# The Quester



Fairfield Grace United Methodist Church

July/August 2019

## A Message from Pastor Cho:

To my dearest FGUMC family members and friends,

Please welcome me back to Fairfield, CT. At the 220<sup>th</sup> New York Annual Conference Session at Hofstra University in Long Island, New York, Bishop Thomas Bickerton, Resident Episcopal Leader of the New York Annual Conference, has appointed me to the town of Fairfield, CT. You heard it

right. I have been appointed to serve not only Fairfield Grace church family and friends but also all the people in Fairfield. I have been sent to do the mission and ministry of the church with YOU for the people in Fairfield and beyond. I do know I cannot carry out this awesome call without YOU. So once again I thank the Lord for YOU and thank YOU, all of YOU, for your "being" and "doing" at Fairfield Grace. A special thanks for your prayers for me and my pastoral ministry at Fairfield. Let us keep praying that we, together as partners in ministry, continue to discern and participate actively in what God is doing in our midst for the people in Fairfield.



Going to Panera Bread on Black Rock Turnpike every Tuesday morning has been the most exciting and enjoyable weekly activity of mine. Being out there for two hours gives me the chance to meet people and pray with them. Yes, sometimes I am there alone with nobody. When no one sits with me at my table, I enjoy watching people coming in and going out and praying for them. What a joy it is. Last Tuesday, when I entered Panera Bread, I thought I entered our Fellowship Hall. It was not a strange place any longer: Craig, a salesperson working on his laptop there behind me; Georgi Anne, Paola, Mandy, Thalia, Key, Breana serving as cashiers and Nora as a table cleaner; Debbie, Judy, Donna, Carol, Rose Anne, Mary Anne, and Beverly, knitting together at a long table. They and I were there to greet one another with a big smile. I was awakened to know that we are not strangers to one another but neighbors to care and love. Last Tuesday, Debbie, one of the knitters, came to me with a prayer concern and asked me to keep Kate, a friend of her friend's niece in Florida, in my prayers. I felt humbled and thankful by her asking. Kate has been added in our prayer afterwards. I remember it was a big "out of the box" step for me when I began spending time weekly at Panera. Now it has been almost three years, and being there is no longer an "out of the box"

thing. It has become a weekly ordinary routine I feel comfortable with.

As I enter the 12<sup>th</sup> year of my ministry at Fairfield Grace, I would like to begin several "out of the box" ministries. It is regarding preaching ministries on Sundays. The first "out of the box" preaching ministry begins this summer: "You Asked for It" series. This is how it works. Every Sunday in July and August, I will ask the congregation to write down a question and put it in the "sermon" offering plate as they enter the Sanctuary. I will pick out the ones I want to answer during the "Peace" time and then during the message time I will read and answer them. Wow. Wow. It is really "out of the box" and radically risky to me, a preacher to whom English is his second language. I am already scared and I will be more scared as Sunday approaches. But I am ready to "jump off the cliff," trusting that the Lord will catch me safe and sound. So, two things I am asking from you. First, pray for me and the congregation for this new and risky journey. Two, bring your questions with you and see how the Lord answers them via Kun Sam, your preacher. Please remember that you need to bring your question back to the plate on Sundays until it is answered. The 7<sup>th</sup> of July is the D-day for Fairfield Grace Church and preacher Kun Sam.

Talking about preaching in the summer, let me let you know who are scheduled to preach while I am on vacation. For the 10:00 am service: Paul Meyer on July 28, Rev. Jong Sung Kim on August 4, Franklyn MacLean on August 11 and Sheila Muscott on August 18. Rev. Kim is a retired United Methodist pastor, who served in Seymour. For the 1:00 pm service: Rev. Paul S Yoon on July 28, Rev. Jong Sung Kim on August 4, Rev. Dong Hyun Choi on August 11 and Rev. Song Ha Park on Aug 18.

I plan to visit my mom in Torrance, CA, to celebrate her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday with my two sisters and two brothers and their children. On the way back to CT, I will stop by to visit Pastor J. and Fredene in Indiana. I look forward to these two visits, which will remain in my memory for a long time. Before I return to Fairfield, CT, on August 20, I will spend a week or so in Riverhead in Long Island, New York, near Shelter Island. While I am away, Rev. Jong Sung Kim at 203-722-6858 & <a href="mailto:jskim169@gmail.com">jskim169@gmail.com</a> from July 15 to August 4 and Rev. Jim Stinson at 203-984-0141 & <a href="mailto:jstinson4242@aol.com">jstinson4242@aol.com</a> from August 5 and August 18 will be on call to respond to any pastoral cares you need.

