



The Congregator

Fauntleroy Church United Church of Christ

August 13, 2018

FAITHFUL WITNESS AT AND FOR THE BORDER

Lately, I've been thinking about the wonderful series our Adult Ed. team created last year titled "Helping the Stranger." Many of you participated in those discussions that put context around the desperate circumstances that push mothers, fathers, and children to flee their homes, and the hope that pulls them over incredible obstacles to rebuild some kind of safety and opportunity from scratch. Last fall, we were introduced to the tangled maze we call our immigration system. By winter we had faces and human stories to replace the labels "stranger," "DACA," "unaccompanied minor," asylee or "illegal." At the same time, people from other faith communities began attending our presentations and the Church Council of Greater Seattle was quickly building a sanctuary movement safety net. By spring, our church council was talking about ways we could combine our faithful energy and voices with these others. To be honest, we wrapped up with more questions than answers, but those questions sure kept us awake.

Then summer came and momentum dissipated a bit, but we still couldn't "sleep". As Pastor Leah said recently, "Asylum seekers are being turned away, mothers and fathers and grandparents who have lived in the U.S. for decades are being sent back to countries they no longer know, and the cry of God at it all is going ignored by those with power and unheard by those without." As the momentum has picked up again, one question gets louder: "What can we do?!" Leah suggested I update you on just a few of the answers in front of us in case you are feeling the tugging, nudging, restless Holy Spirit keeping you up at night too.

Currently happening:

- **Admiral UCC invited Alki and Fauntleroy to a conversation about how we can work together on immigration issues.** We would all like to make immigration a fall focus in some way. We'll meet again **August 19 at 2pm to keep talking. Want to join us?**
- **The National UCC and Southwest UCC Conference invited all churches to unite around a campaign called "Faithful Witness At and For the Border."** Leah and I both feel strongly called by this invitation. Here are two opportunities:
 - A 4-day gathering with churches working on the border in Arizona and with National UCC staff. Leah and I hope to learn more about becoming an Immigrant Welcoming Church and to offer witness across the border. Here's a link to the UCC page with info: <http://www.swcucc.org/faith-in-action-blog/2018/7/9/faithful-witness-at-the-border> **It's happening fast, but would you like to join us?**
 - A list of ways you can support the UCC's campaign, Keeping Families Together, is in the same link. **Want to join a taskforce to consider these and other options? We're meeting Aug. 20 at 7pm in the narthex. RSVP so we know to expect you.**

Things coming up:

- One blog, "**The Barefoot Mommy**," focuses on **giving kids ways to engage** all kinds of issues. A simple template makes it easy for families
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**WORSHIP
CHURCH SCHOOL
10:00 AM**



August 19, 2018
1Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 and
Ephesians 5:5-20
Karyn Frazier Preaching

Following Worship
5:00
Crock Pots
Casillas home

August 26, 2018
*"Putting on the Whole
Armor of God"*
Ephesians 6:10-20
Leah Bilinski Preaching

Following Worship
3:45-5:30
CROPWalk Recruiter Rally
Fellowship Hall

CALENDAR

Saturday – August 18

9:00 Power washing parsonage

Sunday – August 19

9:00 Adult Bible Study – Library
10:00 Worship – Karyn Frazier preaching- Sanctuary
Receive new members
11:30 Worship Ministry – Fish Bowl
5:00 Crock Pots – Casillas home

Monday – August 20

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

Tuesday – August 21

7:00 Pastoral Rels. Com. – Library

Wednesday – August 22

9:45 Staff – Fish Bowl

Thursday – August 23

10:00 Knitters – Library
10:00 Sisters – Eaton home

Sunday – August 26

9:00 Adult Bible Study – Library
10:00 Worship – Guest Preacher
11:15 Usher Training Refresher – Sanctuary
3:45 CROPWalk Recruiter Rally – Fellowship Hall

Monday – August 27

8:30 Altar Guild

Tuesday – August 28

7:00 Council - BRR

Wednesday – August 29

9:45 Staff – Fish Bowl

Thursday – August 30

10:00 Knitters – Library
7:00 LPS Parent Orientation in Classrooms

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

There will be a congregational meeting on **Sunday, Sept. 23**, to vote on whether or not the church should hold a Capacity Building Campaign. Please try to be there to have your voice heard and your vote counted!

