



# The Congregator

Fauntleroy Church United Church of Christ

March 12, 2018

“Be the Church:” Worship Without Walls on March 18<sup>th</sup>



In Central America and Mexico, in the days leading up to Palm Sunday, you might notice people sitting or kneeling in streets with colorful rice, sawdust and coffee grounds in hand. Meticulously, bit-by-bit, they are creating a long, straight, beautiful *alfombra*, or carpet.

Laying an *alfombra*

is a way to remember and honor the story of Jesus' coming into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey long ago. Like those who waved palm branches or laid out their cloaks along Christ's path, faithful followers of today lay these carpets out for Christ, centering themselves as they prepare the way of the Lord.

This coming **Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**, we will hold our second “Worship Without Walls.” Instead of our traditional worship, we'll gather for coffee and petition-signing at 9:30, gather in the sanctuary at 10:00 for ten minutes of blessing and sending, then leave our sacred sanctuary space to do the work of Christ in the world, side-by-side. One team will package food, another will clean, organize and pour out love at West Seattle Elementary, a third team will participate in care for God's creation at Lincoln Park, and a final group will remain at the church to engage other wonderful service projects to those in need in our wider community. There will be something for all ages and abilities, plus childcare on site for infants and toddlers.

In a very real way, we will be laying our own *alfombra* along the streets and pathways of Seattle, easing Christ's journey on the road to the cross by easing the journey of those whom Christ dearly loves.

I hope you will join us for this unique day of worshipping without walls. What better way to prepare the way of the Lord for *Semana Santa*/Holy Week?

Christ's peace, Pastor *Leah*

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**WORSHIP  
CHURCH SCHOOL  
10:00 AM**

*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*



**March 18, 2018**

**Worship Without Walls**

We'll engage in service in the wider community through Food Lifeline, West Seattle Elementary, and Lincoln Park. We'll also have projects on-site.

**March 25, 2018**

**PALM  
SUNDAY**



“Sharing Christ's Gaze”

Mark 11:1-11

Leah Atkinson Bilinski Preaching

**Following Worship**

**11:30**

**Youth Fundraiser**

Luau Lunch

(See Feature Article)

# CALENDAR

## Saturday – March 17

### Happy St Patrick's Day!

5:00 Crock Pots – Ackers home

## Sunday – March 18

9:00 Adult Bible Study - Library  
9:30 Coffee & Donuts  
10:00 Worship Without Walls  
5:00 Sojourners – Bjornson home

## Monday – March 19

8:30 Altar Guild  
6:30 Lenten Series – Fell. Hall  
7:00 Facilities Ministry – Library

## Wednesday – March 21

9:45 Staff – Fish Bowl

## Thursday – March 22

10:00 Sisters – Carsten home  
6:30 Ukulele Band – Sanctuary  
6:45 Executive Com. - Library  
7:30 Choir

## Saturday – March 24

9:00 Camp Colman Goop  
Breakfast – Fellowship Hall  
1:00 Stewardship Com. – Ackers home

## Sunday – March 25

### HOLY WEEK BEGINS



9:00 Adult Bible Study – Library  
10:00 Worship  
Ministry Sunday led by  
Worship Ministry  
11:30 Youth Fundraiser – Luau  
Lunch – Fellowship Hall

## Monday – March 26

8:30 Altar Guild  
6:30 Sisters – Goldfine home  
6:30 Lenten Series – Fell. Hall

## Tuesday – March 27

3:30 LPS Teachers – 4<sup>th</sup> Flr CR  
6:30 Seaside Sisters – Room 416  
7:00 Council - BRR

## Wednesday – March 28

9:45 Staff – Fish Bowl

## Thursday – March 29

### MAUNDAY THURSDAY

7:30 Choir  
8:00 Vigil Begins – Sanctuary

## Friday – March 30

### HOLY FRIDAY

4:45 Vigil Ends  
7:00 Tennebrae Service – Sanc.

