

The Quester



Fairfield Grace United
Methodist Church

July/August
2017

A Message from Pastor Cho:

To my dear Fairfield Grace family and friends in Christ Jesus,

“Here I am again!” Bishop Thomas Bickerton, resident bishop of New York Annual Conference, has once again appointed me to Fairfield Grace at the 218th annual conference session. I am thankful to the Lord who has sent me to Fairfield Grace via Bishop Bickerton. What a blessing it is to have another year to serve God and people of God at Fairfield Grace! I look forward to my 9th year serving, loving and journeying with all of you. Let us continue to pray for one another, so that we may glorify God and follow Jesus Christ with joy and confidence.

“I am not appointing you to serve a church,” Bishop Bickerton said clearly. “I am appointing you to serve the community at where the church is located.” It was a fresh and challenging commissioning. But, actually, it is what Jesus did to his first 12 disciples and does to all of us. *“Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.”* (Matthew 10:1)

I am glad and thankful that I have been out at Panera Bread every Tuesday from 10 am to 1 pm since last October with a sign, “Talk with Me, Pastor Dayfly.” Yes, Panera Bread on Black Rock Turnpike is my other office. Why? So I can meet and talk and pray with anyone visiting my table by placing myself physically in the middle of the community. Some ask if anyone has come up to me and talked with me. Yes, so far about six “strangers” came. Each one sat and talked and prayed with me. More than a dozen Fairfield Grace family and friends visited my table, as well. Six servers working at Panera, whom I know by name, have been my weekly friends. We exchange greetings and talk with one another. Surprise me by coming to my table either alone or with your FRANS. Don’t forget “the Lord has given us authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.”

There is another new opportunity we launched since last month. “Go Dutch at Duchess” every third Thursday at 11:30 am. Why have lunch alone all the time? Why not have lunch

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with me and your FGUMC family and friends at least once a month? Why have lunch inside the church all the time? Why not have it outside the church building? Why not make Fairfield Grace more visible by meeting outside the Fellowship Hall? Why not invite FRANs to lunch at Duchess? What might keep us from doing so? Money? No problem. Let's go Dutch. Hallelujah! Last month we had the first "Go Dutch at Duchess". Ten of us, including Denise and Greg Tanno from Florida, met and enjoyed a time of fellowship and friendship. What a joyful time! Go Dutch at Duchess on Thursdays, July 20 and August 17 at 11:30 am to find out with whom you will meet over lunch.

May the Lord strengthen us in body, mind and spirit! May the Lord lead us in such a way that we enjoy carrying out the mission and ministry of the church for the glory of God.

See you at church or Panera Bread or Duchess or the Parsonage, whichever comes sooner.

Kun Sam, Dayfly with Christ Jesus

PS. Know that there are two summer mission and ministry opportunities available for you and your family. 1. Summer Mission Project at Parsonage on Saturday, July 29 and Sunday, July 30. Thanks, Matt Rush for coordinating the project. 2. Summer Tag Sale for FGUMC Scholarship Fund on Sat., August 12. Thanks, Patty J. for leading it.

PPS. Kyong Hee, my wife, and I would like to invite you to our "Open House" on Sunday, August 27 at 6 pm. Sign up and come. Either a side dish or dessert is welcome but not required. You may invite your FRANs.



Congregation Photo ~ June 11, 2017

Ushers

July

Team #3

*Craig Michelson
Karen Benson
Sheila Muscott
Sandra Brown*

August

Team #1

*Ed Stock
Bob Watson
Charlie Morris
Art Thomas*



Worship Leaders

July 2: *Bob Price*
July 9: *Jill Bowcock*
July 16: *Sheila Muscott*
July 23: *Paul Meyer*
July 30: *Matt Rush*
Aug 6:
Aug 13:
Aug 20:
Aug 27:

Funday School Leaders

July 2: *Nubia Jaramillo-Pennell*
July 9: *Nancy Leppla*
July 16: *Cindy Block*
July 23: *Patty Jurgielewicz*
July 30: *Karen Price*
Aug 6: *open*
Aug 13: *open*
Aug 20: *Jill Bowcock*
Aug 27: *open*

Communion Steward

July: *Karen Benson*
August: *Deanna Deneutte*

Fellowship Hour

Sundays in July and August will be relying on volunteers. Please consider providing some light refreshments after the 10:00 Worship Service one of these Sundays. Just choose a week on the sign up sheet on the office door.

