



# The Congregator

Fauntleroy Church United Church of Christ

April 23, 2018

## THE MINISTRY OF OUR BUILDING

It's a concept I think most of us don't often think about – the idea that the physical building of Fauntleroy Church doesn't just contain the ministry we do as a congregation; it empowers ministry that stretches far beyond us as a church. I get to see it every day, but I know that many of you do not. So I thought I'd lift up the names of some of those groups here, to invite you to better celebrate the good work our church helps foster simply by offering space and hospitality.

Here is a list of all those blessed by our physical space in 2017. Through the simple use of our building, here's an idea of what we were for those outside our congregation. We were...

### A space for grieving and/or celebrating life

11 memorials/celebrations of life (5 for members, 6 for non-members)  
8 weddings, 2 receptions and a rehearsal dinner  
5 birthday parties, 1 anniversary party and 1 graduation party

### A space for support and gathering resources to face life's challenges

Mid-Day Mindfulness (AA) 3 Al-Anon groups  
Alcoholics Anonymous business meeting 9 Transition to parenting workshops  
Parents of preschoolers weekly gathering  
Parents of babies weekly gathering

### A space for Working toward a Just and Better World

Fellowship of Reconciliation Spring Assembly  
Western Washington CROPWalk leadership training  
Moms Demand Action Against Gun Violence  
Healthcare for the Homeless Training Workshop  
Alternative Giving Fair, hosting and promoting many local charitable organizations

### A space for education

Our wonderful Little Pilgrim Preschool YMCA summer school camps  
Andover Preschool Holiday Party

### A space to foster creative beauty and joy

Stage Struck children's theater camps 2 Northwest Firelight Chorale concerts  
Lace Makers of Puget Sound workshops  
Seattle Civic Dance Theater fundraiser Explorer West Fundraiser  
West Seattle Music Studio piano recital Annual West Seattle Art Fair  
Denny-Sealth Arts Booster Club fundraiser  
West Seattle Linux Users Group

### A space to foster health and wellness of the body and spirit

Our wonderful YMCA partnership Fuller Center Bike Adventure  
Arbor Heights Swim Club membership meeting Group Trip  
CPR and first aid training  
5 Diamond Approach Meditation Workshops

### A space for Fauntleroy Community Betterment

11 Washington State Ferries Task Force Meetings  
West Beach HOA annual meeting Fauntleroy Fall Festival event

### A space to support our wider Church partnerships

2 Admiral Church U.C.C. fundraisers  
Hosted Korean student group from our partner churches in Korea

I'm betting every one of you reading this article just learned something new (except Jackie, our Office Manager and Building Scheduler)! How much richer and far-reaching our ministry is made through the joyous stewardship of

our church building! I look forward to seeing who we might bless with our space in the future. I hope you do too.

With thanksgiving, *Leah*

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

WORSHIP  
CHURCH SCHOOL  
10:00 AM

APRIL 29, 2018



"A Perfect Love Affair"  
I John 4:7-21  
Guest Preacher  
Rev. Kendall Baker

11:00 AM

Plant Sale on the Veranda  
and in Fellowship Hall

MAY 6, 2018



PLEDGE SUNDAY

Blessing our Pledges of Treasure,  
Time and Talent

"Dreaming with God: What Our  
Collective Faith Can Do"

Psalm 96

Rev. Leah Atkinson Bilinski  
Preaching

# CALENDAR

**Friday, April 27 - Sunday, April 29**  
Pacific NW Conference of the UCC  
Annual Meeting – Yakima

**Friday, April 27 – Saturday, April 28**  
**7:30 PM – 8:30 AM** Youth Lock-in –  
Church Building

**Saturday – April 28**  
5:00 Crock Pots – Casillas home

**Sunday – April 29**  
9:00 Adult Bible Study – Library  
10:00 Worship – Guest Preacher,  
Rev. Kendall Baker  
11:00 Plant Sale – Veranda/F. Hall

**Monday – April 30**  
8:30 Altar Guild

**Tuesday – May 1**  
9:00 Fix-It Group  
7:00 Personnel Com. - Library

**Wednesday – May 2**  
9:45 Staff – Fish Bowl  
6:30 Parish Life Ministry - Library

**Thursday – May 3**  
7:00 Homelessness TF Speaker –  
Fellowship Hall  
7:30 Choir

**Saturday – May 5**  
3-7:00 Open House Celebrating the  
life of **Ian Mandt** – The Hall  
at Fauntleroy

**Sunday – May 6 – Giving Sunday**  
9:00 Adult Bible Study – Library  
10:00 Worship – Blessing the  
pledges  
10:30 Children's Church–S. Chapel  
11:30 S & O Ministry – Fish Bowl  
11:30 Family Support Grp.-Lounge  
4:45 SOAR – in church  
5:00 Sojourners/Get-Acquainted  
Dinner – Bjornson home

