

The Quester



**Fairfield Grace United
Methodist Church**

**November
2018**

A Message from Pastor Cho:

To my FGUMC sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,
Hallelujah!

Peace of the Lord, Jesus Christ be with you and your family.

Who are you? If I am asked today, my reply is this: I am Kun Sam. I am a small- church pastor. Judy Vindheim and Helen Lee and I went to the CT District Resource Academy held at Torrington United Methodist Church last month. Rev. Karl Vaters, author of "Small Church Essentials," was a main speaker and helped all the participants, about 250 lay and ordained ministers, see how wonderful and important many small churches in America have been and will be in the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ in this world. It was encouraging and enlightening to me. How many years I have suffered from an inferiority complex because I was brainwashed to believe that the big is better than the small and the small is a sign of failure and deficiency. Now, I see anew myself and the small church I love, Fairfield Grace Church, with a new perspective. Who am I? I am a small- church pastor. Who are we? We are a small church. Nothing is wrong with me or with us, period.

Henry Nouwen's article I encountered this morning came to me as another eye- opening opportunity. He writes, "The Church is an object of faith. In the Apostles' Creed we pray: "I believe in God, the Father ... in Jesus Christ, his only Son - in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting." We must believe in the Church! The Apostles' Creed does not say that the Church is an organization that helps us to believe in God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. No, we are called to believe in the Church with the same faith we believe in God. Often it seems harder to believe in the Church than to believe in God. But whenever we separate our belief in God from our belief in the Church, we become unbelievers. God has given us the Church as the place where God becomes God-with-us."

Wow. Wow. Wow! "We must believe in the Church!" Period. The Church is not an organization that helps us to believe in God. "God has given us the Church as the place where God becomes

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God-with-us.” Amen. Whether it is small or big, we believe in the Church where God becomes God-with-us as much as we believe in our triune God, Emmanuel. I believe in Fairfield Grace, our small church, where we encounter God talking, listening, playing, laughing, crying and yes, eating in our midst.

Every morning lately I remind myself of Paul’s encouragement to Christians in Thessalonica. “¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18) Let us rejoice always over all the blessings from above, including our small church, Fairfield Grace. Let us pray continually, breathing with our living God, who loves us. Let us give thanks in all circumstance, knowing God is our Good Shepherd, who leads us to the green pasture.

Who am I? I am Kun Sam. And I am a Small- Church Pastor.

Who are you?

See you soon at our great small church, Fairfield Grace.

Kun Sam, your great small church pastor

Prayer Concerns

Dick Albani, Sheila Muscott’s brother-in-law, health; **Jessika Siccardi**, friend of Joan and Dennis Robb, receiving cancer treatment; **Danny Lord**, Marge Jenkins’ grandson, extremely serious health concerns; **Michael**, (grandson of Bev Plucker) health concerns; **Barbara Falcone** (Joan Robb’s sister-in-law), health concerns; **Amy M. Thornton** (granddaughter-in-law of Al and Jean Oneto), health concerns; **Peggy Karbovanec** (neighbor of Fairfield Grace), received kidney transplant; **Wanda Williams** (Dennis Robb’s mother), recovering from surgery; **Andy Larsen** (Leah’s son), health concerns; **Karen Price** recovering from surgery; **Pat and Warren Rozelle**, health concerns; **Pastor J Daeschner**, recovering from surgery; **Adriana Collen**, expecting; **Katie White**, expecting; **April Price**, recovering from fall; **Bob Chein** (family friend of Cindy Block), cancer treatment; **Colby Jaros** (family friend of Cindy Block), health concerns; **Mary Lou Morrison**, (Franklyn McLean’s Aunt), diagnosed with cancer; **Wayne Brown**, health concerns; **Marge Hood**, health concerns; **Sheila Iseppi** (friend of Lee DelVecchio), diagnosed with lung cancer.

