

The Quester



**Fairfield Grace United
Methodist Church**

**May
2016**

A Message from Pastor Cho:

My beloved sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

It is spring, an Easter season filled with newness. Spring flowers--tulips, hyacinths, daffodils (aka narcissus), forsythias etc.--are blooming all around us, which reminds us once again of the creative work and warm presence of our Creator in our world. Indeed, our cup overflows each and every day. Hallelujah. Amen.

May is Christian Home Month, focusing on the Christian home and its key role as a center for faith formation. I pray that all those FGUMC families with children and youth continue to grow in faith and love. Parents, FGUMC is here as your M&M partner to nurture and nourish your children and youth. Together we strive continuously to be a community of faith for them so that they may find and experience a joy of learning and growing.

The confirmation journey with four youth candidates continues on. Last Sunday, right after the 10 am service, we visited



Rabbi Marcelo Kormis at Temple Beth El, meaning House of God, and learned about his congregation and their Jewish faith tradition. It was a precious opportunity to recognize both our sameness in believing in God, Creator of the universe, and our differences in following God. I am very glad that the annual visit to the Temple has been part of the confirmation journey. Know that Rabbi Kormis and his post-bar mitzvah class visit us annually in December to learn about our Christian faith and tradition. Yes, we are sisters and brothers in the house-

hold of God, our Creator, who created and is creating all people, and "how very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1)



Having our annual International Taste on Sunday, May 1, is another way of celebrating our beautifully diverse human family in this world and promoting living together in unity. This year's Taste is a special one. Fairfield Branch Library will join us and welcome all of us, young and old, to a storytelling hour at 4 pm, followed by the Taste at 5 pm. I hope you can come with your FRAN (Friends, Relatives, Associates and Neighbors) and enjoy delicious international foods while celebrating our togetherness.

General Conference, the United Methodist Church's top legislative body, will meet at the Oregon Convention Center on May 10-20, 2016. As you might know, I am one of twelve delegates--six clergy and six lay persons--representing the New

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York Annual Conference at General Conference. Some 864 delegates, elected from around the world, including Africa, Europe and the Philippines, will gather to set policy and direction for the church as well as handle other important business. Meeting every four years, General Conference is the only entity that speaks for the denomination. The Conference can revise church law as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs. Find more about the upcoming General Conference at <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/gc2016-general-conference-guide>. Please keep all the delegates in your prayers, so that they may be guided and directed by the power of the Holy Spirit to move forward to “making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” While I am away, Rev. David Piscatelli, pastor of Nichols UMC, will be on call to meet your pastoral needs. And Pastor J and Rev. Cass Shaw, President and CEO of the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport, Inc., will preach on May 15 and May 22, respectively.

Lastly but not least, the celebration of our 60th anniversary is scheduled to be held next month on Sunday, June 19. We have sent invitations to pastors who have previously served at FGUMC, as well as many friends of ours, including several founding members and their families. Please put it on your calendar now.

Thankfully always in Christ Jesus,
Kun Sam, your M&M partner



May Worship Services

Sunday May 8

Mother's Day
Connectional/Hymn Sing/Rainbow Sunday
*Our youth will participate in a
Rainbow Celebration*

Sunday, May 15

Pentecost Sunday—Pastor J to preach

Sunday, May 22

Rev. Cass Shaw to preach

Sunday, May 29

Memorial Day Weekend—Veterans to be honored
*All veterans and their families are
invited to join us.*

June Worship Services

Sunday, June 5

Youth/Communion/Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, June 12

Graduation/Scholarship/Connectional/
Hymn Sing Sunday
*We will honor our graduating seniors
and present scholarship awards*

Sunday, June 19

Father's Day/60th Anniversary Celebration
Luncheon to follow

Sunday, June 26

Last Sunday of the year for Chancel
Choir and last chapter of *The Story*.



