



# The Congregator

**Fauntleroy Church United Church of Christ**

**FROM PASTOR LEAH'S DESK**

**September 24, 2018**

**SUNDAY MORNING**

Sometimes, when we consider whether to participate in something like the CROPWalk on October 7, any of us might be underwhelmed to think about what exactly our walking and raising of funds can really do in the broad scheme of things. "Does it *really* matter whether I participate? I could be doing a lot of other things with my time." we might think.

This year, I had to make a hard choice. You see, Jamie and I literally leave for the airport and an international flight at 4 PM the day of the CROP-Walk. Now, I know how to plan ahead. Three weeks to go until our trip, I already have a packing list; itineraries printed and have begun filling my suitcase. I'm even in the midst of creating day-by-day love notes and a scavenger hunt for Naomi to enjoy with her grandparents while we're gone. But Jamie...well, let's just say that I know who I married, and his suitcase will not be shutting until 3:59 PM on the 7th. Planning for the inevitable, last minute rush, I thought about just entrusting the walk to all of you this year (Fauntleroy Church certainly comes through with walkers and funds raised!) I also thought about doing the walk a day early with just my family. But God kept tugging at me when I thought in the direction of making things easy.

Making things easy is a privilege we enjoy that other people don't have. People like Yusuf Tennis and his family in West Timor, Indonesia. Until CROP Hunger Walk funds made the building of a protected well possible, the only source of water for Yusuf's family, 150 neighbors and the animals they raised was a one-meter deep hole in the ground full of dirty, disease-ridden water. People like Petrona from Flores de Turanza, Guatemala, who was considering migration as the only option for her family before an opportunity arose for her to work in one of 68 Guatemalan greenhouses CWS has worked with local organizations to establish. People like Ilene Leonard, a Haitian mother of six, who's struggled since the devastating earthquake of 2010. Because of CROP-Walk funds, Ilene was able to participate in educational classes that have helped her improve her gardening skills. Where before, she struggled to feed her family and had to consider hard options for her children, Ilene now grows enough food to both feed her children and some neighbors, plus sell extra for income.

I want to walk with my church in the CROPWalk because I know that great organizations like Food Lifeline and the White Center Food Bank (two of the fantastic local organizations this fundraiser benefits) have partnerships and deals that allow them to make up to four meals out of every one dollar I raise. I want to don a red shirt, hold a sign and walk on October 7 because when I stand in the midst of a sea of 70 (hopefully!) Fauntleroy Church walkers and crowds of other U.C.C.-ers and Methodists and Unitarians and secular humanists, all of us "whoever we are and wherever we are on life's journey," I know we turn heads. And turned heads turn hearts too.

I might be walking a little faster than usual...but I'll be there. I'll be there because I believe God will be there. And where the Spirit of God dwells, everything we do matters.

Putting on my walking shoes, **Leah**

P.S. I hope you'll join us for World Communion Sunday worship before the CROPWalk on October 7. Once again, we'll be enjoying communion with breads from around the world. If you'd like to help bake bread from a particular country, let me know or call the church office! And, if you don't have a recipe, I'd be glad to share several easy recipes from our far-away neighbors.

**WORSHIP  
CHURCH SCHOOL  
10:00 AM**

**September 30, 2018**

*"Learning to Reach Out"*

Numbers 11:11-16, 24-29

Mark 9:38-41; James 5:13-16

Moment for Mission: **Alina Guyon**

for CROPWalk

Neighbors in Need Offering

**Leah Atkinson Bilinski**

Preaching

**October 7, 2018**



*"Am I My Sister/Brother's  
Keeper?"*

Genesis 2:18-23 and 4:1-15

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**Following Worship**

**11:30 AM**

Lunch provided for CROPWalk  
participants – Fellowship Hall

**1:00 PM**

**CROPWalk on Alki Beach**



# CALENDAR

## Friday – September 28

7:30 Sweet, Sweet Music Talent Show – Fellowship Hall

## Saturday – September 29

5-8:00 San Jose Fundraiser – F. Hall

## Sunday – September 30

9:00 Adult Bible Study – Library  
9:15 Rainbow Bells Practice - SC  
10:00 Worship – Special Neighbors in Need offering  
11:30 Worship Ministry – Fish Bowl