Homebound

Dorothy Albrecht (home); **Pat Altieri** (Parish Court); **Ruth Citarella** (Carolton), **Nancy Fray** (home), **Emma Gilbert** (home), **Ormie Gilbert** (home), **Elsie Kerekas** (Crosby Commons), **Barbara McCarthy** (Juniper Hill Village), **Michelle Molnar** (Stern Village), **George Pennell** (Carolton), **Dorothy Patterson** (home), **Louise Rebecca** (home), **Warren Rozelle** (home), **Shirley Sims** (Parish Court), **Diana Stein** (Jewish Home), **Peter Trifiatis** (home).



Ushers

Team #1

Ed Stock

Bob Watson

Charlie Morris

Art Thomas

Children's Messengers

Nov 4: *Rev. Kun Sam Cho*

Nov 11: *Franklyn McLean*

Nov 18: *Nubia Jaramillo-Pennell*

Nov 25: *Rev. Kun Sam Cho*

Fellowship Hour

Please contact Georgina Holdsworth if you can volunteer to help organize Fellowship Hour for any Sunday at 203-335-7129, or gholdsworth@optimum.net

Worship Leaders

Nov 4 *Dot Daruka*

Nov 11: *Tyler Llewellyn*

Nov 18: *Eric Monkman*

Nov 25: *Matt Rush*



Communion Steward

10:00 am *Karen Benson*

1:00 pm *Helen Lee*

Fairfield Grace Families in Our Prayers

Week of:

Nov 4: Emma Gilbert, Ormie Gilbert and Gillis family

Nov 11: Susan Gismondi, Gladstone family and Katherine Harris

Nov 18: Gale Haskell, Bill Hillyard and Holdsworth family

Nov 25: Marge Hood, Marge Jenkins and Kristina Joukadar



Scripture Readings for November, 2018

November 4,

Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

November 11

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Ps 127 or 42; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

November 18

1 Samuel 1:4-10; 1 Samuel 2:1-10 or Ps 113; Heb.10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25; Mk 13:1-8

November 25

2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

Bishop Responds to Synagogue Shootings in Pittsburgh

10/28/2018

When the reports starting coming in yesterday regarding the mass shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, my mind began to flood with thoughts:

- I wonder how many lives have been affected?
- Lord, be with the victims and their families.
- I wonder if there were any children involved?
- I know this place! I have been past this synagogue dozens of times!
- Have they apprehended the shooter?
- Oh no, not again.

After my immediate reaction of concern for the families, the synagogue, and the community, my mind began to race through the places where violence has had a deadly and massive affect:

- Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, Parkland, Fla. (2018)
- Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas (2017)
- Baptist Church, Sutherland Springs, Texas (2017)
- Pulse Nightclub, Orlando (2016)
- Emmanuel African American Episcopal Church, Charleston, S.C. (2015)
- Sandy Hook, Newtown, Conn. (2012)

These incidents, which rank among the most deadly shootings in history, have all taken place within the past six years. And these are only a few of the dozens that have taken place in that time span. Every time another event takes place, the ones before them fade a little bit more from our consciousness. And, every time another shooting happens, it tempts us to want to believe that this is the “new normal,” and we become numb to the lingering pain and agony that innocent people live with for a lifetime when yet another gun is fired.

When I heard the reports coming in from Pittsburgh, I tried my best to discipline my mind to not only pray for the victims at the Tree of Life, but for families and friends, and communities and churches where their incident of violence has not faded and their pain has not been healed.

As the reports continued to develop and the number of fatalities continued to grow, I found myself crying out like the psalmist of old:

*How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
How long must I take counsel in my soul
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
Consider and answer me, O Lord my God;
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,
lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,”
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken. (Psalm 13:1-4, NRSV)*

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It was just earlier in the week that pipe bombs sent anxiety across the nation as yet another misguided soul tried to take matters in his own hands. And the week before that another random shooting took place. And the week before that another rape, another kidnapping, another hate crime. The list is endless. And in the midst of that growing list, it becomes harder and harder to maintain our hope and preserve our joy. We, like the psalmist, find ourselves crying out, “How long, O Lord, how long?”

