



# *The Quester*

**Fairfield Grace United  
Methodist Church**

**July/August  
2016**



A Message from Pastor Cho:  
Dear beloved sisters and brothers in Christ,

A picture is worth a thousands words.

If anyone argues that words are more powerful  
than pictures, to them I would say:  
"Hallelujah! Thank you, Jesus, for the  
Fairfield Grace Church family. Amen!"

Have a restful summer in anticipation of our active  
mission and ministry this fall.

Kun Sam, your M&M partner



Scenes from the 60th Anniversary Service and  
Celebratory Luncheon on June 19, 2016.

## ***Ushers***

### **JULY: Team #4 ~ Greg Tanno**



- ~ *Greg and Denise Tanno*
- ~ *Craig Michelson*
- ~ *Dennis Robb*
- ~ *Bill Miller*

### **AUG: Team #1 ~ Ed Stock**

- ~ *Ed Stock*
- ~ *Art Thomas*
- ~ *Bob Watson*
- ~ *Charlie Morris*

## ***Worship Leaders***

July 3:	<i>Bob Price</i>
July 10:	<i>Jill Bowcock</i>
July 17:	<i>Laura Sherwood</i>
July 24:	<i>Dottie Connelly</i>
July 31:	<i>Paul Meyer</i>
Aug 7:	<i>Dot Daruka</i>
Aug 14:	<i>Martha Wood</i>
Aug 21:	<i>Sheila Muscott</i>
Aug 28:	<i>Bob Darken</i>

## ***Fellowship Hour***

Faith Circle will continue arranging for Fellowship over the summer months on the first Sundays.

The remaining 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 [gholdsworth@optimum.net](mailto:gholdsworth@optimum.net) with questions

## ***Communion Steward***

### **JULY**

*Deanna Denuette*

### **AUGUST**

*Karen Benson*

## ***Preaching Schedule***

July 17:	<i>Kristina Joukhadar</i>
July 24:	<i>Dennis Robb</i>
July 31:	<i>Pastor J</i>
Aug 7:	<i>Pastor J</i>

*Thanks to those filling in for Pastor Cho while he is at the Jurisdictional Conference in Pennsylvania*





## **Schedule of Summer Patio Worship Services:**

<b>July 3:</b>	<b>Bob Price</b>
<b>July 10:</b>	<b>Dennis Robb</b>
<b>July 17:</b>	<b>Paul Meyer</b>
<b>July 24:</b>	<b>Bob Price</b>
<b>July 31:</b>	<b>Karen Price</b>
<b>August 7:</b>	<b>Dennis Robb</b>
<b>August 14:</b>	<b>Bill Miller</b>
<b>August 21:</b>	<b>Kristina Joukhadar</b>
<b>August 28:</b>	<b>Dennis Robb</b>

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 3rd and continue through August 30th, so come join us!

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



## Scripture Readings for July and August, 2016

Season after Pentecost Year C	First* reading and Psalm	Alternate* First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
<b>Proper 9 (14)</b> Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 3, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	2 Kings 5:1-14  Psalm 30	Isaiah 66:10-14  Psalm 66:1-9	Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
<b>Proper 10 (15)</b> Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 10, 2016	Amos 7:7-17  Psalm 82	Deuteronomy 30:9-14  Psalm 25:1-10	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
<b>Proper 11 (16)</b> Ninth Sunday after Pentecost July 17, 2016	Amos 8:1-12  Psalm 52	Genesis 18:1-10a  Psalm 15	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42
<b>Proper 12 (17)</b> Tenth Sunday after Pentecost July 24, 2016	Hosea 1:2-10  Psalm 85	Genesis 18:20-32  Psalm 138	Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)	Luke 11:1-13
<b>Proper 13 (18)</b> Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost July 31, 2016	Hosea 11:1-11  Psalm 107:1-9, 43	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23  Psalm 49:1-12	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
<b>Proper 14 (19)</b> Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 7, 2016	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20  Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23	Genesis 15:1-6  Psalm 33:12-22	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
<b>Proper 15 (20)</b> Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 14, 2016	Isaiah 5:1-7  Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19	Jeremiah 23:23-29  Psalm 82	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56
<b>Proper 16 (21)</b> Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 21, 2016	Jeremiah 1:4-10  Psalm 71:1-6	Isaiah 58:9b-14  Psalm 103:1-8	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17
<b>Proper 17 (22)</b> Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 28, 2016	Jeremiah 2:4-13  Psalm 81:1,	Sirach 10:12-18  <i>or</i> <i>Proverbs</i>	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14



