Save the date: December 15, we'll have another Spirit-led opportunity to decide how we will live out our faith!

Background:
Since August 2018, the Immigration Taskforce has been primarily exploring ways our congregation might use its resources, energy, courage and talents to answer God’s call to care for immigrants and asylum-seeking families.

In November of 2018, Pastor Leah proposed that ITF explore using the lower level of the parsonage to host an asylum seeking family. In the past year, ITF has talked with Michael Ramos, Executive Director of Church Council of Greater Seattle, visited with several sanctuary and asylee-hosting churches, and met with Southwest Youth and Family Services. They also reached out to other churches to gauge their support and interest in coming alongside us on this faith journey. Further, they worked to promote immigration issues and worked diligently to keep the Congregation abreast of their activities by conferring repeatedly with the Council, writing articles for the Congregator and inserts to the church bulletins, providing a FAQ board in the narthex and making handouts available, meeting informally during the summer with church social groups and hosting a congregational conversation in September. They have also explored the costs of making improvements to the parsonage, tried to anticipate a realistic budget to offer at least basic support to an immigrant family and assessed volunteer interests.

Motion:
Having done all this, ITF feels confident that they and the congregation are ready and able to take on the task and responsibility of this mission project. On November 17, 2019, Council agreed to call a Congregational Meeting after worship on December 15th to consider the following:

Council calls a Congregational vote after worship on December 15, 2019 to vote on moving forward with hosting an asylum seeking family, referred to us by the Church Council of Greater Seattle, to be housed in the lower level of the parsonage.

The Immigration Task Force believes that offering an asylum-seeking family a home—a space of stability and support—fits perfectly with our Christian call, our mission to help vulnerable neighbors, our passion, energy and the capacity of Fauntleroy UCC’s resources. Are we ready to step out again? Come to worship on December 15, then stay to ask questions, offer comments and discern our next steps together!

Clayton & Stevi Hamill, Co-Chairs, Homelessness Task Force
### CALENDAR

**Friday – November 29**  
Office Closed

**Sunday – December 1**  
1st Sunday in Advent

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**Monday – December 2**  
8:30  | Altar Guild                             |
7:00  | Servcie & Outreach Min-Lib.             |

**Tuesday – December 3**  
7:00  | Personnel Com. – Library                |
7:00  | Council - BRR                           |

**Wednesday – December 4**  
9-12:00  | Cookeg Baking - Kitchen                  |
9:45  | Staff – Fish Bowl                       |
6:30  | Parish Life Min - Library               |

**Thursday – December 5**  
10:00  | Knitters/Crafters – Library              |
6:30  | Bells                                    |
7:30  | Choir                                    |

**Friday – December 6**  
5:00  | Pageant Set Up – Sanctuary               |

**Saturday – December 7**  
9-12:00  | Pageant Practice – Sanc.                 |
5:00  | Sojourners/Crock Pots Christmas Potluck- Bjornson home |

**Sunday – December 8**  
2nd Sunday in Advent

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**Monday – December 9**  
8:30  | Altar Guild                             |
6:30  | Sisters - tbd                           |

**Tuesday – December 10**  
1:00  | Church/Y Com. – Fish Bowl                 |
6:30  | Seaside Sisters – Off-site               |

**Wednesday – December 11**  
9:45  | Staff – Fish Bowl                       |

**Thursday – December 12**  
10:00  | Knitters/Crafters – Library              |
10:00  | Sisters Christmas Potluck – The Kenney   |
6:30  | Ukulele Band                            |
7:30  | Choir                                    |

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### SEASONAL STUFF

**CELEBRATE THE SEASON: FAUNTLEROY’S HANDBELLS**

London’s Whitechapel Bell Foundry began in 1570 during the age of Queen Elizabeth I. Foundry workers were busy casting when Jack the Ripper roamed the streets of Whitechapel in 1888. Two of the world’s most famous bells – Big Ben (the largest ever created) and the Liberty Bell – were cast behind the Foundry’s famed yellow door.

Fauntleroy Church’s four-octave set of handbells was also cast at the Whitechapel Foundry, gifted to the church by the Denny family after the death of their six-year-old son, David Paul Denny, on Jan. 12, 1966. David loved music – especially the bells.

Our Bell Choir typically performs during the seasons of Advent and Easter. Players must read music and be extremely confident, as each player’s notes are unique (and loud!). Each must be played at the exact right time to create beautiful melodies.

This year the Bell Choir began rehearsing in September for performances in November and December, and we’ll pick up again in time for Holy Week. If you read music but don’t want to join the Chancel Choir, we’d love to have you play bells with us!