I have found myself writing a similar message recently. The message has been about the rhetoric of fear and anger that has dominated the landscape on all levels in our country – from the highest office in the land to the halls of Congress to the communities of everyday citizens who feel enabled when persons of power set the tone with messages that breed hatred and cynicism.

Those messages though, have also been about us, the community of faith called the church. The halls of our denomination have also been filled with vile and anger, doubt and despair. Yet, we are a people with a message that is a counter to every hate-filled speech ever given. We are a people with a rhetoric that is a rebuttal to every bullet that is fired and every life that is taken unnecessarily. It is time, dear friends, on every level of the church’s life and with every ounce of faith that we can employ, to no longer be silent with our message of hope and promise.

You see, the writer of Psalm 13 did not stop with the verse stated above. The psalmist did not cower in the midst of his own self-doubt and anxiety. He caught himself in mid-psalm and did not finish his writing without saying these critical words:

*But I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord,
because he has dealt bountifully with me. (Psalm 13:5-6, NRSV)*

“I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation . . .” This is an ultimate statement of faith, a counterbalance to doubt, a gut check in the midst of violence, a vivid reminder in the midst of anxiety. “I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.” And as a result, I start to cry out, “How long, O Lord, how long?” How long will it be before we have such faith, that even in the midst of weekly violence and injustice, that we will proclaim a higher belief and a better way?

We dare not cower in fear over this recent shooting or in the midst of a growing sense of evil that is expressing itself in hate and violence. This is a time to increase our prayers, deepen our courage, and sharpen our message of grace and hope.

Mahatma Gandhi once wrote these words: “When I despair, I remember that all throughout history the way of truth and love have always won. There have been tyrants and murderers and for a time they can seem invincible, but in the end, they will always fail. Think of it, . . . always.”

Think of it always, pray for it always, believe in it always.

The Journey Continues, . . .

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Thomas J. Bickerton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Thomas" is written with a large, decorative initial "T". The last name "Bickerton" is written in a similar cursive style. The signature is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Thomas J. Bickerton
Resident Bishop

2018 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 18th**, 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.

Laura Sherwood, Church Council Chair

Scott Stimpson, Consecration Sunday Chair

Wednesdays

9:30 am—10:00 am

Pray/Fast Together for the Vital Growth of the Church

Every Wednesday morning at 9:30 am, some of us will gather and pray in the Sanctuary.

We invite you to join us by either coming to the Sanctuary or praying from wherever you may be on Wednesday at 9:30 am.

Pray as if everything depends on God.

6:00 pm—7:30 pm

CENTERING PRAYER/MEDITATION

Weekly Centering Prayer at the Sanctuary

Pastor Cho invites you to join him in the practice of Centering Prayer
in the sanctuary **every Wednesday**.

It will help deepen our relationship with God.

The Sanctuary will be open from 6:00 – 7:30 pm.

Please join us!

<https://www.contemplativeoutreach.org>

Adult Bible Study ~ 2018-2019

	DATE	CHAPTER	TOPIC	
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OLD TESTAMENT	10/21/18	1	The Beginning of Life as We Know it	
	10/28/18	2	God Builds a Nation	
	11/4/18	3	Joseph: From Slavery to Deputy Pharoah	All Saints Sunday
	11/11/18	4	Deliverance	Veterans Sunday
	11/18/18	5	New Commands and a New Covenant	Consecration Sunday
	11/25/18	6	Wandering	
	12/2/18	7	The Battle Begins	Advent Begins
	12/9/18	8	A Few Good Men...and Women	
	12/16/18	9	The Faith of a Foreign Woman	Christmas Pageant
	12/23/18			Christmas Cantata
	12/30/18			
	1/6/19	10	Standing Tall, Falling Hard	
	1/13/19	11	From Shepherd to King	
	1/20/19	12	Trials of a King	
	1/27/19	13	The King Who Had it All	
	2/3/19	14	A Kingdom Torn in Two	
	2/10/19	15	God's Messengers	
	2/17/19	16	The Beginning of the End	
	2/24/19	17	The Kingdom's Fall	
	3/3/19	18	Daniel in Exile	
	3/10/19	19	The Return Home	First Sunday in Lent
	3/17/19	20	The Queen of Beauty and Courage	
	3/24/19	21	Rebuilding the Walls	
NEW TESTAMENT	4/7/19	22	The Birth of the King	
	4/14/19			Palm/Passion Sunday
	4/21/19			Easter Sunday
	4/28/19	23	Jesus' Ministry Begins	
	5/5/19	24	No Ordinary Man	
	5/12/19	25	Jesus, Son of God	Mother's Day
	5/19/19	26	The Hour of Darkness	
	5/26/19	27	The Resurrection	
	6/2/19	28	New Beginnings	
	6/9/19	29	Paul's Mission	Pentecost/60 th Anniversary
	6/16/19	30	Paul's Final days	Father's Day
	6/23/19	31	The End of Time	
	6/30/19			Graduation Sunday

