



The Congregator

Fauntleroy Church United Church of Christ

March 26, 2018

“CHILDREN’S CHAPEL”

You may have noticed that at the beginning of each month the children of the church have been trying out a new gathering called “Children’s Chapel”. The obvious sign of this has been the joyful return of the kids and their energy to worship to celebrate communion with the whole Fauntleroy community. What a wonderful change this has been! Just last month, I was serving communion and knelt down to help a child. I remember saying, “This is a whole cup of love for you!” She looked me in the eye as she dipped the bread, popped it in her mouth, raised an eyebrow, and said, “I *know*, Karyn!” I almost burst out laughing. Her smile of self-assurance broke my heart open and broke my own communion open, too. Has that happened to you yet?

That’s the change happening in the sanctuary. What has changed on the 4th floor is that we have been singing songs like “This is the Day,” “Allelu-Alleluia” and “God is so Good”—simple tunes that even I can carry and that we all sometimes sing in church or at Family Camp. We have been learning these familiar tunes so we can worship God anywhere.

We have been learning familiar scriptures, too. We started with the litany of communion and especially the word “Remember”: We **remember** on the night that Jesus was betrayed...Jesus said do this in **remembrance** of me...We **remember** we are all invited to Christ’s Table...We **remember** God loves us...The kids listen for Pastor Leah to say that special word as she breaks the bread and fills the cup.

We have learned the greatest commandment (Matthew 22:37-40), that nothing is impossible for God (Luke 1:37), that we can define what love is and what it is not as clearly as Paul (1 Corinthians 13:4-8), and that people will know we are God’s children by how we love one another (John 13:35). For Lent, we even unpacked words like SIN (missed the mark—the target of God’s love), REPENT (re-think what we are doing and who we are), and RECONCILE (reconnect or become friends again with Love).

We have tasted challah, matzah, and giant Lenten pretzels to discover that even bread tells Love’s story. And we have blessed each other with symbols of water, oil and even Tootsie Pops because sometimes the truth about Love is too big for words alone.

Sometimes it’s still a scramble to get back downstairs to the sanctuary, but Children’s Chapel has been worth it. It’s been a gift just seeing the way you’ve been so open to a little more commotion at the end of worship. I hope the kids’ energy has been a gift to you, too. In fact, I hope one day you suddenly burst out laughing and cause a little commotion of your own--all because some child looked you in the eye and broke your own understanding of communion and God’s love wide open.

Karyn Frazier

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**WORSHIP
CHURCH SCHOOL
10:00 AM**

April 1, 2018



- 6:30 AM Sunrise Service on Alki Beach (See testimonial on next page.)
- 9 & 11 Identical Worship Services in the Sanctuary, “The Hallelujah Chorus”
- 9:30-11 Easter Breakfast Served in Fellowship Hall (See ways to volunteer on next page.)

April 8, 2018

*“Does a Greasy Beard
Sum it Up?”*

Psalm 133

Communion

Leah Atkinson Bilinski Preaching



CALENDAR

Friday – March 30

HOLY FRIDAY

7:00 Tennebrae Service – Sanc.
8:00 Vigil Begins - Sanctuary

Saturday – March 31

4:45 Vigil Ends

Sunday – April 1



6:30 Sunrise Service—Alki Beach
9 & 11 Identical Services—Sanctuary
9:30-11 Breakfast served in Fell. Hall

Monday – April 2

Easter Monday – Office Closed

Tuesday – April 3

9:00 Fix-It Group
7:00 Personnel Com. – Library

Wednesday – April 4

9:45 Staff – Fish Bowl
6:30 Parish Life Ministry - Library

Thursday – April 5

7:30 Choir

Saturday – April 7

9:00 Stewardship Com. – Library

Sunday – April 8

9:00 Adult Bible Study – Library
10:00 Worship – Communion
11:30 Service & Outreach Min.-F.B.

Monday – April 9

9-13th LPS on Spring Break
8:30 Altar Guild
6:30 Sisters – Anderson home

Tuesday – April 10

5:15 Homelessness T.F. – Library
6:30 Seaside Sisters – Room 416
7:00 Finance Ministry – 4th Flr CR

Wednesday – April 11

9:45 Staff – Fish Bowl
6:30 Christian Ed Min. - Library

Thursday – April 12

10:00 Sisters – Lounge
6:30 Ukulele Band
7:30 Choir

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

LENT AND EASTER

COME JOIN US AT THE EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT ALKI BEACH!

