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Fairfield Grace United Methodist Church

October 2017

A Message from Pastor Cho:

To My Dearest Fairfield Grace Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus,

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Rev. Alpher Syvester, our newly appointed District Superintendent, preached at the District Clergy Gathering held on Thursday, September 21, at Meriden UMC in CT. The passage he chose for the message was Psalm 100, a psalm of thanksgiving. What an empowering and inspirational message he delivered! It molded me afresh and charged me anew. These questions came to my mind naturally after listening to the message: Do we, Fairfield Grace, make a joyful noise to the Lord? Do we gather and worship the Lord with gladness? Do we give thanks to God for His steadfast love and faithfulness to all generations? What do you say? Worshiping is a time of celebration for all the things God has done through Christ for us. It is a time to remember and praise God, our Creator, our Sustainer and our Savior. It is also a time to remember that we belong to God and we are God's people on earth. What a privilege it is. Surely, we should not take this blessing for granted.

Make it a holy discipline to observe the Sabbath and worship the Lord every Sunday, and your weekly living will be filled with joy and thanksgiving. Invite not only yourself but also your FRAN (Friends, Relatives, Associates and Neighbors) to "make a joyful noise to the Lord" with you. A survey says that the personal invite is much more effective than a brochure in the letterbox or a sign outside the church.

"Bob, let's go golfing. What a beautiful day!" his neighbor, Tom asked him on Sunday morning. "Tom, sorry. I am going to church." Sunday after Sunday, Tom was persistent in asking Bob to play golf together. Bob kept saying, "No. I gotta go and worship on Sundays." On a Sunday, as usual, Tom asked Bob to go play golfing, and Bob answered Tom, "No." Then, as Tom was ready to hit the road to the course, he turned to Bob and asked, "Bob, I am just wondering. I keep asking you to play golf with me every Sunday. Why don't you invite me to go to church and worship with you?" Think of one or two FRANs who might have been waiting for your invitation for a long time.

What stops us from inviting our friends to church? Steven Kryger has come up with 12 reasons why we don't invite our friends to church. 1. We believe that church is primarily for Christians. 2. We have asked all of our friends already. 3. We don't know anyone who isn't a Christian. 4. We don't know any unbelievers

well enough. 5. Our friends live too far away. 6. We don't believe that church is the best next step for them. 7. We don't think our friends would like it. 8. We wouldn't be able to look after them. 9. We aren't confident they would be welcomed. 10. We aren't confident the service will be good. 11. We don't know how to ask a friend to church. 12. We are afraid of what they might think, say or do if we asked them. You might have more reasons to stop inviting your FRANs to Fairfield Grace. Let me tell you one sure reason we need to invite them to worship with us. We have Good News to share with them. Just say, "Come and see!" and they will meet God, Who is always ready to welcome them.

Do you know we have two Sunday worship services at Fairfield Grace? Besides the 10 am morning service, we do have another one in the afternoon at 1 pm. It is a Korean worship service. These days about 17-18 people gather and make a joyful noise with gladness, thanksgiving and praise. Let your Korean speaking FRANs in our community know about this worship opportunity at Fairfield Grace. If you happen to miss the 10 am service, I encourage you to come and worship at 1 pm. You won't be disappointed at all because I know and

believe you will encounter our risen Lord in our midst.

Yes, there is another service known as Taizé Prayer Service. It is comprised of singing, listening, meditating, praying, either speaking or in silence. Come and see how wonderful it is to take time to give thanks to God for his steadfast love and faithfulness. Come and rest in this calm and serene holy ground. The next Taizé service is scheduled at 7 pm on Wed., Oct. 18.

See you and your FRAN soon at church!!

