



The Quester

**Fairfield Grace United
Methodist Church**



April, 2019

A Message from Pastor Cho:

To my dearest FGUMC family members and friends,

Visiting the Bridgeport Islamic Community Center on Friday, March 22, at 1 pm was historic, for it was the first time for me. Friday at 1 pm there looks like Sunday at 10 am at Fairfield Grace when more people gather for praying and listening to a message. Both taking off shoes with them before entering the sanctuary and kneeling down on the floor for praying with them were small gestures of my singing, "Let there be peace on earth" and announcing to the world that we are sisters and brothers to love and be loved. I am glad, very glad, I was able to be there in person with our Moslem sisters and brothers as a Christian and also as a representative of Fairfield Grace United Methodist Church. Yes, we are God's beautiful children. God wants us to love one another.

Do you know that praying daily at five specific times is one of their spiritual disciplines? They are people of prayer, indeed. For those who like to pray in the sanctuary, the door is open every day, by which I was moved. We are people of prayer as well, aren't we?

How is it with your soul today?

Spring is around the corner. So is Easter. Waiting for the new season of Easter, we are still in the midst of Lent. I invite you to examine yourself closely, while following the steps of Jesus to the cross and ask yourself the question, "How is it with my soul?" Who does not need to stop and take deep breathing these days? Who does not need to take rest with and in God? As someone says, "We are too busy not to pray." God knows we need praying badly and has given us a precious gift known as prayer to you and me. Praying is a priceless time to rest with God and rest in God. It revitalizes and refreshes and restores our souls. Make it a daily habit to sit in silence in your favorite place and enter your inner room where you place yourself in the presence, love and activity of God, and you will be inspired and empowered and filled with the love and peace and joy that this world cannot give. (www.comtemplativeoutreach.org) I am glad and thankful that we have been gathering every Wednesday evening and praying at the Lenten Taize prayer services.



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(www.taize.fr) Thank YOU, Dot Daruka, for your gentle and gracious servant-leadership.

Two FRAN – Friends, Relatives, Associates, Neighbors -- worship opportunities are coming soon. A Good Friday Cantata at FGUMC, our proud annual music service, is the first one not to miss. It will be presented by our Chancel Choir and accompanied by an orchestra and will be a beautiful and spirit-filled evening following the steps of Jesus to the cross. It will be a precious time in the sanctuary to meditate on the marvelous act of divine redemption and to give our thanks to God for it. Mark it now on your calendar – April 19 at 7:30 pm-- and make sure to invite your FRAN. Our Chancel Choir members and guest singers deserve our thanksgiving for their weekly practices for this special music worship service. Also, a special thanks goes to Jeanne Millett, our Music Director.

Easter Sunday worship service is another annual opportunity to invite your FRAN to FGUMC, your great small church. This year our Faith Circle, who worships at 1 pm, will join the service at 10 am and prepare the Easter feast in Fellowship Hall for all. Reach out to your FRAN and simply say, “Come and see” to them. I am sure they will be pleased and blessed by your invitation.

One more special Sunday in April: The first Sunday after Easter, April 28th, is “Holy Humor” Sunday at FGUMC. We, along with many other churches in America, want to resurrect an old Easter custom begun by the early Greek Christians. For centuries in all Christian faith traditions, the week following Easter Sunday was observed as "days of joy and laughter" with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. It is known as "Bright Sunday" as well. Why not resurrect this tradition at FGUMC? Why not celebrate Jesus' resurrection continuously with a lot of joy and laughter, not only the week following Easter Sunday but also many weeks afterwards? Come and celebrate!

God loves you dearly. So do I. See you soon on Sundays.

Kun Sam, your great and wonderful small church pastor

Lenten Taizé Services Wednesdays, 7:00 pm



Remaining dates: Apr 3, 10 and 17

Fairfield Grace United Methodist Church is offering
30 minute Taizé prayer services every Wednesday evening at 7 pm.