Ushers

Team #4 ~ Greg Tanno



- ~ Craig Michelson
- ~ Dennis Robb
- ~ Greg Tanno
- ~ Denise Tanno

Fellowship Hour

- May 1: Faith Circle
- May 8: Susanna's Circle/Georgina H
- May 15: Susanna's Circle/Nancy H
- May 22: Georgina H/Leah L
- May 29: Susanna's Circle

Greeters

Volunteers

Worship Leaders

- May 1: Jeff Tang
- May 8: Andrew Jurgielewicz
- May 15: Franklyn McLean
- May 22: Craig Michelson
- May 29: Bob Darken

Children's Preachers



- May 8: Franklyn Maclean
- May 15: Dennis Robb
- May 22: Fredene Daeschner
- May 29: Kun Sam Cho

Communion Steward

Karen Benson

Pray for Fairfield Grace Families

Week of:

- May 1: Kristy family, Ingrid LaCoste, Larsen family
- May 8: Ruth Lasko, LaVista family and Lazor family
- May 15: Jaedoo Lee, Leppla family and Llewellyn family
- May 22: Lopes family, Peter Lowerson and Lubeck family
- May 29: Franklyn McLean, Barbara Magee and Diane Mastroianni



May Birthdays

01 Joanne Lavista
 04 George Pennell
 05 Scott Bedson
 06 Joseph French
 07 David Jurgielewicz
 07 Scarlett Whiteman
 09 Marge Jenkins

10 Martha Wood
 13 Rose Hernandez
 14 Elijah Whiteman
 18 Florence Catone
 20 Robert Butler
 22 Charlie Morris
 25 Jeff Tang

27 Josh Kristy
 28 Sam Blumenstock
 28 Eleanor Kent
 30 Maggie Conroy
 30 Chris Stein
 31 Chris Leppla
 31 Bob Price

May Anniversaries

May 08	Martha & Jim Wood	35 yrs
May 12	Barbara & George Pennell	54 yrs
May 22	Helen & Joseph French	68 yrs
May 6	Young Yim & Sung Keun Chun	37 yrs



Scripture Readings for May, 2016

<u>Date</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Featured Chapter from The Story</u>
May 1	Psalm 118:19-29, Luke 19:36-44	26— The Hour of Darkness
May 8	1 Corinthians 13:4-7, Luke 1:46-48, John 19:25-27	Mother's Day
May 15	Genesis 11:1-9, John 14:8-17	Pentecost Sunday
May 22	Isaiah 65:17-25, Luke 24:1-12,	27—The Resurrection
May 29	Acts 1:6-11, John 14:16-20	28—New Beginnings

May 10—21

Pastor Cho, as one of the Delegates representing NYAC, will attend the General Conference of Delegates of United Methodist Church from Tuesday, May 10 to Saturday, May 21 in Portland Oregon.

Rev. David Piscatelli will be on call for any pastoral needs that arise in Pastor Cho's absence.

You are cordially invited
to join us in celebrating our

60th Anniversary

Sunday
June 19, 2016

Worship Service
at 10:00 am

Luncheon to Follow

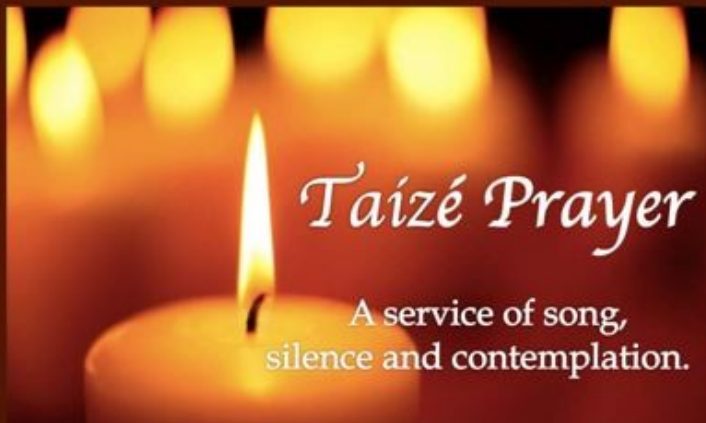
Fairfield Grace
United Methodist Church



RSVP for Luncheon
to the church office
by June 10:
203-374-6528 or
fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net

1089 Fairfield Woods Road

Candlelight, beautiful chants, thoughtful readings...



Join us for this half hour of meditative prayer.

Wednesdays: 9:30 AM and 6:30 PM

Additional Monthly Service: 2nd Wed of the Month at 7:00 PM

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Fellowship and Coffee Hour



Gathering with friends, meeting new members and sharing light refreshments in our Fellowship Hall after 10:00 Worship Service is a wonderful tradition and helps our congregation stay connected. Sunday volunteers are needed to organize some of these coffee hours. Please consider choosing a Sunday and helping in some way – set up coffee, prepare tables, provide simple baked items...

Please contact **Georgina**

Holdsworth at 203-335-7129 or Marge Hood... or you can just sign up on the sheet that is on the office door.

Memorial Day Weekend

On Sunday, May 29, we will honor all Veterans at our
10:00 Worship Service.