**Monday – May 7**  
8:30 Altar Guild

**Tuesday – May 8**  
5:15 Homelessness T.F. – Library  
6:30 Seaside Sisters – Room 416  
7:00 Finance Ministry – 4<sup>th</sup> Flr CR  
7:00 LPS Standing Com. – off-site

## Wednesday – May 9

9:45 Staff – Fish Bowl  
1:00 Fellowship Com. – Fish Bowl  
6:30 Christian Ed Ministry – BRR  
7-8:30 Faith & Money - Library

## Thursday – May 10

10:00 Sisters – Lounge  
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.**

# TIME & TALENT



## TIME AND TALENT SURVEY

The giving of time and talent is an important part of covenant life at Fauntleroy Church and is a wonderful way to strengthen the bonds that unite us in community and faith. There are countless ways to be involved at Fauntleroy Church. While some of us know exactly how we want to be involved, many of us look for opportunities to unfold that feel like a good fit. I would like to help each of us to find that good fit.

This year, the Time and Talent Survey focuses on the interests, skills, work styles and availability preferences we each have, rather than the specific tasks that need volunteers throughout the year. The results of the survey will allow me to match people to opportunities with a fresh perspective. I'll be looking for ways to help deepen our relationships with each other and God through the work we do in our church, our community and our world.

Please help me to connect people to opportunities by completing the 2018–2019 Time and Talent Survey online. Go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/2018FauntleroyTS>. Prefer a paper survey? Pick one up at the Get Involved Table and return it to the church office.

Thank you, **Sarah Ackers**,  
Volunteer & Engagement Coordinator

# PARISH LIFE MINISTRY

## GET ACQUAINTED MEALS

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. Please take this opportunity to get acquainted with people you don't know. Contact Sarah Ackers if you need help finding a meal that works for you.



## FAMILY CARE SUPPORT GROUP

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** after worship – at **11:30 AM** in the Lounge.



The Family Care Support Group will meet and

host a guest speaker from a local home care agency called **Care At Home**. This gathering will provide useful information on the resources in our community which can help ourselves, friends and family to continue to live in their homes for as long as possible. This is a topic that a lot of folks are interested in, but are not sure what is actually available and what it entails. This is a casual, open conversation type of support group, which is sponsored by our church's Caring Ministry. Grab a cup of coffee after worship and join us - all are welcome!

**Bobbie Reeves**

# CAMPING

## SIGN UP TODAY! MAY 19-20 IS FAUNTLEROY'S ALL-CHURCH FAMILY CAMP AT CAMP COLMAN!

Registration forms are available now at the church office, at the Get



Involved Table after worship on April 22th and 29th, AND online here at: <https://tinyurl.com/FCUCCFamilyCamp2018>. **Deadline to register is**

**Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. The cost this year is \$65.00/person, which includes lodging in "modern" cabins on Saturday night, and 4 meals, from Saturday lunch through Sunday lunch. Children 3 and under are free!

This annual event in Long Branch, Washington is a getaway for all ages and family sizes, from one to a gaggle. About 80 minutes' drive from West Seattle, and founded by prior church members, Camp Colman is a place that welcomes each and every one of us. We'll commune with nature and one another, and unplugging is encouraged! Small and large group activities include challenge course, boating in the lagoon, camp fire with skits, s'mores, and songs, gaga ball, night hike, the giant swing, and a special worship service. Or sneak away for a little time with a book or walk on the beach. There's even a Sunday morning "polar bear plunge" before breakfast. Bonus: the lodge has 'camp coffee' available around the clock - it's not Starbucks, but it's free, and served in a real mug!

For more information or if you have questions, contact **Karyn Frazier**, [Karyn@fauntleroyucc.org](mailto:Karyn@fauntleroyucc.org) or **Julie Huff** at [jchuff10@gmail.com](mailto:jchuff10@gmail.com). NOTE: There's a one-day option, too, at \$25 per person + \$6 per meal. Check the online registration link for pricing information or contact Karyn to learn more. Some scholarship funds are available and can be requested through Karyn or Leah.

### A QUICK REMINDER

Annual Reports are due into the church office no later than May 6, 2018. Thank you! Congrats to **Bobbie Reeves** for being the first to get her "Altar Guild" report in! **Jackie Gould**

# DRILLING DOWN ON HOMELESSNESS

Homelessness is a growing social condition that seems to defy the quick fixes of government, data-driven programs of agencies, and individual best intentions.

A **Thursday, May 3, 7 PM** public forum in **Fellowship Hall** will drill down below surface responses to give homelessness a human face and explore specific decisions ahead if Seattle and its neighborhoods are to turn the corner on this multi-faceted, tenacious problem. Speakers from the Transit Riders Union and Facing Homelessness will share what they are doing and suggest practical and effective action.

Since 2011, the **Transit Rider's Union** has focused on improving access for working and indigent people to public transportation - a mission that now includes homelessness. It is supporting the Housing for All Coalition's initiative to fund more low-income housing through an employee-hours tax on large Seattle businesses. The union is also working to end encampment sweeps and increase shelter beds.

