



# The Congregator

Fauntleroy Church United Church of Christ

February 11, 2019

## FAUNTLEROY CREEK CULVERT REPLACEMENT CONVERSATIONS

You may not know this, but our church property not only abuts one of Seattle's few remaining urban creeks, but we also own part of the culvert system that conveys creek water to Puget Sound. Fauntleroy Creek is a healthy, spring-fed, fish-bearing stream that our church and the Fauntleroy community have enjoyed and cared for well over the years.

Beginning this month, you will likely start hearing more about Fauntleroy Creek in the community because of an upcoming project by Seattle Public Utilities to replace the creek's aging culverts under 45th Ave. SW and California Ave. SW, including a portion of the city's culvert that extends under the west end of our main parking lot.

While a city decision about funding this project is many months away, we are making you aware of it now because SPU is hopeful that the church-owned section of culvert under our parking lot might also be replaced in order to eliminate all the creek's barriers to fish passage (a high state and tribal priority) and upgrade the entire conveyance system. To be clear, while our section of culvert could possibly last several more years, the city's video confirms that it is deteriorating and will need replacing at some point.

Replacing all three culverts at the same time would have cost benefits for us and for the city. Consequently, the Church Council put together a team of informed, experienced church members to understand the many ins and outs of such a project.

These team members and key SPU culvert specialists understand that caring for the earth and preserving the sanctity of God's world is part of our mission and we want to do our part to make Fauntleroy Creek as healthy as possible. They also understand that, while we desire to be responsible stewards, our financial capacity for a potential project is limited and that design and construction of a replacement culvert would also need to take additional factors into account.

Bearing these hopes and limitations in mind, SPU has drawn up options for our shared length of culvert with an eye toward attracting outside funding, and they're working side-by-side with us to flesh out those design options and explore potential funding partnerships.

At this stage in the process, we have more questions than definitive answers. What is important for you to know is that your church leaders are doing their best to faithfully engage and continue this conversation with SPU, other involved groups, and our ministerial partners in the building (including the Y), as well as with the community. As we learn more, we will keep you informed.

We are working with intelligent, caring and possibility-minded people, and we are hopeful of finding a way forward, confident that we've done our best as stewards of our church, our environment and our call to relationship with others.

Please feel free to reach out to either of us directly if you would like to discuss this any further.

With hope, **Pastor Leah and Zack Hill**, Moderator

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**WORSHIP  
CHURCH SCHOOL  
10:00 AM**

*The Season of*



**February 17, 2019**

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Karyn Frazier Preaching

**5:30-7:00**

Confirmation Class

**February 24, 2019**

Luke 6:27-38

Karyn Frazier Preaching  
Youth Service Sunday

**Following Worship**

Screening of the movie,  
"Trickle Down Town"

Filmmaker, Tomasz Biernacki  
will be here to share stories and  
answer questions.

A light lunch will be served.

Fellowship Hall

**5:30-7:00**

Confirmation Class

# CALENDAR

## Friday – February 15, 2019

12:00 Memorial for Carol Karlstrom – Sanctuary (reception following)

## Sunday – February 17

9:00 Adult Bible Study – Library  
9:30 Rainbow Bells – Small Chapel  
10:00 Worship – Karyn Preaching  
5:00 Confirmation Class – Youth Room/Fellowship Hall

## Monday – February 18

Office Closed – No Little Pilgrim School Classes all week.



## Tuesday – February 19

8:30 Altar Guild  
3:30 LPS Teachers Mtg -4<sup>th</sup> Flr CR  
5:15 Homelessness T. F. (HTF) - Library

## Wednesday – February 20

9:45 Staff Meeting – Library  
6:30 Parish Life Min. – Library  
7:00 Personnel Com. – Fish Bowl