As the Worship Ministry prepares to have the handbells repaired, cleaned, and serviced – at great expense – for the first time since we received the bells more than 50 years ago, I can’t help but think of David Denny. I hope you’ll keep him and others we’ve lost in your hearts as well every time you hear them.

Whitechapel handbells remain the highest quality, most expensive set of handbells in the world, and we are so fortunate to have such a large and beautiful collection to play and listen to this Advent season!

**Hilary Reeves, Chair, Worship Ministry**

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### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**Sunday, December 15, 4 PM, Sanctuary**

The Fauntleroy Chancel Choir will celebrate the season in song. This year, we will present a diverse repertoire of music, singers and instrumentalists, including the Fauntleroy Women’s Ensemble and the Duey Auringer Memorial Ukulele Band. There will be plenty of carol singing. Our concert is free, and all are welcome.

### COOKIE BAKING

We will be baking cookies for the Advent Festival and to enjoy during Advent, on Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 9 AM – Noon, in the church kitchen. Come, join us. It’s fun! Questions? Contact Carolyn Tucker.

### DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS AND CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

As we did last year, the Caring Ministry purchased devotional booklets to handout to folks having difficulties and in need of a bit of support. And, as also usual, the church will be decorating the sanctuary on Christmas Eve with poinsettias. If you would like to help defray the cost of these flowers and booklets while honoring/remembering someone special, you are welcome to do so. Please complete the following and place in the offering plate along with your check with “poinsettias” on the memo line. You can also mail your check to the church office. Thank you!

The names of those being honored/remembered will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletins.

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**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.**
OUR NEAREST MEMBERS

Welcome

The following folks joined our church on 11/10/2019. Say hi the next time you seen them!

VALERIE PIFER
(Valerie actually joined on 10/13/19)
Valerie is retired from the medical field where she worked in the Operating Room and the office. She has two grown children, a son and a daughter. She is originally from Great Britain, but has also lived in several areas around the United States. Valerie has done some interesting things in her life, such as ice skating/dancing and riding dressage. She loves animals, reading, cycling, knitting, walking and music. When she first came to Fauntleroy Church, location was the draw, but then she made new friends, enjoyed the worship leaders, shared our beliefs and it just felt like home to her.

JAN CAMPBELL & JOAN GREGORY
Both Jan and Joan are enjoying their retirement. Jan worked in real estate and Joan was a book editor. They both enjoy gardening, biking, hiking, reading and sailing. Fun fact: for five months each year, they drive down to Mexico and live on their sailboat. They belong to the Fauntleroy Y and have been impressed with its community and social work. Leah’s experiences in Tucson and the desire to fund Camp Second Chance were great draws to our church. They want to be involved with immigration, homeless-ness and community issues, working with people who have no judgment towards those of different cultures, race, religion and sexual preference. They found a home here in which to pursue this important work.

JUDITH “JUDI” TROTTER
Judi is a retired Corporate IT Manager. She and her husband, Tom, have two grown children and two grandchildren. Judi loves to read, do needlework, spend time with her grandsons and sing in the Fauntleroy Church choir. She and her husband also like to camp, go out on their boat and take an occasional foreign trip. Judi is happy that the church is part of her community and provides activities for women.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Fauntleroy Church Associate Pastor Search Committee has good news. We are excited to share that we have a candidate for this position – our own Acting Associate Pastor Karyn Frazier! Our committee has spent the last year updating our Church Profile, reviewing and interviewing candidates and spending much time in discernment and deliberation.

The congregational vote to approve Karyn as our Associate Pastor will be held on Sunday, December 15. If the congregation approves the vote, she will open the Chancel Choir’s Christmas Concert that evening to introduce herself as Fauntleroy’s Associate Pastor. We hope to see you December 15 to vote.

We want to thank you so much for your patience, prayers and support as we have gone through this process.

Fauntleroy Associate Pastor Search Committee: Clayton Hamill, Jenny Mandt, Carolyn Tucker, Sarah Bjornson, Terry Burgess, Bob Embrey, Cindy Lavoie and Pastor Leah Bilinski

CARING MINISTRY FAMILY CARE SUPPORT GROUP

Be sure to mark your calendar for Sunday, Dec. 1 at 11:30 AM. The Family Care Support Group will be meeting in the Fellowship Lounge. Church member, Patty Bodzioch, will present a brief demonstration about “Healing Touch”, which is one of several methods that may be helpful in reducing stress and anxiety. All are welcome to join in this gathering. We will find out what Patty has to offer, and we will have an opportunity to share our own ideas on how to cope with anxiety and stress – especially during the upcoming Holiday Season.