ALL ARE WELCOME

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

EASTER WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 14: Palm/Passion Sunday

10:00 AM Worship Service ~ 1:00 PM Faith Circle (Korean) Worship Service

Wednesday, April 17

7:00 pm Lenten Taize Service

Thursday, April 18: Maundy Thursday

7:30 PM Worship Service with Communion

Midnight Run

Friday, April 19: Good Friday Service

7:30 PM Cantata Service

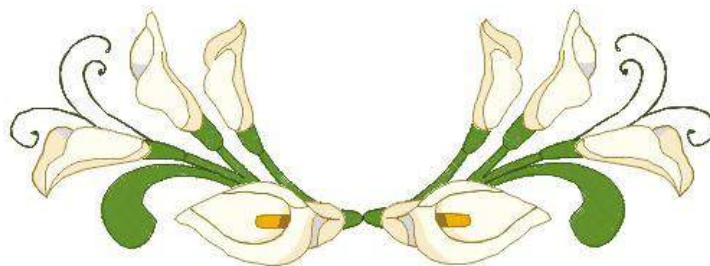
8:30—10:00 PM Easter Vigil



Sunday, April , Easter Sunday

10:00 AM Joint Worship Service w/communion

Luncheon following Service hosted by Faith Circle



Lectionary Readings

Apr 7: Isaiah 43:16-21; Ps 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

Apr 14: Luke 19:28-40; Ps 118:1-2, 19-29

Apr 21: Acts 10:34-43; Ps 118:1-2,14-24; 1 Cor 15:19-26; Jn 20:1-18 or Lk 24:1-12

Apr 28: Acts 5:27-32; Ps 150; Rev 1:4-8; Jn 20:19-31

Ushers

Team #3

Craig Michelson

Karen Benson

Sheila Muscott

Sandra Brown

Fellowship Hour

Please contact Georgina at gholdsworth@optimum.net or 203-335-7129 if you (or you and a friend) can organize coffee hour

Communion Servers

Maggie Price and Patty Jurgielewicz

Communion Stewards

10:00 am *Karen Benson*
1:00 pm *Helen Lee*

Worship Leaders

Apr 7: *Judy Meyer*
Apr 14: *Jon Gladstone (Palm Sunday)*
Apr 18: *Dot Daruka (Maundy Thursday)*
Apr 21: *Paul Meyer (Easter)*
Apr 28: *Sheila Muscott*

Sunday School Teachers

Apr 7: *Patty Jurgielewicz and Darlene Dowgiallo*
Apr 14: *Cindy Block with Chuck Ardito*
Apr 21: *Nubia Jaramillo-Pennell and Bill Miller*
Apr 28: *Franklyn MacLean with Michelle Krancz*

Counters

Patty Jurgielewicz and Al Oneto

Pray for Fairfield Grace Families

Week of:

Apr 7: Schindler family, Schroll family and Sherwood family
Apr 14: Shirley Sims, Spangler family and Christine Speight
Apr 21: Diana Stein, Stein family and Stewart family
Apr 28: Ellen Stewart, Stimpson family and Stock family

Easter Plant Orders

Orders due by Wed, April 3

A FGUMC Easter tradition. Jeanne Millett has once again arranged for Easter plants to adorn the altar on Easter Sunday. Please consider ordering a plant in honor of a loved one or in celebration of a special event. A dedication will be included in the Sunday bulletin for each plant that you order.

Lily, Tulip and Daffodil plants: \$11.50 each

Blue Hydrangea plants: \$17 each



Order envelopes are available
in the back of the church or in the church office.

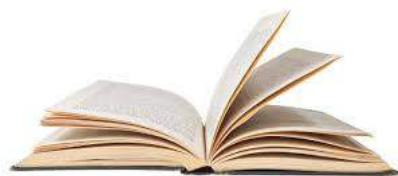
WESLEY CIRCLE

Wednesday, April 3

(please note change in date)

All men of Fairfield Grace are welcome.

