



The Congregator

Fauntleroy Church United Church of Christ

April 9, 2018

“Get-Acquainted Meals: April 26- May 6”

I love to host meals, parties, and gatherings in our home. I come by it quite naturally. My grandparents, Jean and Norm, always made their home available to everyone who stopped by for a visit. My grandparents would take their visitors on a slow stroll out to see the garden, to inspect the crops of the season. In the meantime, my dad and his four siblings would frantically tidy their “stations” of the house. If there were dirty dishes in the sink or on the counter, they were tucked into the oven, out of site. And the long closet, between the stove and stairs, could hold a lot of stuff!

Grandma Jean served meals on Corelle Ware dishes. The patterns of the dishes didn’t match. That didn’t matter; it only mattered that they would stack well together. She had enough dishes in her cupboards to serve her entire extended family during family reunions. When my grandparents passed away, I was thankful to inherit some of her dishes. They are pulled out when we host a potluck, party, or meal for a large group. I feel like I am passing on the hospitality of my grandparents every time they are used.

The first Get Acquainted meal Ben and I hosted was 5-7 years ago. It was at that gathering that my friendship with Kitty Clark sparked. And at our table last year, we had the pleasure of getting to know the Gordon, Lane, and Tucker families. We found that we shared a love for cooking, teaching, photography, hiking, and camping. Not all of us loved all of these things, but we found common interests that we didn’t know we had before. It was in the sharing of food and conversation that we became better friends.

During the week of April 26 through May 6, several people in our church will open their homes to the congregation for potluck meals. These meals are intended for everyone in the church...newbies, long time members, young and young at heart. Take a look at the bonus **Get Involved Table** in the Narthex to see details about the meals being offered. Some have room for many people, others just a few. We have one home that is wheelchair accessible and a few with room for kids. If you don’t see a meal that works for you, consider hosting a meal on a day you are available. You can even use the Fellowship Hall if it is available. Or, sign up to meet someone for dinner at a local restaurant.

UCC minister, Dr. Robin R. Meyers said in his book, *Morning Sun on a White Piano*, “For most of human history, people have scattered to make a living, and then huddled around a table to have a life. Through joy and sorrow they sat together—sometimes silently, sometimes with animated voices and boisterous laughter. But the making of a meal and the ritual of the table was the glue that stuck them together.”

I hope that you will sign up to join a Get Acquainted meal this year. Join a meal with people you don’t know and get to know them. Ben and I are signed up to host on May 5th, and I’ll have my grandma’s Corelle Ware out.
Sarah Ackers

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**WORSHIP
CHURCH SCHOOL
10:00 AM**

APRIL 15, 2018

“God’s Dream of Counted Sheep”
John 21:1-19
Leah Atkinson Bilinski Preaching

2:30 PM

**Blessing of the Animals
Sanctuary**
Refreshments for all following.



APRIL 22, 2018

**9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Recycle Round-Up**

**10:00 AM
Stewardship of
Creation Sunday**

*guest
speaker*

CALENDAR

Sunday – April 15

9:00 Adult Bible Study – Library
10:00 Worship
11:30 Church Finance Informational Meeting – Fellowship Hall
2:30 Blessing of the Animals-Sanc.
5:00 Sojourners – Bjornson home

Monday – April 16

7:30 Altar Guild
7:00 Facilities Ministry - Library

Tuesday – April 17

3:30 LPS Teachers Mtg.–4th Flr CR

Wednesday – April 18

9:45 Staff – Fish Bowl
1-2:30 Church/Y Committee - Library

Thursday – April 19

6:45 Council Executive Com. – Lib.
7:30 Choir

Friday, April 20 – Sunday, April 22

Women's Retreat at Pilgrim Firs

Sunday – April 22 – Earth Day

9-3:00 Recycle Round-Up-Parking Lot
9:00 Adult Bible Study – Library
10:00 Worship – Guest Preacher Ministry Sunday led by the Facilities Ministry
11:30 Worship Ministry – Fish Bowl

Monday – April 23

8:30 Altar Guild
6:30 Sisters – Reeves home

Tuesday – April 24

All Day – Fauntleroy Fall Festival Fundraiser at Endolyne Joe's
9:30 Caring Ministry - Library
6:30 Seaside Sisters – Room 416
7:00 Council - BRR

Wednesday – April 25

9:45 Staff – Fish Bowl

Thursday – April 26

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

Saturday – April 28

5:00 Crock Pots – Casillas home

Friday, April 27 - Sunday, April 29

NW Conference of the UCC Annual Meeting – Yakima

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.

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.

SUE HAUGHTON

Hobbies: My main hobby at the moment is pottery (learning to throw clay on a wheel). I'm not artistic by nature, so I'm approaching pottery as a skill set to be mastered--if anything functional and or attractive comes of it--that's icing on the cake! I also play golf, garden, swim, and walk in the local neighborhood.

