



The Quester

**Fairfield Grace United
Methodist Church**

March 2020

A Message from Pastor Cho:

To My Beloved Sisters and Brothers at Fairfield Grace,

Grace and Peace of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to all of you.

As our faith journey continues, we hear the voice from heaven, “This is my Son, whom I love. With him I am well pleased. Listen to him!” (Matthew 17:5) What do you hear lately? People in the Bible heard God during their faith journey. “Make yourself an ark of cypress wood” (Genesis 6:14, 19) “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.” (Genesis 12:1) “Go now. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.” (Exodus 3:10) “Get ready to cross the River Jordan into the land I am about to give.” (Joshua 1:1) “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” (Isaiah 6:8a) “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you.” (Jeremiah 1:5) “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” (Isaiah 41:10) “You did not choose me, but I chose you.” (John 15:16) “Where are you?” (Genesis 3:9) “Where is your brother Abel?” (Genesis 4:9) “Do you love me?” (John 21:15ff) “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?” (Luke 17:17) God still speaks today.



*Distributing ashes to
Nursery School families*

I attended the annual Bishop’s Convocation last month. Its theme title was, “See... Hear... Change...” The retreat leaders challenged all the participants to see, really see, and hear, really hear. “See, and you cannot not see. Hear, and you cannot not hear.” Respect is a compound word: Re- Spect, which means “see again.” Really seeing others is respecting them and discovering the beautiful and wonderful and honorable image of God engraved within them. Really hearing others is a way of loving them. Really listening to their stories of pain and joy attentively, we

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recognize, honor and accept them as they are. Transformation takes place in our relationship when authentic seeing and hearing take place among us. God spoke to me at the Convocation. "Do you really see, Kun Sam? Do you really hear?"

"Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me; Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear; And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see; Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit Divine!" The UM Hymnal # 454

"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" This is the Word of God for the people of God. Amen. Amen.

Kun Sam, Pastor



Lenten Taizé Services Wednesdays, 7:00 pm



Beginning Ash Wednesday and continuing through Apr 8

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

Taizé Services focus on silent contemplation and meditation
interspersed with soft music, words from scripture and moments of prayer.

ALL ARE WELCOME

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

Ushers

Team #2

Charlene Brauns-Schindler

Ed Schindler

Lee Del Vecchio

Judy Vindheim

Fellowship Hour

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

Counters

Ed Schindler and Jill Bowcock

Communion Stewards

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

Worship Leaders

Mar 1: *Eric Monkman*
Mar 8: *Micaela Ditgen-Jaramillo*
Mar 15: *Paul Meyer*
Mar 22: *Dot Daruka*
Mar 29: *Judy Meyer*

Sunday School Teachers

Mar 1: *Patty Jurgielewicz and Darlene Dowgiallo*
Mar 8: *Cindy Block*
Mar 15: *Nubia Jaramillo-Pennell and Bill Miller*
Mar 22: *Franklyn MacLean with Michelle Krancz*
Mar 29: *Franklyn MacLean*

Pray for Fairfield Grace Families

Week of:

Mar 1: Peter Trifiatis, Vindheim family and Watson family
Mar 8: Bev Wenz, Whiteman family and Wood family
Mar 15: Yi family, Abbott family and Dorothy Albrecht
Mar 22: Aldrich family, Pat Altieri and Amoo family
Mar 29: Bailey family, Connie Ballerini and Barrett/Campana family

Prayer Concerns and Joys

Dick Albani, Sheila Muscott's brother-in-law, health; **Danny Lord**, Marge Jenkins' grandson, extremely serious health concerns; **Michael**, (grandson of Bev Plucker) health concerns; **Amy M. Thornton** (granddaughter-in-law of Al and Jean Oneto), health concerns; **Andy Larsen** (Leah's son), health concerns; **David and his baby** (Nancy Chavez' brother) health concerns; **Mel Holdsworth**, health concerns; **Liz Savage**, health concerns; **Warren and Pat Rozelle**, health concerns; **Tony Jacabacci** (good friend of Dennis Robb), cancer surgery; **Fredene and Pastor J**, in Indiana; **Sheila Iseppi** (friend of Lee Del Vecchio), cancer; **Bill Cook** (Jean Oneto's cousin), severe brain hemorrhage; **Stanley Block** (Cindy's father-in-law), health concerns; **Carol Waston**, recovering at home, **Zeyn** (Kristina Jouhkar's daughter), recovering; **Richard Ewing** (husband of Anne) recovering at home; **Nancy Chavez**, recovering from surgery; **Ormie Gilbert**, recovering at St Joseph's; **Judy Vindheim**, recovering at home; **Betty Brandt**, returned home; **John Cain**, health concerns.