Please contact church office with any questions 203-374-6528 or fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net



Serena Circle Book Group: Monday, April 9

The next Serena Book Group meeting will be Monday, April 9 at 7:00 pm in Hood Parlor.
All women are invited to the discussion.

If you have questions, please contact Karen Price 203-333-1272 or at karen1147@aol.com

*Serving Pancakes, Eggs,
Sausages,
Juice and Coffee*



*Craft Activities
for the Kids*

Easter Bunny Pancake Breakfast

Fairfield Grace UMC

*All Proceeds donated to
Missions of the Church*

Saturday, April 13
8:30 AM—10:30 AM

There will be a visit from the Easter Bunny!
Please consider volunteering for this fun event!

Alan Stewart: astewart@com or 203-275-6084

Fairfield Grace Annual Midnight Run

Thursday, April 18

Once again this year the Youth of Fairfield Grace are going on a "Midnight Run" into New York City and offer food and supplies to homeless and in need people.

We are asking that, if you can, please donate any of the following:

- ~ New Men's or Women's Underwear.
- ~ Packages of toiletries - including Toothpaste/toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo and soap.
- ~ Gently used - sweat shirts, sweat pants, dark jeans, hats, gloves and shoes (any size).

Contact Matt Rush at mrush224@gmail.com or 203-259-1544 with any questions.



*As often as you did it for one
of my least brothers, you did
it for me.*

Serving at Golden Hill UMC

**FGUMC Will be Serving at Golden Hill
Wed., Apr 24 and Wed., Jun 26 at 4:45 pm**

Please join the team!

Contact Cindy Block at 203-374-2285 or cynblock@att.net.

**Post Confirmation Breakfast:
Sat., Apr 27 at 8:30 am**

ALL confirmands and their parents (from recent years, as well)
are invited to attend a special breakfast
at the church on Sat., Apr 27 at 8:30 am in Fellowship Hall.

Contact Pastor Cho with questions or to RSVP
at 914-319-4241 or kunsamcho92@gmail.com




Holy Humor Sunday ~ Sunday, April 28 ~ 10:00 am

Fairfield Grace will celebrate this old Easter custom begun by the Greeks in the early centuries of Christianity at the 10:00 am Worship Service on April 28.

It is a celebration of Jesus' resurrection on the Sunday after Easter. For centuries the week following Easter Sunday, including "Bright Sunday" (the Sunday after Easter), was observed by the faithful as "days of joy and laughter" to celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

Bring with you a funny anecdote, humorous story or a joke to share with the congregation.



**Second Annual Methodist Nursery School
Art Show
Sunday, April 28**

The Nursery School invites the Fairfield Grace Congregation to its
Second Annual Art Show showcasing the creative work of its students.
Artwork will be on display in Fellowship Hall.

Paper Shredding Day



Saturday, May 4, 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 5. 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.



Crop Walk
Sunday, May 5
1:00 pm
Seaside Park

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. You can send a check to the church office or give it to Sheila Muscott made out to CWS.

Registration is at 1:00 pm and walk begins at 1:30 pm. Rain or Shine .

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

Spaghetti Dinner

May 11

4:45 PM—6:45 PM



Volunteers! We need help in the morning and evening.
You can sign up for one month if that is all the help you can give.

Contact person: Charlene Brauns-Schindler, 203-371-5068 or cbsfive5@gmail.com

Join us for the *International Taste of Fairfield Grace*

Sunday, May 19, 2018

5:00 to 6:30 - Food sampling

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 Denuette - Phone: (203) 895-9097
Email: adams39@hotmail.com

Cancellations due to Weather

In the case of hazardous weather conditions, it may be necessary for the church to cancel building activities or services.

The decision to close the church on Sunday mornings will be made as early as possible, but no later than 7:00 AM.

We will send an email alert to members when a decision is made. In addition, any closures will be posted on Channel 12 News.

Wednesdays: 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.