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concern or support to their representatives:

http://www.thebarefootmommy.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/keep_families_together_letter_r.pdf

Want to write notes of hope to those at the border? Leah and I could take them to Arizona for you.

- Or register for a **free training provided by the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project in September:**
<https://www.nwirp.org/immigration-101-training-at-seattles-central-library/>

- Or stayed tuned...Admiral has invited Fox Island UCC's pastor to come talk about their ministry of witness at the **Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma.** We hope to tap into their experience and energy. And Leah and I will meet with the Y to discuss working together on their fall **Welcome Week campaign** supporting refugee families.

Last year **Mary Code** and her Adult Ed taskforce woke our hearts to the issues of immigration and challenged us to consider how we can truly, faithfully welcome the stranger. We still have more questions than answers, but one we might all consider is what it would look like if concern for immigrants, asylees, and refugees was a lens for our ministry this year? **What two or more things that we already do could be reshaped to engage this issue?**

Awake and wondering with you all,
Karyn Frazier

SUNDAY MORNING

ATTENTION USHERS



USHER TRAINING

On August 26, following worship, **Joel Groen** will lead an usher training in the sanctuary. He will walk through the Sunday morning usher responsibilities, including how to set up the sanctuary and collect the offering. If you are a new usher, this training is perfect for you. If you are a returning usher, this is a great opportunity to refresh your knowledge, ask questions, and become more efficient as a team member. All ushers are invited to attend.
Sarah

SEPT 9th WE BLESS OUR BACKPACKS!

Backpacks and school bags are the first sign of seasons changing! On Sept. 9, we'd like to bless those backpacks and especially the children and youth—and even adults!--who carry them. **Just bring your backpack, book bag—or even your briefcase—to church** and we'll say thanks to God for every opportunity of curiosity, wisdom, fun, and friendships that will fill our days.

FELLOWSHIP

CALLING ALL KNITTERS & MORE

A knitting group recently kicked off at the church and is ready to expand! The knitters would love to have the company of those who crochet, cross stitch, and do other portable hand crafts. The group will be meeting Thursday mornings at 10 AM, in the Library, found on the 4th floor. Socks, washcloths, and afghans were in progress during the first gathering.



If you are a crafter and are available Thursday mornings, we would love to have you join us. For more information, contact **Sarah Ackers.**

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC – SEPT. 9



The Parish Life Ministry invites you to the All-Church Potluck Picnic following worship

on September 9th. Pulled pork sandwiches, made by our very own **Kari Holsberry**, and beverages will be provided at this fun fellowship event. Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. You can't beat the food the Fauntleroy Church congregation brings for potlucks! Arrive a few minutes early to take your food to the church kitchen.

A few volunteers are needed to help set-up and many volunteers are needed to clean-up. Please stop by the Get Involved Table to claim your volunteer shift. Thanks,
Sarah

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUMMER PROGRAM THANKS!



We've had 3 wonderful Sunday School classes every week this summer: two multi-age classes for PreK and 1-2nd graders, with our 3-5th

graders wrapped around as leaders, with a space for middle schoolers as well. The elementary rooms were especially full of energy as we tried to get our minds around a love as big as God. Every week we asked, "What if..." What if God is bigger than we've imagined? What if we are good enough? What if we spoke up? What if there is more than enough love for everyone? It was a faith stretching season!

Before summer ends, please take a minute to thank all our summer teachers, some who stretched out of their comfort zones to teach for the first time: **Carol Smith, Day Eaton, Julie Huff and Zoe Zoellner, Lydia Shepherd, Wendy Cwinar, Jennifer Casillas, Lynn Caldwell, Sarah Finney, Cherie Clymer, Kara Shafer, Mary Code, Stevi and Clay Hamill, Carolyn Tucker, Vicky Ellis, Karen Stone, Monika Lidman, Jane Leonard, Maria Groen, Janey McBride, Kristen Almgren.**

One last question remains: What if we all could find a way to be involved in teaching our children about faith this coming year? What would your "lesson" look like? **Karyn**

GLENNON DOYLE HERE

Hosted by the University Congregational UCC (4515 16th Ave NE) Lecture Series, Friday, Sept. 14, 7 PM, \$35/person. Glennon Doyle is a #1 New York Times bestselling author, activist, speaker, and founder of "Together Rising", a non-profit organization that has raised \$11 million for women, families and children in crisis. Speaking with her trademark wit and candor, Doyle encourages us all to step out from behind masks of perfection and connect with one another by showing up as our real, messy and beautiful selves. Register at: lectureseries@universityucc.org.



