



The Congregator

Fauntleroy Church United Church of Christ

May 14, 2018

SWEET, SWEET MUSIC: Fauntleroy Fundraising, Friendship & Fun

For those of you who are new to Fauntleroy Church, you may have noticed a colorful poster announcing our upcoming "Sweet, Sweet Music" concert, "Mr ROY G BIV." R=red; O=orange; Y=yellow; G=green, and on through the colors of the rainbow. If you've never been to a Sweet, Sweet Music "home-grown" concert, here's what you can expect: an evening of musical entertainment usually provided by members of the church, accompanied by refreshments (coffee, tea, dessert, hence the "Sweet" in "Sweet, Sweet Music," and on occasions a glass of wine,) and possibly some singing along if the mood takes you. Expect imperfection, the unexpected, and plenty of JOY. Because, well, that's what making music together is all about!

"Sweet, Sweet Music" began 10 years ago in my living room. New to the church and excited to play music with like-minded individuals, I invited some new friends to bring their instruments -- guitars, flutes, violins, drums, banjos, bass -- so we could make music together. We enjoyed playing popular music, show tunes, whatever people brought to the gathering. Somewhere along the way, a themed program evolved (early shows included "Songs from Stage and Screen" and "The Man Show" with the Bronettes). We rehearsed for about 6 weeks and presented our little show to the church community, charging a small admission to benefit the church. "Sweet, Sweet Music" attracted crowds of 50-100 people and so began our home-grown concert series.

Over the years, "Sweet, Sweet Music" has been my Time and Talent contribution. It's a way I can give back to the church but there are so many other rewards. Starting with my program idea, I invite people I need to put the show together and they commit to putting in hours and hours of practice (bless them!). I am the arranger and director, which, while being very time-consuming, is worth all the effort. It takes camaraderie, mutual respect and a certain degree of professionalism to rise to the challenge of putting a show together thematically, instrumentally, figuring out vocal harmonies, stage configuration, wardrobe, lights, choreography -- the task can be quite daunting but we are blessed with a deep well of creative minds at Fauntleroy Church!

"Sweet, Sweet Music" concerts also need SUPPORT from the church community -- advertising help, people to help set up and tear down, people to help in the kitchen, people to take money at the door, and so on. We always need helpers! And, finally, we need an AUDIENCE! Please come along and join in the fun. Relax, sit back and be entertained and refreshed. Invite your friends and family. "Sweet, Sweet Music" is a GREAT way to invite people from the community to Fauntleroy Church.

Recent "Sweet, Sweet Music" events included the Women's Ensemble concert in January. We regularly feature a church-wide TALENT SHOW and our next talent show will be later in 2018. Here is your chance to perform -- we have so many talented people at Fauntleroy Church, and I am happy to audition all you rising stars, from the littlest people to our beloved seniors.

So mark your calendars for **Friday, May 18 at 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall**. If you'd like to help, please consider donating a dessert, or feel free to talk to me or Jackie about helping to set up. Our "Mr ROY G BIV" program has a diverse range of songs from "The Rainbow Connection" featuring **Katie Ackers** and the D.A.M. Ukulele Band and "Mellow Yellow" by Donovan -- (watch out for a large banana!) to the obscure ("Green Finch and Linnet Bird" from "Sweeney Todd".) We are excited to present our show, and we hope you will join us! All

proceeds will benefit the mission of Fauntleroy Church, and you can get your tickets at the door.

--Bronwyn Edwards, Music Director

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**WORSHIP
CHURCH SCHOOL
10:00 AM**

**MAY 20, 2018
THE SEASON OF
PENTECOST BEGINS
WEAR RED TO CHURCH**



"Just Breathe"

Romans 8:22-27

Rev. Kendall Baker Preaching

11:30 AM

Presentation on Initiative 1631,
the Protect Washington Act
Led by **Steve Sundquist**
Fellowship Hall

**MAY 27, 2018
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
Reception of New Members
Rev. Leah Atkinson Bilinski
Preaching**

