelle Krancz*
Oct 23: *Susanna's Circle*
Oct 30: *Susanna's Circle*



Worship Leaders

Nov 6: *Francis Amoo*
Nov 13: *Jessica Block*
Nov 20: *Dennis Robb*
Nov 27: *Matt Rush*



Communion Steward

Karen Benson



Pray for Fairfield Grace Families

Week of:

Nov 6: Dorothy Zupansky, Abbott family and Dorothy Albrecht
Nov 13: Aldrich family, Pat Altieri and Amoo family
Nov 20: Anderson family, Barbara Bacarella and Bailey family
Nov 27: Bedson family, Karen Benson and Beriguete family



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Taizé

9:30 am and 7:00 pm

Join us for this half hour of meditative prayer with candlelight, beautiful chants and thoughtful readings.

Every Wednesday at 9:30 am and 7:00 pm



Youth Taizé Service

Wednesday, November 2

Area youth will gather at Fairfield Grace for a pizza dinner before the 7:00 pm Taizé Service



Sunday School Children joined together to sing "The Arky Arky Song" at the Worship Service on October 23

ALL SAINTS DAY NOVEMBER 6

On Sunday, November 6 at the 10:00 Worship Service, we will be remembering all those that passed away last year.

Please contact Anne at the office at
203-374-6528 or
fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net with any names you would like to include.

01	Jim Peters		
03	Marge Hood		
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		
22	Charlotte Backlund		

November Birthdays



November Anniversaries

Nov 24 Jean & Al Oneto 59 yrs



Holiday Gift Fair
November 19, 2016
10:00—3:00

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.



Ho! Ho! Ho!

Santa is coming to Fairfield-Grace on December 3!

It's that time again; time to start "Making a list, and checking it twice!" Santa will be coming to Fairfield-Grace on **December 3 for our Annual Breakfast with Santa from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 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).

We hope you can join us on December 3!

Christmas Pageant

“The First Christmas”

We will be performing our annual Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 18 at the 10am worship service. This is a great way for all of our kids to participate in a wonderful Fairfield Grace tradition.

We will be practicing each Sunday starting November 20 until pageant day so please try to come to church each week.

The Schedule is as follows:

November 20 – Parts will be assigned (During Sunday school)

November 27 - Song Practice (During Sunday School)

December 4 - Hand out Costumes and Rehearsal (During Sunday School)

December 11 - Dress Rehearsal (After church 11am-12pm)

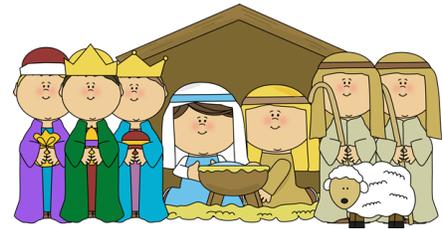
December 18 – Pageant Day (Arrive at 9:15am dressed and ready to go)

We are looking forward to sharing the story of “The First Christmas” with our Congregation.

Many thanks for your participation,

Sue Rush

Christmas Pageant Director



New This Year:

We will be having a **DRAWING CONTEST** for the Pageant Program Cover Artwork!

- ◇ The drawing must be in keeping with the theme: “The First Christmas”.
- ◇ All children participants are eligible to take part in the contest.
 - ◇ Winner must attend rehearsals regularly.
 - ◇ **Deadline: December 11.**

The winning drawing will be chosen on this date.





December Events at Fairfield Grace

Saturday, December 3: Breakfast with Santa 8:30—10:30 am

Sunday, December 4: Caroling Sunday

Saturday, December 10: Spaghetti Dinner 4:45—6:45 pm

Sunday December 11: Cantata Sunday at 10:00 Worship Service

Pageant Program Cover Drawing Contest Deadline

Wednesday, December 14: Susanna's and Wesley's Circle Luncheon 12:00

Thursday, December 15: Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:00—6:45 pm

Sunday, December 18: Christmas Pageant at 10:00 Worship Service

Wednesday, December 21: Blue Taizé Service at 9:30 am and 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 28: Serve Dinner at Golden Hill UMC at 4:45 pm,

Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve

5:00 pm: Family Service

10:00 pm: Candlelight Service

Sunday December 25: Carols and Lessons at 10:00 Worship Service



*Poinsettias will once again be
available for
order for the
Christmas Eve Services.*

Details to follow.