THE STORY

Discussion Groups will meet in Hood Parlor on
 Wednesdays at 10:10 am, Thursdays at 6:45 pm (Faith Circle arrive at 6:15 pm)
 and Sundays at 9:00 am

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OUTREACH

Thanksgiving Basket Program

Please consider participating in this year's Thanksgiving food basket program to provide a meal to a family in need! Baskets and the shopping list will be provided after the service throughout October, and should be filled and **returned by November 4th**.

Coat Drive

We are also collecting gently used coats, hats, gloves, and scarves for the Bridgeport Rescue Mission Great Thanksgiving Project. Please bring all donations to church.

Contact Eric Monkman with any questions
(607-379-3578 or eric.j.monkman@gmail.com)



Wesley Circle

November 8 at 10:00 am

Next Meeting is **Thursday, Nov 8** at 10:00 am in Tremayne Hall at Fairfield Grace.

Spaghetti Dinner News

4:45 PM—6:45 PM



Remaining Dates This Year:

Nov 10, Mar 9 and May 11

Please contact Charlene Brauns-Schindler, 203-371-5068. or at cbsfive5@gmail.com
with any questions or if you can help out!



Serena Circle Women's Book Group

Monday, November 12

at 7:00 pm in Hood Parlor

All women are welcome to join this group that meets on the second Monday of the month.

Eating Lunch Together: Let's Go "Dutch" at Duchess!

Thurs., Nov 15 ~ 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

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.



Holiday Gift Fair

November 17, 2017

10:00 – 4:00

Our own exciting and wonderful Holiday Fair will have excellent Christmas gifts .
Please gather your friends and bring to shop for their holiday gifts.

Thanksgiving Holiday Meal: Thurs., Nov 22 at 1:00 pm

Fairfield Grace will host a Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings for any members or friends of the church that would like to join us at this holiday gathering.

Menu includes:

Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Beet Salad, Sweet Potatoes
Pumpkin Pie and Pecan Pie

Please feel free to bring something such as drinks
or another type of salad to share.

Contact Anne in the office at 203-374-6528 to RSVP or with any questions.



Vigil to End Gun Violence

Wed, Dec 5

7:00 pm

Fairfield Grace will be hosting a candlelight vigil to end gun violence
on December 5 at 7:00 pm.



This vigil will coincide with the national vigil service of mourning and loving remembrance organized by The Newtown Foundation. We are seeking volunteers interested in helping to plan this community event.

Please contact Laura Sherwood (lirauscher@yahoo.com)
if you are interested in helping.

Christmas Pageant ~ Sunday, December 16

“WOW”

We will be performing our annual Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 16 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 25 until pageant day so please try to come to church each week.

The Schedule is as follows:

November 25 – Parts will be assigned and Rehearsal (During Sunday school)

December 2 - Hand out Costumes and Rehearsal (During Sunday School)

December 9 - Dress Rehearsal (During Sunday School and after church 11am-12pm)

December 16 - Pageant Day (Arrive at 9:30am dressed and ready to go)

We are looking forward to sharing the story of the “WOW” with our Congregation.