I hope all of you have a chance to take time out or vacation and get rest and refreshed and re-created. Yes, we remember the Lord took rest after creative works in this universe. We all need to be replenished to keep doing lively and energetically what we, the Body of Christ, are called to do.

Peace in Christ Jesus,

Kun Sam, your great small church pastor





#### **Ushers**

#### July

#### **Team #3**

Craig Michelson Karen Benson Sheila Muscott Sandra Brown

## **August**

## Team #1

Ed Stock Bob Watson Charlie Morris Art Thomas

#### **Communion Steward**

## July/August

#### **Fellowship Hour**

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

## **Worship Leaders**

<u>10:00 am</u> <u>1:00 pm</u>

July 7: Bob Price Moohak Suh

July 14: Youth Jeff Yi

July 21: Judy Meyer Jong Sung Kim

July 28: Georgina Holdsworth Grace Kim

#### **Counters**

#### July/August

10:00 am Patty Jurgielewicz and Bob Watson

## **Preaching Schedule**

<u>10:00 am</u> <u>1:00 pm</u>

July 7: Pastor Cho Pastor Cho

July 14: Pastor Cho Pastor Cho

July 21: Pastor Cho Pastor Cho

July 28: Paul Meyer Rev Paul S Yoon

Aug 4: Rev Jong Sung Kim Rev. Jong Sung Kim

Aug:11: Franklyn McLean Rev. Dong Hyun Choi

Aug 18: Sheila Muscott Rev. Song Ha Park

Aug 25: Pastor Cho Pastor Cho



## PASTOR CHO AT PANERA BREAD

Visit Pastor Cho at Panera Bread on Black Rock Turnpike 10::00 am—12:00 noon on these summer Tuesdays

July 2, 9, 16 & 23 and August 20 & 27

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. Feel free to contact him at 914-319-4241 or kunsamcho92@gmail.com

## Scripture Readings for July/August 2019

July 7, 2019

2 Kings 5:1-14; Ps 30; Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16; Lk 10:1-11, 16-20

July 14, 2019

Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-3 7

July 21, 2019

Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52 or 82; Colossians 1:15-28; Lk 10:38-42

July 28, 2019

Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19); Luke 11:1-13

August 4, 2019

Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

August 11, 2019

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

August 18, 2019

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

August 25, 2019

Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

## **CENTERING PRAYER/MEDITATION**

The Sanctuary is Open for You: Wednesdays at 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Arrive when you can and leave when you must.

"You are invited"

July 3, 10, 17, and 24

No dates scheduled in August, Centering Prayer will resume in September

https://www.contemplativeoutreach.org

## Prayer Concerns and Joys

Dick Albani, Sheila Muscott's brother-in-law, health; Danny Lord, Marge Jenkins' grandson, extremely serious health concerns; Michael, (grandson of Bev Plucker) health concerns; Amy M. Thornton (granddaughter-in-law of Al and Jean Oneto), health concerns; Andy Larsen (Leah's son), health concerns; Bob Chein (family friend of Cindy Block), cancer treatment; Colby Jaros (family friend of Cindy Block), health concerns; David and his baby (Nancy Chavez' brother) health concerns; Marge Hood, health concerns; Holdsworth, health concerns; Liz Savage, health concerns; Warren and Pat Rozelle, health concerns; Tony Jacabacci (good friend of Dennis Robb), cancer surgery; Wayne Brown, moved to Florida; Fredene and Pastor J, in Indiana; Bob Morris, recovering; Leah Larsen, recovering at home; Sheila Iseppi (friend of Lee Del Vecchio), cancer; Phil Richard (friend of Al Oneto), recovering; Eugene DeNeutte, moved to South Carolina (family to follow); Duncan and Laura Sherwood, moving to Texas; Eleanor Kent, entered into eternal rest, 12/31/2018; Kate Scamato (from Panera Bread Ministry), brain cancer; Kelly Barrett and Larry Campana, expecting in October, Beverly Plucker, recovering at Jewish Home; Pastor J and Fredene Daeschner, health concerns; Phyllis Kepshire (friend of Jean Oneto), cancer; **Suzanne Rebecco**, at Bridgeport Hospital.

#### Homebound

Dorothy Albrecht (home); Pat Altieri (Parish Court); Ruth Citarella (Carolton), Emma Gilbert (Seacrest), Ormie Gilbert (home), Elsie Kerekes (Crosby Commons), Leah Larsen (home), Barbara McCarthy (Juniper Hill Village), Michelle Molnar (Stern Village), George Pennell (Carolton), Dorothy Patterson (home), Liz Savage (home), Shirley Sims (Parish Court), Diana Stein (Jewish Home).