CALENDAR

Friday – May 18

7:30 Sweet, Sweet Music – F. Hall

Saturday, May 19-Sunday, May 20

Family Camp at Camp Colman

Sunday – May 20

The Season of Pentecost Begins

9:00 Adult Bible Study – Library
10:00 Worship – Kendall Baker
11:30 Initiate 1631 Discussion – Fellowship Hall (Led by Steve Sundquist)

Monday – May 21

8:30 Altar Guild
7:00 Facilities Ministry - Library

Tuesday – May 22

9:30 Caring Ministry - Library
6:30 Seaside Sisters – Room 416
7:00 Council - BRR

Wednesday – May 23

9:45 Staff – Fish Bowl
7:00 Faith & Money Workshop – Library

Thursday – May 24

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

Sunday – May 27

9:00 Adult Bible Study – Library
10:00 Worship – New Members Received
11:30 Worship Ministry – Library
11:30 LPS Task Force – Fish Bowl

Monday – May 28

Memorial Day – Office Closed

Tuesday – May 29

8:30 Altar Guild
7:00 Pastoral Rels. Com. - Library

Wednesday – May 30

9:45 Staff – Fish Bowl
7:00 Faith & Money Workshop - Library

Thursday – May 31

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.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

EASTER BREAKFAST A HIT!



The Easter Breakfast was a delicious success, thanks to a multitude of volunteers! We served more than 130 people, the same number as were served last year in half the amount of time! Wow! Thank you to **Carolyn and Dean Tucker, Jamie Bilinski, Angela Gordon, Mary Code, Mike Goldfine, and Rita Gutterud** for cutting fruit, slicing ham and kitchen preparation on Saturday morning. Thank you to **Pat Gedney** for decorating the Fellowship Hall, making it look springy and inviting. The delicious egg casseroles were generously made by the following: **Cherie Clymer, Deb Decker, Angela Gordon, Alex Shafer, Day Eaton, Meredith Maruyama, Carolyn Tucker, Bonnie Beerman, Mary Code and Lisa Corbin.**

To everyone who helped Sunday morning, making pancakes, serving food, cashiering, filling beverages, clearing tables, washing dishes, and cleaning up...a whole Easter basket of thanks to you. Thank you to **Cathy Phillips, Cathy Smith, Tad Maruyama, Bob Code, Alex Shafer, Al and Marilynn Bernahl, Steve and Liann Sundquist, Allison and Eric Wetzell, Jim Galbraith, Joan Wieringa, Bud Schwinger, Bill Zoellner, Terry Gaddis and Lucy Gaskill-Gaddis, Paul Johnson, Pat Gedney, Cindi VanGilder, Jill Harlow, Chris Chrisman, Ali and Caroline Decker, Nancy Olson, LeeAnne and Ken Beres, Kari Holsberry and Pam Ford.**

And, a very big round of applause and whole hearted thank you to **Carolyn and Dean Tucker** for leading this year's breakfast from start to finish. They planned for the food, did the shopping, led the kitchen preparations Saturday morning, got things started first thing Sunday, supervised the kitchen food and crew, and stayed until the very last dish was clean. What a gift they are to this congregation! Please let them know how much you appreciate them the next time you cross paths!

Thanks to **Theresa Althaus** for arranging for the flowers that were used to fill the cross on the patio and for Caring Ministry Easter visits, and

to **Lisa Corbin** for picking them up and delivering them to the church.

Thanks, Sarah

BLESSING SERVICE A BLESSING FOR ALL!



How was the Blessing of the Animals in our sanctuary the afternoon of Sunday, April 15, different from

most worship services? Here are two: (1) All the animals arrived on time and (2) all wanted to sit in the front pews!

With about 15 dogs and one brave cat present, they joined their owners in singing "All God's Critters Have a Place in the Choir," then gladly lifted a paw to pass the peace. They also patiently waited their turn to come to the chancel steps for an individual blessing.

That's when their reverence became exuberance to show Pastor Leah their joy in the event, as evidenced by the photo poster you can see now in the building. Each one (except the cat, of course) would gladly have followed her home! We also called out names of cherished pets now gone and blessed photos of pets, past and present, before everyone enjoyed treats.

