



# *The Quester*

**Fairfield Grace United  
Methodist Church**

**March 2019**

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## A Message from Pastor Cho:

To my Fairfield Grace sisters and brothers in Christ,

As you might hear or be informed already, delegates to the United Methodist Church's top lawmaking assembly approved at the special General Conference a plan that affirms present church policies on homosexuality and strengthens enforcement. It means that officiating same-sex union and ordaining gay/lesbian clergy are not allowed in the United Methodist Church. The vote was 438 to 384. Fully understandably, supporters of full inclusion for LGBTQI persons are very disappointed and hurt by the denomination's decision.

Now what? What shall we, Fairfield Grace, do now? How would this decision impact us? Some of us might be content with it. Some not, for sure. Let's hold all the question now and stay calm prayerfully. Know that this decision won't become church law until January 1, 2020. The next General Conference in May, 2020, in Minneapolis could reconsider the decision. And know that prior to the special General Conference, Bishop Bickerton, Resident Bishop of the New York Annual Conference, has called for a special Annual Conference on Saturday, March 16, from 10 am to 3 pm at Purchase College for the purpose of reviewing and discussing the results of the Special Called Session of the General Conference of the United Methodist Church. This will be a time to hear from our Bishop and the delegation. All clergy and lay delegates to the Annual Conference are expected to be present. Charlene Braun-Schindler, our lay delegate to the Annual Conference, and I will attend and get ready to bring you a report.

At this time of uncertainty, I sense it timely and appropriate to read together "Gracious Uncertainty," written by Frederick Buechner, an American writer, preacher and theologian.

***"Our natural inclination is to be so precise— trying always to forecast accurately what will happen next— that we look upon uncertainty as a bad thing. We think that we must reach some predetermined goal, but that is not the nature of the spiritual life. The nature of the spiritual life is that we are certain in our uncertainty..... Certainty is the mark of the commonsense life— gracious uncertainty is the mark of the spiritual life. To be certain of***

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**God means that we are uncertain in all our ways, not knowing what tomorrow may bring. This is generally expressed with a sigh of sadness, but it should be an expression of breathless expectation. We are uncertain of the next step, but we are certain of God. As soon as we abandon ourselves to God and do the task He has placed closest to us, He begins to fill our lives with surprises. When we become simply a promoter or a defender of a particular belief, something within us dies. That is not believing God— it is only believing our belief about Him. Jesus said, “...unless you...become as little children...” (Matthew 18:3). The spiritual life is the life of a child. We are not uncertain of God, just uncertain of what He is going to do next. If our certainty is only in our beliefs, we develop a sense of self-righteousness, become overly critical, and are limited by the view that our beliefs are complete and settled. But when we have the right relationship with God, life is full of spontaneous, joyful uncertainty and expectancy. Jesus said, “...believe also in Me” (John 14:1), not, “Believe certain things about Me”. Leave everything to Him and it will be gloriously and graciously uncertain how He will come in— but you can be certain that He will come. Remain faithful to Him.”**

Amen. Amen. Let us be gloriously and graciously uncertain how God will come in and remain faithful to God.

Peace in Christ,  
Kun Sam, your M&M partner

## **Lenten Taizé Services Wednesdays, 7:00 pm**



Beginning Ash Wednesday, Mar 6 and continuing through Apr 17

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](mailto:gholdsworth@optimum.net) or 203-335-7129 if you (or you and a friend) can organize coffee hour*

## ***Communion Servers***

*Maggie Price and Patty Jurgielewicz*

## ***Communion Stewards***

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

## ***Worship Leaders***

Mar 3: *Cameron Bowcock*  
Mar 10: *Micaela Ditgen-Jaramillo*  
Mar 17: *Peter Lowerson*  
Mar 24: *Eric Monkman*  
Mar 31: *Franklyn McLean*

## ***Sunday School Teachers***

Mar 3: *Patty Jurgielewicz and Darlene Dowgiallo*  
Mar 10: *Cindy Block with Chuck Ardito*  
Mar 17: *Nubia Jaramillo-Pennell and Bill Miller*  
Mar 24: *Franklyn MacLean with Michelle Krancz*  
Mar 31: *Activities*

## **Pray for Fairfield Grace Families**

*Week of:*

Mar 3: *Cynthia Peck-Humphrey, Dottie Peck and George Pennell family*  
Mar 10: *Scott Pennell family, Peters family and Beverly Plucker*  
Mar 17: *Price family, Raymond family and Suzanne Rebecca*  
Mar 24: *Rempe family, Robb Family and Rozelle family*  
Mar 31: *Rush family, Elizabeth Savage and Ed Schindler family*

## 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.



## RESPONSE NEEDED ASAP

UMARMY SUMMER 2019

JULY 14—20

The summer is right around the corner, and it's time again to sign up for the Fairfield Grace UM ARMY (United Methodist action reach out mission by youth) summer mission trip! Many of us still have treasured memories from last year's trip, and are looking forward to another experience this year.

