



The Quester

**Fairfield Grace United
Methodist Church**



Feb, 2020

A Message from Pastor Cho:

To my sisters and brothers at Fairfield Grace

Grace and Peace of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord to all of you.

I would like to share with you the letter written by Miguel Restrepo, who has become a part of the “Body of Christ” at Fairfield Grace last year. Thank YOU, Miguel for this encouraging and inspiring letter.

Along with this letter, let me post several pictures taken last month. Pictures worth more than words.



Dear FGUMC family,

Words cannot describe the accepting and nourishing atmosphere I have felt at the church. Since day 1, the Pastor has gone out of his way to make my family feel welcomed in the church community. I have nothing but gratitude and kind words to say to the pastor and the congregation. Each day I see the pastor Dayfly I am filled with joy that the Lord has given me another day of life. Before FGUMC, I felt lonely as well as lost and I knew that the Lord didn't want me to live this way any longer. I am so glad my mom found this church on google maps on May 2019.

Now, I am actively involved in church and have never looked back. I have led the church services twice and am the youngest usher. I also have a great friendship with the Pastor and with the congregation's oldest member, Art Thomas. Through Art's great war stories and his heavenly wisdom I have found a new appreciation with life and am so lucky to be able to spend time at Panera with 2 of Fairfield's finest gentleman. They



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are my spiritual mentors and I am glad that they have also welcomed me into the Wesley circle group. This group meets once a month and is an opportunity for the gentleman of the church to congregate and discuss a variety of different topics that men can understand.

Finally, I want to say thank you to Pastor Cho, Art Thomas, Mr. Miller and my mother for having a positive impact on my upbringing at the church. None of these opportunities would have been possible without these special people and the entire congregation which has been so welcoming and accepting since the start of our church journey. I can't wait to see what the future holds for this congregation and wish everyone a blessed new calendar year.

Sincerely,

Miguel Restrepo



Lectionary Readings

- Feb 2:** Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12
Feb 9: Isaiah 58:1-9a, (9b-12); Ps 112:1-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16);
Matthew 5:13-20
Feb 16: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; I Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37
Feb 23: Ex 24:12-18; Ps 99; 2 Pet 1:16-21; Mt 17 1-9

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 (\$35 each).



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., February 20

Ushers

Team #1

Ed Stock

Charlie Morris

Art Thomas

Bob Watson

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

Feb 2: *Cameron Bowcock*

Feb 9: *Scouts Troop 88/188*

Feb 16: *Franklyn MacLean*

Feb 23: *Peter Lowerson*

Sunday School Teachers

Feb 2: *Patty Jurgielewicz and Darlene Dowgiallo*

Feb 9: *Cindy Block*

Feb 16: *Nubia Jaramillo-Pennell and Bill Miller*

Feb 23: *Franklyn MacLean with Michelle Krancz*

Counters

Al Oneto and Jeff Yi

Communion Stewards

10:00 am *Karen Benson*

1:00 pm *Helen Lee*

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.

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; **David and his baby** (Nancy Chavez' brother) health concerns; **Mel Holdsworth**, health concerns; **Liz Savage**, health concerns; **Warren and Pat Rozelle**, health concerns; **Tony Jacobacci** (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; **Carol Waston**, recovering at home, **Zeyn** (Kristina Jouhkadar's daughter), recovering; **Richard Ewing** (husband of Anne) recovering at home; **Nancy Chavez**, recovering from surgery; **Ormie Gilbert**, recovering at St Joseph's; **Judy Vindheim**, recovering; **Betty Brandt**, at St Vincent's.

Homebound

Dorothy Albrecht (home), **Pat Altieri** (Parish Court), **Emma Gilbert** (Seacrest), **Ormie Gilbert** (St Joseph's), **Elsie Kerekes** (Crosby Commons), **Leah Larsen** (home), **Barbara McCarthy** (Juniper Hill Village), **Michelle Molnar** (Stern Village), **Dorothy Patterson** (home), **Dot Peck** (home), **George Pennell** (Carolton), **Bev Plucker** (home), **Liz Savage** (home), **Shirley Sims** (Parish Court), **Diana Stein** (Jewish Home).