Contact Georgina at 203-335-7129 or goldsworth@optimum.net with questions

Schedule of Summer Patio Worship Services:

July 2:	<i>Pastor Cho</i>
July 9:	<i>Dennis Robb</i>
July 16:	<i>Paul Meyer</i>
July 23:	<i>Bill Miller</i>
July 30:	<i>Dennis Robb</i>
Aug 6:	<i>Bill Miller</i>
Aug 13:	<i>Dennis Robb</i>
Aug 20:	<i>Open</i>
Aug 27:	<i>Dennis Robb</i>

With the arrival of summer comes Fairfield-Grace's outdoor worship service, held every Sunday morning from 8:30-9:00 a.m. on the church patio during July and August. These services offer an informal and joyous worship experience and are a wonderful way to worship God and enjoy His creation. Services begin on July 2 and continue through August 27, so come join us!

We need your help to keep this service going! We are always looking for individuals to lead these services. Please consider providing leadership for one or more of these informal services. Contact Laura Sherwood (lirauscher@yahoo.com, 203-218-0941) if interested.

Taizé Service

MONTHLY: 7:00 pm (3rd Wed of the month)

Monthly services to resume September, 2017

2017: September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20 (Blue Christmas)

2018: February 14 (Ash Wednesday), March 21, April 18, May, 16 and June 20

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



Scripture Readings for July/August 2016

July 2, 2017

Genesis 22:1–14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12–23; Matthew 10:40–42

July 9, 2017

Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–67; Psalm 45:10–17; Romans 7:15–25a; Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

July 16, 2017

Genesis 25:19–34; Psalm 119:105–112 or Psalm 25; Romans 8:1–11; Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

July 23, 2017

Genesis 28:10–19a; Psalm 139:1–12, 23–24; Romans 8:12–25; Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

July 30, 2017

Genesis 29:15–28; Psalm 105:1–11, 45b; Romans 8:26–39; Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

August 6, 2017

Genesis 32:22–31; Psalm 17:1–7, 15; Romans 9:1–5; Matthew 14:13–21

August 13, 2017

Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28; Psalm 105:1–6, 16–22, 45b; Romans 10:5–15; Matthew 14:22–33

August 20, 2017

Genesis 45:1–15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32; Matthew 15: (10–20) 21–28

August 27, 2017

Exodus 1:8–2:10; Psalm 124 (UMH 846); Romans 12:1–8; Matthew 16:13–20

Dear Members and Friends of Fairfield Grace UMC,

Your Finance Team would like to let you know that FGUMC has come a long way financially in two years. As we started the summer of 2015 we reported that we had \$14,000 in unpaid bills and had not been able to pay all of our connectional giving apportionments. The church really needed financial help, and you came through.

As we met in June, 2017 we were pleased to see that all bills, including our connectional giving apportionments, have been paid, and we have money in the bank account. We also can now project that we have a balanced budget—income expected is equal to spending expected. That has not happened in many years.

So we thank you for your giving and we especially thank our Nursery School for increasing their donation to our church expenses. As always we will remind you that bills keep coming in during the summer months, so we will appreciate your attention to keeping up with your regular giving. Have a wonderful summer.

Your Finance Team

Jeff Yi, Chairman ~ Kun Sam Cho, Pastor ~ Al Oneto, Church Council Chair
Martha Wood, Treasurer ~ Bob Price, Lay Leader ~ Charlene Schindler, SPR Chair

July Birthdays

01	Zet Ford-Medina
02	Elsie Kerekes
04	Alyssa Bligen
07	Stu Peters
08	Erika Leppla
08	Sheila Muscott
12	Barbara Bacarella
13	Dot Daruka
13	Paul Meyer
16	Dana Jurgielewicz
16	Tyler Llewellyn
18	Amy Amoo
19	Sylvia Blackburn
22	Peter Trifiatis
24	Andrew Harrison
24	Bill Miller
25	Dot Zupansky
29	Micaela Ditgen-Jaramillo
30	Shirley Sims

August Birthdays

04	Cindy Block
06	Bryce Dowgiallo
06	Kaitlyn Mulligan
07	Jennifer Bissell
08	Cameron Capalbo
12	Annabel Amoo
12	Michael Robb
14	Cordelia Solomon
16	Lee DelVecchio
16	Addison Rush
16	Suzanne Sugrue
17	Alicia Aldrich
19	Jaehoon Chang
24	Angel Bermudez
25	Dillon Stimpson
26	Mel Holdworth
27	Francis Amoo
28	Andrew Meyers
28	Austin Meyers
30	Ruth Lasko
30	Molly Robb
31	Rebecca Schindler