## Pray for Fairfield Grace Families



*Week of:*

July 3: Charlie Morris, Mulligan family and Sheila Muscott  
July 10: Nagy family, Oneto family and Park family  
July 17: Dorothy Patterson, Cynthia Peck-Humphrey and Dottie Peck  
July 24: George and Barbara Pennell, Pennell family and Peters family  
July 31: Bev Plucker, Marion Prescott and Price family  
August 7: Karl Rempe, Dennis Rich and Robb family  
August 14: Rozelle family, Rush family and Elizabeth Savage  
August 21: Ed Schindler family, Nathan Schindler family and Sherwood family  
August 28: Shirley Sims, Taylor Snook and Spangler family



### Submissions for the Quester:

The deadline for the September Quester is Friday, August 19

[fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net)

We encourage you to submit any ministry updates and news that you would like to share with the congregation via bulletin announcements, inserts and items for our Friday e-News!

All weekly submissions are due to the church office at

[fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net) by **Wednesday at noon**. Thank you!



# MISSION TRIP '16

Dear friends and family,

On July 31, our Fairfield Grace youth group will be departing for a weeklong service mission trip to Braxton County, West Virginia. This is our youth group's third summer participating in the trip through Next Step Ministries, a short-term missions organization committed to achieving long-term community development through life-changing Christ-centered trips for youth.

## BRAXTON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA



We are excited to share some of our personal reasons for participating in this service experience:

I am going on this mission trip to...

"... connect with and help out members of the community."

".... help people in West Virginia who don't have as much as we do in Fairfield County."

"... strengthen my faith in God."

"... help the people I have connected with in past years in West Virginia."

"... keep in touch with my faith and connect with new people."

"... help people that are less fortunate than I am."



Support from friends and family will help me...

"... become more grateful for what I have and to be humble and help others who are less fortunate."

"... overcome my fears."

"... strengthen my connection with God and put smiles on other peoples' faces."

"... help me get closer to God."

"... get to West Virginia and build houses for people in need."

"... give back to the community of West Virginia."

"... be a servant of God and help those that are less fortunate."





## Please pray for this mission trip experience with us.

We would love it if you would pray for this mission trip experience with us. Pray that all 18 of us going will be open to learning from the community we're visiting and grow closer as a group and closer to Jesus. Pray for the Next Step Ministries staff who are living in Braxton County, West Virginia all summer long and who will be leading us during the trip. Pray for the community members who we meet – that we will support and honor them well. Finally, pray that they will connect the love we show with the love Jesus has for them.



We can't wait to share our trip experiences with you at our youth-led service on **Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**.

## Please consider sponsoring our youth group members for some of their participation fees:

In order to go on this trip, each participant has to raise **\$675**. Many members of our team are still working on fundraising for this trip. We are writing this letter in the hope that you will consider supporting them financially.

A gift of \$25, \$50, \$100, \$200, or \$250 would be instrumental in allowing everyone to participate in this mission trip, but any donation is welcome and greatly appreciated.

*All gifts are tax-deductible.*

Please make checks payable to *Fairfield Grace UMC* and indicate "*Mission Trip*" in subject line.

## To sponsor a youth group member:



Send a check or drop an envelope off at the church office:

Fairfield Grace UMC  
1089 Fairfield Woods Road  
Fairfield, CT 06825

Please slide the envelope under the office door  
if the office is closed.

MANY, MANY thanks to those generous members that have already  
donated to this request! It is very appreciated!



