

The Quester



**Fairfield Grace United
Methodist Church**

**April
2017**

A Message from Pastor Cho:

To My Dearest Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Prayer Is Talking with God

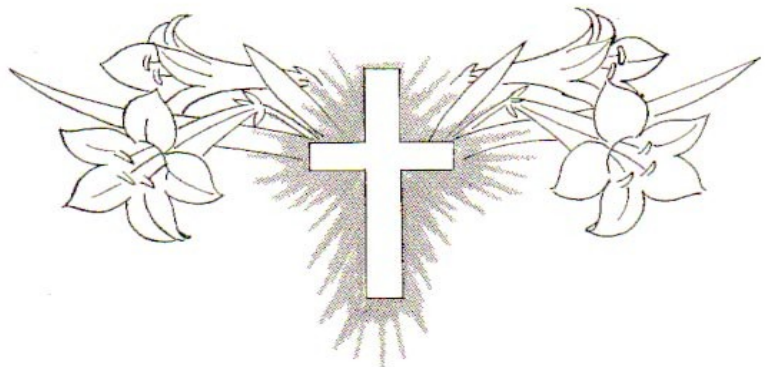
God desires a relationship with humans. We see this throughout the Bible. From the beginning, God communicated with Adam and Eve. Though human sin disrupted the divine/human relationship, God continued to reach out to humanity. Through covenants, God established relationships. God sent prophets and leaders to the people. Finally, God became a person in Jesus Christ. God desires fellowship.

In prayer, we have fellowship with God. God desires us to pray. The psalmist said: "The Lord will hear me when I cry out to him" (Psalm 4:3) God hears – and God answers-prayers. John Knox (c.1514-1572), leader of the Reformation in Scotland said: "Prayer is an earnest and familiar talking with God." We speak, and listen, to God in prayer. We seek God's help when we are in trouble; and we greatly praise God for all the benefits we receive. In all areas of life, we call to God. We express every human motion to the God who hears when we cry out in prayer. Prayer is our lifeline with God. May we make prayer primary in our lives!

~ from "THE SANCTUARY for LENT 2017" by Donald K. McKim

Amen, Amen and Amen.

Kun Sam Cho, your prayer partner



BELIEVE

LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS

BELIEVE Readings

Date	Topic	Memory Verse/Reading	Reading
4/2	Hope	Hebrews 6:19-20	Hebrews 11:1—12:3
4/9	Palm/Passion Sunday	Matthew 21:1-11	Isaiah 50:4-9a
4/16	Easter Sunday	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Hebrews 10:16-25
4/23	Patience	Proverbs 14:29	1 Samuel 26:1-25
4/30	Kindness/Goodness	1 Thessalonians	1 Samuel 20:13-16 & 2 Samuel 9:1-13

Maundy Thursday Service

April 13 at 7:30 pm



Good Friday Tenebrae Service

April 14 at 7:30 pm

Times of Silence and Prayer in the Sanctuary

Friday, April 14

12:00 noon to 3:00 pm and 9:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Ushers

Team #3

Craig Michelson
Karen Benson
Sheila Muscott
Sandra Brown

Fellowship Hour

April 2: Faith Circle
April 9: UMW/Susanna Circle
April 16: Easter
April 23: UMW/Susanna Circle
April 20: UMW/Susanna Circle

Worship Leaders

April 2: Pastor Mygatt
April 9: "exuberant" circle
April 13 (Maundy Thurs): Dot Daruka
April 16 (Easter): Matt Rush
April 23: Peter Lowerson
April 30: Kim Peters

Communion Steward

Deanna Denuette

Sunday School Teachers

April 2: Patty J and Judy V
April 9: Jen B and Cindy B
April 16: Easter
April 23: Eric M and Katie W
April 20: Laura S and Nancy L



**Fairfield Grace Families
in Our Prayers**

Week of:

April 2 : Kristy family, Ingrid LaCoste and Leah Larsen
April 9: Ruth Lasko, LaVista family and Jaedoo Lee
April 16: Leppla family, Llewellyn family and Lopes family
April 23: Peter Lowerson, Lubeck family and Franklyn McLean
April 30: Sally Makowicki, Diane Mastroianni and Barbara McCarthy