## **Fairfield Grace Families in Our Prayers**



Week of:

July 7: Bowcock family, Betty Brandt and Sharon Brescia July 14: Sandra Brown, Wayne Brown and Mary Carreau

July 21: Florence Catone, Chavez family and Kun Sam and Kyong Hee Cho

July 28: Jin Shick & Won Aeh Cho, Young Yun & Sook Eun Choi and Ruth Citarella

August 4: Collen family, Conroy family and Daeschner family

August 11: Daigle family, Darken family and Dot Daruka

August 18: Lee DelVecchio, DeNeutte family and Dowgiallo family

August 25: Emma Gilbert, Ormie Gilbert and Gillis family

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## "You Asked For It" Sermon Series

Ask Pastor Cho any question you may have on your mind (theological or personal) and he will do his best to respond to your question during the 10:00 am Worship Service on the following Sundays:

July 7, 14 and 21

Please use this form below to submit your question.

"YOU ASKED FOR IT" SERMON SERIES
Any question on your mind (theological or personal)?  Pastor Cho would like to respond to your question at the 10:00 am Worship Service during sermon time!
Question :
Bring in your question to the service and place in the Question/Collection plate as you enter the Sanctuary.
Name (optional):
"You Asked For It" will take place on the following Sundays at the 10:00 am Worship Services:
July 7, 14, and 21



## Calling all 20, 30 and 40 year olds!

Fairfield Grace wants to hear from you.

We want to speak with you and learn from you.



We believe we can better serve the members of our congregation and people in our community in your age bracket.

What is the Lord saying to you about the church? What do you think needs changing? What can be done to reach others in this age who may need help or guidance?

#### PEOPLE NEED THE LORD

We are aware this group may have pressures with financial struggles, relationships, raising a family, loneliness or despair. We want to help them find hope and answers through Christian faith either here at Fairfield Grace or wherever the Lord may send them.

We invite the young men and women, new parents, singles, people in relationships to talk with us.

Over the next two months please call the church and set up a mutually convenient time to talk with Pastor Cho, myself or others. The talks can be brief, informal and take place at church, nearby eating places or other agreeable locations.

All opinions are welcome. In the fall we would like to have a few more structured meetings to implement approved plans or changes.

Thank you for your consideration and cooperation. You are the future Christian leaders of Fairfield Grace or where the Lord places you.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Chuck Ardito
<a href="mailto:charles.ardito@yahoo.com">charles.ardito@yahoo.com</a>
475-231-0513





## 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.

## **RALLY DAY - Sunday, September 8!**

Renewal, Fellowship and Fun!

Fairfield Grace will hold its annual welcome back picnic immediately following the 10:00 AM worship service on Sunday, September 8.

Please feel free to wear casual clothes to the service.

PLEASE BRING NUT-FREE SALAD, SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE!

Details to Follow!!!

Volunteers are needed to make Rally Day a success.

Please contact Alan Stewart at

(203)275-6084 or astewart@ybrealty.com

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Sponsoring altar flowers is a beautiful way to honor loved ones, mark special life events such as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, baptism, confirmation, memory or a thanksgiving for life's blessings.



Please see the sign-up sheet on the office door or contact the church office (203-374-6528 or <a href="mailto:fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net">fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net</a>) to sponsor an arrangement.

## New Parish Nurse Program at Fairfield Grace

As announced during a recent Sunday Service, we are in the process of creating a Parish Nurse Program. The main goal of this program is to work in collaboration with the church leaders to provide health promotion and prevention services to the whole church community.

As your Parish nurse, I am prepared to play a variety of roles including educator, counselor and advocate for individuals and families within our church.

I would like to start the program by offering blood pressure screenings available for the whole congregation every first Sunday of the month after service. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

- Maria Restrepo madelcarr@gmail.com



## **AIEP is Seeking Host Families**

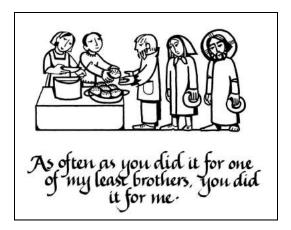
My name is Donna Douglass. I am with an organization called AIEP that recruits international high school students from China and provides their homestays. We are seeking host families that can host students attending Fairfield Prep High School in Fairfield. They will be arriving in mid-August. We find that some of the best host families come from the church's internal community.

For every family that is accepted into our program and is matched with a student, we will provide your church a \$500 referral bonus in September.

Can you kindly review and consider? If you have any further questions, you can reach out to the Local Coordinator in your area, Sandra Gizzi at <a href="mailto:sgizzi@aiepusa.com">sgizzi@aiepusa.com</a>. Any support is greatly appreciated.

