

The Quester

Fairfield Grace United Methodist Church



May, 2019

A Message from Pastor Cho:

To my dearest FGUMC family members and friends,

Guess what? I got a Tesla Model 3 car on April 1, 2019. Yes, it is electric. You are right that it is a little bit pricey. But Kyong Hee and I gladly decided to obtain this EV (Electric Vehicle), hoping that this small act of ours will help to alleviate air pollution in this world God has created for all living beings. What a new and awesome experience it is to drive an EV! Do you know that I now have two less things to do as a driver? One is pumping gasoline in a gas station every 2 weeks, and the other is going for an oil change every 4 months. Yes, I do not need to smell gasoline and wait for an oil change. On top of this, I do not need to have a regular tune-up either. But there is one new thing I need to do two or three times a week: charging my EV overnight at home, which I don't mind at all. Check my Tesla, which I have named "Dayfly," to see if an EV might be your next transportation vehicle. P.S. I get no commission from Tesla.

I have had another new experience and discovery from driving my Dayfly. Since there is no engine to be ignited and run, there is no sound at all when it is ready to move down the street. No sound, but surely there is silent power that comes out of the battery. My Dayfly reminds me of Centering Prayer that I have been falling in love with lately. Taking time in silence for 20-30 minutes twice a day is a new spiritual habit I have been trying to bring into my daily living. In Matthew 6:6, Jesus says, "But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you." Centering Prayer is based on this promise. Centering Prayer is defined as "a receptive method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing,



closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship." (taken from www.comptemplativeoutreach.com) It is a time to enter your inner room and be still in silence in the presence of God. It is a time to let go of all the worries, fears, anxieties and aimless thoughts and let God do what God would like to do for you. In silence, making yourself open to God, let God's love and mercy permeate and penetrate and heal your whole body, mind and spirit, and you will be empowered by the silent power of God. Learn more about Centering Prayer

Easter at FGUMC, David Torres and Pastor Cho

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at <u>www.comtemplativeoutreach.org</u>. You may pick up the "Method of Centering Prayer" brochure in the magazine rack near the sanctuary. Thomas Keating, pioneer of Centering Prayer, says, "Silence is God's first language; everything else is a poor translation." Thomas Merton, an American Trappist monk says, "When I am liberated by silence, when I am no longer involved in the measurement of life, but in the living of it, I can discover a form of prayer in which there is effectively no distraction. My whole life becomes a prayer. My whole silence is full of prayer. The world of silence in which I am immersed contributes to my prayer."

May is the month of the Christian home. Home is where love is. Looking over our upcoming May activities, I strongly sense that Fairfield Grace is a true home where love is alive. On Sunday, May 5, to have solidarity with the hungry sisters and brothers in the US and around the world, Fairfield Grace will join the Crop Walk. On the second Saturday, May 11, our famous community-wide spaghetti dinner will be held. "Aria," Fairfield Ludlowe High School's all female a cappella group will add extra joy with their music during the dinner. On Sunday, May 12, along with all the people in America, we will honor our mothers and motherly women in our midst and give our heart-felt thanksgiving for their sacrificial love and nurturing caring. On Friday, May 17, there will be a movie night for families with/and without children. Fairfield Grace loves children, indeed. On the third Sunday, May 19, our annual International Taste will create an open and welcoming space where we acknowledge and celebrate our beautiful God-created diversity. Aren't you impressed by all the beautiful things happening at Fairfield Grace? We are a HOME where LOVE is shared. Come with FRAN and enjoy HOME at FGUMC.

See you on Sundays.

Kun Sam, your great small church pastor

CENTERING PRAYER/MEDITATION

Weekly Centering Prayer

Pastor Cho invites you to join him in the practice of Centering Prayer in the sanctuary every Wednesday.

It will help us deepen our relationship with God.

The Sanctuary will be open from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Please join us!

https://www.contemplativeoutreach.org

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.)		

Lectionary Readings

May 5: Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Ps 30; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-9 May 12: Acts 9:36-43; Ps 23; Rev 7:9-17; Jn 10:22-30 May 19: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 148); Rev 21:1-6; Jn 13:31-35

May 26: Acts 16: 9-15; Ps 67; Rev 21:10, 22-22:5; Jn 14:23-29

Update on Ecuadorian Orphanage

Below is an update from Nubia Jaramillo-Pennell on the Ecuadorian Orphanage. Through donations and mission bag collections, our church was able to provide assistance.

