

The Quester



Dec 2019/ Jan 2020

Fairfield Grace United Methodist Church

A Message from Pastor Cho:

My beloved sisters and brothers in Christ,

Peace and Grace of Jesus Christ be with you and your family.

Were you in the sanctuary on three Sundays-- November 3rd, 10th and 17th when Anne Ewing, Maria Restrepo and Karen Price shared their hearts with us? My heart was inspired and strengthened by their authentic and empowering words. I am sure those of you who were there had similar experiences. See below some of their words and give thanks to God for them and their journey with us. Taking this opportunity, I thank again Anne, Maria and Karen for their sharing.

Anne Ewing's Words on Sunday, November 3

I have always been a bit of a solitary person. I read the bible alone, pray alone. Commune with GOD alone. But the words, commune and community, also involve the Church. Fellowship adds another dimension to our spiritual life and shapes our character. Being too solitary can lead to becoming self-centered. And that is not a service to GOD. Lasting happiness comes from serving others, not ourselves.

We must remember everything that this Church does for us and for the larger Christian community. Everything we do to help, makes a difference no matter how mundane. Isn't it a joy to give back? (Although sometimes I never know what Pastor Cho might come up with!) Giving can be so much more than a duty, it can be a source of joy. Again, lasting happiness comes from serving others, not ourselves. Your personal giving will live on in Christ's transforming love to others. (ACTs 20:35) Says it is more blessed to give of ourselves than to receive from others.

Maria Restrepo's Words on Sunday, November 10

My family and I moved to Fairfield about 5 years ago. Since that, finding a church home that feels like a good fit has been difficult for us. I finally found FG this year at the end of May. During my first service, I received a warm welcome from pastor Cho.... On that day, the church was having

its 63rd anniversary and the whole congregation was invited to a celebration after service. We decided to join for a few minutes and the atmosphere around the room captivated me. I felt a strong sense of community, love and belonging.... God created us to belong, to be part of a community, to serve, to encourage each other, to bear each other burdens.... That is why I am here. That is why I want to contribute. That it is why I want to encourage you to take the step of faith with your time, your presence, your listening ear, and your own gifts and money. To me, the giver is the main receiver. After all, when we give what we think is ours, we are just returning it to the Source and that infinite source, our God, will take care of our own needs. He reminds us of that on Luke 6:38: Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you."

Karen Price's Words on November 17

"Next September it will be 40 years since we walked into Fairfield Grace for the first time. We moved from Atlanta Labor Day weekend and quickly sought a church where we could live out our faith journey. At first I thought that we ended up here accidentally, but I now realize God had guided us to Fairfield Grace...."

"Each week we sing the doxology "Praise God from whom all blessings flow ". Those words are very powerful. We have been extremely blessed. At this season our grand-children Maggie and Nolan 14 and 12 still attend weekly with us. Their journey began here as infants. Maggie said church as one of her first words. I found a beautiful quote on facebook that I have revised. The circle of our church family around us weave invisible nets of love that carry us when we are weak and sing with us when we are strong. We love and are loved by our cherished Fairfield Grace family. God has blessed us with our beloved Pastor Cho as a spiritual mentor and friend for 12 years. He has been faithful in his unwavering care and support in good times and bad for us....."

We enter the Advent season, the first season according to our Christians calendar. May the Lord bless Fairfield Grace church and fill us with His joy, love and peace.

Blessings,

Kun Sam, your great small church pastor



Ushers

December: Team #2

Charlene Brauns-Schindler

Ed Schindler

Lee Del Vecchio

Judy Vindheim

January: Team #3

Karen Benson

Shelia Muscott

Sandra Brown

Miguel Restrepo



Please contact Georgina at gholdsworth@optimum.net or 203-335-7129 If you (our family, your committee, your team or your family) can organize coffee hour