SAVE THE DATE – Sunday, Oct 7th

Fauntleroy UCC was incredibly successful last year! In 2017 Fauntleroy UCC raised \$ 9078.25 and had 71 walkers! We're among the top 10 teams in the nation.

More importantly, the money raised both supports our local food banks and fights global hunger through Church World Service.

With just a little bit of effort, we can shoot to be in the TOP 5 teams!

Why are we planning this already?

Alki UCC is no longer organizing the walk, and no other church came forward. Fauntleroy has stepped up to the plate. The walk will be at Alki as in years past. It's not a hard job, and we need helpers.

Please join us on **August 26, 4-4:45 PM**, in Fellowship Hall to get excited for the **2018 CROP WALK!**

QUESTIONS?

Alina Guyon (206) 588-9766 AGuyon19@holynames-sea.org
Sheryl Guyon (206) 919-1848 pcinteriors@qwestoffice.net

SAVE THE DATE for 2018-19 Sunday School Teachers Orientation!



This year's Sunday School Teachers Orientation is **Saturday, Sept. 8, from 10-1:00.** Then, our full Sunday School program officially starts on **Sept. 9!**

If you have volunteered to teach or assist in this next program year, thanks a million! On Sept. 8, it's important that all new and veteran teachers gather to meet their teaching teams, learn about safe church practices, review the curriculum, get an overview of the year, ask questions, and fill out schedules far enough to get our fall programs off to a smooth start.

Please save this important date now, and RSVP to karyn@fauntleroyucc.org so I can plan materials, refreshments, and childcare.

WANT TO TEACH?

We can always use more teachers or assistants! **Once again, we'd especially like to invite more men to consider teaching/assisting or partners who would enjoy working together.** If you have children in Sunday School, let us know what gifts you can bring to this dynamic Fauntleroy ministry—it's fun, faith-stretching work, and it takes all of us. We provide training, resources, and lots of support. We teach in teams and ask for about 10-12 Sundays for the year. You set a schedule that works well with your church life and other commitments. **Think about it, pray about it, then please email me at karyn@fauntleroyucc.org with any questions.** Or, come to the teachers' training on Sept. 8 to learn more. We would love all the creativity and helping hands we can get.





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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	Aimee Pinckney
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: *Larry Tibbetts, Donna (Finney), Bev Fletcher, Jacqueline Thornton, Becky Skilling, Paul Douglas, Frances Loveless, Lauren Smith (Gimness), Louisa Wagner.*
Health Issues: *Kevin Glandon, Ron Maynard, Julie Fulford, Bill Zoellner Sr., Valerie Pifer, Ed McBee, Ruthi Jensen-Larsen, Bettie Dunbar, The Lane Family, Deb Decker, Candice Wilson, Amim, Linda Drown, Liz Thomas, Delilah Tucker, Mike Hogan, Jack McBride, Bob & Vera Holte, Ev Eldridge, Megan Miller, Kersti Muul.*
Loss of a loved one: *Cindy Lavoie, Jenny & Gordy Mandt, Sue Haughton, Mike & Pam Goldfine, Mary Margaret Pruitt.*

HAVE YOU NOTICED?

The two new pictures in the Fish Bowl are gifts to our Church from **Kathy Johnson**, of Studio by the Sound. These signed, original water-colors are of the Skagit Valley. Since its inception, Kathy served on the Fine Art & Holiday Gift Show Committee and was also a vendor from the very beginning. She has recently moved to Jacksonville, OR. Thanks Kathy - and we will miss you!
Pat Gedney

CAN YOU HELP?

We are out of cookies. If you bake within the next few days (weeks), would you consider baking an extra dozen for the church? You can place them in the freezer with the date marked on them please.

We need help staffing our non-member memorials and wedding receptions. The memorials are sporadic. Sometimes we have three in one month, and then go three months without having one. And, we have less than 10 wedding receptions each year. But, lately, we've had a bit of trouble finding helpers. These events are 5-6 hours long; you can work 2 hours or more (or less), setting up, serving, taking down, working during the event, etc. And, you can sign up to help once a year or once a month, it's up to you. If you are interested in helping in this way, please give the office a call. One other thing, it's a great way to get to know other people in the church in a fun way!

