The Quester



Fairfield Grace United Methodist Church

November 2017

A Message from Pastor Cho:

To My Dearest Fairfield Grace sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

"Work as if everything depends on you. Pray as if everything depends on God."

Every Wednesday at 9:30 am in the sanctuary we have decided to pray as if everything depends on God. Wherever you might be on Wednesday morning at 9:30 am, I encourage you to take time to pray for our Fairfield Grace church family and ministries and missions.



Last week, right after returning from my mission trip to Thailand, I opened an email from the district office and was mesmerized by its content. It is about the invitation to all the clergy in the district to gather and pray weekly, visiting each local church in the district. Guess which day they have decided to gather? Wednesday! What time? Yes, at 9:30 am. What a pleasant and sheer coincidence! Of course, we believers do not take any events as accidental. Joyfully and thankfully in Christ, I was convinced that the Lord has confirmed our praying together ministry at Fairfield Grace. Know that I have signed up Fairfield Grace on Wednesday, December 27, when we are scheduled to have the 2017 Church conference in the evening. Some of the clergy men and women in the district are expected to come and gather in our sanctuary to pray for and with us. Hallelujah!

When Jesus sent his disciples out to the world, He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Listen to him carefully. Did he say, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore go now and work more and harder?" No. That is not what he said. He said, "Therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." In another words he asked his disciples to pray for laborers to work together. That is exactly what I would like to pray for with you. "Send us more laborers to work for the harvest." I do believe God, who is good all the time, will answer our prayers sooner or later.

Many of us are frustrated by the fact that they cannot do what they used to do for the church due to lack of transportation and physical ailments. Surely praying ceaselessly is what we can do for the church. Our joy of doing missions and ministries together as God's people will be added week by week as we take a time together every Wednesday at 9:30 am.

It's coming...... November 19!

We pray and God listens. God speaks and we listen. We ask and God responses. God provides and we shout, "Hallelujah!" Prayers change things. Yes, prayers change everything. Now is the right time for Fairfield Grace UMC to pray persistently to God. Join me in having high expectations of seeing what our wonderful and powerful God will do for us and with us here at Fairfield Grace.

Let's pray as if everything depends on God, while we work as if everything depends on us.

In Jesus Christ, Kun Sam, your M&M partner

Ps. Taking this opportunity, a special thanks goes to Fredene for her ardent spirit for this congregational praying ministry. Praise be to God.

Fairfield Grace Families in Our Prayers



Week of:

Nov 5: Sandra Brown, Wayne Brown and Marge Campbell Nov 12: Capalbo family, Mary Carreau and Florence Catone

Nov 19: Rev Kun Sam and Kyong Hee Cho, Choi family and Ruth Citarella

Nov 26: Dottie Connelly, Conroy family and Daeschner family

Scripture Readings for November, 2017

November 5 2017

Luke 18:31-33 & 24:45-47; 1 Corinthians 15:42-55; John 11:17-27

1 Corinthians:35-44; Mark7:31-35; James 5:13-16; 1 John 3:2; Romans 7:15-19; Revelations 22:1-3; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

November 19, 2017

Philippians 4:4-8; Psalm 56:3; Matthew 6:25-34; 1 Peter 5:6-8; Isaiah 45:9-12

November 26, 2017

Galation 5:22-25; Philippians 2:13; 2 Peter 1:3; Romans 8:38-39; John 14:16-17; Psalm 139:7-10



Ushers

Team #1

Ed Stock

Bob Watson

Charlie Morris

Art Thomas

Children's Messengers

Nov 5: Rev. Kun Sam Cho

Nov 12: Franklyn McLean

Nov 19: Nubia Jaramillo-Pennell

Nov 26: Fredene Daeschner

Communion Steward

Karen Benson/Deanna Deneutte

Fellowship Hour

Nov 5: Faith Circle

Nov 12: Georgina Holdsworth

Nov 19: Consecration Sunday Luncheon

Nov 26: UMW

Worship Leaders



Nov 5: Cameron Bowcock

Nov 12: *Chris Leppla*

Nov 19: Kim Peters

Nov 26: Matt Rush



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



2017: 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.