## Monday – October 1

8:30 Altar Guild  
7:00 LPS Task Force – Fish Bowl

## Tuesday – October 2

9:00 Fix-It Group  
7:00 Personnel Com. - Library

## Wednesday – October 3

9:45 Staff – Fish Bowl  
6:30 Parish Life Ministry - Library

## Thursday – October 4

10:00 Knitters – Library  
6:30 Bells  
7:30 Choir

## Sunday – October 7

### World Communion Sunday

9:00 Adult Bible Study – Library  
9:15 Rainbow Bells – Small Chapel  
10:00 Worship - Communion  
11:30 Lunch for CROPWalk participants – F. Hall  
1:00 CROPWalk on Alki Beach

## Monday – October 8

Men's Sock Drive Begins (10/8-10/21)  
8:30 Altar Guild  
6:30 Sisters – Gould home

## Tuesday – October 9

5:15 Homelessness T.F. - Library  
6:30 Seaside Sisters – Room, 416  
7:00 LPS Standing Com – 4<sup>th</sup> Flr Conf. Room

## Wednesday – October 10

9:45 Staff – Fish Bowl  
6:30 Christian Ed Ministry – Library  
7:00 Finance Ministry – 4<sup>th</sup> Flr CR

## Thursday – October 11

10:00 Knitters – Library  
10:00 Sisters – tbd  
6:30 Ukulele Band Practice  
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.**

## SERVICE & OUTREACH

### CROP HUNGER WALK

October 7, 2018

The CROP Hunger Walk is in less than a month, and it's prime time to get excited!

If you didn't already know, the CROP Walk supports local and global hunger by mobilizing communities of people to walk together. It has happened every year in West Seattle since 2001. The West Seattle walk has also been one of the top producing walks in the nation. This year, by getting more people involved and raising more funds, we could create a greater change than ever before!

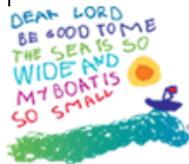
Come join us on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM, where Fauntleroy, many other local churches and West Seattleites will walk together along Alki Beach to raise awareness and funds in support of hunger worldwide!

Questions? **Alina Guyon**,  
[AGuyon19@holynames-sea.org](mailto:AGuyon19@holynames-sea.org)



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### CHILDREN'S SABBATH: ALL GOD'S CHILDREN



October 21<sup>st</sup> is our intergenerational worship for Children's Sabbath Sunday. On Children's Sabbath Sunday, all ages

worship together and we include the voices of our children and youth in the service. It is also our tradition to recognize those who care for the younger children in our community, so we'll take time to thank the wonderful Little Pilgrim School staff: LPS Director **Lorrie Cook, Leslie Minckler, Amanda Frame Wawro, Angela de Ita, and Anna Lynch.**

The national observance of Children's Sabbath is an inspiration of the Children's Defense Fund and annual celebration of children's sacred gifts. On this day, and every

day, our National UCC staff also challenge us to consider all we do as a response to this question: "How are the children? How are all God's children?" When we can answer, "All the children are well!" it will mean life is good for everyone. It will mean we've seen and eased the daily struggles of the poor and the marginalized. It will mean we are all committed to providing proper care for those incapable of providing for themselves.

Come to church on Oct. 21 and we'll sing out, pray about and work towards God's vision of a time when we can wholeheartedly say, "All God's children are safe, loved, and well."

**Karyn Frazier**, Acting Associate Pastor (*To learn more about the Children's Defense Fund, you can go to [www.childrensdefense.org](http://www.childrensdefense.org)*)

### YOUTH BAKE OFF AND SALE

It's that time of year when the youth of the church would love for you to



share your baked goods! For the Fall Festival, the youth of Fauntleroy Church will once again be hosting a bake sale (RAIN OR SHINE!!) and we would love your help with collecting baked goods because we can never bake enough on our own! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year with proceeds going to fund SOAR Youth Group mission projects, fellowship events and activities.

