

# The Quester



*Fairfield Grace United  
Methodist Church*

**January  
2015**

## ***A Message From Our Pastor...***

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Exciting New Year ahead of you and me.

“Hey, Pastor Cho! Any new things happening at FGUMC?” Often I receive this question when I am visiting parishioners, especially with the FGUMC homebound. “Any new and exciting news to share?” I am thankful for their question, for it shows they do have a great interest in the ministry of Jesus Christ at Fairfield Grace.

Below is my answer. A half dozen wonderful ministries are expected to happen this coming new year, 2015. Let me list them one by one. See which one or two of them you find interesting, exciting and challenging.

First of all, a program called “Encountering Other Faiths” will begin this month and last until May. Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam and Judaism are four major religions we will study monthly, with the exception of the Lenten season in March. Come to Hood Parlor on Sundays at 9 am or on Wednesdays at 10:10am, and you will be glad to take part in this learning and growing opportunity. Visiting their temples and meeting them are part of the program in which you and your family are invited to participate. We are going to a Hindu temple in Wilton, CT, on Sunday, Jan. 25, a Buddhist temple either in West Hartford, CT, or upstate in New York, on Sunday, Feb. 8, a mosque in Bridgeport, CT, on Sunday, April 26, and lastly a Jewish temple in Bridgeport, CT, on Sunday, May 17. I am excited about this new and eye-opening experience available to us. I hope we find who we are more clearly by learning who they are. I know our faith as Christians will be strengthened when we know more about other faiths and their practices.

Beginning in January, FGUMC Coffee House will be open every Thursday morning at 10:10 am in Tremayne Hall. Yes, it is a time and place to meet and chat with one another and even play games. Learn more about the Coffee House by reading an article by Wayne Brown in this month’s Quester. Do you feel like coming out of the house and meeting sisters and/or brothers in Christ and having a good and meaningful time with Pastor J and Pastor Cho? Then come to the church every Thursday morning. Be informed that the first Thursday morning is reserved for the Retired Men’s Group and the second Thursday morning for women only. The third and fourth Thursday mornings are open for all, women and men. Bring with you any activity ideas you would like to have implemented during our time at the Coffee House.

Thirdly, our youth ministry has been running wonderfully lately, thanks to our proud youth director, Lauren, and all the faithful and energetic members of the Youth Advisory Board. Beginning this month, one or two youth will serve as a worship leader every second Sunday, which has been known as Youth/Hymn Sing Sunday at FGUMC. They will lead us in observing the Soup-er Bowl Sunday on Feb. 1, collecting a can food or one dollar for the poor and the hungry. Ski Trip/Winter Retreat has been planned for Feb 20-22, Friday through Sunday. I gladly accepted the invitation to take part in this retreat. I am looking forward to spending time with our youth. Again in April, they will do the Midnight Run on Holy Maudy Thursday, April 2. It is a great joy to see more and more youth coming and enjoying time spent with one another at FGUMC, a safe, secure and fun-filled place. Yes, we are here to support them and help them enjoy their journey with us.

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There are two more exciting events for you to know about that will take place on two Sundays--April 12 and May 3. Yes, I am talking about two events after Easter Sunday in April and May. The former is a workshop on "Human Trafficking in CT" and the latter "FGUMC International Taste." Mark them on your calendar and come to these learning and sharing times.

Last but not least, let me share with you one more exciting thing happening at FGUMC. Nineteen point six percent. What is it? It is how much more we have pledged to give for the ministry of Jesus Christ at FGUMC, as compared to last year's pledge. It is a joyful revelation that we are in unity for God and the ministry of Jesus Christ. You are a faithful and wonderful people of God. I am greatly blessed to serve and journey with you as disciples of Jesus Christ. May the Lord continue to bless, keep and strengthen us in body, mind and spirit.

See you soon in church.

Kun Sam, your partner in ministry

Ps. Call me at any time at 914-319-4241. You may reach out to me always, day and night, by email at [Kunsamcho92@gmail.com](mailto:Kunsamcho92@gmail.com).

***Lectionary Readings***  
***January 2015***

January 4, 2015  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Christmas  
Isaiah 60:1-6  
Ephesians 3:1-12  
Mark 2:1-12

January 11, 2015  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany  
Genesis 1:1-5  
Acts 19:1-7  
Mark 1:4-11

January 18, 2015  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany  
1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20)  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
John 1:43-51

January 25, 2015  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany  
Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
Corinthians 7:29-31  
Mark 1:14-20



## **Taize: A Time to Pray**

**There is power and peace in prayer**

Fairfield Grace invites you  
to come to its weekly prayer services...

When: Every Wednesday

Where: The Sanctuary

Services: 9:30-10:00 A.M. or 7:00-7:30 P.M

This is a time to meditate, relax, reflect, and  
pray in a quiet and peaceful setting, where  
you can be with God in moments of silence.