Blessings, Kun Sam, your M&M partner

Scripture Readings for October, 2017

October 1, 2017 Revelation 1:4-8, Revelation 2:1-7, Revelation 3:14-21, Revelation 5:11-21,

Revelation 21:1-4, 22-27

October 8, 2017 John 3:16-17; Ephesians 1:11-14

October 15, 2017 John 1:1-3; Genesis 1:1-2; Colossians 1:15-16

October 22, 2017 Mark 8:27-30; Matthew 9:4-7, 11:11, 12:6, 28:18; John 4:12-14; John 14:13-14

October 29, 2017 Matthew 27:32-56; 2 Corinthians 5:21, Isaiah 53:3-7; Galatians 3:13;

Romans 5:6-8



Ushers

Team #2

Craig Michelson Karen Benson Sheila Muscott Sandra Brown

Children's Messengers

Rev. Kun Sam Cho Oct 1:

Oct 8: Franklyn McLean

Nubia Jaramillo-Pennell Oct 15:

Fredene Daeschner Oct 22: Oct 29: Rev. Kun Sam Cho

Fellowship Hour

United Methodist Men

Worship Leaders

Oct 1: Kim Peters

Oct 8: Cassie Llewellyn

Oct 15: Jill Bowcock

Oct 22: Peter Lowerson

Oct 29: **Bob Price**

Communion Steward

Karen Benson



Taizé Service MONTHLY: 7:00 pm (3rd Wed of the month)



Monthly services to resume September, 2017

2017: October 18, November 15, December 20 (Blue Christmas)

2018: February 14 (Ash Wednesday), March 21, April 18, May, 16 and June 20

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

Adult Bible Study ~ 2017-2018

"The Story of Heaven"

by Randee Frazee and Max Lucado – 3 sessions
Sunday: 10/1

We begin a new series on Oct 4

"More to Your Story: Discover Your Place in God's Plan"

by Max Lucado – 6 sessions

Weekly Discussion Groups in Hood Parlor:

Wednesdays at 10:00 am, Thursdays at 6:45 pm & Sundays at 9:00 am Sermons on Sundays at 10:00 am Worship Service

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to Your Story	10/22/17	3	You Hear a Voice You Can Trust	
to	10/29/17	4	You Won't Be Forsaken	
More	11/5/17	5	Your Final Chapter Becomes a Preface	
2	11/12/17	6	You Will Finally Graduate	Veterans Day Sunday

There is <u>no</u> requirement to purchase the reading materials.

Please contact the church office for information on where to find them, if you would like to order them.

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Please join Pastor Cho, and the men of Fairfield Grace and the men of the Bridgeport Church Cluster for breakfast with the newly appointed Connecticut District Superintendent of the New York Conference Rev. Alpher Sylvester.

Breakfast with Rev. Alpher Sylvester

Saturday, Oct 28 at 9:00 am

Fairfield Grace UMC
1089 Fairfield Woods Road

Alpher was ordained elder in the New York Conference in 2010. He has served

congregations in St. Albans (Grace), Brooklyn (Bethel and Bethany), and Ridgewood (St. John's). He holds a masters of public administration (magna cum laude) from CUNY and a masters of divinity (cum laude) from Drew University. Currently, he is in the writing phase of his doctoral degree at Drew University. He and his spouse, Carlene, have two sons,



Nicholas and Simon, and a daughter, Vanessa. Two areas of strengths he brings to ministry are administrative skills and a disciplined effort to fervent spirituality.



Rev. Kun Sam Cho, *Pastor* kunsamcho92@gmail.com 914-319-4241

Wesley Circle

Next Meeting is **Thursday, Oct 5** at 10:00 am at Fairfield Grace. Rev. Jong Sung Kim will join us to talk about his recent bone marrow transplant.

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, October 28 at 8:00 am—breakfast with our new District Superintendent, **Rev. Alpher Sylvester**. See above for details.

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World Communion Sunday ~ Sharing of Bread October 1

We invite you to bring your ethnic bread to the Communion Table
Sunday, October 1
in honor of World Communion Sunday.



After the Service we will share the breads in the Fellowship Hall.

Baby Shower for Baby Boy DeNeutte Sun., Oct 15 at 11:00 am



Ladies of Fairfield Grace are invited to a Baby Shower following the 10:00 am service on Sunday, October 15 in honor of Baby Boy Deneutte, hosted by Katie White.