This year's Dover, NH trip will be the week of **July 14th-20th**. Please let me know by **March 3 if you are interested in attending so I can get a headcount.**

Don't forget to tell your friends! It would be fantastic to see the team grow! Youth must have graduated at least 7th grade to be old enough to attend. There is also room for adult volunteers, so reach out to adults in your life that you'd like to come along!

Contact Eric Monkman at 607-379-3578 or [eric.j.monkman@gmail.com](mailto:eric.j.monkman@gmail.com)



## Fairfield Grace Rummage Sale

Saturday, March 2

9:00 am—3:00 pm

Contact Lee DeVecchio 203-374-2130

## Spaghetti Dinner News

Sat, Mar 9 & May 11

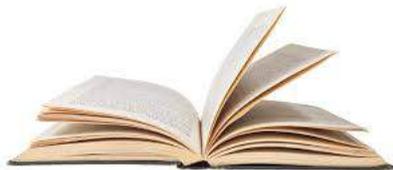
4:45 PM—6:45 PM



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](mailto:cbsfive5@gmail.com)



## Serena Circle Book Group: Monday, March 11

The next Serena Book Group meeting will be Monday, March 11 at 7:00 pm in Hood Parlor.  
All women are invited to the discussion.

If you have questions, please contact Karen Price 203-333-1272 or at [karen1147@aol.com](mailto:karen1147@aol.com)

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## WESLEY CIRCLE

Please join the men of Fairfield Grace on

**Thursday, March 14**

**(please note change in date)**

Wesley Circle will not meet in April, and will resume in May.

Please contact church office with any questions 203-374-6528 or [fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net)

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

**Thurs., Mar 21 ~ 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.



### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Wayne Brown has moved to Florida to be closer to family. His new address is:

The Pointe

2750 SE Ocean Blvd, Ap't. S220

Stuart, Florida 34996

Phone: 772-210-5725

Cell Phone: 434-326-6887

Sleeves up.  
Hearts open.  
All in.



**Red Cross Blood Drive**  
**Fairfield Grace Church**  
**Monday, March 25: 1:00—6:45**

## Young Adult and Families Bowling Event!

**March 30**

**5:30—7:00 pm at Nutmeg Bowl**



Contact Church Office at 203-374-6528 or  
fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net

### March Birthdays

01 Joyce Aldrich  
01 Ellie Park  
04 Jeanne Millett  
05 Jaedoo Lee  
06 Mason Rush

08 Joseph Dowgiallo  
09 Jean Oneto  
11 Darlene Dowgiallo  
15 Soon Chang  
15 Isabella Monkman  
16 Jessica Block  
18 Suzanne Rebecca

22 Alison Yoo  
25 Duncan Sherwood  
29 Hyeun Kim  
29 Jong Sung Kim

### March Anniversaries

Mar 11 Maggie & Jim Conroy 24 yrs



*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 13**

**8:30 AM—10:30 AM**

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

Alan Stewart: [astewart@com](mailto:astewart@com) or 203-275-6084

# LENT

## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Fairfield Grace UMC 2019

### Sunday, April 14: Palm/Passion Sunday

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

### Wednesday, April 17

7:00 pm Lenten Taize Service

### Thursday, April 18: Maundy Thursday

7:30 PM Worship Service with Communion

Midnight Run

### Friday, April 19: Good Friday Service

7:30 PM Service

8:30—10:00 PM Easter Vigil

### Sunday, April , Easter Sunday

10:00 AM Joint Worship Service w/communion

Luncheon following Service hosted by Faith Circle



## 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](mailto:kunsamcho92@gmail.com)

### **Submissions to Bulletin Announcements and Friday e-News**

All submissions are due to the church office at [fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net) by Tuesday at noon for that week's editions. Thank you!

**Deadline for the March Issue of the Quester is Wed., March 20**

# CHURCH HARRIS SCHOLARSHIPS

**Fairfield Grace Church has been offering scholarships to young persons who are** starting college as well as people continuing in a college program at the undergraduate level. These awards were started in 1985 by Harold Harris in memory of his wife, Betty. Since then 79 students have received scholarships—many for more than one year.