Homebound

Dorothy Albrecht (home), **Pat Altieri** (Parish Court), **Emma Gilbert** (Seacrest), **Ormie Gilbert** (St Joseph's), **Elsie Kerekes** (Crosby Commons), **Leah Larsen** (home), **Barbara McCarthy** (Juniper Hill Village), **Michelle Molnar** (Stern Village), **Dorothy Patterson** (home), **Dot Peck** (home), **George Pennell** (Carolton), **Bev Plucker** (home), **Liz Savage** (home), **Shirley Sims** (Parish Court), **Diana Stein** (Jewish Home).

Lectionary Readings

Mar 1: Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12–19; Matthew 4:1–11
Mar 8: Genesis 12:1–4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1–5, 13–17; John 3:1–17
Mar 15: Exodus 17:1–7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1–11; John 4:5–42
Mar 22: 1 Samuel 16:1–13; Ps 23; Ephesians 5:8–14; John 9:1–41
Mar 29: Ezekiel 37:1–14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6–11; John 11:1–45

Easter Flowers Will be Available to Order

A FGUMC Easter tradition. Jeanne Millett will once again arrange 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.

You may take your flowers home after the 1:00 pm service.



Deadlines and prices will be available soon.

Order envelopes will soon be available
in the back of the church or in the church office.

Adult Bible Study ~ 2020

SUNDAYS at 9:00 am

WEDNESDAYS at 10:10 am and THURSDAYS at 6:45 pm

Through Sun, Mar 29: **“Life-Changing Prayer”, by Jim Cymbala**

Sun, Apr 19—Sun, May 24: **“Short Stories by Jesus”, by Amy Jill Levine**

All are welcome to join!

Please contact Sheila Muscott at 203-368-9199 or sheilamuscott@att.net with questions.

Discussion Groups will meet in Hood Parlor.



Fairfield Grace Rummage Sale

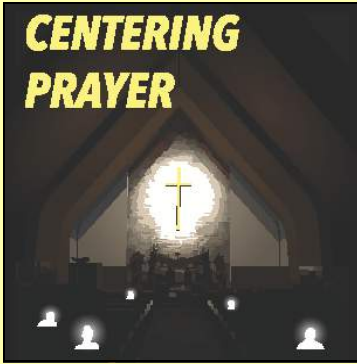
Saturday, March 7

9:00 am—3:00 pm

Contact Lee DelVecchio 203-374-2130

The Sanctuary is Open for YOU

**CENTERING
PRAYER**



Starting March 9—June 25

Every Mon—Thurs. 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Pastor Cho is available to talk and pray with you,
914-319-4241

kunsamcho92@gmail.com

WESLEY CIRCLE

Please join the men of Fairfield Grace on

Thursday, March 12 at 10:00 am at the Fairfield Senior Center
(please note change in date)

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



Monday Night Faith Journey Series

ALL ARE WELCOME

**Small Group Discussion
with Light Dinner in Tremayne Hall
Monday Nights at 6:30 pm**

March 30

“Walking with God in the Wilderness” by Rob Renfoe

April 20

“Coming Out of the Wilderness” by Rob Renfoe

May 18

John Wesley, Our Methodist Founder

A \$5.00 donation is gladly appreciated.

Let us know if you are joining us.