Advent Candle Lighters

Dec 1: Sharpe family Dec 8: Restrepo family

Dec 15: White/Monkman family

Dec 22: Daigle family

Dec 24 (5:00 pm): Barrett Campana famly

Dec 24 (10:00 pm): Lee family

Worship Leaders

Dec 1: Matt Rush

Dec 8: Miguel Restrepo

Dec 15: Sheila Muscott (Pageant)

Dec 22: Christmas Cantata

Dec 24 (5:00 pm): Cameron Bowcock

Dec 24 (10:00 pm): Dot Daruka

Dec 29: Georgina Holdsworth

Jan 5: Bob Price

Jan 12: Micaela Ditgen-Jaramillo

Jan 19: Ben Collen

Jan 26: Martha Wood

Counters

Dec: Al Oneto and Jill Gillis

Jan: Matt Rush and Al Oneto

Communion Steward

Dec 1 & Jan 5: 10:00 am Karen Benson

1:00 pm Helen Lee

Dec 24: 10:00 pm Karen Benson

Lectionary Readings December and January



Dec 1: Isaiah 2:1-5; Ps 122; Rom 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

Dec 8: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

Dec 15: Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 1:47-55; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Dec 22: Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

Dec 24: Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

Dec 29: Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

Jan 5: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Jan 12: Isaiah 42:1-9; Ps 29 (UMH 761); Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

Jan 19: Isaiah 49:1-7; Ps 40:1-11; 1 Cor 1:1-9; Jn 1:29-42

Jan 26: Isaiah 9:1-4; Ps 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

Prayer Concerns

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; David and his baby (Nancy Chavez' brother) health concerns; Mel Holdsworth, health concerns; Liz Savage, health concerns; Warren and Pat Rozelle, health concerns; Tony Jacabacci (good friend of Dennis Robb), cancer surgery; Fredene and Pastor J, in Indiana; Sheila Iseppi (friend of Lee Del Vecchio), cancer; Bill Cook (Jean Oneto's cousin), severe brain hemorrhage; Stanley Block (Cindy's father-in -law), health concerns; Paul Meyer, recovering from surgery on elbow; Campana family, birth of Ellery Carlyle Barrett Campana; Carol Waston, recovering from knee surgery, Zeyn (Kristina Jouhkadar's daughter), recovering; Richard Ewing (husband of Anne) upcoming surgery on 12/2.

Homebound

Dorothy Albrecht (home); Pat Altieri (Parish Court); 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).



Adult Bible Study ~ 2019-2020

SUNDAYS at 9:00 am

WEDNESDAYS at 10:10 am and THURSDAYS at 6:45 pm

Sun, Dec 1—Sun, Dec 22: "The Wonder of Christmas", by Rob Renfroe

Sun, Jan 5—Sun, Feb 9: "Fearless", by Max Lucado

Sun, Feb 23—Sun, Mar 29: "Life-Changing Prayer", by Jim Cymbala

Sun, Apr 19—Sun, May 24: "Short Stories by Jesus", by Amy Jill Levine

All are welcome to join!

Please contact Sheila Muscott at 203-368-9199 or sheilamuscott@att.net with questions.

Discussion Groups will meet in Hood Parlor.

Christmas Basket Donations

Merry Christmas! It's the happiest time of the year, but also a time to give to our neighbors in need.

Please help us by donating...

- Food (peanut butter, jelly, tuna, soup, rice, beans, pasta, sauce, instant mashed potatoes, instant stuffing mix, dry gravy mix, cereal, canned fruit and canned veggies)
- ♦ \$10 Target Gift Cards to be used for Children's gifts.
- ♦ Gifts for children 13-18, unwrapped.
- ♦ Cash, which we will donate to the Golden Hill Food Bank.

There will be a box near the entrance to the church, wrapped like a present. Thank you for your help.

All donations are due at the church by December 10.

Please contact Larry Campana with questions after Church, at 347-558-3049, or lawrencecampana@gmail.com

Wesley Circle ~ Thurs, Dec 5 and Jan 2 at 10:00 am

Join the Wesley Circle men!

On Dec 5 speaker will be Connie Bellarini.

On Jan 2, speaker will be Craig Bogardus.





Ho! Ho! Ho!