Funds for scholarships were initially provided by individuals in the church, primarily by Harold Harris. The UMM and UMW also provided some money for many years. The fund expanded over the years by receiving large donations from the estate of Harold Harris as well as from the estates of the Spicer family. In recent years some money has come from donations from the congregation in a second offering on “Scholarship Sunday.” This past year additional money was raised from a tag sale organized by Scholarship Team member Patty Jurgielewicz. To date the scholarships awarded have totaled \$98,400.

Who can get one of these scholarships and how can they apply? First you need to be planning to attend college or some post high school undergraduate educational program during the next (2019-20) academic year. Next get and fill out an application form available from our church office or on the church website.. You do not need to come to the office for one. Just phone (203-374-6528) and ask for a copy. It can be sent by e-mail or snail mail. To complete your application, you will need written recommendations from adults who have supervised or at least observed your work on church and community service projects. If you have received a scholarship from the church in the past, ask for a re-application form.

So if you are eligible and want to apply, GET BUSY FAST. Applications with all supporting adult recommendations are due in the church office by May 15. The Scholarship Team will be meetuing shortly after that to review applications and determine the money to be awarded. Scholarship checks will be handed out on Sunday, June 16, in church.

*Al Oneto, Scholarship Team Chairman*

## **Additional Scholarship Opportunity**

The United Methodist Church offers scholarships to deserving students that you may qualify for. To find out more , see information on following page.

# **UMC**

## ***Scholarship, Loan Deadlines Fast Approaching***

Additional information, including applications, for all of the following can be found on the NYAC website.

### **Gloster B. Current Scholarship**

This scholarship was established in memory of Gloster B. Current, Sr., to encourage young persons of African descent to pursue careers in public service such as the ministry, social work, health care or government service. The applicant must attend an accredited institution of higher education, have leadership potential, financial need and be recommended by a pastor of a United Methodist Church. The deadline is April 15.

### **NYES Fellowship Program**

The New York Education Society Fellows and Scholars scholarships support NYAC students attending an accredited college, university, technical, professional or graduate school. Awards typically range from \$500 to \$1000 for each academic year. Priority is given to 1) first-time applicants, 2) students entering helping professions, and 3) those actively involved in local UMC/campus ministry programs. Application deadline is April 15.

### **UMC Loans and Scholarships**

This is a “one-stop shop” general application for more than 50 scholarship programs from the United Methodist Church administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry Office of Loans and Scholarships. Apply once per year, every year. The scholarship programs criteria vary. With this one application, students are screened and reviewed for each program for which they are qualified.

Students may be undergraduate, graduate, or doctoral students;  
must be full active members of the UMC.

## 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.)



Bob Watson and  
Charlie Morris  
Serving Fairfield Grace

Game Night



Saying Good bye to  
Wayne Brown

Madeline Claire Monkman  
February 8



John and Pat Bailey  
New ministry coordinating  
flower donations for Altar Arrangements