Please contact Anne in the church office if you are a veteran or know of one that we can add to our list of those for whom we will pray.

203-374-6528 or fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net

Why are there different colored altar cloths?

Have you ever wondered why the colors of the altar cloths change?

The Christian year has two cycles: the Christmas cycle (Advent-Christmas-Epiphany) and the Easter cycle (Lent-Easter-Pentecost).

~Advent and Lent: purple represents royalty and penitence.

~Advent: blue symbolizes hope and can also be used during Advent.

~Christmas and Easter: white and gold are used to symbolize joy and festivities.

~Red symbolizes the color of fire to represent the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. During Holy Week it represents the blood of Christ.

~Green represents growth and is used the season after Epiphany and the season after Pentecost.

~ Submitted by Dottie Connelly and the Worship Team

Rainbow Sunday

May 8

As part of our Mother's Day Worship Service, the youth will be presenting a "Rainbow Celebration" with a special song and colorful apparel.



Spaghetti Dinners



Saturdays from 4:45 PM—6:45 PM

May 14 and June 11

If you might be willing to help out the team of church volunteers working to continue this tradition, please call Charlene Schindler at 203-371-5068. or cbsfive@yahoo.com

Join us for the
International Taste of Fairfield Grace
Sunday, May 1, 2015

4:00-5:00- Storyteller: Laconia Therrio (Sponsored by Fairfield Woods Library)
5:00-7:00- Food sampling (Sponsored by Fairfield Grace)

Enjoy an evening of sampling, sipping and mingling at a variety of international tasting tables! Bring your family and friends. Donations are appreciated and all proceeds will benefit the church.

If you are interested in hosting a table or have any questions, please come to Fellowship Hall after service during the month of April. Or, you can contact:

Deanna DeNeutte- Phone: (203) 895-9097
 Email: adamsd39@hotmail.com

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MAY/JUNE



2016

Check out what's coming up!

HIGH SCHOOL/YOUNG ADULT

Grades 9 and above

Sunday, May 1st

International Taste of Fairfield Grace

5:00 - 7:00 PM

(stay until 7:15 to help clean up for free food!)

Sunday, May 8th

NO MEETING

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 15th

Go Karting

4:00 - 6:00 PM (depart and return to FG UMC)
at Stratford Speedway - cost \$10

Sunday, May 22nd

Extreme Game Night and Dinner

7:00 - 8:15 PM

Sunday, May 29th

NO MEETING

Memorial Day Weekend

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades 6-8

Sunday, May 22nd

Outdoor Color Wars and Dinner

5:30 - 7:00 PM

*wear white and be prepared to get messy!

MISSION TRIP EVENTS

Saturday, May 14th

Shredding Day Fundraiser

9:00 - 12:00 PM

Saturday, May 28th

Mission Trip Car Wash Fundraiser

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Friday, July 29th

Orientation Meeting and Pizza

5:30 - 7:30 PM (parents stay 5:30-6:30)

Sun, July 31st - Sat, August 6th

West Virginia Mission Trip

All information is on our website

EVENTS FOR ALL YOUTH

Sunday, May 8th

Youth Sunday Service

10:00 - 11:30 AM

Saturday, May 14th and June 11th

Fairfield Grace Spaghetti Dinner

4:45 - 7:00 PM (4:15 to help for free food!)

Sunday, June 5th

Confirmation Sunday Service

10:00 - 11:30 AM

End of the Year BBQ and Lake Party

3:00 - 5:00 PM at the Schindler's

RSVP on our website



Director of Youth Ministries, Lauren Regan

email: fairfieldgraceumcyouth@gmail.com

phone: 203-339-5152

website: www.fairfieldgrace.org/ministries/youth-ministries



Youth Group members and volunteers preparing to leave for Midnight Run on Saturday, April 23.

Paper Shredding Day
Saturday, May 14, 2016 ~ 9:00 am-12:00 noon
at Fairfield Grace UMC

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 14. 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 tell your FRAN (Friends, Relatives, Associates and Neighbors)!



Outreach Update:
Operation Hope Dinners

Several times a year, church members prepare and deliver dinners to Operation Hope in Fairfield. Please consider helping out on one of these Mondays.

Please call Dot Daruka for more information at 203-366-15609

May 23, 2016
July 25, 2016
September 26
November 28 (youth)



Office Notes:

Submissions for Weekly Announcements and the Quester:

We encourage you to submit any ministry updates and news that you would like to share with the congregation via bulletin announcements, inserts and items for our Friday e-News!