A big thank you to all who volunteered, provided treats, and publicized this wonderfully fun activity in the life of Fauntleroy Church. Your pet will not want to miss it next year.

Mark Olson, Chair, Worship Min.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

LET'S STOP THE HATE, SEATTLE!

All are invited to the Bystander Intervention Workshop on **Sunday, May 20, from 2-3:30 PM,** at Admiral UCC, 4320 SW Hill Street. The workshop will be led by **Pastor Andrew Conley-Holcom**, Senior Pastor at Admiral UCC. For more information, a poster is located on the kiosk in the entryway.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY SERIES: THE CHALLENGE OF PAUL

A new 9-part DVD-based series entitled, "The Challenge of Paul," began on May 13 in the Sunday morning Adult Bible Study, at 9 AM, in the church library. Paul is one of the most important, yet controversial, persons in the Bible. His epistles (letters) to the early Christian churches, and written before the Gospels, form a large portion of the New Testament. People are usually familiar with his "Road to Damascus" story of conversion from a persecutor of Christians to devout preacher who tirelessly, and at great danger to himself, proclaimed the story of Jesus throughout the Roman Empire. Yet today, even as many people find this Apostle's writings essential to understanding Christianity, others may find him appalling in his attitude toward some groups in society. Therefore, to better understand this man and his message, you are invited to join us to watch, listen, and discuss how John Dominic Crossan brings the historical Paul forward to the context of today's culture.

Mark Olson



HOMELESSNESS T.F.

A COMMUNITY FORUM



The Homelessness Task Force hosted a community forum on May 3rd. The event drew over 30 attendees from the congregation and community to hear presentations from Facing Homelessness (a non-profit attempting to tackle homelessness one small house at a time through the BLOCK Project) and the Transit Riders' Union (an organization pushing for additional local government support for increasing the amount of housing available to low-income individuals and families). The speakers informed us about two current private and governmental efforts to provide additional housing for the increasing number of homeless individuals in Seattle. There was a spirited discussion about recent proposals in Seattle to enact a head tax on large

MAY 6TH WAS A GREAT PLEDGE SUNDAY!



Church, you did good! Whenever Financial Assistant, **Pat Gedney**, comes to me with a smile after tallying pledges on Pledge Sunday, I know we have reason to be optimistic! We're well on our way toward meeting our stewardship goal for pledge income in our 2018-2019 operating budget draft (to be approved at Annual Meeting on June 10).

As of May 10, we've received 78 pledges (including 14 new pledges!) and we're 58% of the way to our \$380,000 pledge goal. Pledges continue to make their way to the church office, and by the time you read this, friendly reminder phone calls and emails will have begun as we continue to strive toward meeting our goal by annual meeting.

Thank you to everyone who pledged or will pledge! Your willingness to plan and pray toward how you might support our church financially and through your time and talents allows us to also plan and pray toward who we can together be in the coming year. May God bless our united efforts! Christ's peace, **Leah**

AND, Fauntleroy Church is now able to accept pledges and donations online. On the church website www.fauntleroyucc.org, go to Get Involved and then Give. You can also give by texting a dollar amount (\$3 or more) to 206-745-4354. Or you can use this QR code to go to the giving page:



If you register and get a password it will be faster to make future donations or payments. We will add other categories as needed. **Jeff VanGilder**, Treasurer

employers as a way to help fund the over 20,000 permanent housing solutions we need. The Seattle City Council is currently considering this contentious measure, and you may want to contact your local council member to let your voice be heard on this important issue.

Bill Zoellner

and to our volunteers: **Chris Mahar, Julie and Eric Shankland, Liann and Steve Sundquist, Day Eaton, LeeAnne Beres, Angela de Ita, Bud Schwinger, Greg Dirks, Lisa Fischer, Mike Goldfine, Diana and Peter Hartwell, and Judy Pickens.**

The fall roundup is penciled in for September.

