

The Quester



**Fairfield Grace United
Methodist Church**

**May
2017**

A Message from Pastor Cho:

To My Dear Beloved Fairfield Grace Family and Friends,

May is Christian Home month. As we enjoy the spirit of Easter this month, so do we celebrate our Christian family life with a sense of renewal and thanksgiving. Aren't we truly blessed by our precious home God has created for us? At home we are nurtured and nourished by love. At home we find the rest and encouragement we need. However, it is sadly true that we face conflict and hatred and jealousy at home. How ironic it is. Reconciliation and forgiveness and understanding are badly needed at home, aren't they? So I would like to encourage all of you to renew the commitment to loving, cherishing and strengthening your family life.

I am delighted to have had an opportunity to welcome three beautiful babies to our Fairfield Grace family: Yuna, Zeke and Lyla. Join me to bless them and pray for them and their healthy journey with us.



Yuna, daughter of Annabelle and Jeff Wilson and granddaughter of Won Aeh and Jin S. Choi, was born on Saturday, April 8.

Zeke, son of Jill and Cameron Bowcock, was born on Monday, April 10.



Lyla, daughter of Allison and Nick Sardo and great granddaughter of Lee DelVecchio, was born on Dec., 2016, and will be baptized on June 18, 2017 at Fairfield Grace.



See you at church soon,
Kun Sam, your M&M partner

BELIEVE

LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS

BELIEVE Readings

Date	Topic	Memory Verse/Reading	Reading
5/7	Faithfulness	Proverbs 3:3-4	Ruth 1:1-22
5/14	Gentleness	Philippians 4:5	Matthew 7:1-5 Timothy 3:1-4, James 3:17-18
5/21	Humility	Philippians 2:3-4	Matthew 5:1-12, Luke 9:46-48, Mark 10:35-45
5/28	Memorial Sunday	Acts 1:6-14 , Ps 68:1-10, 32-35 , 1 Pet 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11	

Weekly Discussion Groups

Wednesday at 10:10 am (Faith Circle); Thursday at 6:45 pm; and Sunday at 9:00 am

On Sunday, June 11 we will celebrate the end of the Believe Journey

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

FRAN SUNDAY

- ◇ We ask you to please bring your FRAN (friends, relatives, acquaintances and neighbors) to our 10:00 Worship Service.
- ◇ We will be celebrating the culmination of our “Believe” Journey and sharing our plans for next year’s Adult Bible Study programs.
- ◇ We will be taking a photo of the Congregation directly following the Worship Service.
- ◇ We are also hosting a Luncheon after the congregation photo is taken. The luncheon will be free of charge. We will be asking for luncheon responses in the coming weeks.

Looking forward to see you and your FRAN there!

Ushers

Team #3

Ed Stock
Bob Watson
Charlie Morris
Art Thomas

Worship Leaders

May 7: *Dot Daruka*
May 14 (Mother's Day): *Addison Rush*
May 21: *Franklyn McLean*
May 28: *Craig Michelson*

Communion Steward

Karen Benson

Fellowship Hour

May 7: *Faith Circle*
May 14: *UMW/Susanna Circle*
May 21: *UMW/Susanna Circle*
May 28: *UMW/Susanna Circle*

Sunday School Teachers

May 7: *Patty J and Franklyn M*
May 14: *Jen B and Cindy B*
May 21: *Bill M and Nubia P*
May 28: *Eric M and Katie W*



Pastor Cho will be away for
Continuing Education (May 15 to May 19)
and vacation (May 22 to June 5).

Pastor Martha Epstein, serving at Monroe UMC, will be on call for any pastoral needs during his absence.

Please contact Anne at the church at 203-374-6528 during office hours .

After office hours, please contact Bob Price at 203-333-1272 or
Charlene Brauns-Schindler at 203-371-5068 to reach Pastor Martha.

Thanks to Pastor J and Karen Price
who will lead the following services in his absence.