I am still looking for help with baby boy decorations, 3 games, and a cake. Feel free to text me at 607-379-8252 if you can help. The baby shower will happen immediately after the 10:00 am church service.

Don't forget to RSVP to Katie White at youngadults.families@gmail.com. Hope to see you there! Deanna is registered at Babies"R"Us.

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



Thurs., Oct 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

4:45 PM-6:45 PM



Remaining Dates This Year:

November 11, March 10 and May 12

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

ALL SAINTS DAY NOVEMBER 5

On Sunday, November 5 at the 10:00 Worship Service, we will be remembering all those that passed away last year.

We are asking you to send a photo of your loved one to be remembered.

We will project the images on to a screen
as we read the names during the service.

Please contact Anne in the church office at 203-374-6528 or at fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net with any names you would like to include.

Please send photos to email above or drop off at the office.

Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 27th, 2016

5:30-6:00 Fun Games

6:00-6:30 Hotdogs and Chips

6:30-7:00 Trunk or Treat



Contact Katie at youngadults.families@gmail.com

<u>Purpose:</u> great outreach, safe way to trick or treat for kids, uniting as a community, and having fun!

What's a Trunk or Treat: Decorate your trunk and bring candy. Children will be dressed in costumes as they trick or treat at your trunk.

<u>Trunk or Treat Example Themes:</u> American Pride, Fall Decorations, Noah's Ark, Christmas Theme, Knitting Shop, Easter, Any Kid Friendly Theme. Feel free to ask about theme ideas. I would love to help!

Ways to Participate:

Run a Game Serve Hotdogs Donate Material Donate Food (must be nut-free)

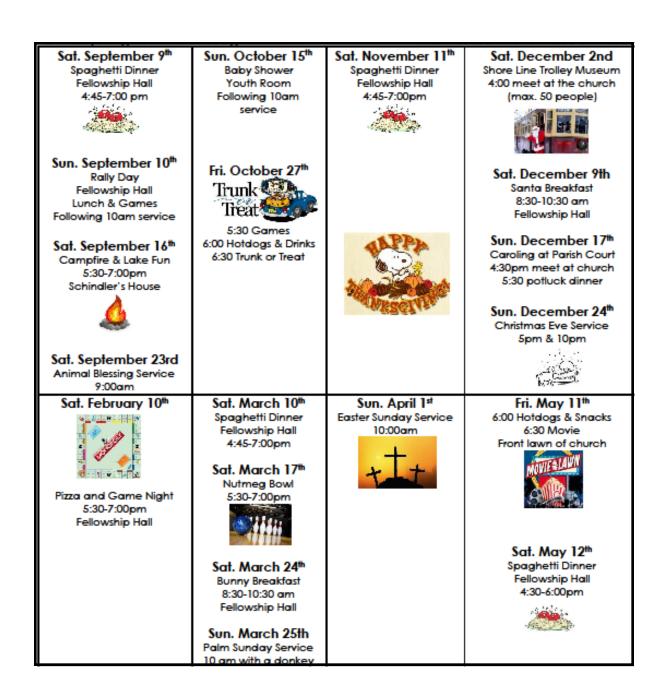
Decorate Your Trunk and/or Hand out Candy

Fairfield Grace United Methodist Church Young Adults/Families Events ~ 2017-2018 Calendar Katie White

Young Adults and Families Ministry Coordinator

Youngadults.families@gmail.com

Please join Fairfield Grace Families throughout the year. All are welcome. Please contact Katie White if you plan on attending any of these events to ensure you are included on e-vites and up-to-date details. Let the fun and memories begin!