THANK YOU!

Please take a moment to thank **Marilyn Whittendale** for being Head Usher for the past six years. She has been a liaison between the usher teams, staff, and Worship Ministry. Thank you for your leadership,
Marilyn!

Sarah

PEOPLE NEWS

Long-time church member, **George McGraw**, passed away on 7/23. George and his first wife, **Ruth**, were very active in the church, joining in 1952. After Ruth passed away, George met fellow church member, **Florence Worman**. They were married in 2000 and had 18 wonderful years together. They became Associate Members when they moved to Judson Park several years ago. Please keep Florence and their family in your prayers.

SALE HAS OWN WEB PAGE

Thanks to **Yessika Yoncee** and **Judy Pickens** for creating a page on the church website dedicated to the 2nd Time Sale. Details about the sale will be available on the "News & Events" tab year-round.

Go to www.fauntleroyucc.org/2nd-time-sale/ as you decide what to donate to this year's sale (Sept. 15-16). We'll start accepting donations directly to the sale floor on **Sept. 5**; call the church office if you need to donate before then.

FALL MUSIC AT FAUNTLEROY CHURCH



As the beginning of the new church year approaches and we reluctantly say farewell to the gorgeous Pacific Northwest summer season, there are plenty of upcoming opportunities to become involved in musical activities at Fauntleroy Church this fall, so here's some food for thought.

Love to sing? The Chancel Choir resumes rehearsals and songs for Sunday worship on **Thursday evening, September 6 at 7:30 pm** in the Chancel. All singers are welcome -- this is a non-audition choir. If you are not a music-reader, sitting beside people who sing the same part will help you to learn your parts by ear. We practice twice a week -- Thursday evenings and before church on Sunday mornings -- from September to June. There is great camaraderie and joy in singing in the choir, and singing is good for your health!

Our annual **Christmas Concert** at Fauntleroy Church will be on Sunday, December 16 at 4 pm. Please save the date! We may sing with Peace Lutheran Church choir again this year, but at the time of writing this article, they haven't confirmed.

Love to sing but can't commit to the choir? Special music opportunities abound during worship every Sunday. We always welcome singers or small ensembles who would like to sing during offertory, or during prelude or postlude. Instrumentalists are welcome too! Please come talk to me if you'd like to play an instrumental interlude during church worship.

Do you have a special talent? Then our upcoming **TALENT SHOW** is the place for you! Adults, kids, all are welcome. You will need to audition with Bron, so if you'd like to perform on **Friday evening, September 28 at 7:30 pm**, do make yourself known. There is an abundance of talent at Fauntleroy Church, so please save the date for our next *Sweet, Sweet Music* Talent Show. All proceeds will benefit the mission of Fauntleroy Church.

Bell-ringers, welcome back! We will begin rehearsals early this Fall, and will meet in the Chancel **every two weeks at 6:30 pm beginning Thursday, September 6**. If you have never played bells before but would like to participate, please contact Bron so we can arrange a meeting beforehand to bring you up to speed. Our goal is to play bells on several occasions throughout the fall, and not just during Advent. **JUNIOR BELL-RINGERS** will begin learning to play the **Rainbow Bells** with Elizabeth Bacon and Clayton Hamill starting in mid-September. Stay tuned for announcements and further information from Elizabeth.

Ukulele Band will resume on **Thursday, September 13 at 6:30 pm** in the Chancel, alternating with the Bell Choir. We will miss one rehearsal on the week of Thanksgiving. A complete schedule will be posted on the ukulele band web page at www.bronsongs.com/ukulele.html. Ukulele Band is great fun and you'll make new friends. Please consider joining us even if you're a beginner!

Finally, please save the date for our second ***Sweet, Sweet Music*** concert of the new year. Join us on **Friday, November 16 at 7:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall for an evening with **Trillium Soul (Sarah Ackers, Betsy Boyer and Bronwyn Edwards)**. All proceeds will benefit the mission of Fauntleroy Church.