### 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
18	Al Plucker
19	Sylvia Blackburn
22	Peter Trifiatis
24	Andrew Harrison
24	Bill Miller
25	Dot Zupansky
30	Shirley Sims

### August Birthdays

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



### July Anniversaries

July 08	Joyce & Dan Aldrich	26 yrs
July 11	Patty & David Jurgielewicz	19 yrs
July 12	Joan & Dennis Robb	30 yrs
July 13	Sylvia & Jim Blackburn	42 yrs
July 20	Laura & Duncan Sherwood	09 yrs
July 29	Judy & Daniel Vindheim	38 yrs

### August Anniversaries

Aug 16	Betsy & Mike McGrath	25 yrs
Aug 17	Judy & Paul Meyer	42 yrs
Aug 21	Suzanne & Joe Sugrue	34 yrs
Aug 22	Myra & Jim Lubeck	52 yrs
Aug 25	Kim & Jim Peters	26 yrs
Aug 26	Georgina & Mel Holdsworth	49 yrs



# A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR BAKERS!!!



At the end of this year's revival of our Spaghetti Suppers, I would like to recognize and publicly thank the great team of bakers who provided the wonderful desserts for the suppers. Their willingness to serve Fairfield-Grace in this ministry made my job an easy one! Hope you all have a restful summer.

All bakers are welcome—if you'd like to bake a dessert either occasionally or on a more regular basis, give me (Judy Meyer) a call at 259-0799, e-mail me at [jpughmeyer@aol.com](mailto:jpughmeyer@aol.com), or call Anne Regan at 374-6528.

Pat Rozelle

Jean Oneto

Bev Wenz

Dottie Daruka

Georgina Holdsworth

Lee Delvecchio

Mary Lou Stock

Fredene Daeschner

Dottie Connelly

Diana Stein

Nancy Hauser

Sheila Muscott

Meghan Tang

Pat McNally

Judy Vindheim

Nancy and Craig Leppla

Martha Wood

Judy Nelson

Dana Jurgielewicz

Judy Meyer



## Note from Financial Team

**"Your Finance Team thanks you for your continuing financial support of our church. As we complete the first half of the year we are happy to report that all our bills are being paid, including keeping up to date with our connectional giving.**

**We know that many of you will be away from church for various reasons over these next two months (July & August). Please keep the church in your prayers, and also please try to keep up your regular giving . We find that some churches close for a month in the summer. We do not do that. In fact we add a service--the early morning patio service on Sunday. We have to keep paying our bills, so we very much need your regular/extra gifts. "**

## Susanna's Circle

**Wednesday, September 15 at 12:00 noon**

The Susanna Ladies Circle (UMW) will not be meeting during July and August. We had a lovely picnic with 20 attendees on June 15th; and we look forward to a similar great attendance at our next gathering which will be Wednesday, September 21st at noon in Fellowship Hall. This will be our Welcome Back Pot Luck lunch and all ladies are invited, so mark your calendars NOW.

Any questions, please contact Georgina Holdsworth in Church,  
or 203-335-7129, or [gholdsworth@optimum.net](mailto:gholdsworth@optimum.net).

There will also be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Hope to see many of you there.

Sunday, May 22, 2016

Dear Fairfield Grace,

After much prayerful consideration and reflection, I have decided to pursue further personal and professional endeavors during the 2016-2017 school year. As many of you know, in addition to leading our youth group, I am a full time Special Education teacher in Greenwich. In this upcoming year I am hoping to move from Fairfield to Stamford to be closer and to look into beginning my Master of Education program, which is required for my teaching certification. After spending a lot of time considering and praying about these new commitments, I realized that I will no longer be able to dedicate the hours that our youth group deserves and requires.

It has been an immense pleasure to serve in this role for the past two years. I have enjoyed building relationships with the youth and adult members of the Fairfield Grace congregation. I appreciate being welcomed so warmly into the congregation by the families, lay leaders, and staff members. I feel lucky to have had the opportunity to plan new events, lead the weekly meetings, community outings, winter retreats and mission trips, organize youth-led services, and worship alongside the youth. Thank you for sharing in my passion about our youth and providing me with all the resources and support I needed to help make our youth ministry program what I hoped it would be.

This role has truly made me a more faithful person. I know it's supposed to be the other way around, but *my* faith has been strengthened in getting to know our youth and young adults and in spending time with them. They have such joy and commitment to God, which has re-sparked the fire of my commitment to Him. I want to thank you all for placing such a priority on our youth in this church. It is SUCH an important ministry. By instilling these beliefs in them and providing them with a place to share and bond in their faith with other young people, you are ensuring that Fairfield Grace remains part of their lives as begin their young adult, and hopefully adult, lives.