July Anniversaries

July 08	Joyce & Dan Aldrich	27 yrs
July 11	Patty & David Jurgielewicz	20 yrs
July 12	Joan & Dennis Robb	31 yrs
July 13	Sylvia & Jim Blackburn	43 yrs
July 20	Laura & Duncan Sherwood	10 yrs
July 29	Judy & Daniel Vindheim	39 yrs

August Anniversaries

Aug 16	Betsy & Mike McGrath	26 yrs
Aug 17	Judy & Paul Meyer	43 yrs
Aug 21	Suzanne & Joe Sugrue	35 yrs
Aug 22	Myra & Jim Lubeck	53 yrs
Aug 25	Kim & Jim Peters	27 yrs
Aug 26	Georgina & Mel Holdsworth	50 yrs

Summer Schedule ~ To where is Pastor Dayfly flying this summer?

July 24—Jul 26: attending Continuing Education.

Jul 15—Jul 18: attending the 25th Anniversary of Abundant Life Church of San Diego, California, which Pastor Cho founded.

On July 16, Rev. Jong Sung Kim will preach

Aug 15—Aug 22: in Torrence, California for vacation with Mom and family.

On August 20, Pastor J will preach

Please contact Anne at the church at 203-374-6528 during office hours with any urgent needs or questions. After office hours, please contact Bob Price at 203-333-1272 or Charlene Brauns-Schindler at 203-218-0567 .

TAG



Items and Volunteers 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 will need volunteers to sort and set up in advance of the sale, as well as people to help on the day of the 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
or the church office at 203-374-6528/fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

FAIRFIELD GRACE FIRST ANNUAL FRAN GOLF OUTING



ALL men and women are invited to spend an afternoon golfing at the Par 3 nine-hole course in Fairfield at South Pine Creek Park on Old Dam Road on Sunday, August 27 at 3:00 pm.

Golf RSVP: If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Charlie Morris at 203-259-6174. Invite your FRAN (Friends, Relatives, Acquaintances and Neighbors)! We need to know how many are coming, so please use the sign up on the office door or you can contact Charlie or the church office (203-374-6528 or fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net).

OPEN HOUSE DINNER

Pastor Cho and his wife, Kyong Hee, will be hosting an Open House at the Church at 6:00 pm for congregation members (golfers and non-golfers) and FRAN.

Open House RSVP: If you can attend the Open House—whether or not you will be golfing—please use the sign up on the office door or contact the church office (203-374-6528 or fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net) You can also sign up to bring a side dish or dessert—which are welcome, but not required.



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 September Issue of the Quester is Monday, August 21.

Fairfield Grace Families in Our Prayers



Week of:

- July 2 : Dennis Rich, Robb family and Rozelle family
July 9: Rush family, Bill Safee and Elizabeth Savage
July 16: Schindler families and Schroll family
July 23: Sherwood family, Shirley Sims and Snook family
July 30: Spangler family, Christine Speight and Stein families
August 6: Jean Stevens, Ellen Stewart and Stimpson family
August 13: Stock family, Sugrue family and Shu family
August 20: Tang family, Tanno family and Targowski family
August 27: Art Thomas and Trifiatis families

SUSANNA CIRCLE

The Susanna Circle will not be meeting during July and August.

We will get together again in September for our start of the year pot-luck lunch. We had a terrific speaker on Wednesday, June 21 - Rev. Susan Owen, Chaplain of the Carolton Nursing Home - who spoke on "Spiritual Gifts". 24 people were in attendance and before the talk we all enjoyed a lovely pot-luck lunch. If you were unable to attend in June, we do hope to see you in September, so watch this space!! In the meantime, have a lovely summer, stay cool and healthy, and God bless you all. Any questions, please speak to Georgina Holdsworth, current chair of Susanna Circle at 203-335-7129 or gholdsworth@optimum.net.



SAVE THE DATE:

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MISSION WEEKEND
SATURDAY, JULY 29: 9:30 AM—5:00 PM
SUNDAY, JULY 30: 11:00 AM—5:00 PM



Looking for Youth of All Ages, families and any member of the church that wants to come and experience the feeling of being on site at a mission trip. We will be doing yard work including replacing a fence, painting, refinishing a deck and other outside repairs. We will be serving pizza on Saturday for lunch and Sunday we will be cooking hot dogs and hamburgers. Please try to come for at least one shift over the weekend, or the entire weekend if you feel the spirit.

For questions please email me at Mrush224@gmail.com



Adult Bible Study ~ 2017-2018

Each week we will be focusing on a different discussion topic.