Fairfield Grace Families in Our Prayers



Week of:

Oct 1: Aldrich family, Pat Altieri and Amoo family

Oct 8: Barbara Bacarella, Bailey family and Conniee Bellarini
Oct 15: Bedson family, Karen Benson and Beriguete family
Oct 22: Bissell family, Blackburn family and Block family
Oct 29: Bowcock family, Betty Brandt and Sharon Brescia



October Birthdays

October Anniversaries

7 yrs 24 yrs 18 yrs 34 yrs

Submissions to Bulletin Announcements and Friday e-News

All submissions are due to the church office at fair-fieldgrace@sbcglobal.net by Tuesday at noon for that week's editions. Thank you!

Deadline for the November Issue of the Quester is Fri., October 20

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Lori Stimpson

Finley Havens

Emily Wood

Eric VanScoy 13 Ben Abbott 15 15 Patty Jurgielewicz 15 Logan Stein 16 Allen Gyang 17 Karen Price 21 Randy Russo 21 **Art Thomas** 22 Kirk Anderson 22 **Judy Meyer** 26 Joanne Hus

Greg Tanno

Directory Update

Bill Hillyard: 1007 Woodland Point; West des Moines, Iowa 50266

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Troop 88 News



Boy Scout Troop 88, chartered by The Men's Club at Fairfield Grace, has resumed their meetings after the summer vacation break. Not that the boys took a break from Scouting! During the summer, over 15 Scouts from Troop 88 went to the National Jamboree in West Virginia, and over 50 Scouts spent a week at Boy Scout summer camp. A handful even went to Youth Leadership Training for a week, either as attendees or as staff counselors. The first adventure of the school year took 21 youth and 7 adults on a whitewater rafting and overnight camping trip mid-September. Despite the occupants of one boat taking an unexpected swim, it was hard to tell who was having more fun - the Scouts, or the adult leaders - as they navigated Class 1 and Class 2 rapids, had splash wars, and swam in the Deerfield River. Cherry chocolate dump cake made in the Dutch Oven over the campfire and sleeping in tents under perfect camping conditions rounded out a great weekend for our Scouts. The Scouts of Troop 88 look forward to sharing their upcoming adventures with you.

Methodist Nursery School Registration

MNS would like to inform the congregation that priority registration for Fairfield Grace families for the 2018-2019 school year begins on



Monday, October 9

Call the Nursery School office at 203-374-6548 to find out more .

On Monday, October 2 and Tuesday, October 3, Pastor Cho will be in Stony Point,

New York at a Tri-District Retreat with the Bishop.

From October 9 to October 18, Pastor Cho will be in Thailand serving as a lecturer at a seminary there.



Church Council Minutes for September 20, 2017

Present: Pastor Cho, Georgina Holdsworth, Michelle Krancz, Nancy Leppla, Paul Meyer, Eric Monkman, Sheila Muscott, Al Oneto, Jean Oneto, Bob Price, Karen Price, Laura Sherwood, Katie White, Martha Wood

Opening Prayer: Kristina Joukhadar

Kristina presented an update on the Refugee Resettlement Project- Easton ACTS.

A goal of \$10,000 has been set to sponsor a family for their first 6 months of settlement. The hope is that after 6 months the family will have a job, a home, and begin to become self-sufficient. The sponsors have united under the banner of Easton ACTS, a group of several churches including Fairfield Grace and the Covenant Church of Easton. As of this date, \$3500 has been donated by Fairfield Grace and the current tally of funds is \$5200, with other fundraising events planned for the upcoming weeks.

Training of 3 members of the Easton ACTS team will take place on September 28 by the Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services organization in New Haven. A ruling of the number of refugees allowed in the US is scheduled for October 1. Kristina will keep Fairfield Grace updated on the progress of this project and how Fairfield Grace can continue its help and support.

The Welcoming Team was busy last week greeting the Nursery School children and parents to start off the new school year. Georgina thanked those who turned out to help at the welcoming table with cookies and warm smiles: Bev Wenz, Lee Del Vecchio, Myra Lubeck and, of course, Fredene Daeschner.

Georgina has sent out between 80 and 100 letters collected from the real estate purchase section to let them know about Fairfield Grace and our Christmas and Thanksgiving Services. There is also a new church brochure that has been printed with updated church programs and activities that will be put in the pews to replace the old, outdated ones.