I would like to take the opportunity to report about the \$250 church donation to the Ecuadorian orphanage. With the mission bags collected during the months of July and August, plus other donations, I was given this year a check for \$250. I asked what is most needed and the orphanage public relations officer responded that food is needed. I sent the money through Western Union and they were able to buy 200 pounds of rice, 100 pounds of sugar, 2 boxes of cooking oil, powder milk, spices, cleaning items, fruit, and eggs. Most of the food was given to the orphanage that hosts only girls and teenager girls and where the church has been donating. However, two boxes of eggs, detergent, and powder milk were also given to another orphanage run by the same foundation (REMAR) that hosts only boys and teenager boys.

A big THANKS to the entire congregation for allowing this to happen and THANKS be to GOD from whom all blessings flow.





Pray for Fairfield Grace Families

Week of:

May 5: Sugrue family, Suh family and Tang family

May 12: Targowski family, Art Thomas and Trifiatis family
May 19: Vindheim family, Watson family and Beverly Wenz
May 26: Whiteman family, Wood family and Yi/Park family

Ushers

Team #1

Ed Stock

Bob Watson

Charlie Morris

Art Thomas

Fellowship Hour

Please contact Georgina at gholdsworth@optimum.net or 203-335-7129 If you (or you and a friend) can organize coffee hour

Communion Servers

Micaela Ditgen-Jaramillo and Katie White

Communion Stewards

10:00 am Karen Benson1:00 pm Helen Lee

Worship Leaders

May 5: Rick Nagy

May 12: Youth (Mother's Day)

May 19: Al Oneto

May 26: Dennis Robb

Sunday School Teachers

May 5: Patty Jurgielewicz and Darlene Dowgiallo

May 12: Cindy Block with Chuck Ardito

May 19: Nubia Jaramillo-Pennell and Bill Miller

May 26: Franklyn MacLean with Michelle Krancz

Counters

Brian Bissell and Jill Gillis

WESLEY CIRCLE

Thursday, May 2 at 10:00 am

All men of Fairfield Grace are welcome.

Please contact church office with any questions 203-374-6528 or fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net

Paper Shredding Day



Saturday, May 4, 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 5. 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 something you can ask your friends to do also.



Crop Walk
Sunday, May 5
1:00 pm
Seaside Park

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. You can send a check to the church office or give it to Sheila Muscott made out to CWS.

Registration is at 1:00 pm and walk begins at 1:30 pm. Rain or Shine .

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

Spaghetti Dinner Saturday, May 11



4:45 PM-6:45 PM

with Musical Program by Fairfield Ludlowe HS Female a Cappella Group

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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







Serena Circle Book Group: Monday, May 13

The next Serena Book Group meeting will be Monday, May 13 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

Susanna Circle

Our next meeting will be: Wednesday, May 15 at 12:00 noon



Wesley Circle will join us to welcome

Mr. Omar Majeed, a member of Bridgeport Islamic Center,
who will about his Islamic faith tradition and community.

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

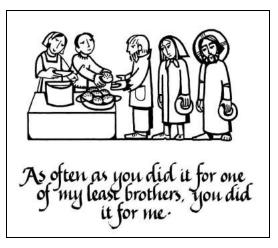


Eating Lunch Together: Let's Go "Dutch" at Duchess! Thurs., May 16 ~ 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

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.

Come and see who will be waiting for YOU.





Serving at Golden Hill UMC

FGUMC Will be Serving at Golden Hill Wed., Jun 26 at 4:45 pm

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

Please join the team!



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. <u>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.</u> If you have received a scholarship from the church in the past, ask for a <u>re-application form.</u>

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





Fairfield Grace Scholarship Tag Sale

Saturday, August 3 ~ 9:00 am—3:00 pm Donations needed

Please consider cleaning out the closets and drawers in your homes and donating items to this sale.

We are looking for

books, housewares, tools, jewelry, and anything else people want to donate.



We will NOT be accepting

computers, televisions, exercise equipment, baby furniture, upholstered furniture and clothing.

Please leave donations in hallway outside Tremayne.

If church is locked, please leave items in Parsonage Garage.

Tax receipts are available upon request.

All money earned is earmarked for Youth Scholarships.