Pray for Fairfield Grace Families

Week of:

Feb 2: Diana Stein, Paul Stein and family, Alan Stewart and family
Feb 9: Ellen Stewart, Stimpson family and Stock family
Feb 16: Suh family, Elizabeth Sweeney & Kazuo Mizoguchi and Tang family
Feb 23: Jeff Tang, Targowski family and Art Thomas



February Birthdays

01 Sook Hyun Kim
01 Sean Mizoguchi
02 GeeHee Park
02 Andrew Jurgielewicz
02 Jen Kristy
03 Pat Bailey
04 Kimberly Spangler
04 Chai H Choi
04 Taylor Snook
06 Jim Wood

08 Won Aeh Choi
08 Madeline Monkman
09 Jim Conroy
09 Kristina Joukhadar
10 David Harrison
11 Yubin Yi
14 Craig Michelson
14 Alexander Tang

15 Jenna Michelson
18 Cynthia Peck-Humphrey
19 Joseph Dowgiallo
24 Steve Lopes
26 Maggie Price
26 Elizabeth Sweeney
27 Dorothy Patterson
28 Robert Bedson
28 Daniel Vindheim

February Anniversaries

Feb 07

Carol and Bob Watson

61 years

Adult Bible Study ~ 2020

SUNDAYS at 9:00 am

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

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.

MFSA

New York Presents

WHEN

February 9, 2020
3:30 PM - 6:30 PM

WHERE

New York Annual
Conference Center
20 Soundview Avenue
White Plains, NY 10606

RSVP

www.mfsany.eventbrite.com

Pathways to the Future

*Join Methodist Federation for Social
Action of New York for a dinner and
program as we discuss the future of
the UMC.*

Featured Speakers



Bishop Thomas Bickerton - Bishop of the New York Conference and a part of the diverse group to create the "Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation" proposal.

Karen Prudente - a life-long United Methodist, member of MIND, the Connectional Table, works with the Christmas Covenant group, is and part of our New York General Conference Delegation

Helen Ryde - a Home Missioner in the UMC serving as Reconciling Ministries regional Organizer for the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Spaghetti Dinner

Sat, Feb 1 at 6:00 pm



Please Join Us for Troop 88 & 188's Spaghetti Supper, February 1st– 6pm to 8pm!

Enjoy an all-you-can-eat feast of spaghetti or penne with marinara and our homemade, Italian-style meatballs, along with bread, salad, drinks and dessert, all crafted and served to you family-style by your favorite Scouts!

Adults - \$15; Seniors & Children (aged 5 to 12) - \$10; Children under 5 - free

Reservations and Pre-Payment Requested - <https://goo.gl/forms/3eigxfKJ1hhgNudp2>

Please contact Nathan Schindler (860)578-4364 or n.s.schindler@gmail.com with any questions.

SCOUT SUNDAY ("SOUPER BOWL" SUNDAY)

February 9 at 10:00 am Worship Service

We will celebrate our Scouts on Sunday, February 9
at the 10:00 am Service.



Please bring a can of soup, non-perishable food or monetary contribution...
to the service to be donated to those in need.

All are welcome and encouraged to join the Congregational Meal
hosted by Troop 88/188 after the service.

Serena Circle Book Group: Monday, February 17

The next Serena Book Group meeting will be Monday, February 17 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



WESLEY CIRCLE

Please join the men of Fairfield Grace on the
First Thursday of the Month at 10:00 am

There are often speakers and lively discussions,
a shared meal or delicious baked goods.

Let's Go Dutch at Duchess with Wesley Circle and friends!

Wesley Circle will meet on Thursday, February 20 at 10:00 am

At Duchess Restaurant on Black Rock Turnpike

BOWLING TOGETHER

SAT, FEBRUARY 22 AT 2:22 PM

NUTMEG BOWL, FAIRFIELD

Join us for an afternoon of bowling and fellowship on:

2/22 at 2:22 pm

Everyone is welcome to attend. Contact Bill Miller at 203-367-2513 to RSVP.



Ash Wednesday Taizé Service

February 26

7:00 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.

Monday Night Discussion Series

ALL ARE WELCOME

Small Group Discussion with Light Dinner in Tremayne Hall Monday Nights at 6:30 pm

February 24

“Walking with Others in the Wilderness” by Rob Renfoe

Light supper followed by a video presentation

This is a powerful series to begin our Lenten Season.

All are welcome!

A \$5.00 donation is gladly appreciated.

Let us know if you are joining us.

March 30

“Walking with God in the Wilderness” by Rob Renfoe

April 20

“Coming Out of the Wilderness” by Rob Renfoe

May 18

John Wesley, Our Methodist Founder

Contact Sheila Muscott with any questions

203-368-9199 or sheilamuscott@att.net

RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, March 7

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Clothing ▪ Shoes ▪ Purses
Belts ▪ Hats**



**CONTACT LEE DEL VECCHIO
203-374-2130**

**Bedding ▪ Drapes ▪ Towels
Tablecloths ▪ Fabric Remnants**

**Fairfield Grace United Methodist Church
1089 Fairfield Woods Road
Fairfield, CT 06825**

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.)



Youth at Fairfield Grace



Breakfast with Santa



Annual Church Conference

Shopping?



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!