Jean Oneto updated us on the Music Program. On December 10 there will be a Cantata featuring an orchestra and a trained soprano. This was generously funded by an anonymous donor. Jean would like to put another ad in the newspaper for additional bell ringers.

Laura Sherwood reported for the Worship Team. A blessing of the animals will take place on Saturday, September 23 at 9 A.M.

Eric Monkman gave his report for the Mission Team. Nubia's backpack program was very successful over the summer. Monies will go to the orphanage in Ecuador to repair the playground. Operation Hope will be done by the Faith Circle this month and Cindy Block is again looking for volunteers for this worthy cause.

Panera Bread generously donates bread on Monday mornings that is picked up. There is additional need for someone to pick up bread on Fridays to go to the Shelter if there are any volunteers, please speak to Eric.

There will be Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets put together this year for needy families. The proceeds from the Santa Breakfast will benefit this. Fairfield Grace and the Nursery School will coordinate their efforts to adopt a needy family for the Christmas Season.

The Scholarship fund raised \$5,000 thanks to the outstanding efforts of Patty Jurgielewicz and the August Tag Sale.

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This year's Bible Study Program is underway. Please consider attending a Wednesday, Thursday Evening or Friday morning group. The program begins with a video based on a timely, provocative topic over the course of the year including: "The Story of Heaven", "Anxious for Nothing" by Max Lucado, "A way Through the Wilderness" by Rob Renfoe, "Journey Toward a Full Life in Christ" by Nick Cunningham, "Top 10 Methodist Beliefs" by Don Adams and "Five Means of Grace". The Study will focus on Bible Scripture and group discussions based on the videos. Please consider joining us for one or all to strengthen your faith. There is no reading involved.

Karen Price is excited to announce that the children's Sunday School will be journeying through the life of Christ throughout the year. This will be coordinated with computer programs for each lesson. Thanks to Katie White for her great efforts.

Karen was pleased to announce that the Sunday School will work together with the Nursery School for help fund the Seeing Eye Dog Fund.

Nancy Leppla thanked everyone for a very fun Rally Day. Lots of desserts! Good participation. Events for the upcoming year include: Santa Breakfast, Bunny Breakfast, and the International Taste. On October 29th there will be a Pot Luck after church.

Katie White gave an update on Youth and Young Families. Katie has distributed calendar of upcoming activities to encourage young families to participate and THEN come to church. She has worked hard to get the word out: Texting, library, social networking. She is looking for feedback from families for areas of interest.

Kun Sam would like to work with Katie to extend Taize to all Youth.

A bright new banner is up along the side of our church welcoming all to come. Additions to the memorial tree will be coming out within the next month. The Downspouts are fixed and there is a plan to extend the driveway and improve parking and pickup for the Nursery School.

Martha Wood was pleased to announce the all apportionments are up to date. She reminded church members to fill out the necessary forms for any funding requests. Any budget proposals need to be submitted by the end of October for next year's budget.

October 28: Breakfast with the new D.S., Rev. Alpher Sylvester, who will speak to the Men's Group. November 12th is the date for the Stewardship dinner. November 18th is the Craft Fair.

December 27th at 7:00 the new District Superintendent Rev. Alpher Sylvester will be at Fairfield Grace.

Kun Sam asked all church members to recognize all of Anne Regan's efforts. She is such a wonderful asset to our church.

Kun Sam is at Panera on Tuesdays meeting new people and spreading his message.

Closing Prayer: Kun Sam

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Muscott















Blessing of the Animals September 23, 2017







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MISSION SUNDAY	7pm - Scout Leaders Mtg	10am - Visit Pastor/Panera	10am - Bible Study	6:45pm - Bible Study, HP	5:30pm - Trunk or Treat	Troop 88 committee meeting
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HEALING TIME @ Sanctuary	7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @	Halloween	10am - Bible Study	10am - Wesley's Circle, Hood		7pm - Troop 88 PLC Meeting
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