## Thursday – February 21

10:00 Knitters/Crafters – Library  
6:30 Ukulele Band  
7:30 Choir

## Saturday – February 23

9-11 HTF Lunch Prep – Kitchen  
5-8:00 Trivia Night – Fellowship Hall

## Sunday – February 24

9:00 Adult Bible Study – Library  
9:30 Rainbow Bells – Small Chapel  
10:00 Worship – Karyn Preaching  
Youth Service Sunday  
11:30 Women's Retreat Planning – Library  
11:30 "Trickle Down Town" movie shown/light lunch – F. Hall  
5-7:30 Confirmation Class – Youth Room & Fellowship Hall

## Monday – February 25

8:30 Altar Guild  
6:30 Sisters – Gould home  
7:30 Nominating Com. – Fish Bowl

## Tuesday – February 26

9:30 Caring Ministry – Room 405  
6:30 Seaside Sisters – Room 416  
7:00 Council – BRR

7:00 Stewardship Com. – F. B.

## Wednesday – February 27

9:45 Staff Meeting – Fish Bowl

## Thursday – February 28

10:00 Knitters/Crafters – Library  
10:00 Sisters - Lounge  
6:30 Adult Bells  
7:30 Choir

## Friday – March 1

LPS Registration for fall open to all  
6:30 LPS Fun Night – F. Hall

**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.**

# UCC NEWS...

## UNIVERSITY CONGREGATIONAL UCC LECTURE SERIES February 22-24, 4515 16<sup>th</sup> Ave NE



The featured speaker in the February series is Dr. Jim Antal, former Massachusetts Conference Minister UCC. Dr. Antal will speak on "Climate Church, Climate World, How People of Faith Must Work for Change".

Come and find out what we can do to work for change. Come and be inspired! Jim will speak to the larger issue, and on Saturday he will be joined by a panel of local experts who will speak to efforts in Seattle and the Pacific Northwest. Copies of Jim's book, *Climate Church, Climate World*, are available for purchase at <https://www.jimantal.com/book>.

Register for the lecture series at <https://universityucc.org/the-lecture-series-rev-dr-jim-antal/>.

Rev. Meighan Pritchard, Facilitator  
PNC Environmental Justice Team

# FUNDRAISERS

## PLANT ORDERS FOR OUR SALE?

The annual plant sale will be **Sunday, May 5**, and some of our regular contributors are open to growing or separating plants to order. For example, if you always plant



marigolds or are in the market for raspberry bushes or hostas, let me know and we'll do our best to have what you want on sale day in addition to our usual eclectic assortment.

**Judy Pickens**

# HOMELESSNESS T.F.

## HOMELESS DOCUMENTARY SCREENING ON FEB. 24



Our Homelessness Task Force is bringing filmmaker Tomasz Biernacki and his documentary, "Trickle Down Town," to Fellowship Hall after worship on **Sunday, Feb. 24**. The free **11:30** screening will include a light lunch.

To present an up-close look at the homelessness crisis as it is unfolding in Seattle, the 113-minute film features interviews with those who are homeless and those who are working hard to help them, plus visits to such local encampments as Camp Second Chance.

Despite the high numbers and many complexities of homelessness, this film and screening will close on a hopeful note by offering concrete, practical steps that individuals, families, and groups might take to help.

To preview the film, search for "Trickle Down Town" on the *West Seattle Blog* and click on the trailer.

Please let us know if you plan to come by **signing up** at the Get Involved Table in the narthex.

- **Judy Pickens** for the Homelessness Task Force

# SERVICE & OUTREACH

## OPERATION NIGHT WATCH

Every year Fauntleroy has supported the local Seattle non-profit, Operation Night Watch. They have worked for decades on fighting homelessness in our city. On Martin Luther King Day, Service and Outreach visited Operation Night Watch and met with staff there to deliver a check for \$600. After that meeting we learned about their other needs and then bought items that they needed off their Amazon Wishlist.



**Alina Guyon**

# LITTLE PILGRIM SCHOOL

## TRIVIA NIGHT COMING UP!



Come join the fun for Trivia Night on **Sat., Feb. 23, in Fellowship Hall.** Organized by the Crock Pots group and sponsored by the Parish Life Ministry, this general-knowledge event has a professional trivia host and promises to be a night of fun and friendly competition. Whether you come alone, as a couple, or as a team of 8, everyone has a chance to win.