May 21: Karen Price ~ May 28 and June 4: Pastor J

SOME UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS

Mon, May 8:	Serena's Book Club at 7:00 pm in Hood Parlor
Sun., May 7:	Crop Walk at 2:00 pm
Thurs, May 11:	Wesley Circle (Guest Speaker Rabbi Kormis) at 10:00 in Hood Parlor
Sat, May 13:	Shredding Day, Spaghetti Dinner and "exuberant" Circle at 5:00 pm
Sun, May 14:	Mother's Day and Hymn Sing Sunday
Tues, May 16:	Pastor Cho departs for Continuing Education
Sun, May 21:	Scholarship Cttee at 11:15 am and International Taste at 4:00 pm
Mon, May 22:	Operation Hope Meal provided by youth
Mon, May 29:	Memorial Day
Sat, June 3:	Summerfest from 10:00 am—4:00 pm
Sun. June 4:	Pentecost Sunday
Tues, June 6:	Pastor Cho returns
Sat, June 10:	"exuberant" Circle at 5:00 pm
Sun, June 11:	Bring FRAN, Celebrate "Believe" Journey, Congregation Photo and Luncheon
Sun, June 18:	Father's Day, Graduation Sunday and Baptism
Wed, June 21:	Susanna and Wesley Circles Guest Speaker
Sun, June 25:	Church Anniversary Sunday
Mon, June 26:	Vacation Bible School (Mon, 6/26—Fri, 6/30)
Wed, June 28:	FGUMC to serve at Golden Hill

Fairfield Grace Families in Our Prayers



Week of:

May 7 :	McGrath family, Patricia McNally and Medlin family
May 14:	Meyer family, Michelson family and Bill Miller
May 21:	Jeanne Millet, Michelle Molnar and Monkman family
May 28:	Charlie Morris, Sheila Muscott and Nagy family

May Birthdays

01 Joanne Lavista
 04 George Pennell
 03 Grace Kim
 05 Scott Bedson
 07 David Jurgielewicz
 07 Scarlett Whiteman
 09 Marge Jenkins
 10 Martha Wood
 13 Rose Hernandez
 14 Elijah Whiteman
 14 Kyung S. Suh

15 Moohak Suh
 15 Young Yun Choi
 18 Florence Catone
 18 Angela Suh
 19 Caitlyn Daigle

20 Robert Butler
 22 Charlie Morris
 25 Jeff Tang
 25 Nikolai Darken
 27 Josh Kristy
 28 Sam Blumenstock
 28 Eleanor Kent
 30 Maggie Conroy
 30 Chris Stein
 31 Chris Leppla
 31 Bob Price

May Anniversaries

May 06 Young Yim & Sung Keun Chun 38 yrs
 May 08 Martha & Jim Wood 36 yrs
 May 12 Barbara & George Pennell 55 yrs

Submissions to Bulletin Announcements and Friday e-News

All submissions are due to the church office at fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net by Tuesday at noon for that week's editions. Thank you!

Deadline for the June Issue of the Quester is Saturday, May 20.

Taizé Service

WEEKLY: 9:30 am and 7:00 pm

The last weekly service will be Wed., May 17

MONTHLY: 7:00 pm

The first monthly service will be Wed., June 21 at 7:00 pm

September, October, November, December and March, April, May, June.

Come and Rest. Come and Listen. Come and Praise.

Come and Give Thanks. Come to Taizé Service.



Wesley Circle Meeting

Thursday, May 11 at 10:00 am



Rabbi Kormis, from Congregation Beth El, will be a guest speaker at our Wesley Circle meeting on Thurs., May 11 at 10:00 am in Hood Parlor. All men are invited and welcome to attend!

SUSANNA CIRCLE

Attention Susanna Circle Ladies:
Please note that we will NOT be having a meeting in **May**.

HOWEVER...

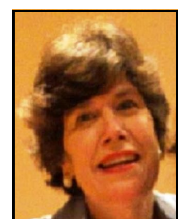
**Wednesday, June 21 at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall
we will be joining with the Wesley Circle**

and also welcoming our Guest Speaker, the Rev. Susan Owen,
Director of Spiritual Care and Chaplain at the Carolton Convalescent Hospital,
for our **end-of year Summer Pot Luck Picnic**.