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Sunday, April 2: Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

Sunday, April 9: Palm/Passion Sunday

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

Thursday, April 13: Maundy Thursday

7:30 PM Worship Service with Communion

Friday, April 14: Good Friday Tenebrae Service

7:30 PM Tenebrae Service

Sunday, April 16: Easter Sunday

6:00 AM Sunrise Service

10:00 AM Worship Service w/communion

1:00 PM Faith Circle (Korean) Worship Service

Sunday, April 23: Holy Humor Sunday

10:00 am Worship Service



Holy Humor Sunday
Sunday, April 23

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 23.

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.

Easter Flowers
Available to Order

Jeanne Millett is, once again, arranging for assorted spring potted plants to be available for church members to order. They will adorn the Easter altar and can be taken home after the service.

Order Envelopes are in the back of the Sanctuary.

Order deadline is Sunday, April 2.



April Birthdays

04 Connor Sherwood
05 Soon J Lee
09 Jacob Beriguete
07 Kyong Hee Cho
12 Kali Block
14 Colin McGrath

16 Elie Anna Beriguete
17 Ormie Gilbert
18 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 16 yrs
April 25 Mary & Craig Michelson 36 yrs

Healing Service ~ Sunday, April 2 at 10:00 am

We welcome Pastor Debbie Mygatt to Fairfield Grace for a
Healing Service with Communion
on Sunday, April 2 for the 10:00 Worship Service.

Taizé Service

WEEKLY: 9:30 am and 7:00 pm

The last weekly service will be Wed., May 17

MONTHLY: 7:00 pm

The first monthly service will be Wed., June 21 at 7:00 pm

September, October, November, December and March, April, May, June.

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



Midnight Run 2017

Thursday, April 13th

For the Youth

We will be holding a sorting and planning meeting
on **Sunday, April 2nd from 6:00 - 7:30 pm**
ALL Ages welcome.

On **Thursday, April 13th we will start at 6:00 pm** making
sandwiches, soup and preparing the vans for the Run - again
ALL ages welcome, then the group that is going on the RUN
will leave the Church around **8:30 pm**.

FAIRFIELD GRACE CONGREGATION:

Please help us provide clothing donations
for the men we will be serving during Midnight Run.
Drop them off at the church to be collected.

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).

For more information:

contact Matt Rush at
mrush224@gmail.com or at
203-259-1544



Paper Shredding Day

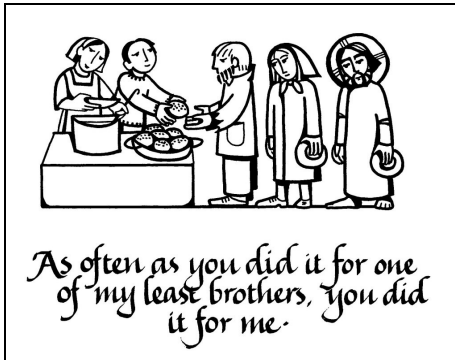


Saturday, May 13, 2017 ~ 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon

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 13. 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

Serving at Golden Hill UMC



**FGUMC Will be Serving at Golden Hill
Wed., Apr 26 and Wed., Jun 28**

Fairfield Grace will assist in serving dinner at Golden Hill UMC in Bridgeport on Wed., Apr 26 and Wed., Jun 28.

Volunteers needed to serve. Please consider volunteering.
Contact Cindy Block at 203-374-2285 or cynblock@att.net.

Susanna Circle

Wed., April 19 at 12:00 noon

Calling all Susanna ladies and whoever wishes to join us. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 19, at noon in Fellowship Hall. Our program will be individual readings of special poems or meaningful short stories that you would like to share with everyone. Please bring a packed lunch; dessert and drinks will be provided.

We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Please contact Marge Hood or Georgina Holdsworth (203-335-7129 or gholdsworth@optimum.net) to let us know if you will be attending.





Crop Walk
Sunday, May 7
2:00 pm

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

Spaghetti Dinner News

Sat, May 13

4:45 PM—6:45 PM



Contact person, Charlene Brauns-Schindler, 203-371-5068.