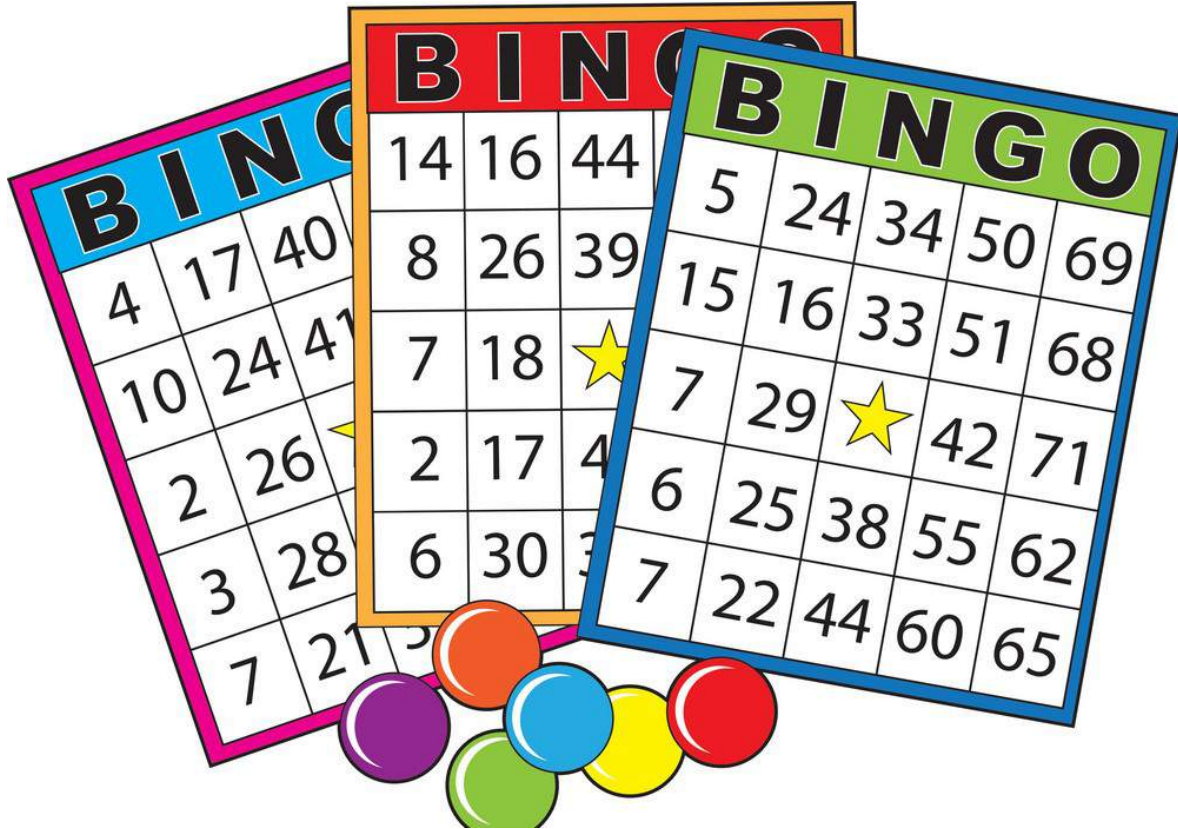
Contact Sheila Muscott with any questions

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Friends Event!

All ages welcome!



BINGO

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

6:30

Pizza, Salad, Dessert and Beverages will be served

Please bring coins to use as markers.

Event is free, donations accepted.

RSVP to:

fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net or 203-374-6528

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

Thurs., Mar 19 ~ 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.



Spaghetti Dinner News

Sat, Mar 21 & May 9

4:45 PM—7:00 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

Sleeves up.
Hearts open.
All in.



**American
Red Cross**

Red Cross Blood Drive
Fairfield Grace Church
Monday, March 23: 1:00—6:45

*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 4
8:30 AM—10:30 AM

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

Alan Stewart: asj@asjrealty.com or 203-275-6084

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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Fairfield Grace UMC 2020

Sunday, April 5: Palm/Passion Sunday

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

Wednesday, April 8

7:00 pm Lenten Taizé Service

Thursday, April 9: Maundy Thursday

7:30 PM Joint Worship Service with Communion

Midnight Run

Friday, April 10: Good Friday Service

7:30 PM Joint Cantata Service

Sunday, April 12: Easter Sunday

10:00 AM Joint Worship Service w/communion



ALTAR FLOWERS

Sponsoring altar flowers is a beautiful way to honor loved ones, mark special life events such as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, baptism, confirmation, memory or a thanksgiving for life's blessings.

Please see the sign-up sheet on the office door or contact the church office (203-374-6528 or fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net) to sponsor an arrangement (\$35 each).



March Birthdays

01 Joyce Aldrich
03 Stephen Chavez
04 Jeanne Millett
05 Jaedoo Lee

06 Mason Rush
08 Joseph Dowgiallo
09 Jean Oneto

11 Darlene Dowgiallo
15 Isabella Monkman
16 Jessica Block
25 Duncan Sherwood
29 Jong Sung Kim

March Anniversaries

Mar 11 Maggie & Jim Conroy 25 yrs
Mar 17 Jeff Yi & Kioek Park 30 yrs

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 April Issue of the Quester is Fri., March 20

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.)