A Time with Pastor Cho

Pastor Cho extends an invitation to visit with you and your family on an Individual basis at your home, in his office ... or you can stop in at Panera Bread on Black Rock Turnpike any Tuesday between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon. Feel free to contact him at 914-319-4241 or kunsamcho92@gmail.com

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 May Issue of the Quester is Thurs., April 18

STORAGE CLOSET



Thanks to Lori Stimpson and Charlene Brauns-Schindler for cleaning out the Storage Closet off Fellowship Hall. This area needs to remain clear so there is away access to the back closet that houses electrical equipment . Please see note below from Lori:

Please note that the Storage Room under the attic stairs off Fellowship Hall is for tables and chairs only. We will be fined by the Fire Marshall if access to the doors at the back of that room is blocked. We have been notified of this issue in previous inspections. If you have items that need to go in to the attic and you need assistance, please let me know and I will get someone to help get it up where it belongs. Any unclaimed items will be put in the tag sale or thrown away.

Thank you for your help in cleaning this area.

Lori Stimpson (203-258-8276)

April Birthdays

04 Connor Sherwood
05 Katie White
07 Kyong Hee Cho
08 Yuna Wilson
09 Jacob Beriguete
09 Bill Safee

10 Alexandra Masanotti
10 Zeke Bowcock
12 Kali Block
14 Colin McGrath
16 Elie Anna Beriguete
17 Ormie Gilbert
19 Sung H Lee

19 Lauren Peters
25 Al Oneto
27 Jie Park
28 Diana Stein
29 Ingrid Lacoste
29 Laura Sherwood

April Anniversaries

April 15 Jie & Eunsik Park 18 yrs
April 25 Mary & Craig Michelson 38 yrs

CHURCH HARRIS SCHOLARSHIPS

Fairfield Grace Church has been offering scholarships to young persons who are starting college as well as people continuing in a college program at the undergraduate level. These awards were started in 1985 by Harold Harris in memory of his wife, Betty. Since then 79 students have received scholarships—many for more than one year.

Funds for scholarships were initially provided by individuals in the church, primarily by Harold Harris. The UMM and UMW also provided some money for many years. The fund expanded over the years by receiving large donations from the estate of Harold Harris as well as from the estates of the Spicer family. In recent years some money has come from donations from the congregation in a second offering on “Scholarship Sunday.” This past year additional money was raised from a tag sale organized by Scholarship Team member Patty Jurgielewicz. To date the scholarships awarded have totaled \$98,400.

Who can get one of these scholarships and how can they apply? First you need to be planning to attend college or some post high school undergraduate educational program during the next (2019-20) academic year. Next get and fill out an application form available from our church office or on the church website.. You do not need to come to the office for one. Just phone (203-374-6528) and ask for a copy. It can be sent by e-mail or snail mail. To complete your application, you will need written recommendations from adults who have supervised or at least observed your work on church and community service projects. If you have received a scholarship from the church in the past, ask for a re-application form.

So if you are eligible and want to apply, GET BUSY FAST. Applications with all supporting adult recommendations are due in the church office by May 15. The Scholarship Team will be meetuing shortly after that to review applications and determine the money to be awarded. Scholarship checks will be handed out on Sunday, June 16, in church.

Al Oneto, Scholarship Team Chairman

Additional Scholarship Opportunity

The United Methodist Church offers scholarships to deserving students that you may qualify for. To find out more , see information on following page.

UMC

Scholarship, Loan Deadlines Fast Approaching

Additional information, including applications, for all of the following can be found on the NYAC website.

Gloster B. Current Scholarship

This scholarship was established in memory of Gloster B. Current, Sr., to encourage young persons of African descent to pursue careers in public service such as the ministry, social work, health care or government service. The applicant must attend an accredited institution of higher education, have leadership potential, financial need and be recommended by a pastor of a United Methodist Church. The deadline is April 15.

NYES Fellowship Program

The New York Education Society Fellows and Scholars scholarships support NYAC students attending an accredited college, university, technical, professional or graduate school. Awards typically range from \$500 to \$1000 for each academic year. Priority is given to 1) first-time applicants, 2) students entering helping professions, and 3) those actively involved in local UMC/campus ministry programs. Application deadline is April 15.