All are welcome. Come. Invite a friend



## **Fairfield Grace Families In Our Prayers**

*Week of:*

- Jan 04: Whiteman Family, Wood Family,  
Yi Family.
- Jan 11: Dot & Frank Zupansky, Benjamin &  
Maralyn Abbott, Dot Albrecht.
- Jan 18: Aldrich Family, Pat Altieri, Amoo  
Family.
- Jan 25: Anderson Family, Nancy Armour,  
Barbara Bacarella.

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### **Christmas Gift Baskets**

Fairfield Grace donated food and toys along with a donation of \$650 to Golden Hill Methodist Church to fill gift baskets for 120 families in the Bridgeport area. Golden Hill

Expressed their grateful appreciation for helping them to provide baskets to those in need.

### **Operation Hope Update**

Pantry: Please continue to fill the box at the back of our Sanctuary for their Pantry

Dinners: 3 Openings: May, July and September. Last Monday of the month.

### **Mission Bags Report**

Orphanage in Ecuador was sent a check for \$150 to provide Christmas Dinner and gifts for the children.

December collections will benefit the Norma F. Pfriem Urban Outreach Initiatives which provides food, clothing and educational programs to South End Bridgeport.

January Collections will be given to the Souper Bowl Collection on February 1



*So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.*

*Romans 12:5*

**Celebrate  
The Week of Prayer for Christian  
Unity!**

**Join us for an  
Ecumenical Service  
of Worship**

*Jesus said to her: "Give me to drink"*

**January 25, 2015 - 4:00 P.M.**

**at St. John's Episcopal Church**  
768 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut

**The Most Rev. Francis Caggiano,  
Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Bridgeport  
will preach**

Choirs & praise teams from Catholic, Protestant,  
and Orthodox congregations will participate

**All Are Welcome!**

*Sponsored by The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport*





OPERATION  
**HOPE**



## **Fairfield Grace Cooking for Operation Hope**

Monday, November 24

*Kyong Hee Cho*

Tuesday, December 23

*Peters Family & Friends*

Monday, January 26

*Jurgielewicz Family*

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Monday, March 23

*The Bissell Family*

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Monday, May 25

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Monday, July 27

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## Paper Shredding Day—Saturday May 16, 2015

**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 16. 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.

Please note that if we can get more than 50 people to bring boxes of paper, we will make some money to help the church. So talk it up with your friends, doctors, businesses, etc.



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The Fairfield Grace UMW (formerly the Naomi and Rebecca Circles) will hold their annual "Blahs Dinner" on Sunday, January 25, 2015 at Cinzano's Restaurant on Black Rock Turnpike. We will leave right after the church service and carpooling will be available. All the ladies of the church are most welcome to join us. Any questions, or you need more info, call Georgina at 203-335-7129 or Leah at 203-259-6095. Please join us for this time of fellowship.



Congratulations to Nubia & Scott Pennell on the birth of their son, Matthias Gabriel born on December 26th.

Congratulations to Leah & Jeff Henchcliffe on the birth of their son Wade.



## COFFEE HOUSE WILL BE WEEKLY

Pastor Cho has made changes for the 10 a.m. Thursday morning get-togethers at Fairfield Grace Church. Originally these were held the first Thursday of each month for retired men, but now meetings are being scheduled for both men and women parishioners.

Starting the new year, this is the new schedule:

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- Jan. 1 – On New Year’s Day there will be no meeting.
  - Jan. 8 – Retired Men’s meeting. (Usually held first Thursday.)
  - Jan. 15 – Coffee House for women only. (Usually held second Thursday.)
  - Jan. 22 – Coffee House for men and women.
  - Jan. 29 - Coffee House for men and women.
  - Feb. 5 - Retired Men’s meeting.
  - Feb. 12 – Coffee House for women only.

Pastors Kun Sam Cho and J. Daeschner lead the activities and answer all questions. Pastor Cho said, “I like to be with people here for coffee time and also in their homes. I wish to learn about them, and to find out what is important in their lives.” Informal time together, he said, allows for chatting, playing games, watching video, or having a guest speaker over free coffee and tea. “I want people to bring their own ideas of what they want.”

In the Retired Men’s meetings, Charlie Morris has played his tenor saxophone for an occasional sing-along. Barbara Smith led a Collage Workshop. “We recognize the kindness of Fredene Daeschner, who often makes pastries,” Pastor Cho said. Recently the group had lunch at a nearby restaurant. On December 11, the Pastor welcomed Michelle Molnar who enjoyed the first meeting for men and women.

Church members can drop in and find out what is happening at any time. Members may share news of individual activities including favorite restaurants and travels. There may be prayer for those in need. A meeting could have discussions of books read, and of recommended television or movies. All of this and more can be a welcome change, if one is alone much of the time.

Newcomers will find the Thursday Coffee House is informal, stimulating, often surprising, and a good place to develop new friendships.





Fairfield Grace United Methodist Women enjoying a Christmas Luncheon gathering on December 17, 2014.



## 2016 Birthday Quilt

Any one interested in designing and making a quilt for our 60th Church Birthday for June 2016 please contact Nancy Hauser at 203-538-5901. This would be placed on display for all to see and enjoy for years to come. Any other ideas would be appreciated as we move forward to build our church community and include our neighbors and friends.