Middle School Youth News

Grades 6-8

Saturday, April 1 ~ Easter Bunny Breakfast

8:30 – 10:30 AM

Help host this fun community event

Friday, April 7 ~ Hunt in the Dark

7:30 – 9:30 PM

Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 2 ~ Midnight Run Preparation

6:30 – 7:30 PM



Thursday, April 13 ~ Midnight Run

6:00 – 8:30 PM

Make Sandwiches and Pack Van



SAVE THE DATE

International Taste of Fairfield Grace

Sunday, May 21, 2017

Fairfield Grace United Methodist Church
1089 Fairfield Woods Road

4pm to 5pm

Storyteller Laconia Therrio

Stories from the Americas,
African continent, Europe and Asia



5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

International Tasting Tables

Sip, sample and mingle as you
experience cultures from around the world

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017



What: An exciting week where kids discover their strength in God through Bible stories and with the use of music, crafts, rec, and science!

Where: Fairfield Grace United Methodist Church

1089 Fairfield Woods Road, Fairfield, CT

When: June 26th - June 30th, 2017

Time: 9:00am - 12 noon

Register online! www.myvbs.com/fairfieldgraceumc

Open to children Pre-K to 5th Grade, 4 years of age and older

Please contact the VBS Director, Emily Wood, for more information: emcwood11@gmail.com

Church office: (203) 374-6528

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HAROLD AND BETTY HARRIS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Initial Application for Scholarship Award (2017-2018)

(Please send this completed form with attached letters of recommendation to the church office)
NO LATER THAN APRIL 15

Name _____ Telephone (Home and Cell) _____
Address _____ Email/Text _____
High School _____ GPA/ _____
College/University _____

Church activities in which you have participated at Fairfield-Grace (give number of years/dates):

Church/Sunday School/Youth Group Attendance: _____

List any church activities and nature of your participation including any leadership roles:
(PLEASE ATTACH LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM AN ADULT WHO HAS SUPERVISED OR AT LEAST OBSERVED YOUR PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES)

Community work or volunteer experiences:

(PLEASE ATTACH LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM AN ADULT WHO HAS SUPERVISED OR AT LEAST OBSERVED YOUR PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES)

What are your objectives for college and the future, and how will your faith life be part of it? _____

(PLEASE FILL OUT FORM COMPLETELY. USE SEPARATE PAGES IF NEEDED)

Signed _____ Date _____

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HAROLD AND BETTY HARRIS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Re-application for Scholarship Award (2017-2018)

(Please send this completed form with attached letters of recommendation to the church office)
NO LATER THAN APRIL 15

Name _____ Telephone (Home and Cell) _____
Home Address _____ Email/Text _____
College/Univ. Address _____ Email/Text _____
Your class level next fall: Soph/Jr./Sr. _____ Current GPA _____

Fairfield Grace attendance/activities when home from college: _____
List church activities and nature of your participation including any leadership role (Yrs./Dates):
(PLEASE ATTACH LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM AN ADULT WHO HAS SUPERVISED OR AT LEAST OBSERVED YOUR PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES)

How are you keeping an active faith life while in college? _____

Work and/or volunteer experiences at college or during breaks and summers:
(PLEASE ATTACH LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM AN ADULT WHO HAS SUPERVISED OR AT LEAST OBSERVED YOUR PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES)

What are your objectives for the future, and how will your faith life be part of it? _____

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Signed _____ Date _____

BELIEVE

DATE	CHAPTER	TOPIC
4/2/17	25	Hope
4/9/17		Easter Study 1 <i>Palm Sunday</i>
4/16/17		Easter Study 2 <i>Easter Sunday</i>
4/23/17	26	Patience
4/30/17	27	Kindness/Goodness
5/7/17	28	Faithfulness
5/14/17	29	Gentleness <i>Mother's Day</i>
5/21/17	30	Humility
5/28/17		Pentecost Study 1 <i>Memorial Day Sunday</i>
6/4/17		Pentecost Study 2 <i>Pentecost</i>
6/11/17		Celebration of the "Believe" Journey

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN REGULAR SCHEDULE THIS LENTEN SEASON

Weekly Discussion Groups

Wednesday at 10:10 am (Faith Circle); Thursday at 6:45 pm; and Sunday at 9:00 am

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 Thursday, April 20.