Many thanks for your participation,

Sue Rush, Christmas Pageant Director



01 Jim Peters
03 Marge Hood
05 Matthew Capalbo
07 Bill Llewellyn
08 Paige Sherwood
12 Jacqueline Sugrue
13 Paul Stein
14 Betsy McGrath
15 Cheryl Harris
16 Peter Lowerson
18 Eugene Deneutte
19 Deborah Akanya
20 Nick Leppla
21 Chris Lopes
21 Barbara Pennell

November Birthdays

21 Charlene Brauns-Schindler
22 Charlotte Backlund
25 Wanda Meyers
25 Indiana Whiteman
26 Fredene Daeschner
26 David Suh
28 Ed Galpin
30 Justin Harris

November Anniversaries

Nov 24

Jean & Al Oneto

62 yrs



Fairfield Grace United Methodist Church
Young Adults/Family Activities
2018-2019



Come and join us at FGUMC throughout the year. All ages are welcome. Contact the main office or Katie if you plan on attending any of the below events to help ensure enough food, tickets, and space. Kind donations for each event are welcomed. Please let us know if you need transportation accommodations.

Sincerely,
Katie White
Young Adults/Family Coordinator
Main office: 203-374-658

November

Saturday, Nov. 10th Spaghetti Dinner at 4:45pm in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, Nov. 17th Holiday Fair

December

Saturday, Dec. 1st The Shore Line Trolley Museum *meet at the museum for 5:30pm, light dinner provided*

Saturday, Dec 15th Santa Breakfast 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Dec. 16th Sunday School Christmas Pageant at the 10am service and
Caroling, *meet at the church for 4:00pm*

Monday, Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Services 5pm & 10pm

January

Friday, Jan. 25th Movie Night 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall (light snacks provided)

February

Saturday, Feb. 23rd Pizza & Game Night 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall, *bring your favorite game*

Young Adults/Family Activities , *continued*

March

Saturday Mar. 9th Spaghetti Dinner at 4:45pm in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday Mar. 30th Bowling meet at Nutmeg Bowl for 5:30pm
(pizza & drinks provided)

April

Saturday, Apr. 13th Bunny Breakfast at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Apr. 14th Palm Sunday service at 10am

Sunday, Apr. 21st Easter service at 10am

May

Sunday, May 3rd International Taste- tentative date. Stay tuned for an update.


Saturday, May 11th Spaghetti Dinner at 4:45pm in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, May 17th Movie Night 5:30pm (light snacks provided)

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 November Issue of the Quester is Tues., November 20



**Join with clergy and civic leaders
from throughout our community
as we celebrate Thanksgiving together!**

**FAIRFIELD'S 2018
INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING
SERVICE
SUNDAY, NOV. 18 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Location:

**Greenfield Hill Church
1045 Old Academy Road**

**Sponsored by the
Fairfield Clergy Association**

G.I.F.T.

G– GREET someone you’ve never met before.

Get out of your comfort zone. Find someone who’s name you don’t know and learn it. Welcome them if they’ve been around for a while, but you haven’t met yet. Or offer to sit with them if they came to church alone.

I-INTRODUCE people to each other.

After meeting someone, make sure they meet others too. Connect people who have something in common. Introduce a first-time guest to the pastor, a young person to the youth leaders or kids and their parents to the children’s ministries director.

F– FOLLOW UP with someone you met recently.

Find that person you met a week or two ago and say hi again. Call them by name. Engage in further conversation. Include them in your group of friends.

T-THANK someone who did something you appreciate.

Every church has people who volunteer their time and efforts with little, if any, appreciation shown to them. Sometimes it’s a simple “way to go” as you pass the A/V booth. Or a “thank you” to a Sunday School teacher for encouraging your child to read the Bible.

**Excerpt from “Small Church Essentials: Field Tested Principles for Leading a Healthy Congregation of Under 250” by Karl Vaters*

A Note from Lee Del Vecchio (co-Lay Leader)

To Pastor Cho: thank you for your kind words Sunday, October 28 about my Laity message.
To the congregation: thank you for that wonderful applause. You overwhelmed me.
I spoke about love in my message. I feel so blessed for all of your love.
God be with you and Bless you.