Career: I was an administrative assistant to the Board of Directors and President of a mid-sized non-profit engaged in health prevention issues for school-aged youth.

1st friend at Fauntleroy: I'm not really sure, but probably it was **Janet Bakke**. She and I had daughters the same age and we taught Sunday school classes.

Favorite thing about Fauntleroy Church: The progressive nature of the members. When I first started there were so many members who were passionate and involved in issues of equality for people in our local community and the nation, and there still are--just a new generation of them.

Where do you sit in the sanctuary: I tend to sit on the right side of the church towards the front. Sat there for many years--usually along side **Lyn Kratz**--miss my pew mate.

In which church groups/ministries/activities are you involved: Over the years, I think I've served on a majority

of the ministries and chaired a couple. I worked on the call of two Associate Pastors as well. Currently, I'm on

Council serving as the liaison to the Facilities Ministry and on the Personnel Committee. I also hang out with the Fix-it-Group guys on the first Tuesday's of the month.

Something you look forward to in the coming year: I'm looking forward to doing some more travel with my partner now that she has retired.

GREEN COMMITTEE

NEEDS NEW LEADERS

On Jan. 14, members of the Green Committee met



for a thorough

discussion of events, commitments, and goals for this year. Our conclusion: that after many years of fine work, the time has come for the committee to "sunset" in favor of leaders who come forward from within the congregation for specific projects, including.

- **Recycle Roundups** each April and September are a valuable community service and a necessary fundraiser for the church. Many in the congregation help staff the parking lot each time. Watch for sign-up sheets at the Get-Involved Table for your opportunity to take a turn.

- The **plant sale** in early May is a gift to ourselves. It needs only dedicated growers to develop starts, pot transplants, and sort bulbs; then volunteers to serve as enthusiastic gardeners on sale day.

- Our building's **recycling/composting** program is thriving and needs continuing education and support by all of us.

- A **mission Sunday** with the kids needs someone with a good idea and the energy to produce it. The Sunday school kids are always enthusiastic and creative.

- Our **battery collection** bin in the narthex fills regularly, totalling at least 100 pounds annually. To keep it going requires someone willing to take them periodically for responsible disposal.

If you are interested in leading one of these efforts toward sustainable product use, education, and awareness of environmental issues or helping keep our congregation

connected to earth-friendly causes,
please contact volunteer coordinator
Sarah Ackers or me. **Chris Mahar**

FUNDRAISERS

SET ASIDE DONATIONS FOR 2ND TIME SALE

The success of our 24th annual 2nd Time Sale Sept. 15-16 depends on our having LOTS of quality items to sell and now's the time to get serious about what you will donate.



Kitchenware, furniture, tools, art, books, linens, jewelry, toys, craft supplies – pretty much anything with at least two years of life left in it is welcome. Call the church office or visit www.fauntleroyucc.org/events for a list of what we cannot accept.

We accept quality donations from anyone, so if you have a neighbor or relative who's downsizing, mention the sale and that we'll gladly provide a tax receipt.

If you have room, plan to keep donations until right after Labor Day, when you can bring them directly to Fellowship Hall. If you need to donate sooner, call the church office to arrange to add them to the items we already have in storage.

Thanks for helping make this the largest fund-raiser of the year for our ministries!
Judy Pickens

BUDGET ISSUES

BUDGET PREVIEW FOR PLEDGE SEASON

BUDGET

On Sunday, April 15, after worship, we will discuss the church budget for the coming year, beginning July 1. The final version won't be complete then but we should be close. The budget is approved by the congregation at the annual meeting in early June.

I'll show you a summary of our income and spending and talk about what we're trying to accomplish with your generous support. Annual pledges are the major share of our church income so it's important for you to know how we intend to spend your gifts.

I'll do my best to give you information about our church finances and answer your questions. Please come if you're at all curious about any aspect of our church finances.

Jeff VanGilder, Church Treasurer



RECYCLE ROUNDUP

Our spring **Recycle Roundup** is set for Earth Day - **Sunday, April 22**. The crew from 1 Green Planet will start accepting recyclables in the main parking lot at **9 am** and, by the **3 pm** close, up to 400 vehicles will have come through.

Changing market conditions and a new owner at 1 Green Planet have prompted several changes, so be sure to check the "do bring" and "don't bring" lists on posters around the building or at www.fauntleroyucc.org/events. If in doubt about bringing something you have, email info@1greenplanet.org or call **425-996-3513**. The company will take anything on the "do" list, even if markets change between now and our roundup.

As you sort through items for free, responsible disassembly and reuse, keep our upcoming 2nd Time Sale in mind. For example, 1 Green Planet now takes books but please direct any you think still have value to the sale instead. If they don't sell, Alina Guyon will give them new life through her Libraries for All project.