Monday Night Faith Journey

Come in and join the discussion



Fairfield Grace went Bowling at Nutmeg Lanes on 2/22 at 2:22 pm

Altar Flowers to celebrate
Maggie Price's birthday



Sanctuary Angels

Bev Wenz, Michele Krancz, Pat Rozelle, Lori Stimpson and Mary Lou Stock faithfully work in the sanctuary to keep pew materials stocked and our space clean to maintain the peaceful, prayerful atmosphere for Sunday services.



March, 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 COMMUNION SUNDAY 9am - Bible Study, HP 9:15am - Chancel Choir 10am - Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11:30am - Treble Choir 1pm - Worship Service	2 9:30am - Prayertime for 7pm - FA, Conference 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm	3 Super Tuesday (regional) 9:30am - Prayertime for 10am - Visit Pastor/Panera 7:30pm - Hand Bell	4 9:30am - Prayertime for 10:10am - Adult Bible 2pm - WAMC BD Meeting, 3pm - ODP Acting Class/FH 7pm - Taizé Service 7pm - Troop 188/88 Scouts 7:30pm - AA, Youth Room	5 FH Reserved 9:30am - Prayertime for 6:45pm - Bible Study, HP 7pm - FA, Conference Rm 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	6 8am - MNS/CR 9:30am - Prayertime for	7 9am - Rummage Sale 9:30am - Prayertime for
8 FH Reserved CONNECTIONAL/HYMN Daylight Saving Time 9am - Bible Study, HP 9:15am - Choir Review 10am - Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11:30am - Scholarship	9 MNS/Storage Classroom 8am - MNS/CR 9am - MNS/FH 9:30am - Prayertime for 5pm - Open Sanctuary 7pm - FA, Conference 7pm - Serena's Book Club - 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm	10 9am - MNS/FH 9:30am - Prayertime for 10am - Visit Pastor/Panera 5pm - Open Sanctuary 7:30pm - Hand Bell	11 9:30am - Prayertime for 10:10am - Adult Bible 3pm - ODP Acting Class/FH 5pm - Open Sanctuary 7pm - Taizé Service 7pm - Troop 188/88 Scouts 7pm - Trustees, Hood 7:30pm - AA, Youth Room	12 8am - MNS/CR 9:30am - Prayertime for 10am - Wesley's Circle, 5pm - Open Sanctuary 6:45pm - Bible Study, HP 7pm - FA, Conference Rm 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	13 8am - MNS/CR 9:30am - Prayertime for 6:30pm - Family Bingo	14 9:30am - Prayertime for
15 MISSION SUNDAY 9am - Bible Study, HP 9am - HandBell Review 10am - Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11:30am - Treble Choir 1pm - Worship Service	16 9:30am - Prayertime for 5pm - Open Sanctuary 7pm - FA, Conference 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm	17 St. Patrick's Day 9:30am - Prayertime for 10am - Visit Pastor/Panera 12pm - GBCP Meeting 5pm - Open Sanctuary	18 9:30am - Prayertime for 10:10am - Adult Bible 3pm - ODP Acting Class/FH 5pm - Open Sanctuary 7pm - Taizé Service 7pm - Troop 188/88 Scouts 7:30pm - AA, Youth Room	19 9:30am - Prayertime for 11:30am - Go Dutch at 5pm - Open Sanctuary 6:45pm - Bible Study, HP 7pm - FA, Conference Rm 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	20 Set up Spaghetti dinner 9:30am - Prayertime for	21 9:30am - Prayertime for 4:45pm - Spag Dinner
22 9am - Bible Study, HP 9:15am - Chancel Choir 10am - Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11:30am - Treble Choir 1pm - Worship Service	23 9:30am - Prayertime for 1pm - Red Cross Blood 5pm - Open Sanctuary 7pm - FA, Conference 7pm - Scout Committee 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm	24 9:30am - Prayertime for 10am - Visit Pastor/Panera 5pm - Open Sanctuary 7:30pm - Hand Bell	25 8am - MNS/CR 9:30am - Prayertime for 10:10am - Adult Bible 3pm - ODP Acting Class/FH 5pm - Open Sanctuary 7pm - Taizé Service 7pm - Troop 188/88 Scouts 7:30pm - AA, Youth Room	26 8am - MNS/CR 9:30am - Prayertime for 5pm - Open Sanctuary 6:45pm - Bible Study, HP 7pm - FA, Conference Rm 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	27 9:30am - Prayertime for	28 9:30am - Prayertime for
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