Love, Lee Del Vecchio



Consider a Bequest to Fairfield Grace in Your Will

Your gifts to Fairfield Grace ensure the means to continue the mission and ministry of the church into the future. Members and friends are encouraged to make a bequest in a Will to benefit the church or specific ministries of the church.

Ways to designate the amount of your bequest:

Specific Dollar Amount,

I give, devise and bequest to Fairfield Grace United Methodist Church located at 1089 Fairfield Woods Road Fairfield, CT the sum of _____ dollars (\$ _____) {or specifically described personal or real property} for its general uses and purposes. [The bequest can also designate specific ministries or purposes for its use.]

Specific Percentage,

I give; devise and bequest to Fairfield Grace United Methodist Church located at 1089 Fairfield Woods Road Fairfield, CT an amount equal to ____ percent (___ %) of the value of my gross or net estate, both real and personal for its general uses and purposes. [The bequest can also designate specific ministries or purposes for its use.]

Residual Bequest,

I give; devise and bequest to Fairfield Grace United Methodist Church located at 1089 Fairfield Woods Road Fairfield, CT the entire residue of my estate, both real and personal for its general uses and purposes. [The bequest can also designate specific ministries or purposes for its use.]

The bequest can be added as a codicil/attachment to your current Will. If you don't have a Will the State of Connecticut will determine who receives your estate after your death. Anyone that owns a house should have a Will if they know who they want to receive their remaining estate. It will also keep the cost of settling the estate down.

(These are suggestions and should be approved by your attorney.)

Thoughts shared by Lee Del Vecchio on Laity Sunday with the congregation

It is a pleasure for me to be with you on this Laity Sunday. Laity is an essential part of our church. We work with our Pastor so our church can continue to grow; spreading God's love and giving hope to all.

When Pastor Cho approached Judy and I about Laity Sunday and asked us to lead the service. He also added (as he sometimes does) "Think about what you would like to say". We both said "Wow!" Judy then said, "It is all yours, Lee, you are good at speaking." Well, I thought and thought ... and thought again. I finally came up with my favorite subject, which is "Love". I love "Love". I like to give it and to receive it.

I feel so fortunate. I have had my share of love in my life. I had a good childhood, I went to Methodist Sunday School, God was in my life at an early age. I had a marriage with great love for 48 years and now I am enjoying the love of my children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. I am sure you have all felt love, from a spouse, family member or friend. Unfortunately, some people have not felt this. But, there is one love that everyone can have. The greatest love of all is God's love. Knowing that God loves you is what really matters most. I feel it is the foundation of our lives. It forms us, it strengthens us and fills us with endless joy. John 3:16 "God so loved the world He gave His only Son". His one and only son. By believing in Him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life.

God's will is for us to love one another. I think that sometimes we need to be reminded that we are God's children in this world and that He loves us so much that we can "Face Fear without Fear". Also in the Gospel of John: Dear friends, let you love one another because love comes from God." Whoever loves is a child of God and knows God. Let me repeat that. I think it is beautiful and so true.

As I said before, I love to make people happy. Like the song says: "Make someone happy and you will be happy, too". I know that all of you must have done that. Don't you just love when you do something kind for someone and you put a smile on their face? When we spread God's love we benefit from it. The more you know the depth of God for you, the more your love for others will be deepened. Once you realize the mercy of God upon you, you will extend that mercy to others. When God's love fills you, it will flow to others.

As I have said before, I feel love lives in this church. You are all so caring and giving to one another. We all love God and this church where I feel that hope is continually growing. It is so evident on how you serve this church in so many positions and duties; our Sanctuary Angels, our ushers and the many hours of reports, budgets, meetings and decisions that are made by you to benefit this church. The love of God that you have received has motivated you to extend your love to our church.