-- **Bronwyn Edwards**, Music Director | 206-255-4590 | sirensongbron@gmail.com

FUNDRAISERS

ARTISTS, CRAFTERS TAKE NOTE OF SHOW DEADLINE

Area artists and artistic crafters have just until **Friday, Aug. 31**, to apply to participate in the annual Fauntleroy Fine Art and Holiday Gift Show. Works in any medium are welcome at the Nov. 9-11 show; from clay to paint, cards to soaps. Participants must reside in or have studio space in West Seattle or on Vashon.

Please let anyone you know who might be interested about this opportunity to display and sell the products of their talent. Find details and the application form at www.fauntleroyucc.org/event or call the church office at 206-932-5600.

Judy Pickens

CALL TO
WEST SEATTLE
AND VASHON
ARTISTS

HELP SET UP FOR SALE

2nd Time Sale

Work on the **2nd Time Sale** has been for months behind the scenes as a few volunteers boxed, transported, and stored early donations. Now it's about to shift into high gear.

Preparing Fellowship Hall for the sale will happen after worship on **Sunday, Sept. 2** (Labor Day weekend). Have a quick cup of coffee, then come upstairs to move furniture out of the lounge and set up sale tables throughout the hall. With ample help, the job can be done in about 20 minutes.

Processing donations from storage will be the emphasis on **Tuesday, Sept. 4**, then we'll accept new donations **Wednesday, Sept. 5**, through **Wednesday, Sept. 12**. If you need help getting your items to the sale, just call the church office.

Judy Pickens

MORE ON THE 2ND TIME SALE... VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The 2nd Time Sale is the biggest fundraiser for our church. It takes many volunteers to make it happen, and there is a way for everyone to participate. Volunteers are needed to set up tables, haul goods that

have been stored off-site to the church, pick up donations locally, sort and price goods, cashier and bag, sell, greet, and provide security. Volunteers are also needed to bake items for the bake sale. Please take a look at the Get Involved Table for the volunteer sign-up sheets and pick your shifts. If you want to help, but don't see a shift/task that works for your schedule, contact **Sarah Ackers** so that she can find a way for you to be involved.

Come and join the strong community of volunteers who make the 2nd Time Sale a huge success and, have some fun while you're at it!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Our full Sunday School

Program beings again on Sept. 9th!

We'll start classes for all ages and look forward to the

kids' amazing questions and energy returning to the 4th floor. We need lots of good-hearted volunteers to explore those questions and to surround that energy with love and laughter, so let me know how you'd like to help out.

We offer Sunday School and care for:



Nursery: **Carol Smith** and volunteer caregivers will ensure our nursery is a welcoming, loving, and safe place for infants and toddlers to age 4 during worship.

Preschool & Kindergarten: Teams of volunteer teachers use a lectionary-based curriculum to help children begin to understand Bible stories at their age level and in their own words through art, drama, and movement.

1st and 2nd grades and **3rd-5th grade classes:** Elementary-aged kids explore a theme or story from the Bible for several weeks at a time. This year, we'll start with exploring the Psalms, which includes learning through science, games, cooking, Bible study, and more.

Middle School: For younger youth, we focus on fostering community and spiritual growth and help youth connect scripture to their lives. Group building, ritual, discussions, regular mini-service projects and participation in worship are all part of their Sunday experience.

High School: Older youth participate in communion the first Sunday of the month. On other Sundays, leaders offer fellowship, great conversations around current events or concerns, and service to help youth deepen their relationship with God. In both Middle and High School classes, we use a lectionary-based curriculum, but also shape our program around the questions and interests of our young people.

Adult Bible Study: Learning options for adults begin with **Sunday morning Bible Study** that meets in the in the 4th floor Library at 9:00. The topics vary, but the group is currently focusing on Biblical Wisdom Literature. Other opportunities for adult study are offered throughout the year and during the week, so keep a close eye on your Congregator!

It's almost time for children and youth to meet new teachers, create classroom covenants, and continue to discover they are deeply loved by God and so loved by this faith community, as well! **Karyn**

COMMUNITY NEWS

WESTSIDE BABY STUFF THE BUS

This year's  WestSide Baby Stuff the Bus campaign collected over 311,000 (and counting) diapers. Over 70 individuals, business and community groups hosted diaper drives this summer.

In 2017, WestSide Baby gave out 1.4 million diapers and anticipate that the need will grow this year. Your time, donations and diapers are appreciated and meaningful. For families who receive items, a simple bundle of diapers means precious and limited resources can go towards food, medical care and other necessary items. Thank you!