**As an open and affirming congregation, the members and staff of Fautleroy Church are committed to fostering community among people of all races, cultures and sexual orientation.**

# TIME & TALENT

## GETTING ACQUAINTED

*As often as possible, The Congregator will include a brief profile of one person in the church. This is a great way to get to know each other and to see the many ways we are engaged in the life of this church. We'll start with profiling Church Council members and Ministry chairs.*

## MARK OLSON

**Hobbies:** Discovering the intersection of geography and history with current events.

**Career:** UW grad, drafted into military (commissioned naval officer), 34 year career with Bechtel in direct support of naval nuclear propulsion training program.

**1<sup>st</sup> friend at Fautleroy:** Dick Finnie.

**Favorite thing about Fautleroy Church:** Worshiping God with others.

**Where do you sit in the sanctuary:** Towards the back and right side.

**In which church groups/ministries/activities are you involved:** Chair, Worship Ministry; Facilitator, Sunday Adult Bible Study; Adult Christian Education Committee; Caring Ministry; Fix-It group; Church Grounds Maintenance Crew.

**Something you look forward to in the coming year:** Communing with Fautleroy's wonderful congregation.

# FUNDRAISERS

## SPRING CLEANING = 2<sup>ND</sup> TIME SALE

Please fill a box or two for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Time Sale. Call the church office if you need a pick up. Thanks!

# WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

## WOMEN'S RETREAT – IN EVERY SEASON

It's time for Fautleroy women to register for the Women's Retreat Weekend at beautiful Pilgrim Firs: <https://tinyurl.com/2018FautleroyWomensRetreat>. The dates are April 20-22 and the cost is \$150/person or \$140/65+. Scholarship are available. For more information, contact **Vicky Ellis** at [joshuaellis001@msn.com](mailto:joshuaellis001@msn.com).



"In Every Season" is the all-encompassing theme for this year's retreat offering a variety of ways to explore your personal faith journey and build community. But, don't just take it from us, here is a reflection from **Shellie Moomey**:

*I attended my first women's retreat just a few months, maybe weeks, after joining Fautleroy Church. I didn't really know anyone well or at all! What a difference a day or two makes. Spending a weekend getting to know about the amazing women of this church was a turning point for me. My church community grew from my family sitting in a pew to a church full of friends, mentors, and people I wanted to get to know even better. It is a wonderful opportunity to be quiet, to be loud, to be crafty (or not) and try to beat me in a game or two of Bananagrams.*

If you cannot register online, <https://tinyurl.com/2018FautleroyWomensRetreat>, you can do so at the Get-Involved Table after church on Sundays through April 8, where you can also pay, via credit card or check. We're looking forward to being with you at the retreat!

**-Women's Retreat Planning Com.**

## Save Sunday, March 25, after worship

WRYE Luau Lunch Fundraiser in Fellowship Hall

Think pulled pork, macaroni salad, maybe a little hula dancing? This will put the fun in fundraising. This will be one easy, great way to show support for some really great youth.

# NEW MEMBERS

## MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

The following people joined our church on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2018.

### ELIZABETH BACON

Elizabeth moved to Seattle for a job developing computer science courses. She says computer science and curriculum are two of her favorite things and she feels so lucky to have a job that lets her do that all day long. She also enjoys training aikido, which is a non-violent martial art, and trying out different types of cooking. After seeing our church sign and checking out online sermons, Elizabeth decided to give the church a try. We're so glad! She is now working on getting the Rainbow Bells started here at the church for our youngest ringers!

### BRONWYN EDWARDS

Bron has been the church Music Director for 10 years now and decided joining would be a good way to celebrate this anniversary. She also teaches piano and loves writing music as well as working in her music-themed garden. Bron was born and raised in Australia and visits as often as she can and she and her partner, **Conrad Wesselhoeft**, love traveling to the Big Island of Hawaii. Bron has so many interests, it would be impossible to list them all, but she did share that she loves animals, especially mammals that swim in the sea and dogs. Bron has one grown daughter, Kendall Ring Parton.