We have been bringing this love to our Korean parishioners. Some of us attended a service with them last year for their Lunar New Year and just recently a service for Lunar Thanksgiving. Communication does not seem to be a problem. A smile, a hug or a handshake just seems to confirm God's love in all of us. We were all so glad to be together, extending our love to one another. Today, Judy and I plan on attending their service at 1:00 pm. If anyone would like to join us, you are more than welcome.

I feel it is Laity Sunday for them also. Some of them serve on our committees. They need to know they are making a difference with their ministry as we work together, as hope continues to grow in this church. Our church may be small but the love in this church would fill a big church.

Remember it only takes a spark to get a fire going. That's how it is with God's love. Once you experience it you spread your wings and pass it on. How about you? Has God's love filled you? Are you passing His love to all people? Love is everything. Without it, we are empty shells. We are here to love God and one another.

"Let all that we do, be done in love" Corinthians 16.14.

Let us pray, Heavenly Father, let us all give thanks to you for your love in our loves as we continue to give love to one another. Not only in this church. We must spread our wings to our surrounding community by being the disciples you want us to be. Being kind, caring and bringing love that we have from you to all the people. I ask this in your name. Amen.



Welcome to
Liliana Collen!

October 25, 2018
6 pounds, 8 ounces

Proud parents:
Adriana and Ben



Open House December 7, 7:00 – 9:00pm

Fairfield Grace UMC 1089 Fairfield Woods Road, Fairfield CT

Calling Girls 11-17

Troop 88 sponsored by the Fairfield Grace UMC Men's Club is proud to introduce Troop 188

Troop 188 will be the sister troop of the unit that has been serving youth for generations

We meet Wednesday nights from 7:00 – 9:00pm

We camp in the great outdoors every month

Girls and parents, join us for our open house and see what scouts BSA is all about!



Contact: Leslie.cheney@outlook.com



At Troop 188 you will:

- Make Friends
- Camp
- Build fires
- Climb rocks
- Take hikes
- Hit targets
- Ride bikes
- Toast marshmallows
- Cook outdoors
- Attend camporees
- Laugh out loud
- Have fun
- Provide service
- Build character
- Gain confidence

Become an Eagle

Pie Sale Fundraiser

Support our Nursery School by ordering a delicious Thanksgiving Day pie.

All pies are baked by Oronoque Farms in Shelton.

Orders are due by Nov 7. Pies are to be picked up on Nov 16.

Five different types of pies are available to order at \$16 each.



METHODIST NURSERY SCHOOL Thanksgiving Day Pie Sale Fundraiser

**ALL pies are NUT + DAIRY FREE and baked
by Oronoque Farms in
Shelton, CT*

<u>FLAVOR</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
9" APPLE	\$16.00	_____	_____
9" APPLE CRUMB	\$16.00	_____	_____
9" BLUEBERRY	\$16.00	_____	_____
9" BLUEBERRY CRUMB	\$16.00	_____	_____
9" PUMPKIN (frozen & unbaked)	\$16.00	_____	_____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

NAME _____

CELL _____

EMAIL _____

*All orders and payments due by November 7th, 2018. Checks made out to MNS.
Pies will be available for pick up November 16th, 2018 at Methodist Nursery School.*

**Instructions for freezing will be included.*



Bell Choir October, 2018



Blessing of the Animals
October, 2018



Out and about...



New Ministry forming—MOP
Ministry of Presence



Pastor Cho and
AJ DeNeutte





November, 2018



Fairfield Grace, Administrative Assistant, Committees, Education/Enrichment, Fellowship, Mission, Music, Nursery School, Rentals, Susanna's Circle, Nov 2018 (Eastern Time - New York)
Youth Group, Holidays in United States