For the past several years, our Easter morning has started with a trip to Alki beach for a short worship service with fellow West Seattle UCC congregations (Admiral and Alki); typically several dozen people are there. We bundle up, gather around a bonfire on the beach, sing and pray and worship, surrounded by the glorious sights and sounds of Puget Sound. The three pastors co-lead the service and provide different thoughts on the celebration and meaning of Easter.



So why get up early and get to Alki when we have services later at Fauntleroy? For me it is about making Easter the special day it deserves to be. It is about changing perspective on the routine worship experience. It is about meeting and being with a larger community of faith in West Seattle.

Fauntleroy has not always been well represented at this service, and I hope more of you can join us this year. I know you will find the service meaningful. And a bonus: afterwards, we can return to Fauntleroy for breakfast! **Eric and Allison Wetzel**

EASTER VIGIL



The Vigil will begin at 8 PM, in the sanctuary. Just as the disciples waited with Jesus before his arrest, we'll keep watch through the night, too, from 8 pm on Friday through 4:45 PM on Saturday. Many hours have already been filled, but there are still some available. If you can sit in the sanctuary for one hour during one of these times, please call the church office, 206-932-5600.

EASTER BREAKFAST

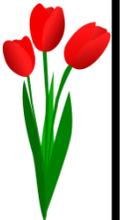
Wondering how to worship, eat and volunteer for the Easter Breakfast? Here are a couple of suggestions from our Volunteer Coordinator, **Sarah Ackers**.

- **Option 1:** 8-9am Prep food for breakfast, 9am Worship, 10-11am Eat
 - **Option 2:** 9-10am Breakfast volunteer, 10-11am Eat, 11am Worship
 - **Option 3:** 9am Worship, 10-11am Eat, 11am Breakfast volunteer
 - **Option 4:** Prep for the breakfast Saturday morning, 10-11am Eat, 9am or 11am Worship
- Please contact **Sarah** if you can help.

And, if you just want to enjoy the breakfast, the menu will include: ham, pancakes, egg casseroles, fruit, etc. The cost is \$5/person and \$20/family. Please come and bring your family, friends and neighbors!

EASTER FLOWERS

On Easter Sunday, we'll have two crosses, one outside and one at the front of the sanctuary. The cross outside (as well as tables in Fellowship Hall) will be decorated with flowers purchased in honor/remembrance of someone. If you'd like to participate in making this cross and our tables glorious with the beautiful symbol of new life we find in spring flowers, please complete this form and bring/mail it to the church office with a check designating "Easter Flowers" on the memo line. The names will be printed in the church bulletin Easter morning. After the worship services, Caring Ministry members will take these flowers to members and friends of our church community who are experiencing difficulties at this time.



Your Name _____

In Honor/Memory of: _____

Check in the amount of: _____

BEING GREEN

TWO 'GREEN' EVENTS ON APRIL CALENDAR

Our spring **Recycle Roundup** in the church parking lot will be on Earth Day



RECYCLE ROUNDUP

- **Sunday, April 22**, and now's the time to start setting aside items for free, responsible recycling.

Shifting markets and new ownership have prompted several changes to the long list of what 1 Green Planet will take and not take this time. You'll find a link to the list on the events page at www.fautleroyucc.org and on posters around the building.

Our annual sale of plants and bulbs from member gardens and windowsills will be **Sunday, April 29**, after worship. It's guaranteed to get your green juices flowing, whether you garden outdoors or in.



We typically have about a dozen growers offering a wide variety - annuals, lilies, herbs, houseplants, tomatoes. If you think you might have plants or bulbs for the sale and are not already on my mailing list, let me know so we can communicate between now and then.

Judy Pickens (206-938-4203 or judy_pickens@msn.com)

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 Council members and Ministry chairs.

JENNIFER CASILLAS

Hobbies: If I'm not chaperoning or carpooling our kids around town I enjoy sitting down with a good book at a coffee shop, travelling (near or far), downhill skiing, running and crafty house projects.

Career: I'm a full-time mom, full-time wife and full-time employee where I currently manage public space

EASTER MORNING



CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY!

Easter morning is such a wonderful time at Fautleroy Church. Spring has arrived, the flowers are beautiful, The Hallelujah Chorus is rousing, the choir is inspiring, the sermon is uplifting and there's such great fellowship. And, there is a lightness about us after the waiting time of Lent. Christ has risen, hallelujah!