I wish all congregation members, lay leaders, parents, and of course, our youth, the best in the upcoming youth group year and in all other great things that are to come to Fairfield Grace.

Faithfully,

Lauren Regan  
Director of Youth Ministries



Lauren with the youth that received scholarship awards at the June 12 Worship Service.





# THE STORY

## A Special Thank You

Were you looking for a story with mystery,  
intrigue, and redemption?  
Well, we found it this past year!

For the past 31 weeks Fairfield Grace has been undergoing a church-wide, unifying experience. We have read The Story. We have learned how all the pieces of the Bible fit together. For many of us, myself included, it was the first reading of God's story from beginning to end.

Three Weekly Bible study groups, the children's Bible study, and Pastor Cho's sermons have all been on the same page. It has been our common thread... all of us sharing this wonderful story together.

I would like to thank all of those who participated this year and hope you have found this experience has strengthened your faith.

I would like to thank all those who volunteered to be our discussion leaders each week... Different perspectives, greater insights.

Two members made outstanding efforts to be with us on Sunday mornings: Joan Swanson who showed us great faith and determination, and Anne Kisseberth who drove many miles on Sunday mornings throughout the winter months to be with us.

I would especially like to thank Karen Price for all her input and encouragement every week. Our discussions were often filled with laughter and moments of great enlightenment.

Finally, thank you to Kun Sam for his gentle guidance and spiritual example, and to Anne Regan who always kept us informed, updated, and right on schedule. Fairfield Grace is blessed to have you both!

Please join us in September as we launch Believe. Now that we know The Story, we will continue to learn and grow in our Christian faith under the tutelage of Randy Frazee. We will learn together how to live like Jesus, act like Jesus, and most importantly apply this to our daily lives.

Thank you all!

Karen Price and Sheila Muscott  
Education Team



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### Participants:

Sheila Muscott, Karen Price, Paul Meyer, Denise Tanno, Greg Tanno, Anne Kisseberth, Nancy Leppla, Bob Darken, Lynette Darken, Eugene Denuette, Deanna Denuette, Dennis Robb, Jennifer Bissell, Nathan Schindler, Fredene Daeschner, Pastor J Daeschner, Bill Miller, Charles Morris, Bob Price, Kristina Joukhadar, Marge Hood, Michelle Krancz, Marge Jenkins, Patricia McNally, Betty Brandt, Al Oneto, Jean Oneto,, Sandra Brown, Georgina Holdsworth, Leah Larson, Dennis Rich, Patricia Altieri, and Suzanne Rebecca.

and more than 6 others who only were able to attend the first half of the sessions.

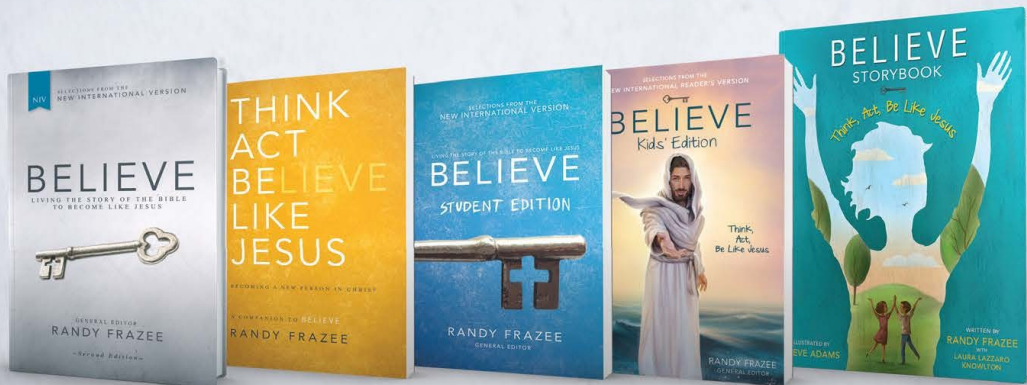
INTRODUCING

# BELIEVE

LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE  
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS



WHAT YOU BELIEVE DRIVES EVERYTHING.



This fall, we are embarking on a 30-week journey called Believe.

We want believers of all ages to be able to answer three driving questions:

- What do I believe?
- What should I do?
- Who am I becoming?

Join us as we learn together how to think, act and be like Jesus.

KNOW WHAT YOU BELIEVE AND WHY IT MATTERS.

