FAUNTLEROY CHURCH IS MORTGAGE-FREE!

I have the good pleasure of sharing with you some incredible news: In early May, our Treasurer, Jeff VanGuilder, made a final payment on our mortgage and for the first time in many years Fauntleroy Church is now debt free!

This is incredible news and something we should unequivocally celebrate. But this only happened with some truly remarkable support from our congregation, so I think it's important to understand how we collectively made this happen. You will recall that last fall our congregation unanimously voted to initiate a $1 million Capacity Building Campaign for three important purposes:

1. Shifting our half-time Christian Education Director role into a much-needed full time Associate Pastor position.
2. Funding major maintenance on our beautiful, historical building.
3. Paying off/down our mortgage, which had the potential to become a cumbersome weight on our operating budget in the coming years.

As you likely know, our congregation generously stepped forward and pledged just over $1 million for these important initiatives, with pledges being paid over the following 3 years. At that point our mortgage balance stood at just over $750,000. Our Finance Ministry has long realized that the sooner we pay off the mortgage the better, but I don’t think anyone in their wildest dreams expected that we would be debt free just a few months later.

Fauntleroy Church, you constantly amaze me with your generosity. Generosity not just of your financial resources, but of your time and energy and support. Paying off our mortgage is an important financial milestone, but removing this debt burden also frees us to expand our ministry in so many ways.

And lastly, while the funds received thus far have helped us address one of the three initiatives from the Capacity Campaign, note that we are still counting on remaining pledges to fund the rest of the campaign. We truly appreciate that some of you were able to make your contributions in the early months of our campaign, but recognize that others may need time over the next 2.5 years to complete your pledges. Your contributions – those that have already come in and those that are yet to come – are vital to the campaign, and position us well to grow our ministry for many years to come.

With Gratitude and Hope,
Zack Hill, Moderator

WORSHIP AND CHURCH SCHOOL
10:00 AM

MAY 19, 2019
Acts 9:1-20
Welcome New Members
New Members Received
Leah Atkinson Bilinski Preaching

Following Worship
Fellowship Hall
Information Session led by
Steve Sundquist about recent
Washington Legislative changes
on the environment.

May 26, 2019
Memorial Day Weekend

In Memoriam
John 5:1-9
Tolling of the bells honoring those we have lost this year.
Karyn Frazier Preaching
Sunday – May 19
9:00 Adult Bible Study - Library
9:30 Rainbow Bells – Small Chapel
10:00 Worship–New Members Rec.
11:30 Website Com. – Fish Bowl
Worship Ministry – Library
Mtg on WA Legislature
decision on environment-F.H.
5:00 Confirmation – Sr High Room

Monday – May 20
8:30 Altar Guild
9:30 Caring Ministry – Room 405

Tuesday – May 21
3:30 LPS Teachers Mtg-4th Fir CR
5:15 Homelessness T.F. – Library

Wednesday – May 22
9:45 Staff Meeting – Library

Thursday – May 23
10:00 Knitters/Crafters – Library
10:00 Sisters - Lounge
7:30 Choir

Friday – May 24
6:30 Detention Lottery Play – F. H.

Saturday – May 25
10:00 Homelessness T.F. Lunch
Prep – Kitchen

Sunday – May 26
9:00 Adult Bible Study – Library
9:30 Rainbow Bells – Small Chapel
10:00 Worship – Karyn Frazier
Praying
11:30 Karyn’s Pastoral Rels Com. - Library
5:00 Confirmation - Sr High Room

Monday – May 27 – Office Closed

Tuesday – May 28
8:30 Altar Guild
7:00 Council – BRR

Wednesday – May 29
9:45 Staff Meeting – Fish Bowl

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

Friday – May 31
7:30 Sweet, Sweet Music – 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.

THANKS, HOLY WEEK/EASTER VOLUNTEERS!
Joyous Easter blessings to all of the volunteers who were at the church during Holy Week! Thank you to the grounds crew for cleaning up our flower beds. Thank you to those who assisted with the Holy Friday service and sat watch during the Easter Vigil. A special thanks to Cherie Clymer, Bud Schwinger, and Robin VanGilder for providing security overnight during the vigil. Thank you to all of our Easter breakfast volunteers—the dining room decorators, fruit and ham cutters, pancake makers, food preparers and servers, beverage fillers, cashiers, dining room hosts, dish washers, and the cleanup crew. Thank you to all who made egg casseroles for the breakfast. Extra special thanks to Carolyn Tucker for leading this year’s Easter breakfast. She and Dean shopped for all of the breakfast fixings. Carolyn also supervised the food prep on Saturday and led the volunteers on Easter to make sure all of the food was ready to go. The breakfast ran smoothly and was delicious, thanks to her amazing leadership.