2016 New 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

Scott Stimpson, Consecration Sunday Chair

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Red Cross Blood Drive

Fairfield Grace Church

Thursday, December 15: 1:00—6:45

Please consider donating!

Spaghetti Dinner ~ Sat, Nov 12

Saturday from 4:45 PM—6:45 PM

Please contact Todd Daigle at 203-767-0593 or at daigletodd89@yahoo.com if you can help set up, prepare food, serve, clean up.
Volunteers Needed.

Next Dinner: Saturday, December 10



MISISON/OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

OPERATION HOPE

Stocking the Pantry at Operation Hope. Please remember to help fill the Operation Hope Box at the rear of the sanctuary with non-perishable items. They are very appreciative of your donations which help stretch the budgets of needy Fairfield residents.

Monthly Dinners Please consider being part of a team that will provide one of the meals Fairfield Grace is committed to during 2017 beginning in January and continuing every other month through the year. All groups, committees, friends and families are asked to be part of our commitment to help in this area. Thank you in advance for considering this opportunity.

CHRISTMAS GIFT BASKETS

Golden Hill Methodist Church has again asked us to participate in their annual Christmas Gift Basket Program. Food and gifts for the children will be gathered and delivered to selected needy families in the Bridgeport area.

PANERA BREAD DONATION

Volunteers from Fairfield Grace pick-up and deliver Panera Bread to the Operation Hope Pantry every Monday morning. Beginning in January 2017 we will need a third volunteer to provide this service as a one-month commitment four times during the year. If you can be of help please contact Dot Daruka at 203-366-1509.

BELIEVE

	DATE	CHAPTER	TOPIC	
What Do I Believe?	9/25/16	1	God	Mission Sunday
	10/2/15	2	Personal God	World Communion Sunday
	10/9/16	3	Salvation	Children's Sabbath
	10/16/16	4	The Bible	Laity Sunday
	10/23/16	5	Identity in Christ	
	10/30/16	6	Church	Reformation Sunday
	11/6/16	7	Humanity	All Saints Day
	11/13/16	8	Compassion	Veteran's Day/Organ Donation
	11/20/16	9	Stewardship	Consecration Sunday
	11/27/16	10	Eternity	Advent begins
What Should I Do?	12/4/16	11	Worship	Caroling Sunday
	12/11/16		Advent Study 1	Cantata
	12/18/16		Advent Study 2	Sunday School Pageant
	12/25/16		Advent Study 3	Christmas
	1/1/17	12	Prayer	New Year's Day
	1/8/17	13	Bible Study	Baptism of the Lord
	1/15/17	14	Single-Mindedness	
	1/22/17	15	Total Surrender	
	1/29/17	16	Biblical Community	
	2/5/17	17	Spiritual Gifts	Scouting/Souper Bowl Sunday
2/12/17	18	Offering My Time		
2/19/17	19	Giving My Resources		
2/26/17	20	Sharing My Faith	Transfiguration Sunday	
What Am I Becoming?	3/5/17	21	Love	First Sunday in Lent
	3/12/17	22	Joy	
	3/19/17	23	Peace	
	3/26/17	24	Self-Control	
	4/2/17	25	Hope	
	4/9/17		Easter Study 1	Palm Sunday
	4/16/17		Easter Study 2	Easter Sunday
	4/23/17	26	Patience	
	4/30/17	27	Kindness/Goodness	
	5/7/17	28	Faithfulness	
	5/14/17	29	Gentleness	Mother's Day
	5/21/17	30	Humility	
	5/29/17		Pentecost Study 1	Memorial Day Sunday
6/4/17		Pentecost Study 2	Pentecost	
6/11/17		Celebration of the "Believe" Journey		

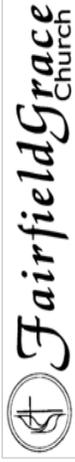
Weekly Discussion Groups ~ Meet in Hood Parlor