Grab a cup of coffee and join us after worship!

Bobbie Reeves, Caring Ministry

DECEMBER 8: CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND ADVENT FESTIVAL

This year’s Advent theme is based on “Joy to the World”, the beloved Christmas carol, which turns 300 this year. Composer Isaac Watt’s interpretation of Psalm 98 invites us to sing a “new song” of all creation being renewed and freed. Throughout Advent, and with creation, we’ll celebrate and sing of a hopeful joy, unabashed joy, determined joy, compassionate joy, and incarnate joy!

Of course, one of this church’s great joys is anticipating the Children’s Christmas Pageant, which will be on December 8th during worship. Our pageant team has selected a simple and beautiful script called “Child of God”. Creation’s Maker is busy dreaming up planets, mountains and oceans in heaven’s workshop, but stops to ask a special child to go to Earth to help people learn about how much they are loved. Come enjoy this Christmas message from our children on this intergenerational Sunday worship. (Nursery care provided for children up to age 4.)

Then after the joy of the pageant, join the Parish Life Ministry in the Fellowship Hall for joyful fellowship, delicious soup, and crafts for all ages during the Advent Festival! Carolyn Tucker and friends will have several varieties of soup ready for you to enjoy before, during or after you get your craft on! Mix up a tub of hot cocoa mix for yourself and an extra to give as a gift. Create a “JOY” stained glass window. Make your very own selfie prop and take fun photos with your family and friends. There will be beaded ornaments to put together and sheet music strips to turn into beautiful garlands to wrap around your trees. And, don’t miss decorating big sugar cookies. Eat one on the spot and take one to go. What joyous ways to begin our Advent Season together!

Karyn & Sarah
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; Kerstl Muul; Theresa Rasmussen; Rick & Barbara Shaw; Lydia Shepherd; Kara Hill; Kathy Grainger’s daughter and son-in-law, Lily and Alan, Yvonne Miles; Irene Stewart, Jill Harlow, Carolyn’s grandsons, Rob & Connor Tucker; the Lane Family; Gen Storz; Nancy Barker; Bron’s Mother, Elaine Edwards, Houtz/Martinez family, Yvonne Belshaw; Zach Seaverns future brother-in-law, Matt Johnson; Bill Zoellner Sr. and Wyvona Barrett.

PARENT’S NIGHT OUT!
Attention Fauntleroy Parents! Do you still have Christmas shopping to do, need a night out or want to wrap presents in the quiet house? If so, now is your chance! Fauntleroy Youth will be hosting a Parent’s Night Out from 5-8 PM Saturday, Dec. 14, for kids age 4-12 (toilet trained required). The cost is $20/child or $30/family.

We are planning to send a group of youth to the National Youth Event in 2020, so this is doubling as a fundraiser for the trip! Please RSVP and reserve your spot by Thursday Dec. 12. To RSVP, email Kristen at youth@fauntleroyucc.org.

SAVE THE DATE!
Trivia Night is happening again! Get out your 2020 calendar and reserve the evening of Feb. 22 for our 2nd Trivia Night. More details to come! Sarah

HANGING OF THE GREENS 2
The Hanging of the Greens took place last Sunday. However, we couldn’t decorate Fellowship Hall at that time. We’ll decorate the hall following worship on Dec. 1. Any help will be appreciated! We’ll be taking down the greens following worship on 1/5/20. Hilary Reeves, Chair, Worship Ministry

A NOTE OF THANKS
Wyvona Barrett would like to thank everyone in the church who have visited her daughter, Lydia Shepherd, at the Washington Care Center and now at Harborview Hospital. Lydia is not doing well and Wy asks that our prayers for Lydia’s healing continue.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY!
Former Pastor, Susan Towner-Larsen is undergoing chemo for breast cancer. Please keep her in your prayers. Several people have contacted Susan Yarrow Morris, to give her support. She asked me to let you know she’s just fine! Thanks.

IN MEMORIAM
Bertena “Tena” Hendrie
November 6, 1927 – November 9, 2019

Samuel Hector Martinez
October 3, 2000 – November 12, 2019

A memorial service in honor of Tena Hendrie will take place on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 11 AM, in our sanctuary. Please keep Tena’s children, Amy DeRocher, and Bob and Scott Viloudaki in your prayers.

A memorial service in honor of Sam Martinez was held in our sanctuary on Saturday, Nov. 16.

Thank you to all of the wonderful people, both member and non-member, who stepped up and made this a beautiful ceremony and reception honoring Sam. Please keep Hector, Jolayne, Ariana and all of Sam’s family and friends in your prayers.