**Facing Homelessness** has two major projects. "Just Say Hello" encourages people to view homeless individuals with compassion, not as a faceless problem. It's also behind the "BLOCK Project," which advocates for one small, self-sufficient backyard house per residential block as a way to increase low-income housing while bringing communities closer to homeless individuals and families.

Invite friends and neighbors to join you for this free forum hosted by our **Homelessness Task Force.**

**Judy Pickens**

# STEWARDSHIP

## "DREAMING GOD'S DREAM"



By now you should have received in the mail your annual packet of information

from the Stewardship Committee.

This year's campaign asks us to **Dream God's Dream** and to reflect that through our actions as a community of faith and in the larger world. We hope the packet contains the kind of details you need to prayerfully consider an annual financial pledge to the church. Pledging enables our leaders on Church Council to work with Leah and the staff to plan for the wide variety of activities our church does annually. One new way we hope to inspire you this year is by creating short videos of our Sunday stewardship speakers. You can find those on the church Facebook pages or at <https://www.fauntleroyucc.org/stewardship-2018>. We are grateful to the speakers who are willing to share their personal stories with us. Our small committee cannot call all church members and friends to personally invite you to pledge as has sometimes

happened in the past, but we invite anyone with questions to reach out to us. Pledge Sunday is May 6 and we look forward to celebrating with you the generosity of our church family, wonderful people who dare to dream God's dream. -- Stewardship Committee: Ben Ackers, Carl Craven, Maria Groen, Larry Pierce

# YOUTH NEWS

## YOUTH SERVICE SUNDAY

Service Sundays are when all 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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:** Youth meet near the north parking lot kiosk in Lincoln Park (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](mailto:izzielewis@comcast.net) or sign up online <https://seattle.greencitypartnerships.org/event/12136/>. Youth under 18 need to complete a parental consent through the site.



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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**

**UNDERSTANDING ISLAM**

This is an introductory workshop with the goal to supply participants with knowledge and resources on the fundamentals that align the Muslim world. Participants will be asked to reflect on how spirituality impacts their lives and the communities they identify with, through creative storytelling and dialogue. People of all faiths are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to connect, learn and grow. **Saturday, April 28, 1-6:00 PM, 6920 34<sup>th</sup> Ave SW.** To learn more, go to [www.dnda.org/raceseries](http://www.dnda.org/raceseries). This is part of the Let's Talk Race Series 2018. Free childcare and community dinner provided.

**THRIFTWAY 1% CASH BACK PROGRAM**

We recently received a check in the amount of \$232.30, representing 1% of sales receipts of \$ 23,229.

If you don't already know, Fauntleroy Church participates in the 1% Thriftway program, sponsored by the California Ave and Morgan St Thriftway (only). Simply bring your receipts from that store and put them in the receptacle at the Donation Station in the entryway to the Church/Y offices. **Bonnie Beerman** collects these receipts, adds them up and sends them on to the Thriftway Store. They,

in turn, send us a check for 1% of the total. These funds are then given to the White Center/West Seattle Food Banks.

Thanks for saving and sharing your receipts...and thanks to Bonnie Beerman for her work on this project!  
**Jackie**

**PEOPLE NEWS**

**Valerie Pifer** had successful hip surgery in early April and is home recuperating.

**Bev Fletcher** has lymphoma and is now undergoing radiation.

**Bettie Dunbar** is now home and doing a bit better.

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

There will be a Celebration of Life (Open House) for **Ian Mandt** on Saturday, May 5, at the Hall at Fauntleroy from 3-7 PM. All are invited to come, say hi to **Jenny & Gordy**, and remember Ian during this special time.

**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](mailto:judy_pickens@msn.com))**

**PRAYER CHAIN**

Please pray for...

Cancer: *Paul Pruitt, Karen Tyree, Sandy Tzou, Gretchen Greene, Ron Maynard, Bill Zoellner Sr., Larry Tibbetts, Donna (Finney), Bev Fletcher*

Health Issues: *Kevin Glandon, Vicki Black, Julie Fulford, Tom Lane, Clarence & Nan Miller, Gary Lewis, Ruthi Jensen-Larsen, Bettie Dunbar, Sharon Wiley, Haley (8 years old), Bettie Dunbar, Valerie Pifer*

Loss of a loved one: *Jenny & Gordy Mandt, Sue Haughton, Cindy Lavoie*

General Support: *Wendy Cwinar, Megan Miller, Mary Margaret Pruitt*

**THANK YOU...!**

Thanks to **Theresa Althaus** for arranging for flowers that were used to fill the cross on the patio and for delivery at Caring Ministry Easter visits, and to **Lisa Corbin** for picking them up and delivering them to church.  
**Sarah**

Thanks to **Adah Cruzen**, who recently gave a generous donation to the church in memory of **Earl Cruzen**. Earl loved the church bell, particularly the tradition of children ringing it every Sunday morning. With this gift, which will go to help pay for the steeple's reconstruction, we will be certain to hear that bell resonating for years to come.