After the picnic, at approx. 1pm, Rev. Owen will speak on "spiritual gifts"
and her ministry to the aged as it relates to her service at Carolton.

Susannas and Wesleys: please contact Marge Hood or Georgina Holdsworth
(203-335-7129 or gholdsworth@optimum.net) to let them know if you will attend
and what you plan to bring to the picnic.

If you don't have a particular favorite food you
would like to share,
we will make some suggestions.





Crop Walk
Sunday, May 7
2:00 pm

Join us and a team from Fairfield Grace for a beautiful walk along the shores of Long Island Sound to end hunger in the US and around the world.

Please consider making a donation for our team if you are unable to walk.

Contact: Sheila Muscott at 203-368-9199 or sheilamuscott@att.net

Spaghetti Dinner News Sat, May 13

4:45 PM—6:45 PM

Barbershop Quartet to perform at 6:00 PM

Contact person, Charlene Brauns-Schindler, 203-371-5068.



Paper Shredding Day

Saturday, May 13, 2017 ~ 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon



Do you ever want to clean out your files of old bank statements, checks, brokerage statements, income tax forms, etc.? There are a lot of papers that you should put through a shredder so no one will use the information for identity theft. You may even have a small office shredder at home. But there are times when you have so much to shred that it would take you hours with a small shredder. So the job just does not get done.

We have the answer. Just toss all that shredding material into a carton and bring it to church on Saturday morning May 13. For a mere \$10, we will take a 10-ream size carton of paper (price can vary--more for larger cartons and less for small ones) and have it shred for you. This shredding opportunity will take place in our church parking lot, and we will advertise it and make it available to the whole town. So it is something you can ask your friends to do also.

Please note that if we can get more than 50 people to bring boxes of paper, we will make some money to help the church. So talk it up with your friends, doctors, businesses, etc.



Join us for the
International Taste of Fairfield Grace
Sunday, May 21, 2017

4:00-5:00- Storyteller: Laconia Therrio
5:00-6:30- Food sampling (Sponsored by Fairfield Grace)

Enjoy an evening of sampling, sipping and mingling at a variety of international tasting tables! Bring your family and friends. Donations are appreciated and all proceeds will benefit the church.

If you are interested in hosting a table or have any questions, please come to Fellowship Hall after service during the month of April. Or, you can contact:

Deanna DeNeutte- Phone: (203) 895-9097
 Email: adamsd39@hotmail.com

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International Taste Storyteller:
 Laconia Therrio



Fellowship and Coffee Hour

Gathering with friends, meeting new members and sharing light refreshments in our Fellowship Hall after 10:00 Worship Service is a wonderful tradition and helps our congregation stay connected. Sunday volunteers are needed to organize some of these coffee hours. Please consider choosing a Sunday and helping in some way – set up coffee, prepare tables, provide simple baked items...

Please contact **Georgina Holdsworth at 203-335-7129 or Marge Hood...** or you can just sign up on the sheet that is on the office door.



Strawberry Shortcake

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers & Drinks

Sampling of vendors:

Women's accessories, candlemaking, jewelry,
home improvement, authors and more....

Sat, June 3 10am-4pm

**Fairfield Grace United Methodist Church
1089 Fairfield Woods Road 203-374-6528**

TAG



Tag Sale Items Needed

Fairfield Grace will be holding a Tag Sale on
Saturday, August 12

Please consider cleaning out the closets and drawers in your homes
and donating items to this sale.

We are looking for

books, children's items, wooden furniture, housewares, tools,
and anything else people want to donate.

We will NOT be accepting

computers, televisions, exercise equipment and
upholstered furniture



We will accept clothing and store those items until the next rummage sale.

Please leave donations in hallway outside Tremayne Hall.

Pick up service available, as well. Tax receipts are available upon request.