UMC Loans and Scholarships

This is a “one-stop shop” general application for more than 50 scholarship programs from the United Methodist Church administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry Office of Loans and Scholarships. Apply once per year, every year. The scholarship programs criteria vary. With this one application, students are screened and reviewed for each program for which they are qualified.

Students may be undergraduate, graduate, or doctoral students;
must be full active members of the UMC.

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.)



April, 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
HEALING TIME 10am - Worship Service 1pm - Worship Service	7pm - FA, Conference 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @	10am - Visit Pastor/Panera 7:30pm - Hand Bell	9:30am - Gather in Prayer 10am - Adult Bible Study, 10am - Wesley's Circle 3pm - Acting Class 7pm - Taize Lenten Service 7pm - Troop 188/88 Boy 7:30pm - AA, Youth Room 7:30pm - Trustees, CR @	6:15pm - Adult Bible Study, 7pm - FA, Conference Rm 7:30pm - Chancel Choir		10am - Tutor, CR
COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:30am - Chancel Choir 10am - Worship Service 1pm - Worship Service	9am - MNS FH 7pm - FA, Conference 7pm - Serena's Book Club - 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @	9am - MNS FH 10am - Visit Pastor/Panera 7:30pm - Hand Bell	9:30am - Gather in Prayer 10am - Adult Bible Study, 12pm - Staff Meeting, CR 12pm - Susanna Meeting 3pm - Acting Class 7pm - Taize Lenten Service 7pm - Troop 188/88 Boy 7:30pm - AA, Youth Room 7:30pm - Finance Meeting,	Orchestra Rehearsal, 6:15pm - Adult Bible Study, 7pm - FA, Conference Rm 7pm - Troop District Ctee 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	Set up Bunny Breakfast	8:30am - Bunny Breakfast 9:30am - Brass Rehearsal,
CONNECTIONAL/HYMN Palm/Passion Sunday 9:15am - Chancel Choir 10am - Worship Service 1pm - Worship Service	Tax Day 7pm - FA, Conference 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @	10am - Visit Pastor/Panera 7:30pm - Hand Bell	9:30am - Gather in Prayer 10am - Adult Bible Study, 7pm - Taize Lenten Service 7pm - Troop 188/88 Boy 7:30pm - AA, Youth Room	Midnight Run 7pm - Choirs Rehearsal 7pm - FA, Conference Rm 7:30pm - Maundy Thursday	9am - Silent Reflection in 7:30pm - Good Friday	Sanctuary reserved
Easter Sunday MISSION SUNDAY 9am - Choir Review 10am - Joint Worship 11am - Luncheon	Easter Monday 7pm - FA, Conference 7pm - Scout Committee 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @	10am - Visit Pastor/Panera	9:30am - Gather in Prayer 10am - Adult Bible Study, 3pm - Acting Class 4:45pm - Serving at Golden 7pm - Troop 188/88 Boy 7:30pm - AA, Youth Room	9am - MNS FH 6:15pm - Adult Bible Study, 7pm - FA, Conference Rm 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	FH reserved, MNS 9am - MNS FH	8:30am - Post Confirmation 10am - Tutor, CR
FH reserved, MNS HEALING TIME/MNS Art 9:15am - Chancel Choir 10am - Worship Service 11am - MNS Art Show 1pm - Worship Service	6pm - MNS Art Show 7pm - FA, Conference 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @	10am - Visit Pastor/Panera 7:30pm - Hand Bell	9:30am - Gather in Prayer 10am - Adult Bible Study, 3pm - Acting Class 7pm - Troop 188/88 Boy 7pm - Trustees, Hood 7:30pm - AA, Youth Room	10am - Wesley's Circle, 6:15pm - Adult Bible Study, 7pm - FA, Conference Rm 7:30pm - Chancel Choir		Tentative Communion 9am - Shredding Day 10am - Tutor, CR