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
- Andover Preschool Holiday Party

**A space to foster creative beauty and joy**
- Stage Struck children’s theater camps
- Lace Makers of Puget Sound workshops
- Seattle Civic Dance Theater fundraiser
- West Seattle Music Studio piano recital
- Denny-SeaTh 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
- Arbor Heights Swim Club membership meeting
- 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

**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

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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

**WORSHIP CHURCH SCHOOL**

10:00 AM

**APRIL 29, 2018**

**GUEST PREACHER**

“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

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**PLEDGE SUNDAY**

**MAY 6, 2018**

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Blessing our Pledges of Treasure, Time and Talent
- Psalm 96
- Rev. Leah Atkinson Bilinski
- Preaching
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 – 4th 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 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

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 6th 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 22nd and 29th, AND online here at: https://tinyurl.com/FCUCCFamilyCamp2018. Deadline to register is Friday, May 3rd. 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 served in a real mug!

For more information or if you have questions, contact Karyn Frazier, Karyn@faunTLEROYucc.org or Julie Huff at 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.

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 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: 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 Izzielewisc@comcast.net or signup online https://seattle.greencitypartnerships.org/event/12136/ Youth under 18 need to complete a parental consent through the site.

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

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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

CONGREGATOR DEADLINE: TUESDAYS, 1 PM

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 the take advantage of this opportunity to connect, learn and grow. Saturday, April 28, 1-6:00 PM, 6920 34th Ave SW. To learn more, go to www.dnnda.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 of annuals, lilies, herbs, houseplants, tomatoes. If you have plants to donate, contact Judy Pickens (206-938-4203 or 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 Althauser 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.