2017 CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS COMING

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance/stewardship teams have selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. New Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday on **November 19**th, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and church council members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Al Oneto, Church Council Chair Scott Stimpson, Consecration Sunday Chair



Adult Bible Study ~ 2017-2018

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

by Max Lucado – 6 sessions Sundays: Nov 5 and 12

We begin a new series on Nov 19

"Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World"

by Max Lucado – 5 sessions

Sundays: Nov 19 & 26, Dec 3, 10 & 17.

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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	11/19/17	1	Rejoice in the Lord Always	New Consecration Sunday
s for	11/26/17	2	Let Your Gentleness Be Known to All	
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Anx	12/10/17	4	The Peace of God	Second Sunday of Advent
	12/17/17	5	Meditate on These Things	Third Sunday of Advent
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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.

Help Operation Hope Restock their Pantries

The Outreach Committee is asking Fairfield Grace Families to bring

Canned Fruit and Toothbrush

to church during the

month of November

Spaghetti Dinner ~ Sat, Nov 11

Saturday from 4:45 PM—6:45 PM



Please contact Charlene Schindler at cbsfive5@gmail.com or at 203-371-5068 if you can help set up, prepare food, serve, clean up. Volunteers Needed.

Remaining Dates: Saturdays, March 10 and May 12

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.

Warm Coats, Boots, Hats and Gloves Needed

IRIS (Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Service) is asking for winter coats, boots, hats and gloves to give to refugees so they will be ready for this winter. Unfortunately, they cannot take any other clothing at this time. Please bring any donations to the church. If you have any questions, please contact

Kristina Joukahadar at 203-255-4814 or kjoukhad@optonline.net.

SUSANNA CIRCLE

Wednesday, November 15

Guest Speaker: Dr. Aida Mansoor

12:00 noon

Please bring a bagged lunch. Dessert and drinks will be provided. Our speaker will be Dr. Aida Mansoor, a Moslem Chaplain. This meeting is open to all ladies of the congregation, and any men who would like to join us.

Please contact Georgina Holdsworth either in Church or at gholdsworth@optimum.net with any questions.

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

Thurs., Nov 16

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.



Holiday Gift Fair

November 18, 2017

10:00-4:00

Our own exciting and wonderful Holiday Fair will have excellent Christmas gifts . Please gather your friends and bring to shop for their holiday gifts.

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Troop 88



Fall Clean-up Saturday, November 18 starting at 7:00 am

Boy Scout Troop 88 will be on site at the Church on Saturday morning, November 18 at 7:00 am working to clean up the church grounds for the fall. Church members are always welcome and any help is appreciated.

Please bring any leaf blowers, rakes and tarps if you have them.

Many hands make light work!

A Note of Gratitude

Dear Friends at Fairfield Grace:

I wish to thank all, most sincerely, for your prayers, good wishes and cards, cheering me greatly as I work to return to better health. It has meant a great deal to me and helped immensely.

Love and thanks to all, Ormie Gilbert

December Events at Fairfield Grace

Saturday, December 2:

Young Adult and Families to Trolley Museum

Sunday, December 3:

First Sunday in Advent, 10:00 Worship Service

Saturday, December 9:

Breakfast with Santa, 8:30-10:30 am

Sunday December 10:

Cantata Sunday at 10:00 Worship Service Second Sunday in Advent

Monday, December 11:

Serena's Book Club at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 13:

UMW and UMM Luncheon 12:00

Thursday, December 14:

Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:00-6:45 pm

Saturday, December 16:

"exuberant Circle" at 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 17:

Christmas Pageant at 10:00 Worship Service
Third Sunday in Advent
and Caroling at Parish Court at 4:30 pm

Wednesday, December 20:

Susanna Circle Lunch at 12:00 noon Blue Taizé Service at 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 24: Christmas Eve

Fourth Sunday in Advent, 10:00 Worship Service 5:00 pm: Family Service 10:00 pm: Candlelight Service

Monday, December 25:

Christmas Day, No Service

Wednesday, December 27

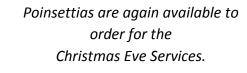
District Clergy Prayer Gathering at FGUMC at 9:30 am

Serve Dinner at Golden Hill UMC at 4:45 pm

Annual Church Conference at 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 31:

10:00 am Worship Service



Deadline to order is December 11.

Cost per plant: \$9.50.

Ordering envelopes will be distributed soon.





Ho! Ho! Ho!