Santa is coming to Fairfield-Grace on December 7!

It's that time again; time to start "Making a list, and checking it twice!" Santa will be coming to Fairfield-Grace on **December 7 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.

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 Alan Stewart (asj@asjrealty.com)

Fairfield Christmas Tree Festival: Dec 6-8

The beneficiary this year is Camp HOPE America - Connecticut, a program of the Center for Family Justice, for children and teens affected by domestic violence. Trees, wreaths, garlands, custom-made live wreaths, holiday boutique and more, all for a great cause! For Special Events information, visit our website at www.FairfieldChristmasTreeFestival.org.

Church Conference: Sunday, December 8 at 2:00 pm

All members are encouraged to attend Annual Church Conference on December 8 at 2:00 pm at Westport/WestonUMC.

Carpooling from church parking lot at 1:30 pm. Directions will be available at the office.

There will be a Trustees Election. We hope to see you at this important annual gathering for our church.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Fairfield Grace Church



Thursday, December 12: 1:00-6:45

Please consider donating!

POINSETTIAS

It's time to order Poinsettias that will adorn our Christmas Eve Altar. Prices remain the same this year, \$10.00 for either red or white. Order envelopes are available on the table in the back of the Sanctuary or at the church office.

Order deadline is December 13th. Your poinsettia(s) may be taken home after the 10:00 pm Christmas Eve service on December 24 or after the 10:00 am service on Sunday, December 29.



Christmas Pageant ~ Sunday, December 15 at 10:00 am "Twas the Night Before Christmas"

We will be performing our annual Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 15.

This is a great way for all of our kids to participate in a wonderful Fairfield Grace tradition.

We are looking forward to sharing this story with our Congregation.

Contact Franklyn MacLean at 202-372-8664 or franklyn49@optonline.net with any questions.

Susanna Circle Luncheons Wed, Dec 18 at 12:00 noon ~ Sun, Jan 12 following 10:00 service

The Susanna Ladies Circle will meet on **Wednesday, December 18 at noon** in Tremayne Hall. We will be writing Christmas cards to the Church shut-ins and anyone else in need of cheer. Please bring a bagged lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

Also, mark your calendars now for the **Blahs Lunch on Sunday, January 12** after the 10:00 am service (weather permitting). See Georgina at Church or call 203-335-7129, gholdsworth@optimum.net, for further info.

Blue Christmas Taizé Service with oil anointing for healing Wednesday, December 18 6:00 pm

The focus will be to comfort those who have suffered loss during the year and are grieving while others around them are joyous this Christmas.

Come with FRAN!

Eating Lunch Together: Let's Go "Dutch" at Duchess! Thurs., Dec 19 and Jan 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.





Music and Meal
Year-end Celebration
Monday, Dec 30 at 6:00 pm

Kyong Hee Cho and other talented musicians will play or sing music filled with the spirit of joy. There will be a lovely dinner following the music.

You and your FRAN are invited.

RSVP for planning to Anne at the Church Office at fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net

December at Fairfield Grace

Sunday, December 1: First Sunday in Advent

10:00 am (English) & 1:00 pm (Korean) Services

Thursday, December 5

Wesley Circle, 10:00 am

Saturday, December 7

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

Sunday December 8: Second Sunday in Advent

10:00 am (English) & 12:00 noon (Korean) Services

Saturday, December 8:

Church Conference, Westport/Weston UMC, 2:00 pm

Sunday, December 15: Third Sunday in Advent

Christmas Pageant and Baptism (Anderson Ordas) at 10:00 am Worship Service 1:00 pm (Korean) Worship Service "Joseph..." Musical at 4:30 pm

Thursday, December 19

Let's Go Dutch at Duchess at 11:30 am

Sunday, December 22: Fourth Sunday in Advent

Joint Christmas Cantata at 10:00 am Worship Service 1:00 pm (Korean) Services Christmas Caroling at 4:45 pm

Tuesday, December 24: Christmas Eve

5:00 pm: Family Candlelight Service (English) 10:00 pm: Candlelight Communion Service (Bilingual)