Saturday night, Oct 20, the Youth Group of the church will gather from 5-9PM to decorate and package all of these delicious offerings (and maybe quality control test just to make sure they're yummy!) If you would like to contribute, here are some things that are helpful: undecorated cupcakes, cookies, undecorated cakes, brownies, rice krispie treats, and other creative sweet treats (that we can easily put into a Ziploc).

You can drop donations off at the church starting at 5 PM on Saturday, October 20, where we'll be baking up a storm! Then come by our booth at the Fall Festival on Oct. 21 and buy something good for yourself.

Thank you for supporting the youth of Fauntleroy Church!!

**Kristen Almgren**

## TINY HOUSES AT CAMP SECOND CHANCE



Our Service & Outreach Ministry has approved funding to support building tiny houses at Camp Second Chance (C2C), a drug-free, well-

managed camp housing 50 residents. About a year ago, several parishioners visited different homeless camps, and talked with LIHI (Low Income Housing Institute) in Seattle to find out what it takes to build a tiny house. We thought about building a house off-site and having it moved to a camp, but then found out that our partner church, Alki UCC, had started building a house right at C2C. This seemed a better option than trying to find a place to build our own and then pay extra to have it moved.

Alki UCC built their first house last spring, and then wound up fundraising and building six more, which were all recently completed. Seven very happy camp residents now have a home instead of a tent. Camp residents help build the houses. Several Fauntleroy volunteers contributed hours and donated building materials. We also used some of our funds to purchase interior furnishings. Alki UCC will christen the houses on Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>.

What's next? Here's where Fauntleroy UCC steps in, with money and volunteers to support the next set of tiny houses! Because alone, we could afford one house with our current funding allocation, or two houses if we leverage this funding with Alki UCC's money, we have opted to pool our money and work together on building another set of houses at C2C.

As we finish up our busy fall at Fauntleroy UCC (2<sup>nd</sup> Time Sale, Fall Festival, grounds work and parsonage painting), we anticipate being able to start signing up for volunteer slots soon! All skills are needed and welcome – from caulking to painting; framing, sheathing, roofing, etc.

I have found it to be a very rewarding experience to meet residents, other volunteers, and to help get people out of tents at C2C.

Stay tuned for updates and requests for your time and talent on this inspiring project

**Michelle Gaither**

## OCTOBER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Fauntleroy Church will be hosting the **CROP Hunger Walk** along Alki Beach, Sunday afternoon, on **October 7<sup>th</sup>**. The walk will still start at Alki UCC, but this year, our church will take the lead on setup, registration, and cleanup! Our event leads, **Alina and Sheryl Guyon** and **Sarah Finney**, have created a list of volunteer needs for the event and hope you can help! There are things you can do whether you are planning on walking or not. Stop by the Get Involved Table and sign up to help with one of these tasks:

- Prepare a light lunch for those at Fauntleroy who are walking
- Set out and/or pick up signs along the walking path
- Participant check-in/registration
- Provide water and snacks at Alki UCC

And, if you are walking, be sure to pre-register online at: [www.crophungerwalk.org/seattlewa/fauntleroyucc](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/seattlewa/fauntleroyucc). Not able to walk this year? Make a financial donation to the team from Fauntleroy Church using the same link.

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Have you been to the **Fauntleroy Fall Festival** before? It is an event my family looks forward to every year. In fact, the first time that Ben and I visited Fauntleroy Church was on the day of the festival in 2004! This year, the festival takes place on **Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, from 2-5pm**. Last year, approximately 2,000 people from our community came to this annual neighborhood celebration. If you haven't been before, you would be amazed at how many families with young children attend! For many of them, it is the first time they have stepped onto the church property or in the church building. Who better to greet them in activity lines, provide information, and help them to safely cross the street than the hospitable and friendly people of Fauntleroy UCC!

I invite you to join me as a volunteer for the Fauntleroy Fall Festival. All of the volunteer shifts are 1-1.5 hours in length, which gives you at least half of the festival to experience as a participant. The fastest way to register as a volunteer is to do so at: <https://tinyurl.com/FallFestVolunteers2018>. Or, if you prefer, you can stop by the Get Involved Table to sign up for a timeslot, and I'll fill you into an open position.