Here's how it works: a group of 8 people at one table is a team. If you have a team captain, great! If not, don't worry - you will be assigned a team after you register. All questions are answered as a group. The table that answers the most questions correctly by the end of the night wins. There will be five rounds of questions.

The 1<sup>st</sup> place team wins a cash prize worth half the value of the event registrations (the other half supports the capacity campaign). The 2<sup>nd</sup> place team wins a fabulous wine basket that also comes with underage-friendly treats. There will be many opportunities to win throughout the evening, so bring cash or your checkbook and participate in all the ways to play!

Tickets are \$15/person and can be purchased at the Get-Involved Table on Sunday or by sending a check to the church office marked "Trivia Night". Don't forget to bring a potluck dish to share with everyone and BYOB beer/wine for your table. Non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. Can't wait to see you there!

**LeeAnne Beres** for the group

# SEARCH COMMITTEE

## ASSOCIATE PASTOR SEARCH

I'd like to give you an update on where our committee is in our search process. We have completed updating the Church Profile and with the feed-back and approval of the Council, we will put out an announcement about when it will be available in the church office or in email format for viewing. The Profile will then be sent to our Conference Minister, Michael Denton, for review. Once this is done and needed changes are completed, we will send the Profile on to the National UCC to



## WOMEN'S RETREAT

Friday, March 8, 7 PM and Saturday, March 9, 9 AM – 4 PM



### One Day (and a bonus!) Women's Retreat: Spiritual Practices in Everyday Living

As we prepare for the Lenten season, the women of Fauntleroy Church are invited into a special time of retreat! Come explore practices that awaken, nurture and deepen our spirituality. Our retreat facilitator, Lyn Kratz, and the retreat committee have wonderful activities to share that will appeal to women of all ages and experience. One particularly wonderful opportunity actually takes place on Friday night—a sound bath! **Please feel free to choose to attend one or both of these retreat offerings, as you are able.**

#### Friday

As a special treat, come join us on **Friday, March 8th at 7 pm, in the Fauntleroy Church Sanctuary.** We've invited Irene Ingalls of the Seattle Sound Temple to offer a "sound bath," a unique blend of sound concert and transformative sensory experience in which participants are bathed in vibrations produced by singing bowls and voice. We'll gather in the narthex at 7 pm, focus on our intentions for this time of retreat, and then enter the sanctuary. Come dressed comfortably and be ready for a sonic treat that will leave you relaxed and inspired. The sound bath performance/experience will last about an hour and fifteen minutes. **Sound Bath Registration Fee: \$15**

#### Saturday

Then the one-day retreat begins on **Saturday, March 9, at Normandy Park, UCC, 19247 1st Ave S, Normandy Park, WA 98148. Doors open at 8:15 AM, main program begins at 9:00 'til about 4 PM.** Simple meals will be provided during the retreat, beginning with muffins, fruit and coffee and tea in the morning. Then we'll spend a relaxing day exploring ways to fill our ordinary moments with the Sacred. Come try on some simple spiritual practices that engage body, mind and spirit. And, *of course*, we'll talk, sing, laugh, eat, and deepen our friendships with each other. That always engages all of the above, too! **One-day Retreat Registration Fee: \$35**

**Payment information:** You'll find someone to answer questions and registration forms at the Get Involved Table before and after worship. Please choose one or both retreat options, and add your check payable to "Fauntleroy Church" with "Women's Retreat" noted in the memo line. **The total cost for both days is \$50.**

**Note: Registration closes on Thursday, February 28th.** You'll receive a packet of detailed information about a week prior to the retreat, which will include directions, carpool assignments, and a list of items to bring.

**Scholarships are available:** We have worked diligently to keep costs to a minimum. However, we don't want the \$50 fee to be a hardship for anyone. Contact **Sarah Finney, ksfinn@comcast.net** if we can help.