Santa is coming to Fairfield-Grace on December 9!

It's that time again; time to start "Making a list, and checking it twice!" Santa will be coming to Fairfield-Grace on **December 9 for our Annual Breakfast with Santa from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** The morning will feature our usual hearty breakfast including pancakes, eggs and sausage, craft activities and plenty of fellowship.

Eating Breakfast with Santa is a great way for the whole family to get in the Christmas spirit and enjoy this magical time! Throughout the morning, Santa will be sitting in his usual rocking chair ready to visit with the children and hear their special requests. Bring your cameras along to capture these memorable moments!

Admission is free! Fairfield-Grace will be collecting donations of new, unwrapped toys to brighten the holiday for needy children and monetary donations to help with the church's outreach programs.

We need your help to make Breakfast with Santa a success! We are seeking volunteers to assist with cooking and serving breakfast, facilitating craft activities, welcoming families, and clean up. Please contact Laura Sherwood to volunteer (203-292-7241, lirauscher@yahoo.com).

We hope you can join us on December 9!

Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 17





We will be performing our annual Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 17 at the 10am worship service. This is a great way for all of our kids to participate in a wonderful Fairfield Grace tradition. We will be practicing each Sunday starting November 19 until pageant day so please try to come to church each week.

The Schedule is as follows:

November 19 – Parts will be assigned (During Sunday school)

November 26 - Song Practice (During Sunday School)

December 3 - Hand out Costumes and Rehearsal (During Sunday School)

December 10 - Dress Rehearsal (After church 11am-12pm)

December 17 – Pageant Day (Arrive at 9:15am dressed and ready to go)

We are looking forward to sharing the story of the "The Christmas Star" with our Congregation.

Many thanks for your participation,

Sue Rush
Christmas Pageant Director



Sleeves up. Hearts open. All in.





Red Cross Blood Drive

Fairfield Grace Church

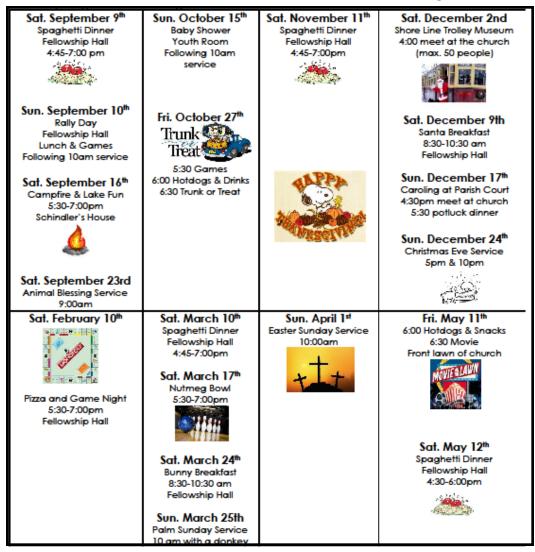
Thursday, December 14: 1:00—6:45

Please consider donating!

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!



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 December Issue of the Quester is Mon., November 20



Fifth Sunday Potluck Luncheon October 29, 2017























October 27, 2017



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.)



November 2016



7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @ Halloween				8	•
10 am - Vis		9am - MNS Social	10am - MNS Tremayne Hall		2pm - WANC, Sanctuary
	10am - Visit Pastor/Panera	9:30am - Gather in Prayer	10am - Wesley's Circle,		5 pm - Rental? - party, FH,
		10am - Bible Study	8:15pm - Bible Study, Faith		7 pm - Troop 88 PLC
		1 pm - WAMC Bd Mtg. PH	6:45pm - Bible Study, HP		
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		7:36pm - AA, Youth Room			
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		7 pm - Finance Meeting.	8:45pm - Bible Study, HP		4:45pm - Spaghetti Dinner
		7 pm - Troop 88 Boy Scouts,	7 pm - FA, Youth Room		
		7:30pm - AA, Youth Room	7:30pm - Chancel Choir		
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elv - mag	10 am - Visit Pastor/Panera	Plano Tuning	11:30am - Go Dutch and	10am - Set up Hollday Craft	10am - Hollday Craft Fair
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		7 pm - Troop 88 Boy Scouts,			
		7:38pm - AA, Youth Room			
		7:40pm - Church Council,			
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