## **Change of Address:**

DeNeutte Family
750 Lansford Bay Drive
West Columbia, Couth Carolina 29172



## Serving at Golden Hill UMC

# FGUMC Will be Serving at Golden Hill Wed., Aug 28 at 4:45 pm

Fairfield Grace will assist in serving dinner at Golden Hill UMC in Bridgeport

Please join the team!
Contact Cindy Block at 203-374-2285 or cynblock@att.net.

## SUSANNA AND WESLEY CIRCLES

The Susanna and Wesley Circles will not be meeting during July and August.

We will get together again in September for our start of the year. Any questions, please speak to Georgina Holdsworth, at 203-335-7129 or <a href="mailto:ghotsworth@optimum.net">gholdsworth@optimum.net</a>.

## **Eating Lunch Together:**

Thurs., July 18

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Let's Go "Dutch" at Duchess!

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.

## Fall Retreat

"Seeking Wisdom"

(Exploring Divine Mystery)

a weekend experience for men and women

WISDOM HOUSE 229 East Litchfield Rd. Litchfield, CT 06759 September 27-29, 2019 (Friday, 7:00 p.m. – Sunday after lunch)



What does it mean to be a person of faith in a world of many faiths?
What do religious strangers reveal to us about God? We seek wisdom for it leavens intelligence, ennobles consciousness, and advances evolution itself.

Led by Reverend Caroly R. Gibson
Total Cost \$245.00 (includes 5 meals, room, program, and materials)
Register Soon – Space in Farmhouse is Limited

Name:		Email:	
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Mail Registration with \$150.00 deposit to:
Rev. Caroly Gibson 145 Hilltop Drive Trumbull, CT 06611
Balance due by September 1≠
Questions or Further Details, call [203] 380-1260 email: cgibsonumc@peoplepc.com

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

# FAIRFIELD GRACE THIRD ANNUAL FRAN GOLF OUTING

ALL men and women are invited to spend an afternoon golfing.

3 –par nine-hole course in Fairfield at South Pine Creek Park on Old Dam Road at 3:00 pm. Contact Charlie Morris (203-259-6174)

#### Golf RSVP: See above

Invite your FRAN (Friends, Relatives, Acquaintances and Neighbors)! We need to know how many are coming, so please use the sign up on the office door or you can contact Charlie, or the church office (203-374-6528 or fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net).

#### OPEN HOUSE DINNER

Pastor Cho and his wife, Kyong Hee, will be hosting an Open House at the Church at 6:00 pm for congregation members (golfers and non-golfers) and FRAN.

Open House RSVP: If you can attend the Open House—whether or not you will be golfing—
please use the sign up on the office door or
contact the church office (203-374-6528 or fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net)
You can also sign up to bring a side dish or dessert—which are welcome, but not required.

## **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 September Issue of the Quester is Tuesday, August 20.



## **Pastor Cho Summer Schedule**

#### Leaving July 25, returning on Aug 19

Please contact Anne at the church at 203-374-6528 during office hours with any urgent needs or questions.

After office hours, please contact:

Lee Del Vecchio at 203-556-7899 or Charlene Brauns-Schindler at 203-218-0567.

## Now Taking Applications

## PARISH COURT

HUD Income limits as of April 24, 2019

OWNED BY:

Church Housing for Fairfield, Inc.

LOCATED AT:

175 Warde Terrace, Fairfield, CT 06825-3632

INCOME LIMITS:

One Person \$<u>52.850;</u> Two Persons \$<u>60,400</u>

FUNDING FROM:

U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA).

Eligible households must have a head, co-head, or spouse 62 years of age or older, or eligible disabled.

#### APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR

Subsidized efficiencies and one-bedroom apartments Market (Lnsubsidized) one-bedroom apartments

#### **AMENITIES INCLUDE**

- Heat. Hot Weter, Electric and Air-conditioning included.
  - Smoke-Free Housing Pets cermitted
- Patio or balcony per apartment Off-street assigned parking.
- Community Center with monthly activities; laundry and mail facilities.
  - Senior Center shuttle & GBTA bus stop at location.
- Hard-wired remotely monitored smake detector system each apartment
  - Emergency Generator Back-up for F/A System and Comm. Ctr.
    - On-site Administration and Maintenance staff.

## Existing market residents have priority for available subsidy.

Public notice will be previded when changes occur to open or close wait lists.

#### FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Parish Court
175 Warde Terrace, Fairfield, CT 06825-3632

Phone: (203) 333-4912

Email: parishcourt@ehmchm.org

Fax: (203) 333-2310 TRS: (800) 842-9710



**EOH** 







Fellowship after Eliana Sardo's Baptism



**Scholarship Sunday** 





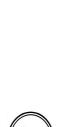
Fairfield Grace 63rd Anniversary Service and Luncheon







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