Please contact Patty Jurgielewicz at 203-943-9283

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017



What: An exciting week where kids discover their strength in God through Bible stories and with the use of music, crafts, rec, and science!

Where: Fairfield Grace United Methodist Church

1089 Fairfield Woods Road, Fairfield, CT

When: June 26th - June 30th, 2017

Time: 9:00am - 12 noon

Register online! www.myvbs.com/fairfieldgraceumc

Open to children Pre-K to 5th Grade, 4 years of age and older

Please contact the VBS Director, Emily Wood, for more information: emcwood11@gmail.com

Church office: (203) 374-6528

WHO WE ARE...

Every month, we will highlight a church member as a way to get to know more about our brothers and sisters in the Fairfield Grace Congregation.

This month, Wayne Brown interviewed Jean and Al Oneto, long time church members.



JEAN ONETO

Jean Deller was born in Bronxville, NY, where she went to school. She enjoyed field hockey and lacrosse. She took piano lessons but didn't feel she was good at it. "That's what taught me to read music," she said. From ninth grade she sang in the choir of a Dutch Reformed church. She played the carillon bells which worked by pushing on pegs.

She recalled her mother's cousin had an old house in Brooklyn. "It fascinated me because I had never seen a house with gas lights". She was a girl scout for ten years. In her senior year, she became a Mariner Scout, sailing on Long Island Sound in wooden Lightnings.

After a year at Bucknell College, she transferred to Oberlin in Ohio. She was a language major, studying three languages, but became interested in education courses. In college theatre, she played Lady Agatha in the Admirable Crichton. She met Al Oneto at the Women's College dining room, used by students. "We ate and played Bridge together," she said. Jean graduated in 1956, and went to secretarial school. Al, who also graduated, was working on an advanced degree. In November, Al and Jean married.

After work as a legal secretary, Jean taught Mathematics in the Parma schools, which is what Al taught. They continued living at Parma Heights for a total of seven years, while Al worked on his doctorate. She had two girls named Kathy and Linda. They moved to Fairfield.

Jean Oneto earned a Masters of Education at Bridgeport U. With two young girls to care for, she was fortunate to work as an "At Home Aid," grading papers. In the future, she taught the middle grades, and became a Para Professional in Special Ed.

When Kathy joined the Scouts, Jean became a Scout Leader. And she became Director of a Scout camp, in Milford, called Katoya. She sang with the famous Yankee Maids Chorus. "They won our region seven times when I was there," she said. It included all the northeastern states and Southern Canada.

She loves to sit in her indoor-outdoor living room "watching the birds on Samp Mortar Lake and her lawn. "We just had a flock of Golden Eye. Last year, it was a flock of Wood Ducks," she said. "Such a beautiful species." Her beautiful home is a bird lover's dream.

AL ONETO

In the Depression, Al Oneto's dad took the family from Brooklyn to Massachusetts when he found a factory job. Eventually, they lived in New Hyde Park, L.I. where Al went to Great Neck schools. Later, he became Head of Youth Fellowship at the Hillside Methodist Church. In high school, he performed in musicals, talent shows, and Gilbert and Sullivan. He graduated in 1952.

He picked Oberlin College because of its size, reputation, and lack of fraternities. Meals in the women's college were, he said, "Mainly for seniors, but I was a sophomore and Jean was too. We ate together and played bridge together". For sports, he fenced on the team. He enjoyed doing radio shows, where he was a combo engineer and announcer. "I trained Jean to do the engineering on my show," he said. Al played the trumpet, until he learned that there were too many in the concert and marching bands. So he switched to the French horn.

He and Jean graduated in 1956, and were married in November. He continued his education by going to Kent State for an MS in School Administration. When he won a scholarship for a doctorate, he continued for his PhD.

After moving to Fairfield, he was the Executive Assistant to the Supervisor at the Central Office for 9 years. Then, Al was the Principal of Fairfield Woods High School for 14 years. The couple first attended Grace Church in 1963. "We've been in the choir ever since," he said.