Sunday, December 29: First Sunday after Christmas

10:00 am (English) & 1:00 pm (Korean) Services "Carols and Lessons"

Monday, December 30:

Music and Meal at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, December 18 Susanna Circle, 12:00 noon Blue Christmas Taizé Service at 6:00 pm

Advent Devotional Booklets

are available in Narthex of the Sanctuary
for you to take home and read
for a fuller appreciation of the Advent Season

January at Fairfield Grace

Wed, Jan 1: New Year's Day

Thurs, Jan 2: Wesley Circle at 10:00 am

Thursday small group at 6:45 pm

Sun, Jan 5: Epiphany Sunday / Wesley Covenant Worship Service at 10 am

Sunday Small Group at 9 am

Wed, Jan 8: Wednesday Small Group at 10:10 am

Finance & Trustees Meetings

Sun, Jan 12: Baptism of the Lord / Baptism for Liliana Collen

Susanna Circle Luncheon following service

Wed, Jan 15: Wednesday Church Council Meeting at 7:30 pm

Thurs, Jan 16 "Go Dutch at Duchess" at 11:30 pm

Sun, Jan 19: Second Sunday after the Epiphany / Human Relations Day Sunday

Welcoming Team Meeting at 11:30 am

Sun, Jan26: Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Worship Service (English) at 10:00 am Lunar New Year's Sunday Worship at 1 pm

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 fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net) to sponsor an arrangement.



P. NOBLE FLOWER MINISTRY AT FGUMC IS BLOOMING!

Trader Joe's in Fairfield on Black Rock Turnpike generously donates excess flowers to the church every week for Sunday services. The donation is picked up and arranged in vases by the efforts of John and Pat Bailey and Karen Benson. Our thanks to Trader Joe's and this new ministry (called P. Noble Flower Ministry) at Fairfield Grace. Special thanks to John and Pat Bailey for creating this new ministry here at our church.



We hope people continue to enjoy these flowers at Sunday services and share them by distributing to FRAN that cannot be here at church or are in need of a little cheer.

Pray for Fairfield Grace Families

Dec 1: Rick Nagy, Judy Nelson and Oneto family

Dec 8: GeeHee Park, Dorothy Patterson, Cynthia Peck-Humphrey
Dec 15: Dottie Peck, George Pennell family and Scott Pennell family

Dec 22: Peters family, Beverly Plucker and Price family

Dec 29: Suzanne Rebecco, Kurt Rempe and Restrepo family

Jan 5: Amanda Rivera, Robb family and Rozelle family

Jan 12: Rush family, Elizabeth Savage and Ed Schindler family
Jan 19: Nathan Schindler family, Schroll family and Shirley Sims

Jan 26: Tanner Smoot, Snook family and Spangler family

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 February Issue of the Quester is Mon., January 20

Week of:



Session on Medicare 2020

Council Dinner with Rev. Randy Day.



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Five strikes in a row by Pastor Cho FGUMC Bowling outing.

Our wonderful and faithful ushers.





The Collen family
Liliana's Baptism is on Jan 15, 2020

Holiday Shopping?







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!



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.)			

December Birthdays

January Birthdays

02	Bev Wenz
02	Allison Sardo
03	Maya Lomax
05	Cassie Llewellyn
06	Ben Collen
06	Sue Rush
07	Myra Lubeck
80	Craig Leppla
10	Shelley Llewellyn
15	Pastor J.
16	Fancis Amoo, Jr
17	Warren Rozelle
20	Carol Watson
21	Denise Tanno
24	Kathy Lopes
26	Matias Gabriel Pennell
26	Henry Bissell
26	Mary Michelson
27	Joe Sugrue
29	Cathy Anderson
29	Brenna Conroy
29	Dennis Robb
30	Emma Gilbert

Kristian Snook

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December Anniversaries

Dec 26 Aldora & Frank Targowski 56 yrs

Dec 27 Denise & Greg Tanno 32 yrs









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