### ERIC & JULIE SHANKLAND

Eric is a chemistry researcher and Julie is an attorney. They have two grown sons. They didn't list interests on their membership information form, but we already know that Eric has a fabulous sense of humor!

### DARRICK WYMER

Darrick is married to Omchan. He served in the Army for 12 years and has been a security officer for 12 years. He is the father of eight almost grown children. He started attending Fautleroy Church with his folks, **Bob & Vera Holte**, and decided he wanted to become a more permanent part of the church family.

Please warmly welcome these folks the next time you see them!

## LUAU FOR THE WRYE FUNDRAISER

Sunday, March 25, 11:30 AM



Come one and come all to the fundraising luau to support our youth going to this year's UCC Western Regional Youth Event! This year the event is going to be held in Hawaii at the end of June, and we have two youth who will be going! Youth from the eight western conferences of the UCC will be hosted by the Hawaii Conference at the University of Hawaii and enjoy keynote speakers, worship, workshops, service projects and fellowship.

To help **Rees** and **Morgan** get ready for a once-in-a-lifetime type of trip, we will be hosting a luau lunch after church on Sunday, March 25, in Fellowship Hall. Lunch will include delicious Hawaiian themed dishes crafted by none other than our AMAZING **Kari Holsberry**, as well as some acts from our youth and congregation. All proceeds will go to help pay for the trip. We are asking for a suggested donation of \$5 per person. If you have any questions or would like to help with decorations or set up, please let me know at [youth@fautleroyucc.org](mailto:youth@fautleroyucc.org).

**Kristen Almgren**, Youth Director

PS: Can't be there on March 25<sup>th</sup>? Perhaps you could donate airline miles? Air travel is the biggest expense of our trip on Alaska Air. Let Kristen or **Karyn** know if you have miles to share!

## SERVICE & OUTREACH

### TUTORING OPPORTUNITIES AT ROXHILL ELEMENTARY

If you've considered volunteering to tutor elementary students one-on-one or in small groups, Roxhill Elementary has new opportunities for you to consider.



Through our Homelessness Task Force, the congregation supports low-income/immigrant families at this and two other area schools. Tutoring is a way to be personally engaged, in this case by building an ongoing relationship with a single student or by helping small groups of students.

As a private tutor, you would meet with your student at least once a week to provide attention and cultivate skills. With about 75% of Roxhill students performing under grade expectations, many need this level of support. Staff will work with you to find a convenient regular time.

As a math helper, you would assist 10 young students play Math All-Stars games after school (2:30-3:40 pm), either on Tuesdays (K) or on Thurs-days (1st). Expect to have fun as you help students boost their math skills.

Find out more at the Get Involved table after worship or contact

Danthanh Trinh, Roxhill coordinator for Communities in Schools of Seattle ([danthanh@cisseattle.org](mailto:danthanh@cisseattle.org) or 206-252-9576).  
**Judy Pickens**

## PARISH LIFE

### HOST A GET ACQUAINTED MEAL

*Don't Miss Out!*  
The Parish Life Ministry is coordinating a week of Get Acquainted meals, April 29 – May 6. We are hoping to have 10+ meals

hosted in that week. If you would like to host a dinner, lunch, brunch, or breakfast during that week, please contact Sarah Ackers. And, if you aren't interested in hosting, please plan on attending a meal that week. It is a fabulous way to get to know the people of Fautleroy Church that you may not know well yet. **Food, fellowship, and fun**....what a winning combination!