If you can help for an hour or two during the roundup, let **Sarah Ackers** know (sarah@fauntleroyucc.org or 206-932-5600), or sign up at the Get-Involved Table. You'll have a great time interacting with the hundreds of people from throughout West Seattle who frequent this Earth-friendly event. **Judy Pickens**

A SPECIAL SERVICE

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



On Sunday, April 15, at 2:30 PM, all God's creatures are invited to our church for a brief, beautiful,

fun service to bless their daily gift of unconditional love. Come for the joy of it, whether you have a pet or not! Refreshments will follow the service.

A few things to know:

- 🐾 Only bring pets that would be happy getting blessed.
- 🐾 Leashes, crates, cages and terrariums are important so each animal feels safe in the worship space.
- 🐾 Bring a photo if your pet is shy or is no longer with you.
- 🐾 No pets at all? Kids can bring their favorite toy animals. They teach us love, too.

CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

SEATTLE AUDUBON SUMMER NATURE CAMP!

Seattle Audubon is adding a second site based at Explorer West Middle School in West Seattle. Nature Camp emphasizes experiential outdoor activities that instill an appreciation of nature for children and teens. Each week



centers on a different nature theme, includes two off-site field trips, and is operated by professional environmental education staff. Regular camp hours are 9 AM-3:30 PM, with morning and afternoon extended care available. We offer generous scholarship packages so that all kids can experience summer camp – just email the registrar for an application. Volunteer opportunities for teens available, too! Learn more and register [online](#), or [contact the Registrar](#) with questions, scholarship application requests, and teen volunteer inquiries.

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!





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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 **Gordy Mandt, Dean Tucker, Dick Finnie, Eric Wetzel and Phil Morris** for putting up the safety fence in back of the church on Worship Without Walls Sunday.

WELCOME!

Asher Finnigan Conley-Holcom was born on March 22 to **Rev. Andrew and LeeAnne Conley-Holcom**. He was 22 days early but weighed a healthy 6 lbs. 14 ozs. Mom and baby are doing great! Andrew is the pastor at Admiral Congregational UCC. Congratulations to the family!

PEOPLE NEWS

Karen Tyree is now home under hospice care.
Ruthi Jensen-Larsen has moved to Kline Galland where she doing physical therapy in order to return home.

Our deepest sympathies to **Gordy & Jenny Mandt** at the loss of their beloved son, **Ian**, who would have turned 25 years old on April 2. An open house is being planned for May 5, at the Hall at Fauntleroy, from 3-7 PM.

Bettie Dunbar was hospitalized last week due to an infection. She is now home recuperating.

Kersti Muul was recently accepted into a Master Birder Program through the Seattle Audubon Society. She is very excited about going "back to school"!

PLANT SALE

Our annual sale of plants and bulbs will be **Sunday, April 29**, after worship. We have about a dozen growers offering a wide variety - annuals, lilies, herbs, houseplants, tomatoes. If you have plants to donate, contact **Judy Pickens (206-938-4203 or judy_pickens@msn.com)**

A TIMELY PRAYER

"When you Meet Someone Deep in Grief"
When you meet someone in deep grief slip off your needs and set them by the door.

Enter barefoot into this darkened chapel hollowed by loss; hallowed by sorrow its gray stone walls and floor.

You, congregation of one are here to listen, not sing.

Kneel in the back pew. Make no sound, let the candles speak.
 -Patricia McKernon Runkle

DINE OUT FOR FALL FESTIVAL

Join your neighbors of all ages for breakfast, lunch, dinner, or a late-night snack at Endolyne Joe's on **Tues., Apr. 24**, in support of the **Fauntleroy Fall Festival**. The menu features updates of classic dishes from the Hudson Valley, including cider-marinated chicken and birch beer.

Joe's will donate a percentage of sales, 8 am to 10 pm, to help keep the wildly popular October festival free.

And, don't forget to bring cash to enter to win a variety of raffle items!

YOUTH SERVICE SUNDAY

Service Sundays are when all 6th-12th grade youth go out during the worship time to put their faith into action—mini "worship without walls" Here is what the youth need to know:
When: Sunday, Apr. 29, 10-11AM
Where: Meet near the north parking lot kiosk (Fauntleroy Way SW and SW Rose St) about 9:50AM.

What else: Chance of showers, so be prepared. Long sleeves and pants with sturdy shoes or boots suggested. Plan to get messy. Friends are welcome, but all need permission slips and to register at the link below.

Register: RSVP to **Izzie (Lewis)** at izzielewis@comcast.net or signup online <https://seattle.greencitypartnerships.org/event/12136/>. Youth under 18 need to complete a parental consent through the site.