Wednesday at 10:10 am, Thursday at 6:45 pm, and Sunday at 9:00 am

Young Adults are encouraged to attend the Thursday session at 6:45 pm



November 2016



Fairfield Grace, Administrative Assistant, Committees, Education/Enrichment, Fellowship, Mission, Music, Nursery School, Rentals, Susanna's Circle, Youth Group Nov 2016 (Eastern Time), Holidays in United States

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 HEALING TIME @ Sanctuary REFORMATION SUNDAY Stewardship Campaign Begins 8am - Believe Discussion 9:15am - Choir Review 10am - Worship 11am - Nomination Cttee 1pm - Faith Circle	31 Halloween 7pm - Scout Leaders Mtg 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @	1 7:30pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal	2 9:30am - Taize 10:15am - Believe Discussion 12pm - Susanna's Circle 7pm - Boy Scouts, Fellowship 7pm - Finance, Hood Parlor @ 7pm - Taize, YOUTH 7pm - Trustees, Conference 7:30pm - AA, Youth Room	3 10am - Wesley's Circle, Senior 6:30pm - Financial Peace 6:45pm - Believe 6:45pm - Believe, Young Adult 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	4 Spaghetti Dinner Set up Vegetarian Day	5 2pm - Tutor Rental, CR
7 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY COMMUNION SUNDAY Daylight Saving Time ends 8am - Believe Discussion 9:15am - Choir Review 10am - Worship 11:30am - SPRC Meeting, CR 1pm - Faith Circle 2pm - Medical Program WAMC,	8 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @	9 Election Day 7:30pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal	10 Piano Tuning 9:30am - Taize 10:15am - Believe Discussion 7pm - Boy Scouts, Fellowship 7pm - Taize 7:30pm - AA, Youth Room	11 9:30am - Parish Court Luncheon, 6:30pm - Financial Peace 6:45pm - Believe 6:45pm - Believe, Young Adult 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	12 Spaghetti Dinner Set up Vegetarian Day	13 2pm - Tutor Rental, CR 6:45pm - Spaghetti Dinner
13 Baptism - Cady's Daigle CONNECTIONAL/RYEN SING 8am - Believe Discussion 9:15am - Choir Review 10am - Worship 11:30am - Nomination 11:30am - SPRC, CR 1pm - Faith Circle 2pm - Baptism Celebration, FH	14 7pm - Sewa's Book Club - Hood 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @	15 9:30pm - OS Troop 7:30pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal	16 8am - MNS, Treasurers 9:30am - Taize 10:15am - Believe Discussion 7pm - Boy Scouts, Fellowship 7pm - Taize 7:30pm - AA, Youth Room	17 9:30am - MNS, FH, Music 6:30pm - Financial Peace 6:45pm - Believe 6:45pm - Believe, Young Adult 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	18 Set up Holiday Craft Fair 9:30am - MNS, FH, Music	19 10am - Holiday Craft Fair 2pm - Tutor Rental, CR
20 Consecration Sunday 8am - Believe Discussion 9am - Bell Choir Review 10am - Worship 11:30am - Consecration Sunday	21 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @	22 7:30pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal	23 Kitchen - Marge Hood 9:30am - Taize 10:15am - Believe Discussion 7pm - Boy Scouts, Fellowship 7pm - Taize 7:30pm - AA, Youth Room	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26
27 ADVENT BEGINS HEALING TIME @ Sanctuary Matthew P Baptism 8am - Believe Discussion 9:15am - Choir Review 10am - Worship 1pm - Faith Circle	28 Operation Hope dinner, youth 7pm - Scout Leaders Mtg 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @	29 7:30pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal	30 9:30am - Taize 10:15am - Believe Discussion 7pm - Boy Scouts, Fellowship 7pm - Taize 7:30pm - AA, Youth Room	1 10am - Wesley's Circle, visit 6:45pm - Believe 6:45pm - Believe, Young Adult 7:30pm - Chancel	2 Set up, Santa's Breakfast	3 Caroling 9:30am - Santa's Breakfast 2pm - Tutor Rental, CR