Discussion dates for the first 2 units are:

“The Story of Heaven”

by Randee Frazee and Max Lucado – 3 sessions

Thursdays: 9/14, 9/21 and 9/28

Sundays: 9/17, 9/24 and 10/1

“More to Your Story: Discover Your Place in God’s Plan”

by Max Lucado – 6 sessions

Thursdays: 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2 and 11/9

Sundays: 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5 and 11/12

	DATE	CHPTR	TOPIC
Story of Heaven	9/17/17	1	Exit Strategy
	9/24/17	2	Heavenly Graduation
	10/1/17	3	The End of Time
More to Your Story	10/8/17	1	When you Discover Your Place in God's Plan
	10/15/17	2	Ordinary Matters
	10/22/17	3	You Hear a Voice You Can Trust
	10/29/17	4	You Won't Be Forsaken
	11/5/17	5	Your Final Chapter Becomes a Preface
	11/12/17	6	You Will Finally Graduate

Veterans Day Sunday

Weekly Discussion Groups in Hood Parlor:

Thursdays at 6:45 pm & Sundays at 9:00 am

Sermons on Sundays at 10:00 am Worship Service

There is **no** requirement to purchase the reading materials.
Information to follow on where to find them, if you would like to order them.

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Pastor Cho and Charlene Brauns-Schindler at the New York Annual Conference 2017 at Hofstra University

Directory Update

Barbara McCarthy is moving closer to her family.
Her new address is: Juniper Hill Village, One Silo Circle, Storrs, CT 06268

**Eating Lunch Together:
Thurs., July 20
Thurs., Aug 17**

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Let's Go "Dutch" at Duchess!

Are you eating lunch alone? Why not share a meal with Fairfield Grace Church friends every Third Thursday of the month between 11:30 am and 1:00 pm, at the Duchess Restaurant on Black Rock Turnpike.

Come and see who will be waiting for YOU.

Fall Retreat

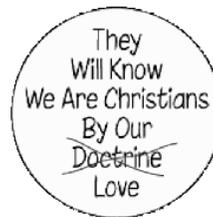
"School of Love"

(What Does it Mean to be Christian?)

a weekend experience for men and women

WISDOM HOUSE
229 East Litchfield Rd.
Litchfield, CT 06759

September 22-24, 2017
(Friday, 7:00 p.m. – Sunday
after lunch)



The Christian faith is experiencing a spiritual shift. Growing numbers of Christians are moving away from defining themselves by lists of beliefs and moving toward a way of life defined by love. What might it mean for the church to shift spiritually, theologically, and missionally? Can we embrace the image of God as the renewing spirit at work in our world for the common good?

Led by Reverend Caroly R. Gibson

Total Cost \$235.00 (includes 5 meals, room, program, and materials)

Register Soon – Space in Farmhouse is Limited

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Special Diet: _____

Mail Registration with \$150.00 deposit to:
Rev. Caroly Gibson 145 Hilltop Drive Trumbull, CT 06611
Balance due by September 1st

Questions or Further Details, call (203) 380-1260 email: cgibsonumc@peoplepc.com

"Many singers in our choirs say that their lives are impacted dramatically by singing here," says Bill Mathis, Music & Fine Arts minister at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church.

Fairfield Grace offers three opportunities to participate in our Music Ministry

Chancel Choir and Hand Bell Choir for adults

Hand Bell Choir rehearses on Tues nights and Chancel Choir rehearses on Thurs nights

Treble Choir for Youth

Treble Choir generally rehearses after Sunday Worship Service

Please consider joining one of these welcoming groups that enhance Worship Services.

Please contact the church office at 203-373-6528 or fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net

Choir members enjoy health, spiritual benefits

*By Christopher Fenoglio**

"Sing all... Sing lustily and with good courage... Sing in time... Above all, sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing... So shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve here, and reward you when he cometh in the clouds of heaven."

Rewards in heaven? Sounds like a good enough reason to sing in a church choir. But what is it about singing that seems to be part of our Wesleyan DNA? How does singing help choir members enjoy a greater understanding of how and why we worship our God, a deeper connection with one's church and community, and even better health? "It's natural for Methodists to sing in harmony. They are too modest to be soloists, too worldly to sing in unison. When singing in the key of C and they slide into the A7th and D7th chords, all two hundred of them, it's an emotionally fulfilling moment. By joining in harmony, they somehow promise that they will not forsake each other." – *Attributed to Garrison Keillor*

Better Worship

A common statement about singing in church is "To sing is to pray twice." Although the statement is often attributed to Augustine, the actual author is unknown. Still, the sentiment is true. Music is an art form that lifts up ordinary text to another level that inspires us and nurtures our souls.