We also get to enjoy a wonderful breakfast, the culmination of a lot of hard work by our congregation, which is affordable and delicious for all ages!

It's a very busy morning! Here is a list of the activities:

- 6:30 AM Sunrise Service on Alki Beach (at 59th Street)
- 9:00-11:00 Identical Worship Services in the Sanctuary Will conclude with 'The Hallelujah Chorus' in which all are invited to participate.
- 9:30-11:00 Breakfast served in Fellowship Hall

So, don't miss out on Easter Morning at Fautleroy Church this year. It truly is a wonderful way to begin this spring season and this new life in Jesus.

improvements in downtown Seattle - such as making downtown parks more welcoming and inviting, hosting large community events, sprucing up an alley or walkway with art and activation.

1st friend at Fautleroy: The Hill family

Favorite thing about Fautleroy Church: Definitely the warm & welcoming environment.

Where do you sit in the sanctuary: Usually back right, easy exit for the kids, if needed, and for running up to the classrooms to teach.

Which church groups/ministries/activities are you involved in: Christian Ed Ministry, Council, teaching Sunday School, and Crockpots

Something you look forward to in the coming year: Refocusing on priorities: less work, more family time.

the good food that is available, is getting to know the other women on a different level. I love this aspect of the retreat. For example, I have a retreat buddy, Laura Grit, we love to laugh at things that others might not see as funny; we seem to have a similar sense of humor. It is always fun when someone gets the same jokes that you do. I think that other women should think of going -- there is acceptance, welcoming, lessons to learn and a beautiful environment."

Phyllis Gimness

Retreat dates are **April 20-22** and the cost is **\$150 or \$140 if you are 65+**. Scholarships are available. For more information, contact **Vicky Ellis** at joshuaellis001@msn.com. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/2018FautleroyWomensRetreat> to register by **April 8**. You won't regret it and we want you there! Women's Retreat Planning Committee

FOR OUR WOMEN

DON'T MISS OUT – APRIL 8 DEADLINE FOR WOMEN'S RETREAT REGISTRATION

If you've missed the Sunday testimonials on why you should really, really come to Women's Retreat – In Every Season -- at Pilgrim Firs, April 20-22, here is another one.



"What do I get from the women's retreat; of course this is aside from all

A SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR WOMEN "Circle of Souls"

This spiritual retreat for women of all ages will be **May 18-20** at **N-Sid-Sen Camp and Conference Center**, on the shores of beautiful Lake Coeur d'Alene. This is a place of safety, where all are welcome to explore and remember the truth of who we really are. Cost is \$105 to \$120. Register at www.n-sid-sen.org by April 23 for the early bird special. **Led by Rev. Lynn Nelson, Rev. Linda Crowe and Rev. Courtney Stange-Tregear.**



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Sunday Worship & Church School: 10 AM

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

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

TIME DATED MATERIAL

CONGREGATOR DEADLINE: TUESDAYS, 1 PM

OVER THE FENCE

NOTES OF THANKS

Thank you to **Ken Beres** for redesigning, ordering and installing the new outside Easter banner. It looks great!
Sarah

SUNDAY'S WORSHIP WITHOUT WALLS BLESSING:

Several people have asked that the WOW blessing be printed. Here it is. *"Get up off of your knees. Come out of your churches, your mosques, your temples. God can hear your prayers for peace, justice, and hope in this broken world just fine while you're out creating peace, working for justice, and giving hope to this broken world. When are we finally going to realize that humanity is the solution to inhumanity? When will we finally understand that we are all drops of the same ocean, hurting together, healing together, hoping together? Don't just pray for hands to heal the hurting. Pray with hands that are healing the hurting. Don't just pray for arms to help the helpless. Pray with arms that are helping the helpless. Don't just pray for feet to respond to need. Pray on feet that are responding to need. Don't just pray for someone to do something. Be someone who does something. Don't just pray for answers. Be the answer."*

— L.R. Knost

CHANGE IN SCHEDULE

The monthly Crock Pots potluck schedule will be abnormal for the next few months. The group will meet on April 28 and June 16. Instead of meeting in May, we hope that everyone will sign up to attend Family Camp, May 19-20.
Sarah

FAUNTLEROY CHURCH CAMP IS MAY 19 AND 20TH!



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!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

This year's Blessing of the Animals service will be on Sunday, April 15, 2:30 PM, in the church sanctuary. Bring your animals, stuffed or real, to be blessed at this wonderful service especially for them!