First Annual Methodist Nursery School Art Show

Thursday, April 27 ~ 6:30 pm–7:30 pm

The Nursery School invites the Fairfield Grace Congregation to its First Annual Art Show showcasing the creative work of its students. Artwork will be on display in Fellowship Hall. The Nursery School staff and teachers welcome you to join them and Nursery School families on Thursday, April 27 from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm for a reception and light refreshments.

THE LAST WORD

A new feature to our Quester Newsletter!

Every month, we will highlight a church member as a way to get to know more about our brothers and sisters in the Fairfield Grace Congregation.

This month, Wayne Brown interviewed Arthur Thomas, a long time church member. Please read below to find out more about Art...

ARTHUR THOMAS

Arthur Thomas is the most senior, active member of Grace U. M. Church. Born 1923 at Jamestown, NY, Art had a sister and brother who have passed on. His dad and mother came from Greece, but had to speak Albanian at home because of his grandmother.

Art remembered the depression. "In my time there wasn't any money," he said. "No cars, few bicycles. During the massive depression, 1931 to 1939, everyone one was broke and poor." He played stick ball and liked high school baseball in St. Louis. After graduation, he worked a year to earn college money. He went to Washington University until the Army drafted him in 1943. They needed to take back Pacific Islands from the Japanese.

Dug-in on the beaches, he tried to keep his men alive and fighting as their corporal. Next he was in bloody fighting on Okinawa's beaches for about another year. He made sergeant, earning a Distinguished Service Cross. "It didn't bother me killing the enemy," he said "because that would get us home. It bothered me when friends, whom I had fought with for maybe a year, were killed." Asked if it happened near him he said, "Oh yes!"

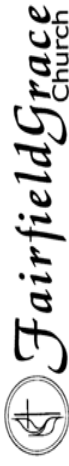
After discharge, he continued at Washington U. and received a BSEE. He went to work for a major electrical manufacturer and in six years became Chief Engineer. When transferred to CT, as Sales Manager, he bought his Fairfield home. His wife Jill joined Grace, and sometime after retirement Art joined. "I enjoy the church and the people," he said. (Just as we enjoy and respect Art.) "I might reach 100," he said smiling. Good!

~ Wayne Brown





April, 2017



Services in various venues

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 HEALING TIME @ Sanctuary 9am - Believe Discussion 9:15am - Choir Review 10am - Worship 11:15am - Baby Shower 1pm - Faith Circle	27 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @ 7:30pm - Scout Leaders Mtg 9:15am - Choir Review 10am - Worship 11:15am - Baby Shower 1pm - Faith Circle	28 10am - Visit Pastor at Panera 7:30pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal	29 9:30am - Taizé Prayer Service 7pm - Boy Scouts, Fellowship 7pm - Taizé Prayer Service 7:30pm - AA, Youth Room	30 6:45pm - Believe 7pm - FA, Youth Room 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	31 8:30am - Bunsy Breakfast 2pm - Brainy Alley Tutor	1 8:30am - Bunsy Breakfast 2pm - Brainy Alley Tutor
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9 CONNCTIONAL SUNDAY HYMN SING SUNDAY PALMPASSION SUNDAY 9am - Adult Bible Study 9:15am - Choir Review 10am - Worship 1pm - Faith Circle	10 7pm - Serena's Book Club - Hood 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @	11 10am - Visit Pastor at Panera 7:30pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal	12 9:30am - Taizé Prayer Service 10:10am - Faith Circle Believe 7pm - Boy Scouts, Fellowship 7pm - Finance Meeting 7pm - Taizé Prayer Service 7:30pm - AA, Youth Room	13 Thomas Jefferson's Birthday 8pm - Midnight Run 7pm - FA, Youth Room 7:30pm - Chancel Choir 7:30pm - Maundy Thursday 8:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	14 13pm - Time of Silence and 7:30pm - Good Friday Tenebrae 9pm - Time of Silence and Prayer	15 Sanctuary, Flower set up 2pm - Brainy Alley Tutor, no
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