Books will be available for purchase through the  
church office shortly





## Letter from Duncan Sherwood



On Saturday, July 30th, I'll be riding my bike to fundraise for the 12th Annual CT Challenge Bike Event. I'm hoping you will be as moved to support my efforts as I am to ride. You can make your donation online by clicking on my personal donation page [www.2016ctchallenge.org/duncansherwood](http://www.2016ctchallenge.org/duncansherwood)

Every dollar I raise goes to the CT Challenge, a unique nonprofit organization dedicated to helping the 14.5 million cancer survivors in Connecticut and throughout the U.S. take back their lives from the many chronic and life threatening after effects of treatment, including recurrence and secondary cancers.

Through the exercise, nutrition and community-building support programs the CT Challenge provides, survivors rebuild, improve and prolong their lives. It's their path forward.

The CT Challenge is a game changer and I'm proud to work on behalf of the thousands of cancer survivors who will benefit from these programs. Please join me. Any contribution would be great! Thank you.

Best Regards,  
Duncan

## Outreach News:

July 25

## Operation Hope Dinner

We are looking for a team to provide the meal for

Operation Hope for the month of July.

Please contact Dot Daruka if you can help in any way

203-366-1509

[ddaruka@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ddaruka@sbcglobal.net)



## *Fall Retreat* "Words for the Way"

(Keys to Spiritual Practice)

*a weekend experience for men and women*

WISDOM HOUSE  
229 East Litchfield Rd.  
Litchfield, CT 06759

September 23-25, 2016  
(Friday, 7:00 p.m. -  
Sunday after lunch)



Sometimes the lack of a simple, doable spirituality undermines the transformation God offers. Our religious structures can become tools to maintain the status quo rather than catalysts for personal and social change. Discover spiritual practices rooted in simple words. "Words for the Way" offers practical wisdom for living a deeper spiritual life, staying true to Jesus' core message while engaging with today's world.

*Led by Reverend Carolyn 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. Carolyn Gibson, 145 Hilltop Drive, Trumbull, CT 06611  
Balance due by September 1st

Questions or Further Details, call (203) 380-1260 email: [cgibsonume@peoplepc.com](mailto:cgibsonume@peoplepc.com)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
			Office Closed		9am - Vacation Bible	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Office Closed						
COMMUNION 8:30am - Patio 10am - Worship 11am - Youth Group 1pm - Faith Circle	Independence Day 7:30pm - Alanon,		7:30pm - AA, Youth			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
CONNECTIONAL 8:30am - Patio 10am - Worship 1pm - Faith Circle	7:30pm - Alanon,		7:30pm - AA, Youth			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:30am - Patio 10am - Worship 1pm - Faith Circle	7:30pm - Alanon, Pastor Cho out of Office		7:30pm - AA, Youth			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Pastor Cho out of Office						
8:30am - Patio 10am - Worship 1pm - Faith Circle	7:30pm - Alanon,		7:30pm - AA, Youth		6pm - Mission Trip	
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Pastor Cho out of Office						
Youth Group Mission Trip						
HEALING TIME @ 8:30am - Patio 10am - Worship 1pm - Faith Circle	7:30pm - Alanon,		7:30pm - AA, Youth			





# August, 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Pastor Cho out of Office						
Youth Group Mission Trip						
HEALING TIME @ 8:30am - Patio 10am - Worship 1pm - Faith Circle	7:30pm - Alanon,		7:30pm - AA, Youth			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Pastor Cho out of Office			7:30pm - AA, Youth			
COMMUNION	Tentative Brainy Alley					
8:30am - Patio 10am - Worship 1pm - Faith Circle	7pm - Serena's Book 7:30pm - Alanon,					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
CONNECTIONAL 8:30am - Patio 10am - Worship 1pm - Faith Circle	7:30pm - Alanon,		7:30pm - AA, Youth			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:30am - Patio 10am - Worship 1pm - Faith Circle	7pm - Scout Leaders 7:30pm - Alanon,		7:30pm - AA, Youth			
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Baptism Francis A HEALING TIME @ 8:30am - Patio 10am - Worship 1pm - Faith Circle	7:30pm - Alanon,	Boy Scouts - Picnic	7:30pm - AA, Youth	10am - Wesley's		