"Music is an integral part of how we relate to God," says the Rev. Laura Jaquith Bartlett, program director of the United Methodist Alton L. Collins Retreat Center in Eagle Creek, Oregon, and leader of the Great Hymns of Faith Retreat. "It is how we understand at a deeper level what goes beyond words, what our relationship is with the Divine, and how we are shaped together as a community of faith."

Of all the art forms, "music is one of the most easily accessible type of art in worship," says Bartlett. "There's nearly always an opportunity to open your mouth and make music together with the rest of the people in that service. Right there you've got an opportunity to experience the Divine in a different way than just to listen to someone read about God," she says.

"Christianity is not a solitary religion," says the Rev. Karen Westerfield Tucker, professor of worship at Boston University School of Theology, "John Wesley certainly made the case that it is a 'social' religion — both in its worship and in its concern for the care of the neighbor," says Tucker.

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Better Community

The benefit of singing with and caring for others goes beyond church walls, as many community choirs will attest. In these days of an increasingly polarized culture, music can be a common bond between peoples.

“Through music, we can build community,” says Dr. Jonathan Palant, Minister of Music at Kessler Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas. Dr. Palant is also the founder and director of Credo Choir and Dallas Street Choir.

“We bring people together in peace and harmony. I know it sounds trite, but it's exactly what we do. In a choral setting, not only are we creating friendships with each other, but the audience can see, between the Dallas Street Choir and Credo, people in different socio-economic groups, skin colors, sexual orientations and religious affiliations,” he says.

“By singing in a choir, regardless where (church, community, university, secondary school, etc.), music becomes the conduit that brings us together in a very safe and equal environment,” says Palant. “We come together in song; everything else (about individual choir members) is irrelevant. We come together in worship, in song, in prayer, to learn and to be better citizens of this world.”

Better Health

“We believe singing in a choir and other creative arts can promote healthy aging,” says Dr. Julene Johnson, a University of California at San Francisco professor and founder and director of the Community of Voices study. “We were looking for a way for older people to remain independent and engaged. We knew that to have an effect the activity had to be meaningful, engaging and challenging. The creative arts do that.”

A similar study on the health benefits of singing for older adults is being conducted in Finland. Preliminary results suggest that community choral singing does indeed provide a better quality of life for participants.

Increased lung capacity and greater oxygenation of the blood resulting in improved alertness are all associated with singing. Singing is also good for the brain, especially when memorization is involved.

“Singing is of great interest to neuroscientists as it would seem that there is more of the brain given over to the processing of music than almost any other activity,” says Dr. Graham Welch, professor at the Institute of Education in London.

One of his studies involved four- to five-year-old children and found that those with musical training showed enhanced language abilities and memory for words. There was also evidence that taking part in singing and other musical activities improves certain aspects of non-verbal reasoning, literacy and working with numbers.

So with this evidence that one's health is improved through singing, how important is singing to our faith as United Methodists?

“It all goes back to Wesley's words ‘Do all the good you can,’” says Palant. “This is the outlet that singers choose to act upon those words. Choir members find their spirituality and their faith through song and through the choral community.”

**Christopher Fenoglio works for UMC.org at United Methodist Communications. Contact him by e-mail or at (615) 312-3734.*

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017





July, 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:30am - Patio Service 10am - Worship 1pm - Faith Circle	7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @	Independence Day	7pm - Boy Scouts, 7pm - Trustees, Hood 7:30pm - AA, Youth Room	10am - Wesley's Circle, 7pm - FA, Youth Room		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
CONNCTIONAL SUNDAY HYMN SING SUNDAY 8:30am - Patio Service 10am - Worship 11am - Faith Circle Worship 11:15am - SPRC meeting, 5pm - "exuberant" Circle,	9am - Meeting CT District 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @	10am - Visit Pastor/Panera	7pm - Finance Meeting, 7:30pm - AA, Youth Room	7pm - FA, Youth Room		Pastor Cho to San Diego 1pm - Tentative Rental
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Pastor Cho to San Diego 8:30am - Patio Service 10am - Worship 1pm - Faith Circle	7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @	10am - Panera Cancelled	7:30pm - AA, Youth Room 7:40pm - Church Council,	11:30am - Go Dutch at 7pm - FA, Youth Room		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
8:30am - Patio Service 10am - Worship 11:15am - Music Team 11:45am - Nomination 1pm - Faith Circle	Pastor Cho to DC Operation Hope Meal, 7pm - Scout Leaders Mtg 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @					