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
HEALING TIME 9:30am - Chancel Choir Review 10am - Worship Service 11:30am - SPRC Meeting, HP 1pm - Worship Service 2:30pm - Pack 88 Meeting, YR	7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm	Plans Tasting 10am - Visit Pastor/Panera 6pm - Alpha Session 7:30pm - Hand Bell Rehearsal	Halloweas 8:30am - Gather in Prayer 10am - Adult Bible Study, The 6pm - Gathering Prayer 7pm - Troop 88 Boy Scouts, PH 7:30pm - AA, Youth Room	8:15pm - Adult Bible Study, The 7pm - FA, Conference Rm 7:30pm - Chancel Choir		9am - ALPHA FWH 11am - Brailly Alley Tutor, CR 1:30pm - Brailly Alley Tutor 3:30pm - WAMC Sanctuary 4:45pm - Spaghetti Dinner
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY COMMUNION SUNDAY Daylight Saving Time ends 9:30am - Chancel Choir Review 10am - Worship Service 1pm - Worship Service	7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm	10am - Visit Pastor/Panera 6pm - Alpha Session 7:30pm - Hand Bell Rehearsal	8:30am - Gather in Prayer 10am - Adult Bible Study, The 3pm - Acting Class rental, PH 3:30pm - WAMC, Sanctuary 6pm - Gathering Prayer 7pm - Troop 88 Boy Scouts, PH 7pm - Trustees, Hood Parlor 7:30pm - AA, Youth Room	Parish Court Luncheon 10am - Wesley's Circle, Hood 10am - Woodwinds rehearsal, YR 8:15pm - Adult Bible Study, The 7pm - FA, Conference Rm 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	Set up Spaghetti Dinner	11am - Brailly Alley Tutor, CR 1:30pm - Brailly Alley Tutor 3:30pm - WAMC, Sanctuary 4:45pm - Spaghetti Dinner
CONNECTIONAL/IVYNN SING Veterans Day 10am - Worship Service 11:30am - SPRC, HP 1pm - Worship Service 2:15pm - WAMC Medical 6:30pm - Church Council	Veterans Day observed 7pm - Seneca's Book Club - Hood 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm	9am - MMS PH 10am - Visit Pastor/Panera 6pm - Alpha Session 7:30pm - Hand Bell Rehearsal	8:30am - Gather in Prayer 10am - Adult Bible Study, The 1pm - WAMC Board Meeting, HP 3pm - Acting Class rental, PH 6pm - Gathering Prayer 7pm - Troop 88 Boy Scouts, PH 7:30pm - AA, Youth Room 7:30pm - Finance Meeting,	11:30am - Go Dutch at Dutchess 8:15pm - Adult Bible Study, The 7pm - FA, Conference Rm 7:30pm - Chancel Choir		10am - Holiday Fair 11am - Brailly Alley Tutor, CR 1:30pm - Brailly Alley Tutor 3pm - "ambulant" Circle
STEWARDSHIP/MISSION SUNDAY 9:15am - Bell Choir Review 10am - Joint Worship Service 11am - Stewardship Luncheon 7pm - Scout PLC Meeting, PH	7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm	10am - Visit Pastor/Panera 6pm - Alpha Canceled	8:30am - Gather in Prayer 10am - Adult Bible Study, The 6pm - Gathering Prayer 7pm - Troop 88 Boy Scouts, PH 7:30pm - AA, Youth Room	Thanksgiving Day 1pm - Thanksgiving Luncheon 6:15pm - Adult Bible Study, The 7pm - FA, Conference Rm 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	Black Friday	11am - No Brailly Alley Tutor, CR 1:30pm - No Brailly Alley Tutor
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY HEALING TIME 9:30am - Chancel Choir Review 10am - Worship Service 1pm - Worship Service	9am - MMS PH 7pm - Scout Committee Mtg, PH 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm	10am - Visit Pastor/Panera 6pm - Alpha Last Session 7:30pm - Hand Bell Rehearsal	8:30am - Gather in Prayer 10am - Adult Bible Study, The 3pm - Acting Class rental, PH 6pm - Gathering Prayer 7pm - Troop 88 Boy Scouts, PH 7:30pm - AA, Youth Room	9am - MMS PH 6:15pm - Adult Bible Study, The 7pm - FA, Conference Rm 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	9am - MMS PH	11am - Brailly Alley Tutor, CR 1:30pm - Brailly Alley Tutor