Thank you to our regular Sunday morning volunteers who opened and closed the building, greeted, ushered, sang in the choir, led worship as liturgists, ran the sound board, drove the golf cart, taught Sunday School, and assisted in the nursery. And, last but certainly not least, thanks to Elizabeth Bacon and the Rainbow Bell Choir for filling us up with clapping, stomping and cheering happiness.

More than 120 people volunteered to make the week wonderful. Thank you!

Sarah

IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO DREAM GOD’S DREAM
This is a thank you and one last reminder to turn in your Annual Stewardship Pledge Card and your Time and Talent Survey.
Thank you to everyone who has done this already and special thanks to the following people for sharing their personal stewardship reflections during the Dream God’s Dream campaign: Sue Haughton, Bill Zoellner, Elizabeth Bacon and Naomi Atkinson-Bilinski. Cindy Lavoe summed it up so beautifully in the last Congregator, “My own faith journey, and that of my family, has been shaped in this blessed space, through the light and joyous times and also the serious and challenging times. I hope yours has too. And, I hope you’ll give careful thought to how your pledge can help us to continue to Dream God’s Dream in our journey together through the life of Fauntleroy Church.”

Thank you, Stewardship Com.
HELPING OTHERS

"WOMEN'S STORIES: INCARCERATION AND BEYOND" 6:30-8:30 PM, May 29, Union Church, 415 Westlake Ave. N., Seattle

Be prepared to cry, laugh, and shake your head in disbelief as formerly incarcerated women tell personal stories about their lives in prison and after release. Tickets for the event are $25. The price includes a simple dinner and dessert, and all proceeds benefit The IF Project. This non-profit organization offers education, mentorship, and support services to prevent incarceration of at-risk youth and prepare already imprisoned women to succeed on the outside.

After our adult education series on the criminal justice system and hearing speakers from The IF Project, church members, Ev Eldridge and Mary Code, were inspired to volunteer for the program. We'd love to spread the inspiration around and welcome Fauntleroy faces at the event! To purchase tickets, go to: https://thefproject.nationbuilder.com/womens-stories-incarceration-and-beyond Mary Code, 206-932-6301

MUSIC PROGRAM

MUSIC = LOVE IN ANY LANGUAGE, BUT ESPECIALLY AT FAUNTLEROY CHURCH!

Our music program at Fauntleroy is heading into concert season, with Music Sunday and two Sweet Sweet Music concerts coming up. Beyond and into the summer season while the choir takes a well-earned rest, there will be Special Music during worship, and our annual Blues Sunday in August.

Music thrives here at Fauntleroy Church, and as always, provides a conduit of inspiration and energy to our Fauntleroy community. Whether you sing in the choir or not, singers are always welcome to make special music together, especially during the summer. It's not too early to sign up for Special Music during Worship between June 16 and the beginning of September. If you would like to play an instrumental solo, or sing a song to inspire during worship, or put together an ensemble, now is your opportunity to plan! We can provide you with accompaniment on piano, or guitar. There are so many outstanding musicians at Fauntleroy Church who play all kinds of instruments. I would love to hear from you!

Music Sunday is coming up fast on June 2. I am excited to include "Midnight Hallelujah" (from our Christmas concert) in our list of favorite choir songs, which features a number of young horn players who have worked hard to "keep up" with the group and experience what it's like to play with a big band. The music selections this year are lively and upbeat, and the Ukulele Band will join us once again.

Two very unique Sweet Sweet Music events are coming right up. If you enjoy the beautiful tones of the French horn, don't miss our May 31 Sweet Sweet Music in the Sanctuary, where the acoustics are magnificent. David Yanacek and I will be performing all kinds of "Music from the Galaxy" -- much of it from the classical repertoire from Russian and French composers, but with plenty of surprises to keep you entertained (think "Star Wars"!). Sweet treats, coffee and wine are included in the admission price and will be served in the Narthex during intermission.

...Adults $15, Seniors $10, kids free.

Celebrate the Summer Solstice on Friday June 21 in Fellowship Hall with our first Fauntleroy Square Dance. Get in step with the blue-grass music of local band Squirrel Butter and learn where to put those feet as we "do-si-do" in all kinds of fun formations and steps. Charmaine Slaven will call the dances, teach us the steps, keep us moving and show us a fabulous time. This is a great opportunity for all ages. Sweet treats and plenty of cold drinks will be served throughout to keep us all energized and dancing. Adults $12, Seniors $10, kids free.