Come...retreat with us! It will be so good to be together.

advertise the Associate Pastor position. Soon after that, we should start receiving resumes through our conference minister.

For any of you who were not at our church's annual meeting, this is an open process. We have been encouraged by **Karyn Frazier**, our Acting Associate Pastor, to keep it this way to encourage her and others to apply.

I would like to thank all of the committee members for their many

hours spent working on updating the Church Profile: **Terry Burgess, Carolyn Tucker, Cindy Lavoie, Sarah Bjornson, Clayton Hamill, Bob Embrey and Pastor Leah.** Thanks also to the staff and leaders of the church who helped provide us with updated information. We will also appreciate, and will continue to need, prayers and support as we carry on with our discernment for who God is calling to Fauntleroy Church.

Blessings, **Jenny Mandt**, Chair



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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
Acting Associate Pastor	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...Kevin Glandon; Ron Maynard; Donna (Finney); Louisa Wagner; Lauren Smith; Mike Goldfine; Ev Eldridge; Kersti Muul; Huey Simmons; Jo Garrity; The Lane Family; Carolyn Tucker's sister, Barbara; Marilyn Moore; Mandy Sommer; Bev & Paul Fletcher; Becky; Kitty Clark; Rita Gutterud's daughter, Susie; Mike Goldfine; Angel Luna; Vera & Bob Holte's daughter, Wendy Johnson; Rosina Geary's Mom, Rosalita Salanga and Stacy, a friend of Mary Belshaw's.

**ALL OUR SYMPATHIES**

Carolyn Tucker had been spending a lot of time with her and Dean's niece, Vivian Belcher, as she dealt with chemo and other cancer related issues. Sadly, Vivian passed away on Jan. 27. Please keep Dean & Carolyn and their family in your prayers during this hard time of loss.

**A NOTE OF THANKS**

Thanks to the following volunteers who helped with Taste & See on 1/27: Kari Holsberry, Bill Zoellner, Gwen Benedict, Conrad Wesselhoeft, Judy Pickens, and Mary Code. Also, thanks to Bruce Gryniewski, Jenn

Casillas, and Karyn Frazier who attended and added to our conversations. Thank you all! Sarah Ackers

**IN MEMORIAM**

*Carol Karlstrom*

December 25, 1928 – January 31, 2019

Long- time member (since 1947), **Carol Karlstrom**, passed away on January 31st while still living in her much loved home on the beach, where she hosted many wonderful gatherings. A memorial service will be held on Friday, February 15, at Noon, in the church sanctuary. Please keep her sons, **Owen and Vance Miller**, and her extended family and friends in your prayers during this difficult time.

**ON-LINE DAILY DEVOTIONAL**

Did you know that the UCC has an excellent on-line Daily Devotional written by the Stillspeaking Writers Group? The Stillspeaking Writer's Group is composed of UCC ministers and authors who collaborate on a variety of resources for people "in the church, outside the church, and not so sure about the church". Their motto: "Hearing God where you live (and other surprising places)". Among

other resources, these talented, progressive, refreshing edgy writers provide a ministry of inspiring word thru a Daily Devotional email, which might just become the best pause in your day. Go here to try it out: [http://www.ucc.org/daily\\_devotional](http://www.ucc.org/daily_devotional)

**THE CASE OF "THE MISSING GOLF CART"**

Lately the golf cart has been most noticed by its absence on Sunday when some of the congregation depend on it for a lift to the Narthex.



Well, after many years of trying to maintain it ourselves it had to go into the Club Car Dealer to have some things fixed. The brakes needed repair and adjustment, the linkage for the accelerator needed to be replaced and the servo mechanisms needed repair or replacement. That has all now been done and the cart is back in service.

Many thanks to **Yvonne Belshaw** for paying for the repairs and **Al Bernahl** for getting the cart to and from the dealer.

The cart is now 25 years old and hopefully we can keep it in repair to help with transportation and also allow Jenny's Garden Crew to keep the grounds in good and presentable order (and there are a lot of garden areas).