All weekly submissions are due to the church office at fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net by

Wednesday at noon . Thank you!

fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net

Deadline for the June Issue of the Quester is Friday, May 20.



CAVE QUEST Vacation Bible School

*Following Jesus
The Light of the World!*



Monday June 27- Friday July 1, 2016
9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

Registration Form

COST

Register between
Now through May 15th
\$45 per child
\$35 each additional child

Register between
May 16th - June 1st
\$55 per child
\$45 each additional child

Registering after
June 2nd
\$75 per child
\$55 each additional child

Scholarships are available
for those families who
require assistance.
Please contact office.

Please return this
Registration form and
your check payable to
Fairfield Grace UMC.

Children must be 4 years
of age by June 27th.

No registration refunds
after June 1, 2016.

Fairfield Grace Methodist
1089 Fairfield Woods Road
Fairfield, CT 06825
203-374-6528

Child's Name _____
Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Numbers
Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Date of birth _____ Age _____

School grade completed as of June 2016 _____

Home Church _____

Allergies/Medical Information/Other _____

I agree to allow my child/children to be photographed for publicity purposes:

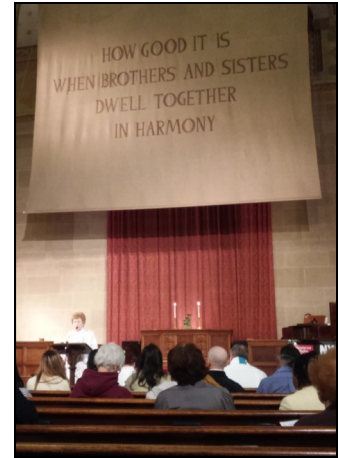
Parent Signature: _____

Emergency Contact
Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

On Monday, April 25, Pastor Cho attended a Prayer Vigil Service for Immigration Reform in New York City. Our Bishop, Rev. Jane Middleton, was a speaker.

The following is a Litany that was prayed by those in attendance.



Litany for the Immigrant

God of all people,

We pray with those who leave their lands in hope to escape poverty and violence.

Response: God of love, lead us to justice and peace

God of the immigrant,

We pray with the migrant who leaves everything behind—families, friends,...

Response: God of love, lead us to justice and peace

God of all people,

We pray with those who will never be able to return to their land and their people.

Response: God of love, lead us to justice and peace

God of the immigrant,

We pray with the laborers gathered on the street corners, with the domestic workers, with street vendors, with farm workers and with refugees...

Response: God of love, lead us to justice and peace

God of all people,

We pray with all of us, with those that welcome the stranger and with those who do not.

Transform us, renew us to Your image of love.

Response: God of love, lead us to justice and peace



Our confirmation candidates interviewing diners at the Spaghetti Dinner on April 11



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**Saturday
May 14, 2016
7:30pm**

- Richard Errante, violin
- Lois Errante, cello
- Kyong Hee Cho, piano

in the Concert Hall

Tickets:

- Adults - \$25
- Adults bringing children 21 & under - \$20
- Children - \$10

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Susanna's Circle put together Toiletry Kits for the Youth's Midnight Run Saturday, April 23



Calendar for May/June

THE STORY

Chapter 26: The Hour of Darkness

Sermon on Chapter 26 will be on 5/1

Focus: Jesus

Related Bible Text: Matthew 26-27; Mark 14-15;
Luke 22-23; John 13-14; 16-19

Discussion Sessions:

Wednesday, Apr 27: 10:10 AM

Thursday, Apr 28: 6:45 PM

Sunday, May 1: 9:00 AM

*Please note change in schedule below for Chapter 27 due to Mother's Day and Pentecost Sunday.

***Chapter 27: The Resurrection**

Sermon on Chapter 27 will be on 5/22

Focus: Jesus

Related Text: Matthew 27-28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 19-21

Discussion Sessions:

Wednesday, May 4 & 18: 10:10 AM

Thursday, May 5 & 19: 6:45 PM

Sunday, May 8 & 22: 9:00 AM

Please note, discussion sessions on

Wed, May 11 and Thurs, May 12 are cancelled.

