REFLECTIONS ON OUR CHURCH VISIT TO CAMP SECOND CHANCE AND NEXT STEPS

I’ve heard many good things from those who joined us for the Camp Second Chance (C2C) lunch and tour after worship on October 13, and the common theme shared is one of being impressed. Those visiting for the first time were impressed by the lovely rows of tiny houses, the cleanliness of the camp, the sense of pride and community shared by residents, the camp leadership of Eric Davis, the tiny house production facility and the inspiring hope that reason--ates through 9701 Meyers Way South. Returning visitors were impressed by the new guest houses that have replaced guest tents near the entrance in the last couple months, the huge kitchen facility that, even as we met, was being built by individuals from the Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) and a volunteer from Alki UCC, and by the numbers Eric Davis shared – of those LIHI and the camp have successfully transitioned out of homelessness in the past few months.

It’s clear that something special is happening at Camp Second Chance, and I’d be so bold as to say this: I think it’s nothing less than the Spirit of God, moving and urging and inspiring those who will listen.

As you know, our church is presently in conversation with the City of Seattle and LIHI about stepping forward to lease the land upon which the camp sits entrusting operations to LIHI (who presently supports the camp) and establishing C2C as a ministerial outpost of Fauntleroy Church. A group of volunteers dedicated to this effort have carefully and thoughtfully worked through legal documents with the city and LIHI over the last couple months, and those documents are now in the hands of an excellent pro bono land use attorney who has enthusiastically stepped forward to offer help. Her work is nearly complete, and a final review should soon be concluded by the United Church of Christ Insurance Boards (our carrier) that provided initial input in July.

I am writing this on Thursday, Oct. 17, and if all goes well over the next few days, our church council will approve a motion to set the date for a special congregational meeting for the purpose of voting on entering into this arrangement. Please save the date of Nov. 17 for that meeting and stay tuned for an official announcement, expected to come soon.

One more word about our visit to C2C. I’d like to recognize that we heard a lot of ideas while we were at the camp – ideas from camp residents, ideas from Alki UCC volunteers, ideas from LIHI volunteers, and ideas from our own members too. I’m guessing that some found the ideas invigorating while some may have felt interested but overwhelmed by the invitations to entertain this and that idea. Here’s what I felt: I felt acutely aware and thankful that should we do this, we will be wrapping our arms around a living, breathing organization and effort that has thrived, in part, due to big ideas. I’m thankful for that. The exuberant sharing only highlighted to me the need to create a system and structure for moving forward in our relationship with C2C with respect, good boundaries that recognize our limits and constant attention to the big picture of supporting C2C’s good work and exemplary community. Provisional plans are underway to prepare for this work, and I trust that with God, we will do it well.

Assuming Nov. 17 will have us gathered together around this momentous decision, I invite you into a month of prayer with me. Let us pray for the residents and ministry of Camp Second Chance as well as a day when community, love and heightened senses of shared humanity might vanquish homelessness for good.

In God’s love, Leah


**CALENDAR**

**Saturday – October 26**
- 4:00 Youth Bake-Off - Kitchen

**Sunday – October 27**
- 9:00 Adult Bible Study – Library
- 10:00 Worship
  - Halloween Costume Parade
  - Youth Service Sunday
- 11:30 Sandwiches at coffee hour
- 2-5:00 Fauntleroy Fall Festival and Youth Bake Sale
- 5:00 Salmon Drumming

**Monday – October 28**
- 8:30 Altar Guild
- 9:30 Caring Ministry – Room 405
- 6:30 Sisters – Gedney home
- 7:00 Immigration T.F. - BRR

**Wednesday – October 30**
- 9:45 Staff – Fish Bowl

**Thursday – October 31**
- 6:30 Bells
- 7:30 Choir

**Sunday – November 3**
Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 9:00 Adult Bible Study – Library
- 10:00 Worship
- 11:30 Women’s Retreat Plan. – Lib.
- 4:45 SOAR -church building
- 5:00 Sojourners – Bjornson home