February 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
BAPTISM/HEALING TIME LUNAR NEW YEAR 9am - Bible Study, HP 9am - Handbell Review 9:15am - Chancel Choir Review 9:15am - Chancel Choir Review 10am - Joint Bilingual Worship	9:30am - Prayer time for Church 7pm - FA, Conference Room 7pm - Scout Committee Mtg, PH 7:30pm - Alano, Yth Rm @	9:30am - New Copier 9:30am - Prayer time for Church 10am - Visit Pastor/Panera 10pm - Staff Meeting 7:30pm - Hand Bell Rehearsal,	9:30am - Prayer time for Church 7pm - Troop 100/08 Scouts 7:30pm - AA, Youth Room	9:30am - Prayer time for Church 8:45pm - Bible Study, HP 7pm - FA, Conference Rm 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	Spag Dinner set up/PH 9:30am - Prayer time for Church 6pm - Spag Dinner hosted by	9:30am - Brass Rehearsal 9:30am - Prayer time for Church 6pm - Spag Dinner hosted by
COMMUNION SUNDAY 9am - Bible Study, HP 9:15am - Chancel Choir Review 10am - Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11am - Fellowship Mtg/HP 11:30am - Treble Choir 1pm - Worship Service	Pastor Cho away 9am - MNS/PH 9:30am - Prayer time for Church 7pm - FA, Conference Room 7:30pm - Alano, Yth Rm @	9am - MNS/PH 9:30am - Prayer time for Church 10am - Panera cancelled 7:30pm - Hand Bell Rehearsal,	9:30am - Prayer time for Church 7pm - Troop 100/08 Scouts 7pm - Trustees, Hood Parlor @ 7:30pm - AA, Youth Room	9:30am - Prayer time for Church 10am - Wesley's Circle, cancelled 8:45pm - Bible Study, HP 7pm - FA, Conference Rm 7:30pm - Chancel Choir		9:30am - Prayer time for Church
Pastor Cho away SCOUTS/CONNECTIONAL/RYMN 9am - Bible Study, HP 9:15am - Choir Review 10am - Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11:30am - Treble Choir 1pm - Worship Service	9:30am - Prayer time for Church 7pm - FA, Conference Room 7:30pm - Alano, Yth Rm @	Pastor Cho/Spiritual Retreat 9:30am - Prayer time for Church 10am - Panera cancelled 7:30pm - Hand Bell Rehearsal,	9:30am - Prayer time for Church 3pm - WAMC Rehearsal 7pm - Troop 100/08 Scouts 7:30pm - AA, Youth Room	9:30am - Prayer time for Church 8:45pm - Bible Study, HP 7pm - FA, Conference Rm 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	Valentine's Day 9:30am - Prayer time for Church	9:30am - Prayer time for Church 2pm - WAMC Rehearsal,
MISSION SUNDAY 9am - Bible Study, HP 9am - Handbell Review 10am - Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11:30am - Treble Choir 1pm - Worship Service 4pm - Scout Jamboree, PH	President's Day (Regional) 9:30am - Prayer time for Church 7pm - FA, Conference Room 7pm - Seniors Book Club - Hood 7:30pm - Alano, Yth Rm @	9:30am - Prayer time for Church 10am - Panera/Pastor Cho 12pm - OBCP Meeting	9:30am - Prayer time for Church 3pm - WAMC Rehearsal 7pm - Troop 100/08 Scouts 7:30pm - AA, Youth Room	9:30am - Prayer time for Church 11:30am - Go Dutch at Dutchess 8:45pm - Bible Study, HP 7pm - FA, Conference Rm 7:30pm - Chancel Choir		9:30am - Prayer time for Church 10am - Woodwinds Rehearsal 2pm - WAMC Rehearsal, 2:20pm - FOUNC
HEALING TIME 9am - Bible Study, HP 9:15am - Chancel Choir Review 10am - Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11:30am - Treble Choir 1pm - Worship Service 3:30pm - WAMC Program,	9:30am - Prayer time for Church 8:30pm - Discussion Group/PH 7pm - FA, Conference Room 7pm - Scout Committee Mtg, PH 7:30pm - Alano, Yth Rm @	9:30am - Prayer time for Church 10am - Visit Pastor/Panera 12pm - Staff Meeting - tentative 3pm - Leadership Team 8pm - Private rental 7:30pm - Hand Bell Rehearsal,	ASH WEDNESDAY 9:30am - Prayer time for Church 10:10am - Adult Bible Study, HP 3pm - OBCP Acting class/PH 8pm - Talent Service 7pm - Troop 100/08 Scouts 7:30pm - AA, Youth Room	9:30am - Prayer time for Church 8:45pm - Bible Study, HP 7pm - FA, Conference Rm 7:30pm - Chancel Choir		NYAC Special Session 9:30am - Prayer time for Church