PRAYER CHAIN FOR ALL

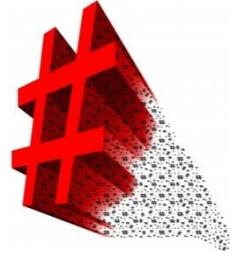
From now on, we will be printing the names of those folks on the Prayer Chain needing our prayers once or twice a month. The Prayer Chain members will still pray as they have done, but this way, more people can be praying for our folks who need this support.

Paul Pruitt, palliative care, **Karen Tyree**, hospice care, Betsy Boyers' friend, **Kevin Glandon**, heart issues, Sandie Snead's friend, **Bill**, esophageal tumor, Leah's friend, **Sandy Tzou**, bone cancer, Nancy Nye's daughter, **Gretchen Greene**, oral cancer, Mary Calvin's friend, **Ron Maynard**, cancer, Associate Church Member, **Vicki Black**, stroke, **Bill Zoellner, Sr.**, perforated colon, Lorrie Cook's nephew, leukemia, Ackers family friend, **Larry Tibbetts**, bladder cancer, Kevin Finney's sister, **Donna**, pancreatic cancer, **Julie Fulford**, cervical spine surgery, Gail & Stan Lane's son, **Tom**, car accident, Megan Miller's parents, **Clarence & Nan**, transitioning to assisted living (keep **Megan** in your prayers too), Izzie Lewis' dad, **Gary Lewis**, pneumonia, **Ruthi Jensen-Larsen**, hospitalized for over a week with flu-like symptoms.

Please keep all of these folks in your prayers while they undergo treatments, make big moves, try to recuperate...all of these difficult life challenges.

HASHTAGS AND QR CODES: A QUICK TUTORIAL

I know there are those of you reading this who have no use for social media. You'd rather write letters than e-mails. You have a phone physically installed in your house, no answering machine, and your mindset is "if we're not home, we're not home" (direct quote from my grandmother). You think posting pictures of your food or telling everyone where you are is a stupid waste of time (not entirely untrue).



BUT, there are many more of us who just don't understand the concepts behind and execution of some of the most popular functions of social media, functions we as a church have slowly been adopting during the past several years, both to simplify church life and to draw attention to our vision in the larger conversation. To that end, I'd like to submit a quick tutorial on hashtags and Quick Response (QR) codes.

Hashtags: A hashtag makes it possible for others to easily find messages with a specific theme or content.

Why it Matters: Social media is an ocean. You want to be able to find posts that are relevant to you, and for your own posts to be relevant themselves. How? By creating and searching hashtags.

Examples: If you participated in the original Women's March on Seattle on January 21, 2017, search the official hashtag: #womensmarchseattle. If you participated in Worship Without Walls last weekend, try searching the hashtag we asked you to use on your social media posts: #FauntleroyWOW. These will immediately show you pictures of the events across time and space!

Do's and Don'ts/Caveats: Hashtags are "user-generated". That means you, the user, add them to your content as you see fit. DO use official event hashtags, so your content is included! DON'T use #superlonghashtagsthatrehardtoread. #DON'T #use #too #many #hashtags #unless #you're #a #wannabe #Instagram #star. And know that if your Facebook and/or Instagram profile is "private", those settings will hold regardless of any hashtags. In other words, if your profile is private, and you apply a hashtag, it will only be visible to your pre-approved "friends" who search for that tag. Hashtags work best on public posts.

How to Open a Hashtag Account: Hashtags are not specific to any one media social media site. So, you have several options to open an account. For example, you can go to Facebook, Instagram or Twitter (to name a few) and use the "search" option.

Quick Response (QR) codes: A QR code is a square barcode that, when scanned by an app on your phone, displays information.

Why it Matters: Googling is so 2015. We want information to come to us, without having to search it out.

Examples: Have you ever been standing in a throng of museum-goers straining to read the displayed description mounted near a painting or artifact? I haven't, because I just scan the code included in my guidebook or museum pamphlet and it magically appears on my device. Or, if you're not into filling out a physical Time & Talent survey, scan our QR code and you'll have immediate access to the online survey.

Do's and Don'ts/Caveats: Smartphone cameras won't scan QR codes automatically. For those running iPhones on iOS 11 or higher (that's any up-to-date iPhone newer than a 5), there's a built-in QR reader in the Wallet app. Everyone else will need an app like Bar-Code, available for free in your app store, in order to scan.

Happy to answer any questions as we continue to explore these exciting new opportunities for community engagement together!

Hilary Reeves