Education runs in his family. Al's mother was a teacher. His uncle was a School Superintendent. Al said of his second daughter, "Kathy is carrying on the tradition as a teacher in Manchester, CT. Her husband and two sons are teachers." Al and Jean's daughter Linda is Office Manager for a sports drink company in Woodbridge, CT. The daughters had three boys who are married. "We have two great-grandsons," Al said joyfully, "and an expected great-granddaughter." Al and Jean, stalwarts of the Grace choir, continue to sing with musical groups.

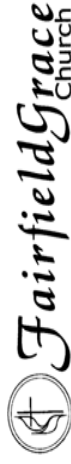
In their basement, Al revealed his amazing miniature railroad, which must be one of the most-complicated. He has constructed seven miniature towns in different states with old railroad lines and equipment, stations and buildings. There are bridges and tunnels. It demonstrates Al's great technical and art skills. This hobby is the SECRET behind the singer.

~ Wayne Brown





May, 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 HEALING TIME @ Sanctuary 9am - Believe Discussion 9:15am - Choir Review 10am - Worship 11:15am - Nomination Cttee - 1pm - Faith Circle	1 7:30pm - Alenon, Yth Rm @	2 7:30pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal	3 9:30am - Talzè Prayer Service 10:10am - Faith Circle Believe 7pm - Boy Scouts, Fellowship 7pm - Talzè Prayer Service 7pm - Trustees, Hood Parlor @ 7:35pm - AA, Youth Room	4 6:45pm - Believe 7pm - FA, Youth Room 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	5	6 2pm - Rainy Alley Tutor
7 COMMUNION SUNDAY 9am - Believe Discussion 9:15am - Choir Review 10am - Worship 1pm - Faith Circle 2pm - Music Club, Sanctuary, FH	8 7pm - Serena's Book Club - Hood 7:30pm - Alenon, Yth Rm @	9 10am - Visit Pastor/Panera 7pm - MNS Board Meeting, Hood 7:30pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal	10 Piano Tuning 9:30am - Talzè Prayer Service 10:10am - Faith Circle Believe 12pm - Staff Meeting 7pm - Boy Scouts, Fellowship 7pm - Finance Meeting, 7pm - Talzè Prayer Service 7:35pm - AA, Youth Room	11 10am - Wesley's Circle, 6:45pm - Believe 7pm - FA, Youth Room 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	12 Spaghetti Dinner Set up	13 9am - Shredding Day 2pm - Rainy Alley Tutor 4:45pm - Spaghetti Dinner 5pm - exuberant Circle
14 CONNECTIONAL SUNDAY HYMN SING SUNDAY Mother's Day 9am - Believe Discussion 9:15am - Choir Review 10am - Worship 1pm - Faith Circle	15 MNS School Fair, FH 7:30pm - Alenon, Yth Rm @	16 3:30pm - GS Troop 7:30pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal	17 9:30am - Talzè Prayer Service 7pm - Boy Scouts, Fellowship 7:35pm - AA, Youth Room 7:45pm - Church Council, Hood 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	18 9:30am - MNS, FH, Music	19 Pastor Cho out of office	20 2pm - Rainy Alley Tutor
21 Pastor Cho out of office	22 Operation Hope Meal, youth to 7:30pm - Alenon, Yth Rm @ 7:30pm - Scout Leaders Mtg	23 7:30pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal	24 7pm - Boy Scouts, Fellowship 7:35pm - AA, Youth Room 7:45pm - Church Council, Hood 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	25 6:30pm - Troop 88, FH 6:45pm - Believe 7pm - FA, Youth Room 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	26	27
28 Pastor Cho out of office 9am - Believe Discussion 9am - Bell Choir Review 9:30am - Chancel Choir Review 10am - Worship 11:15am - Scholarship 1pm - Faith Circle 4pm - International Taste	29 Memorial Day 7:30pm - Alenon, Yth Rm @	30 7:30pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal	31 7pm - Boy Scouts, Fellowship 7:35pm - AA, Youth Room	1 6:45pm - Believe 7pm - FA, Youth Room 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	2	3 10am - Summerfest