Sign-up sheets will be available starting March 25<sup>th</sup>.  
**Sarah**



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**Sunday Worship & Church School: 10 AM**

**Office Hours: 8:30-3:30 PM Mon.-Thurs. 8:30-2:30 Fri.**

<b>Senior Minister</b>	Rev. Leah Bilinski
<b>Music Director</b>	Bronwyn Edwards
<b>Christian Ed Director</b>	Karyn Frazier
<b>Little Pilgrim School Director</b>	Lorrie Cook
<b>Wedding Coordinator</b>	Rosina Geary
<b>Volunteer &amp; Engagement Coor.</b>	Sarah Ackers
<b>Youth Leader</b>	Kristen Almgren
<b>Nursery Supervisor</b>	Carol Smith
<b>Custodian</b>	Bill McElroy
<b>Financial Assistant</b>	Bonnie Beerman
<b>Financial Assistant</b>	Pat Gedney
<b>Office Manager</b>	Jackie Gould

**TIME DATED MATERIAL**

**CONGREGATOR DEADLINE: TUESDAYS, 1 PM**

**OVER THE FENCE**

**WITH SYMPATHY**

Our sincere sympathy to **Kristen Almgren**, our Youth Director, who recently lost her beloved grandmother.

**NOTES OF THANKS**

A thank you to all those sending prayers and messages to my daughter, **Gretchen**, who is in treatment for throat cancer. Special thanks to the Prayer Chain, Caring Ministry and concerned individuals. Gretchen has completed a successful surgery and will soon begin several weeks of chemo therapy and radiation.  
**Nancy Nye**

Dear Fauntleroy Church,  
 Thank you for letting my Girl Scout Troup host their Valentine Ball in Fellowship Hall. Our guests had a wonderful time. And, my scouts continue to learn and grow from these experiences. Thank you for supporting them.  
**Rosina (Geary)**

I wish to thank the Seaside Sisters group for taking an inventory of our church kitchen. It's a big job and they were great. The purpose of this inventory is to evaluate what may need to be replaced. Along with the inventory, Jenny Mandt made two big pots of soup to be used for the homeless on Sat. One goal of our

sisters group is community service.

Those that helped were: **Joan Wieringa, Jenny Mandt, Marilyn Whittendale, Jo Ann Anderson, Cindi VanGilder, Jill Harlow, Ev Eldridge, Charity Hallmon and Wendy Cwinar. Marilyn W.**

Thank you to **Tina Wright** for refreshing the silk flower arrangement, which is frequently used on the counter just outside the sanctuary. She gave it the TLC it needed to perk it back up. Thanks Tina!  
**Sarah**

**FAUNTLEROY CHURCH CAMP IS MAY 19 AND 20<sup>TH</sup>!**

It's time to start planning our spring all-church camp! Save the date for a weekend at beautiful Camp Colman, a special place held in our hearts and history. The YMCA takes care of most of the camp details, but if you are interested in helping us plan our part, let Karyn know. Then look for registration information coming very soon!

**PEOPLE NEWS**

Long-time former member, **Vicki Black** recently suffered a stroke. She now resides at Good Samaritan Hospital in Tacoma in their assisted living program. Vicki was the church's Wedding Reception Director in the 1990's. We wish her well.

**PALM SUNDAY CHILDREN'S PROCESSIONAL-MARCH 25**

Children and youth are invited to join in a Palm Sunday processional with the choir on March 25. Children have been practicing the simple refrain of "Hosanna" from Jesus Christ Superstar for a couple Sundays, but even if your children haven't been here, we need their energy! All can wave palm branches and open Palm Sunday worship with a whoosh of spirit! We'll gather in the narthex with the choir before worship and joyfully march in during the Introit. (Parents are welcome to parade with their children.)  
**Karyn**

**MARCH WITH ADMIRAL UCC**

Join with Admiral Church to support the youth from Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida.  
**Sunday, March 18, 12:30-1:30 PM**, Makes signs for the march. Materials available; a \$2-\$5.00 donation will be appreciated. At the church.

**Thursday, March 22, 6:30 PM**  
 View "The Armor of Light" documentary. Discussion following. At the church.

**Saturday, March 24, 10 AM**  
 Join in the march to demand lawmakers make ending gun violence a priority. (Cal Anderson Park to Key Arena-2 miles.)