**Monday – November 4**
- 8:30 Altar Guild
- 7:00 Service & Outreach Min.–Lib.

**Tuesday November 5**
- 9:00 Fix-It Group
- 7:00 Personnel Com. – Library

**Wednesday – November 6**
- 9:45 Staff Meeting – Fish Bowl
- 6:30 LPS Parent Night–Classrooms
- 6:30 Parish Life Min. - Library

**Thursday – November 7**
- 10:00 Knitters/Crafters – Library
- 6:30 Bells
- 7:30 Choir

**Friday – November 8**
- 5-8:00 Fauntleroy Fine Art & Holiday Gift Show – F. Hall
- 10:00 Worship
- 11:00 Knitters/Crafters – Library

**Saturday – November 9**
- 10-4 Fine Art & Gift Show – F. Hall

**Sunday – November 10**
- 9:00 Adult Bible Study – Library
- 10:00 Worship
- 11:30 Fine Art & Gift Show – F. Hall

**Monday – November 11**
- 8:30 Altar Guild
- 6:30 Sisters – Menaul home

**Tuesday – November 12**
- All Day – LPS Vision Screening
- 6:30 Seaside Sisters – Room 416
- 7:00 Finance Min. – 4th Flr C.r.

**Wednesday – November 13**
- 9:45 Staff Meeting – Fish Bowl
- 6:30 Christian Ed Ministry – Library

**Thursday – November 14**
- 10:00 Knitters/Crafters – Library
- 10:00 Sisters – tbd
- 6:30 Bells
- 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 orientations.**

**ADULT EDUCATION**

**INTRODUCTION TO “SOUL OF AGING”**

The Christian Education Ministry invites you to you try on something new. On Saturday, Nov.16, 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM, Lyn and David Kratz have generously offered to facilitate a gathering called “Soul of Aging”, based on the Circle of Trust model of Parker Palmer. Lyn is a clinical social worker and David Kratz retired as pastor of Fauntleroy Church. They are both experienced group leaders who have participated in The Center for Courage and Renewal programs—out of which this curriculum was developed.

Nov. 16 will be an introductory immersion experience for Soul of Aging, which will be followed by small group meetings January-March, 2020, for those who are interested in going deeper. Lyn and David write:

“Beautiful young people are accidents of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art” –Eleanor Roosevelt

Aging presents us with an accelerated curriculum on change and a deep spiritual dive into the paradoxes of loss, transition, and renewal. We believe these are best explored in a trustworthy community of fellow seekers and kindred souls.

In The Soul of Aging, we will creatively approach “the art” of aging intentionally, and the many soulful invitations our maturing years offer us. We are excited to offer this curriculum, developed for those who yearn to understand, surrender to, and be transformed by the aging process. We are offering this introductory session for you to get a feel for the curriculum and to help you discern if you’d like to participate in a longer commitment starting in January and ending in March. It is OK to participate and not do the follow up groups. However, because the fuller series will include meetings that build from one to the next, it is not feasible to participate in the follow-up group without having done this introductory day.

The themes of the follow-up sessions address many of the spiritual aspects of this season of our lives: our visions of aging, living our unlived lives, completion and forgiveness, our relationship with time, how to nurture our mystical nature, and the notion of befriending our own deaths”.

Look for sign-ups soon at the Get Involved Table! Questions? Contact Lyn or David Kratz at seakratz@comcast.net.

**SPECIAL OFFERING DEACON’S FUND**

On Sunday, Nov.3, we will be taking a special offering for the Deacon’s Fund, which we often take at communion. This fund is administered by the church to provide emergency help for members and friends of the church, our neighbors and throughout Southwest Seattle, such as rental assistance, help with water or electricity payments, and bus fare. Thanks for your generosity.

Jackie
**FALL FESTIVAL ATTENTION ALL BAKERS!**

There are a few ways you can put your baking skills to good use for the Fauntleroy Fall Festival.