Blues Sunday is August 11. Our worship service will be led with all kinds of songs with blues roots, including many African-American spirituals in our hymnal. Bring out the guitars, harmonicas and percussion instruments! Save the date and come join us for our annual Blues Sunday!

Looking ahead to fall, the Bell Choir will reconvene for the big children (aka adults), Rainbow Bells will be chiming for the younger children, choir will begin again in September (all are welcome), and Music = Love in any language, especially at Fauntleroy Church, where we are truly blessed to have so much wonderful music!

-- Bronwyn Edwards, Music Director
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
Acting Associate Pastor
Rev. Karyn Frazier
Music Director
Bronwyn Edwards
Little Pilgrim School Director
Lorrie Cook
Wedding Coordinator
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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

CONGREGATOR DEADLINE: TUESDAYS, 1 PM

OVER THE FENCE

PRAYER CHAIN
Please pray for...Donna (Finney);
Louisa Wagner; Karyn’s cousin,
Becky; Dylan Bullard; Melissa Coudle;
Maggie Dickson’s sister, Frances;
Elaine Wilson; Kina Ellis; Gary
Cooper; Sue Lille; Valerie Pifer’s son-
in-law, Mike; Lauren Smith; Kersti
Muul; Jo Garrity; The Lane Family;
Barbara & Rick Shaw; Marilyn Moore;
Mandy Sommer; Paul Fletcher; Becky;
Mike Goldfine; Rosalita Salanga;
Stacy, a friend of Mary Belshaw’s;
Yvonne Miles; George & Lashawnda
Student; Lori & Averi Bowerman;
Valerie Pifer; Jill Morris; Melissa
Coudle; Laurie Whitley; Mr. & Mrs.
Muul; Verne Miller; and Hilary Reeves’
dad, Jack Maynard, Beverly Wilson,
Lily Grainger & Alan Blackman, Isaac
& Gina Thomas’ grandpa Jim and the
Christo family.

WITH SYMPATHY
Former custodian, Ruben
Figueroa, stopped by the office last
week with good news and bad news.
The good news is that he has been
take off of hospice and is feeling pretty
good! He was so happy to be able to
celebrate his 73rd birthday in April! The
bad news is that his 103 year old
mother, Delfina Ciaodio, passed
away a few weeks ago. She lived in
California.

NEW MEMBERS
Fauntleroy Church will be receiving
new members on May 19 at the 10 AM
service. If you’d be interested in joining
at that time, please call the church
office or talk to Pastor Leah or Pastor
Karyn.

A NOTE OF THANKS
Former member, Florence
McGraw called the church office last
week to say thank you for the Easter
card and to let us know she is doing
PT to help her walk with a walker. She
also said even though she can’t be
with us, she “likes knowing we’re
here”.

TASTE & SEE
On May 5, we had nine people
attend the Taste & See event for
people who are interested in learning
about Fauntleroy Church and the UCC
denomination. Thank you to Pam
Goldfine, Conrad Wesselhoeft and
Sarah Finney for joining Pastor Leah
and me in leading the conversations,
and to Christina Petty for being our
lunch host.

CAN YOU HOST?
One of the best ways to get to know
the people of Fauntleroy is to share a
meal with them. The Parish Life
Ministry is looking for people to host
Get Acquainted potluck meals in their
homes for 6-10 people. You set the
date/time and Sarah Ackers will create
a signup sheet for the meal. Contact
Sarah directly or add your name to the
clipboard on the Get Involved Table.

PLANT SALE RAISES GREEN
Thanks to all the enthusiastic
shoppers who browsed and bought
during our annual plant sale on May 5,
we added $525.50 for our ministries.
Also, a huge thanks to all the
green thumbs who raised plants from
seed and nurtured plants from their
own gardens. Thanks as well to those
who eagerly volunteered to work the
sale.

In addition to encouraging church
people to green their homes, patios,
and landscapes, this sale makes many
fruitful connections. If you have
questions as you tend the plants you
bought, don’t hesitate to let me know
and I’ll connect you to the grower.

CHURCH/Y CONNECTION
Strength & Balance Small Group
Training May 20-July 1
This 6 week small group will use a
variety of equipment to improve
balance through various strength
moves. Group meets Monday, 10:30-
11:30 AM at the Fauntleroy Y — Small
Chapel. $120 for members.