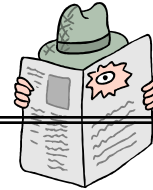
**January Birthdays**

- 05 Mary Bedson
- 06 Arnie Larsen
- 07 Edith Haller
- 08 Jeff Yi
- 09 Sung Keun Chun
- 09 Zachary Nagy
- 11 Jean Stevens
- 12 Franklyn MacLean
- 14 Carson Rush
- 18 Beverly Plucker
- 16 Frank Targowski
- 21 Callie Conroy
- 21 Chloe Solomon
- 22 Leah Larsen
- 24 Jim Blackburn
- 25 Eunsik Park
- 26 Adonis Meyers
- 26 Edward Stock
- 26 Lindsay Wood
- 27 Corey Anderson
- 28 Dan Aldrich



**January Anniversary**

Jan 4 Alexandra & Felix Beriguete 17 yrs



**Deadline for February Quester:**  
  
*Tuesday, January 20th*

**Ushers**

**Jan Team #2 ~ Joe Sugrue**

- ~ Nancy Hauser
- ~ Myra/Jim Lubeck
- ~ Sheila Muscott

**Greeters**

*January: Membership*

**Worship Leaders**

- Jan 04 - Jeff Tang
- Jan 11 - Dot Daruka
- Jan 18 - Dennis Robb
- Jan 25 - Kim Peters

**Fellowship Hour**

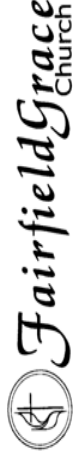
*January: Faith Circle*

**Children's Preachers**

*January 18: Christine Speight*



# January 2014



Fairfield Grace, Birthdays, Committees, Education/Enrichment, Fellowship, Mission, Music, Rentals, Youth Group

Jan 2015 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 <b>CAROLS &amp; LESSONS</b> <b>HEALING TIME @ Sanctuary</b> 10am - Worship Service,	29 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @	30	<b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b> 5pm - Faith Circle, FH &	<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>	Church Office Closed	3
4 Communion Sunday 9am - Adult Study, Hood @ 10am - Worship Service, 11:30am - Faith Circle,	5 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @	6 10:30am - Zumba Class, 7:30pm - Handbells, Choir	9:30am - Taize Prayer 10:10am - Lect. Bible 7pm - Boy Scouts, FH @ 7pm - Taize Prayer Service 7pm - Trustees, 2nd Gr 7:30pm - Finance, Hood	8 10:10am - Retired Men's 5pm - Scouts, Yth Room 7pm - Serena's, Hood 7:30pm - Chancel Choir @	9 4pm - MNS Winter Ball, FH 6:30pm - Scouts Pack 94,	10 8am - Brass Rehearsal, Yth 4:45pm - Spag Dinner, FH
11 <b>CONNECTIONAL SUNDAY</b> 9am - Adult Study, Hood @ 10am - Worship Service, 1pm - UMW, Hood 6pm - Yth Group, Yth Rm.	12 7pm - Serena's, Hood 7pm - Youth Advisory, 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @	13 10:30am - Zumba Class, 6pm - Confirmation Class, 7:30pm - Handbells @ Choir	9:30am - Taize Prayer 10:10am - Lect. Bible 7pm - Boy Scouts, FH @ 7pm - Taize Prayer Service 7:45pm - Church Council-	15 9:30am - Staff Mtg, 10:10am - Coffee House 7:30pm - Chancel Choir @	16 6:30pm - Scouts Pack 94,	17
18 Youth Group Ski Trip 9am - Adult Study, Hood @ 10am - Worship Service, 6pm - Yth Group, Yth Rm.	19 7pm - MNS, Hood Parlor 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @	20 10:30am - Zumba Class, 6pm - Confirmation Class, 7:30pm - Handbells @ Choir	9:30am - Taize Prayer 10:10am - Lect. Bible 7pm - Boy Scouts, FH @ 7pm - Taize Prayer Service 8pm - Faith Circle, Hood	22 10:10am - Coffee House 7:30pm - Chancel Choir @	23 11:30am - RED CROSS 6:30pm - Scouts Pack 94,	24 8am - Scouts, FH
25 <b>HEALING TIME @ Sanctuary</b> <b>UMW Dinner</b> 9am - Adult Study, Hood @ 10am - Worship Service, 1pm - Scouts, FH 2:30pm - Visiting Hindu 6pm - Yth Group, Yth Rm.	26 Cooking for Operation 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @ 7:30pm - Scouts	27 10:30am - Zumba Class, 6pm - Confirmation Class, 7:30pm - Handbells @ Choir	9:30am - Taize Prayer 10:10am - Lect. Bible 7pm - Boy Scouts, FH @ 7pm - Taize Prayer Service	29 10:10am - Coffee House 5pm - Scouts, Yth Rm 7:30pm - Chancel Choir @	30 6:30pm - Scouts Pack 94,	31