- **SOAR BAKE SALE.** Donate brownies, cookies, and other delicious baked goods for the youth group’s bake sale. On Oct 26th from 4-7:30 PM, our SOAR Youth Group will be preparing for their biggest annual fundraiser: the Fauntleroy Fall Festival Bake Sale. Proceeds go to fund SOAR mission projects, fellowship events and activities. This year’s focus is raising funds to send youth to the UCC’s National Youth Event at Purdue University in July. The youth will meet Kristen in the church kitchen to do their baking, tasting, testing, and wrapping, but every year they sell out of every crumb. They’ll frost and decorate anything you can bring to add to their efforts, or you can drop off baked goods packaged and ready to sell. Questions? Contact Kristen Miller, youth@fauntleroyucc.org.

- **CAKE WALK.** The judging of decorated cakes and an old-fashioned cake walk are popular activities at the Fauntleroy Fall Festival, and cake donations are needed for both. Demonstrate your creativity by decorating a cake with a fall, Fauntleroy, or West Seattle theme. Judging will be by level of difficulty and both adults and kids are encouraged to enter. If decorating isn’t your thing, simply bake and frost a donation for the cake walk. It can be just one layer, a small sheet cake, or a cluster of cupcakes. Plan to bring your creation to Fellowship Hall at the church by 2:00 PM on Fall Festival Sunday. Thanks for putting your baking talents to work for the fall festival! Happy baking, Sarah

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**ART SHOW A FEAST NOT TO BE MISSED**

Fellowship Hall will be alive with color the weekend of Nov. 9, 10, and 11 as 18 local artists and artistic crafters display, discuss, and sell their work during the annual **Fauntleroy Fine Art & Holiday Gift Show.**

The show committee has selected an eclectic mix of artistic expression, from fine art for the home to gifts for grandparents. Several names will be familiar from prior shows and two in particular will be familiar to church members: Angel Luna (organic skin-care products) and Izzie Lewis (handcrafted hats) with other members of the Millinery Artisan Guild of the Pacific Northwest. Look for these and other newcomers:

- **Kelsi Dunn** sustainably harvests lichen, deadfall, and other natural materials to design one-of-a-kind jewelry. If you have something from nature you value, talk with her about creating a custom piece.

- **Carolyn Davis** expresses her passion for metal and design in the modern sterling silver and brass jewelry she will be showing and selling as CREO Jewelry & Design.

Invite friends and neighbors to join you at the show during these hours: **Friday, 5 - 8 pm; Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm; and Sunday, 11 am - 2 pm.**

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**SSM WRAP-UP FAUNTLEROY TALENT SHOW: SEE WHAT YOU MISSED?!?!**

It began with TAPS from young trumpeter Carly Reeves, age 8. I knew this was going to be a special evening when Carly introduced her songs into the microphone and played with such confidence. The Clymer Family singers delivered a soulful rendition of "Room at the Table."

Robin VanGilder took us by surprise when he cheerfully whistled a videogame theme. Katie Ackers expertly played "The Pink Panther Theme" on the piano and Sarah Ackers and Hilary Reeves broke into an upbeat country music tune. The entertainment just kept on coming with an amazing dialogue between a Bassoon and Clarinet by Eric & Julie Shankland. Anneliese Wagner, Caroline Davis played piano with a curious piano piece called "The Persian Market," complete with camels, jugglers and princesses. And, the Duuy Auringer Memorial Ukulele Band finished off the first half with "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

Then there was DESSERT! And how amazing was that? An array of spectacular homemade sweet treats really put the "Sweet Sweet" back into "Sweet, Sweet Music," and we all settled into the second half of the program on a sugar high. Thanks to all those talented bakers! Wow!

Our second half began with more songs from the Ukulele Band, with audience participation on KAZOOS, distributed at the door. Yes, we raised nearly $500 for the mission of the church! After more scenes from the Persian Market with Anneliese, Conrad Wesseloefelt performed "Till There Was You" with his ukulele, and the house band -- these days known as "Bron's Wrecking Crew" including Mike Goldfine on bass and Betsy Boyer on guitar, as well as percussion/drumming from Jeff VanGilder. But wait, there was more! Betsy Boyer sang two great songs, accompanying herself on guitar with Mike on bass. The Fauntleroy Drummers featuring vocalist Jenny Mandt delivered a high-energy drums version of "Blue Skies." Jeff VanGilder tore into the blues with "Sit Down Baby" and dark sunglasses, and our finale came from Kevin Finney in French mode singing Edith Piaff and some good house-wrecking French blues for the last number.