As always, thanks for volunteering, **Sarah Ackers**, Volunteer & Engagement Coordinator



### YOU'RE INVITED!

Without shelter, people die. Does it matter to us? Join with other friends of

### Operation Nightwatch

to be inspired and save a life!

On Tuesday, Oct. 12, from Noon – 1 PM, everyone is invited to attend the 2018 Hero of the Homeless Luncheon at the Seattle Center Fisher Pavilion (2<sup>nd</sup> Ave N and Thomas St). The keynote speak will be Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown of Plymouth Congregational Church. Lunch is free, but an RSVP is required: <https://www.seattlenightwatch.org/news-events/hero/>.

Operation Nightwatch is one of the many missions Fauntleroy Church supports through our Service & Outreach Ministry. They are a group



of volunteers who are dedicated to loving our neighbors who are poor and homeless by providing late night meals, helping elders who are homeless find places to live, providing street ministry to all, plus much more.

Last year, Operation Nightwatch donated 20,000 socks to men in Seattle. Fauntleroy has helped with the project in past years.

### JUST FOR FUN

There is the story of a pastor who got up on morning and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is it's still out there in your pockets."

Anonymous



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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>Acting Associate Pastor</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
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<b>Office Manager</b>	Jackie Gould

**TIME DATED MATERIAL**

**CONGREGATOR DEADLINE: TUESDAYS, 1 PM**

**OVER THE FENCE**

**PRAYER CHAIN**

Please pray for...

**Cancer:** Ron Maynard, Larry Tibbetts, Donna (Finney), Bev Fletcher, Jacqueline Thornton, Becky Skilling, Paul Douglas, Frances Loveless, Lauren Smith (Gimness), Louisa Wagner.

**Health Issues:** Kevin Glandon, Julie Fulford, Bill Zoellner Sr., Bettie Dunbar, Candice Wilson, Liz Thomas, Delilah Tucker, Bob & Vera Holte, Ev Eldridge, Megan Miller, Kersti Muul, Jaeson Albritton, Barbara Lee, Huey Simmons

**THANKS FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

In early September, we finished delivering school supplies in support of low-income students at three area elementaries. Magda Ashtok, a bilingual reading/art specialist at West Seattle Elementary, took a minute to put her thanks for our drive in writing:

*THANK YOU! to your kind, thoughtful, and caring church members. Your generosity and generosity of spirit inspire me to do my best.*

**TALENT SHOW COMING UP! LAST CALL FOR TALENTED PEOPLE TO STEP FORWARD!**

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, **Sept. 28 at 7:30 PM, please contact Bron immediately as the program is being finalized on Wed., September 26.**

Be sure to mark your calendar for this Sweet, Sweet Music Talent Show and be there to support our performers. All proceeds will benefit the mission of Fauntleroy Church. Adults \$10, kids free. As usual, all dessert donations (the "Sweet" in "Sweet, Sweet Music") will be gratefully accepted.

**RAINBOW BELL CHOIR**



Our new Rainbow Bell Choir has started! If you have a child in Prek-2<sup>nd</sup> grades who would like to try this new musical adventure out, **meet Elizabeth Bacon and Clay Hamill** in the chapel on Sunday mornings at 9:15. No music or reading experience necessary! Just bring your joy!

**HOMEGROWN COMPOSER!**

The original staged reading of "Nightingale" will be performed on **Sunday, Sept. 23, 3 PM, at Admiral Church, 4320 SW Hill St. and Sunday, Sept. 30, 3 PM at Providence Mt. St Vincent, 4831 35<sup>th</sup> Ave SW.** Suggested Donation: \$15. It was written by Pam Gerke, Choir Director at Admiral Church, and brings Florence Nightingale's story to life with original music and scenes that make her image relevant for modern audiences, inspires nurses with a powerful role model, and dramatizes a crucial part of nursing history. For more information, please see the poster on the kiosk in the lobby.

**PASTOR LEAH ON VACATION**

From October 7-27, I will be on vacation as **Jamie** and I celebrate our 10th anniversary. A big thank you to our church, **Karyn Frazier** and my parents (who will be enjoying grandparent time with **Naomi**) for making time for personal renewal and celebration possible!

**Leah**