THANK YOU!

RECYCLE ROUNDUP SETS TWO RECORDS



Our spring Recycle Roundup, on April 29, set two records: number of "customers" and amount of donations.

An estimated 500 vehicles came through our parking lot to unload 14.6 tons of recyclables. That's 50 more than during last year's spring event and the most since our Green Committee initiated roundups in 2010. Although recycling is free, many people put something in the donation basket, such that our ministries benefited by \$1,908.37.

These records are a credit to the energetic crew from 1 Green Planet

HOSPITALITY THANK YOU

The Parish Life Ministry would like to thank the hosts of the most



recent Get Acquainted Meals: **Jo Ann Anderson, Marie Sever, Day and Dennis Eaton, Sarah and Ben Ackers, Kari and Beau Holsberry, and Celesta and John Bjornson.** Thank you for opening your homes and sharing your hospitality!

If you were unable to attend one of the most recent Get Acquainted Meals, have no fear! At least three more meals will be offered this Summer. Keep a look out for new signups on the Get Involved Table.

Thanks, **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.

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

PRAYER CHAIN

Please pray for...

Cancer: Paul Pruitt, 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, Ruthi Jensen-Larsen, Bettie Dunbar, Haley (age 8)

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

General Support: Wendy Cwinar, Megan Miller, Mary Margaret Pruitt, Gail & Stan Lane, Grava Family

**ANNUAL PLANT SALE
 GREENS OUR HOMES**

Gardens, patios, and windowsills are a bit greener in the wake of our annual plant sale on April 29. It was all over in a frantic half hour of shopping, with proceeds totaling about \$380 once IOUs were paid and the few leftover plants headed for the West Seattle Food Bank. Please give a big thanks to growers **Larry Pierce, Izzy Lewis, Day Eaton, Pat Gedney, Judy Pickens, Terry Gaddis, and Cheri Clymer**; sale helpers **Chris Mahar and Liann Sundquist**; and set-up specialists **Bill Zoellner and Phil Sweetland.** **Judy Pickens**

Editor's Note: Thanks also to **Judy Pickens** for all her hard work!

IN MEMORIAM

Karen Tyree

September 25, 1941 – May 2, 2018

Karen Tyree passed away on May 2, surrounded by her loving family. A service in her memory will be held at Fauntleroy Church on June 23, at 1 PM. Please keep Karen's family and friends in your prayers during this difficult time.

CONGRATULATIONS, ANNIKA!

Annika Bjornson will soon graduate from Seattle Prep and will attend Whitworth University in Spokane in the honors program this fall.

WE'VE GOT TALENTED YOUTH AND CHILDREN!

Colton Fukano recently competed in the Great NW Nationals BMX race in Redmond, Oregon. He placed 4th in one and 1st in the other, in the 6 year old intermediate class. Colton has been riding since he was 3 and won a championship at 4! Way to go, Colton!

Matthew Benedict plays in the Mt. Rainier High School Jazz Band. On June 1, from 6-9 PM, the band will

hold a fundraiser at The Cove (1500 SW Shorebrook Dr in Normandy Park.) There will be hors d'oeuvres and an auction followed by music and dancing. The proceeds from this event will benefit the Instrumental Music Programs at Mt. Rainier High School. All are invited to support this event and Matthew, who plays a mean saxophone! Tickets are \$10/each or a table for \$250. To find out more, go to www.facebook.com/MRHSBandBoosters or contact **Gwen Benedict**, gwen.benedict@comcast.net.

REDUCING CLIMATE CHANGE POLLUTION IN WASHINGTON STATE

On **Sunday, May 20** after church in **Fellowship Hall, Steve Sundquist and LeeAnne Beres will give a presentation on Initiative 1631, the Protect Washington Act.** This proposed initiative is currently in the signature gathering phase for the November ballot. The measure will charge pollution fees on large emitters of greenhouse gas pollution, and use the revenues to invest in clean energy, reduce pollution, and assist workers and poor communities in making the transition to a green energy economy. Come learn about the initiative and how you can help!