I can't thank them all enough. What amazing talent! And all who attended, thank you so much for your support. And to our impromptu kitchen team, your help was so gratefully appreciated. This was definitely The. Best. Fauntleroy. Talent. Show. Ever. -- Bronwyn Edwards, Music Director

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**GIFT SHOW**

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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
Acting Associate Pastor
Rev. Karyn Frazier
Music Director
Bronwyn Edwards
Little Pilgrim School Director
Jenny Romischer
Wedding Coordinator
Neenah West
Volunteer & Engagement Coor.
Sarah Ackers
Youth Leader
Kristen Almgren
Nursery Supervisor
Carol Smith
Custodian
Michael Still
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...Lauren Smith; Louisa Wagner; Marilyn Moore; Karyn Frazier & family; Melissa Coudle; Mr. & Mrs. Muul; Laurie Whitford; Elaine Wilson; Jane Leonard’s cousin, Daren; Kersti Muul; Theresa Rasmussen; Dwayne Stevens; Rick Shaw & Barbara Shaw; Beverly Wilson; Lydia Shepherd; Kara Hill; Kathy Grainger’s sister-in-law, Melinda and daughter and son-in-law; Alan, Abby; Yvonne Miles; Ruben Figueroa; Irene Stewart, Jill Harlow, Karyn’s niece, Hannah; Carolyn’s grandparents, Rob & Connor Tucker; the Konek Family and the Lane Family, whose son, Tom, passed away very suddenly last week.

LAYOUT CHANGES AT FALL FESTIVAL
When you arrive at the annual Fauntleroy Fall Festival next Sunday (Oct. 27, 2-5 PM), make your first stop an information table as activities typically in the church parking lot might not be where you think.

The map will tell you exactly where and when to find the many free offerings throughout the church/Y/schoolhouse triangle, from the cake walk to pony rides, salmon hats to musical performances. It will also be your guide to check out the many food and beverage options.

If you’ve been meaning to volunteer, see what still needs doing at https://tinyurl.com/2019FallFestivalVolunteers, or on the poster in the church/Y lobby.

Finally, plan to vacate the church parking lot next Sunday by noon so that activities there can be ready by 2:00 PM for festival-goers.

A note about parking: it will be difficult this year. Caspar Babypants, a popular local children’s music artist, is performing a free concert at The Hall at Fauntleroy from 1-2 PM. Please allow plenty of time to find parking, carpool, or take the bus!

THANK YOU!
The next time you see Mary Anne DeVry, Glenn Seaverns, and Nancy Olson, please stop to thank them for helping to coordinate the West Seattle CROP Hunger Walk. They signed up to help with a few event tasks and ended up picking up many of the event coordination responsibilities along the way. They put in a lot of hours to make the walk the success it was. Thank you! And, thanks to Judy Pickens and Irene Stewart for publicizing the walk in print and social media. We had at least 64 people from the church participate as walkers and/or volunteers.

Sarah

Thanks to the Seaside Sisters group for freshening and cleaning up the kitchen. They spent many hours rearranging, getting rid of, and just spiffing up the large kitchen.

HOLIDAY WREATHS
The holidays are coming, and it’s time to place your wreath orders! The 24” wreaths are made of beautiful evergreens and cones....great for decorating your own home and/or to give as a gift. Wreaths will be sold on Sundays, Oct. 13 through Nov. 10; cost is $26 each. Shipping boxes are available for $4 each. Wreaths must be picked up on Sun., Nov. 24, between 9:30 – 11:30 AM. Make checks payable to Fauntleroy Church UCC. Payment must be made when ordering. Questions? Contact the church office, 206-932-5600.

Sarah

FUN & FELLOWSHIP
2ND ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT
The 2019 Trivia Night was a huge hit! It’s time to pull together a planning team for the 2020 event. If you’re interested in being part of the team, please contact Sarah Ackers.