# March, 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>SPECIAL GENERAL CONFERENCE</b></p> <p><b>HEALING TIME</b></p> <p>9:30am - Chancel Choir</p> <p>10am - Worship Service</p> <p>1pm - Worship Service</p>	<p>7pm - FA, Conference</p> <p>7pm - Scout Committee</p> <p>7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm</p>	<p>9:15am - MNS, HP</p> <p>10am - Visit Pastor/Panera</p> <p>12pm - Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:30pm - Hand Bell</p>	<p>9:30am - Gather in Prayer</p> <p>10am - Adult Bible Study,</p> <p>3pm - Acting Class</p> <p>4:45pm - Serving at Golden</p> <p>7pm - Troop 88 Boy Scouts,</p>	<p>10am - Woodwinds</p> <p>6:15pm - Adult Bible Study,</p> <p>7pm - FA, Conference Rm</p> <p>7:30pm - Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>Set up Rummage Sale</b></p>	<p>9am - Rummage Sale</p> <p>10am - Tutor, CR</p>
<p><b>COMMUNION SUNDAY</b></p> <p>9:30am - Chancel Choir</p> <p>10am - Worship Service</p> <p>11am - Nominating Mtg. HP</p> <p>1pm - Worship Service</p>	<p>7pm - FA, Conference</p> <p>7pm - MNS Board, HP</p> <p>7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm</p>	<p>10am - Visit Pastor/Panera</p> <p>7:30pm - Hand Bell</p>	<p><b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p>9:30am - Gather in Prayer</p> <p>10am - Adult Bible Study,</p> <p>3pm - Acting Class</p> <p>7pm - Taize Lenten Service</p>	<p>6:15pm - Adult Bible Study,</p> <p>7pm - FA, Conference Rm</p> <p>7:30pm - Alanon District</p> <p>7:30pm - Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>Set up Spaghetti Dinner</b></p>	<p>10am - Tutor, CR</p> <p>1:30pm - Brass, YR</p> <p>4:45pm - Spaghetti Dinner</p>
<p><b>CONNECTONALHYMN</b></p> <p><b>Daylight Saving Time</b></p> <p>10am - Worship Service</p> <p>11am - Treble Choir</p> <p>1pm - Worship Service</p>	<p>9am - MNS FH</p> <p>7pm - FA, Conference</p> <p>7pm - Serena's Book Club -</p> <p>7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm</p>	<p>9am - MNS FH</p> <p>10am - Visit Pastor/Panera</p> <p>7:30pm - Hand Bell</p>	<p>9:30am - Gather in Prayer</p> <p>10am - Adult Bible Study,</p> <p>12pm - Susanna Meeting</p> <p>3pm - Acting Class</p> <p>3pm - WAMC, Sanctuary</p>	<p>10am - Wesley's Circle,</p> <p>6:15pm - Adult Bible Study,</p> <p>7pm - FA, Conference Rm</p> <p>7:30pm - Chancel Choir</p>	<p>9:30pm - Brainy Alley, CR</p>	<p>9am - Special Annual</p> <p>9:30am - Brass Reh, YR</p> <p>10am - Tutor, CR (snow</p> <p>3pm - WAMC, Sanctuary</p> <p>5pm - "exuberant" Circle</p>
<p><b>MISSION SUNDAY</b></p> <p><b>St. Patrick's Day</b></p> <p>9am - Bell Choir Review</p> <p>10am - Worship Service</p> <p>11am - SPRC Meeting, HP</p> <p>1pm - Worship Service</p> <p>7pm - Scout PLC Meeting,</p>	<p>7pm - FA, Conference</p> <p>7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm</p>	<p>10am - Visit Pastor/Panera</p>	<p>9:30am - Gather in Prayer</p> <p>10am - Adult Bible Study,</p> <p>3pm - Acting Class</p> <p>3pm - WAMC, Sanctuary</p> <p>7pm - Taize Lenten Service</p> <p>7pm - Troop 188/88 Boy</p> <p>7:30pm - AA, Youth Room</p>	<p>9am - MNS FH</p> <p>11:30am - Go Outch at</p> <p>6:15pm - Adult Bible Study,</p> <p>7pm - FA, Conference Rm</p> <p>7:30pm - Chancel Choir</p>	<p>9am - MNS FH</p> <p>10am - MNS Adult Social,</p> <p>6:30pm - Brainy Alley, CR -</p>	<p>8:30am - Post Confirmation</p> <p>10am - Task Force, Coffee</p> <p>10am - Tutor, CR</p> <p>3pm - WAMC, Sanctuary</p>
<p>9:15am - Chancel Choir</p> <p>10am - Worship Service</p> <p>1pm - Worship Service</p> <p>2:15pm - WAMC Musical</p>	<p>1pm - Red Cross Blood</p> <p>7pm - FA, Conference</p> <p>7pm - Scout Committee</p> <p>7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm</p>	<p>10am - Visit Pastor/Panera</p> <p>12pm - Staff Meeting, CR</p> <p>7:30pm - Hand Bell</p>	<p>9:30am - Gather in Prayer</p> <p>10am - Adult Bible Study,</p> <p>1pm - WAMC Board</p> <p>3pm - Acting Class</p> <p>7pm - Taize Lenten Service</p> <p>7pm - Troop 188/88 Boy</p>	<p>10am - Woodwinds Reh, YR</p> <p>6:15pm - Adult Bible Study,</p> <p>7pm - FA, Conference Rm</p> <p>7:30pm - Chancel Choir</p>	<p>10am - Memorial Service,</p> <p>10am - Tutor, CR</p> <p>5:30pm - YAF Bowling</p>	<p>10am - Memorial Service,</p> <p>10am - Tutor, CR</p>
<p><b>HEALING TIME</b></p> <p>10am - Worship Service</p> <p>1pm - Worship Service</p>	<p>7pm - FA, Conference</p> <p>7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm</p>	<p>10am - Visit Pastor/Panera</p> <p>7:30pm - Hand Bell</p>	<p>9:30am - Gather in Prayer</p> <p>10am - Adult Bible Study,</p> <p>3pm - Acting Class</p> <p>7pm - Taize Lenten Service</p> <p>7pm - Troop 188/88 Boy</p>	<p><b>Wesley's Cancelled</b></p> <p>6:15pm - Adult Bible Study,</p> <p>7pm - FA, Conference Rm</p> <p>7:30pm - Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>Eagle Scout Ceremony,</b></p> <p>10am - Tutor, CR</p>	<p>10am - Memorial Service,</p> <p>10am - Tutor, CR</p>