*There will be **Adult Bible Study at 9:00 AM on Pentecost Sunday, May 15**, the discussion will be on the work of the Holy Spirit.*

Chapter 28: New Beginnings

Sermon on Chapter 28 will be on 5/29

Focus: Early Church

Related Bible Text: Acts 1-10; 12

Discussion Sessions:

Wednesday, May 25: 10:10 AM

Thursday, May 26: 6:45 PM

Sunday, May 29: 9:00 AM

Chapter 29: Paul's Mission

Sermon on Chapter 29 will be on 6/5

Focus: Early Church

Related Bible Text: Acts 13-14; 16-20; Romans 1; 3-6; 8; 12; 15; 1 Corinthians 1;3;5-6; 10; 12-13; 15;16; Galatians 1; 3; 5-6; 1 Thessalonians 1-5

Discussion Sessions:

Wednesday, June 1: 10:10 AM

Thursday, June 2: 6:45 PM

*All groups meet in
Hood Parlor*

Chapter 30: Paul's Final Days

Sermon on Chapter 30 will be on 6/12

Focus: Early Church

Related Bible Text: Acts 20-23; 27-28; Ephesians 1-6; 2 Timothy 1-4

Discussion Sessions:

Wednesday, June 8 10:10 AM

Thursday, June 9: 6:45 PM

**Please note change in schedule below for Chapter 31 due to Father's Day and Fairfield Grace's 60th Anniversary Celebration

****Chapter 31: The End of Time**

Sermon on Chapter 31 will be on 6/26

Focus: A New Beginning

Related Text: Revelation 1-5; 19-22

Discussion Sessions:

Wednesday, June 15 & 22 : 10:10 AM

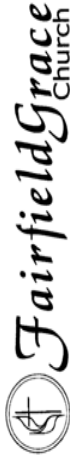
Thursday, June 16 & 29: 6:45 PM

Sunday, June 19 & 26: 9:00 AM





May, 2016



Fairfield Grace, Administrative Assistant, Committees, Education/Enrichment, Fellowship, Mission, Music, May 2016 (Eastern Time)
Nursery School, Rentals, Susanna's Circle, Youth Group, Holidays in United States

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 COMMUNION 9am - Story 10am - Worship 11:20am - Treble 1pm - Faith Circle 1pm - Faith Circle	2 7:30pm - Alanon,	3 7:30pm - Handbells	4 9:30am - Taizé 10:10am - The Story 1:30pm - 60 th 6:30pm - Taizé 7pm - Boy Scouts, 7pm - Trustees,	5 10am - Wesley's 6:45pm - The Story 7:30pm - Chancel	6 5pm - Music4Youth	7 9:30am - Music 10:30am - Brainy 1pm - Scholarship
8 CONNECTIONAL Mother's Day RAINBOW/YOUTH 9am - Story 10am - Worship 11:20am - Treble	9 7pm - Serena's Book 7:30pm - Alanon,	10 Pastor Cho at General Conference 6:30pm - Yth Adv Bd 7:30pm - Handbells	11 9:30am - Taizé 10:10am - The Story 6:30pm - Taizé 7pm - Boy Scouts, 7pm - Taizé, Mthly	12 10am - Orcutt Boys 6:45pm - The Story 7:30pm - Chancel	13 4pm - Spaghetti 5pm - Music4Youth	14 Spaghetti Dinner 9am - Shredding 10:30am - Brainy 3pm - Music Club,
15 Pastor Cho at General Conference	16 Nursery School Fair 7:30pm - Alanon,	17 7:30pm - Handbells	18 9:30am - Taizé 10:10am - The Story 6:30pm - Taizé 7pm - Boy Scouts, 7pm - Taizé, Mthly	19 6:45pm - The Story 7:30pm - Chancel	20 5pm - Music4Youth	21 10:30am - Brainy
22 9am - Story 10am - Worship 11:20am - Treble 11:30am - SPR	23 12pm - MNS Staff 7:30pm - Alanon,	24 9:30am - Staff 3:30pm - Girl 7:30pm - Handbells	25 9:30am - Taizé 10:10am - The Story 12pm - Susanna's 6:30pm - Taizé 7pm - Boy Scouts,	26 6:45pm - The Story 7:30pm - Chancel	27 5pm - Music4Youth	28 8:30am - Car Wash, 10:30am - Brainy
29 HEALING TIME @ MEMORIAL DAY 9am - Story 10am - Worship 11:20am - Treble 1pm - Faith Circle	30 Memorial Day 7:30pm - Alanon,	31 7:30pm - Handbells	1 9:30am - Taizé 10:10am - The Story 6:30pm - Taizé 7pm - Boy Scouts, 7pm - Trustees, 7:30pm - Finance,	2 10am - Wesley's 6:45pm - The Story 7:30pm - Chancel	3 5pm - Music4Youth	4 10:30am - Brainy