May Birthdays 01 Joanne Lavista 10 Martha Wood 25 Nikolai Darken 03 14 Kyung S Suh 25 Grace Kim Jeff Tang 04 George Pennell 14 Elijah Whiteman 27 Josh Kristy 04 Soon Ja Lee 15 Young Yun Choi 28 **Eleanor Kent** 05 Scott Bedson 15 Moohak Suh 30 Maggie Conroy 07 **David Jurgielewicz** 18 Florence Catone 30 Chris Stein 07 Scarlett Whiteman Chris Leppla 31 18 Angela Suh 09 Marge Jenkins 19 Caitlyn Daigle 31 **Bob Price** 22 **Charlie Morris May Anniversaries** May 08 Martha & Jim Wood 38 yrs May 12 Barbara & George Pennell 57 yrs

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.



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 March Issue of the Quester is Thurs, June 20

Planning Your Own Funeral/Memorial Service

By planning your service in advance you can design and specify the exact type of service you'd like, so that your friends and family celebrate you as you wish. By letting your family and your church know how you'd like your funeral or memorial service to be, they'll have less difficult and complicated decisions to make during a difficult and emotional time.

Please take a few minutes and fill out any of your preferences (as many or as few as you choose) and return to Anne in the church office. We will keep them on file.

	Name:		
	I would like my funeral/memorial service to be held at the following location:		
	If this location is not available,		
	my second choice is		
	The person who will officiate my funeral/memorial service is my Pastor serving at the time		
	of my departure. I would like to invite Rev to be a part		
	of the service, if he or she is available.		
)	I would like to have a viewing before my funeral: yes no		
,	I would like to have a reception or gathering after my funeral/memorial service in the		
	Fellowship Hall.: yes: no:		
)	I would like the following people to deliver eulogies:		
	1		
	2		
	3		
)	I would like the following people to deliver prayers, poems, or other readings:		
	1		
	2		
	3		
)	The readings I would like them to deliver are:		
	Title/Author/Source		
	1		
	2		

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I would like the following songs, hymns, or	pieces of music to be played:
1	
2	
3	
I would like people to honor my memory by	making a donation to one of the charity
organizations that has meant a lot to me:	
1	
2	
I want to be sure that the following groups,	organizations, and clubs will be notified of and
invited to my funeral or memorial service (s	such as veterans' groups, alumni associations,
sports or hobby clubs, etc.):	
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With thoughts and prayers:	
Rev. Kun Sam Cho	${\mathcal V}$

Pastor Dayfly with Christ

Still Have Holiday Shopping Left?



Christmas gifts are a great opportunity to help Fairfield Grace at NO EXTRA COST TO YOU!



♦ Still don't know what to get for your niece or nephew? How about a gift card to the GAP? You can buy a \$25

- gift card to the GAP—you do not pay anything extra—and Fairfield Grace will receive 14% (\$3.50). It is that easy.
- ♦ How about something for your friend who loves to read? You can buy a gift card to Barnes and Noble for \$10—you do not pay anything extra—and Fairfield Grace will receive 8%.
- ♦ Do you need a new outfit to wear to a Holiday event? Buy a gift card to **Macy's** instead of paying with your credit card at the store and Fairfield Grace will receive 10%.
- Planning a big family meal for a gathering over Christmas and New Year's? You can buy gift cards to **Stop and Shop , Shop Rite—even Target**—and use them when you are shopping for Holiday dinners or decorations. Fairfield Grace will receive a percentage of the gift cards that you purchase.

Maybe you have heard about this program called SCRIPPS that Martha Wood has been promoting - but aren't sure how you can participate?

Martha Wood is at church after the Services to explain the program, how easy it is, answer any questions you may have and get you started!

Here is how it works:

You fill out a form to request gift card(s), Martha will have these forms available for you after the Service on Sunday. You choose the retailer and the amount of the gift card. You give Martha a check with the form for the exact amount of gift cards you are buying, nothing extra. If you fill it out Sunday, you will have the gift cards in your hand by the next Sunday. That is all you need to do.

This list of retailers from which you can choose is 3 pages long! Martha will have copies of the list....there is a list on the hallway bulletin board....stop by the office and pick up a list, as well.

We are hoping that church members will use this opportunity to make their gifts really count this season. You can support your church financially and not have to spend anything extra. Please, give it a try!

























