One of the best gifts I’ve received in ministry was the invite -- and then the work -- of the United Church of Christ Pacific Northwest Conference of churches to form a Senior Minister “Community of Practice”. Communities of Practice meet once a month to support one another, pray together, share our joys and challenges of ministry and lean on the collective wisdom of the group.

This year, my Community of Practice decided to engage a pulpit exchange, to carry our prayers for each other and each other’s churches into each other’s worship spaces. On Sunday, February 9, I travelled to First Congregational UCC of Bellevue to worship with the Rev. Lisa Horst-Clark, and on Sunday, March 8, the Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown of Plymouth Congregational U.C.C. in Seattle will join us for service. Kelle is an incredibly gifted preacher and leader who joined the staff of Plymouth UCC in 2015.

Originally from Columbus, Georgia, Kelle attended Spelman College, graduating with a BA in Psychology. From there, she worked in different capacities as a mental health provider before earning her Masters of Divinity from Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry and her Doctorate of Ministry from San Francisco Theological Seminary.

Kelle’s ministry began at the age of 19, when she was asked to lead music for a church start, Amistad UCC in Atlanta, Georgia. Since then, she has served several churches and organizations in varying pastoral capacities, in Georgia, Virginia and Seattle, including ministries for families experiencing homelessness: Daughters of Zelophehad in Virginia and Mary’s Place in Seattle.

Kelle also facilitates conversation on dismantling oppression, offering ways to consider and reflect on privilege, bias, prejudice and bigotry.

We hope you will join us in welcoming the Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown to Fauntleroy Church!  

Ash Wednesday Service  
February 26, 7pm

The season of Lent traditionally begins with a worship service intended to bring us into a greater state of self-awareness for the journey. At Fauntleroy Church, we honor this time with a ritual-rich worship-in-the-round at the front of the sanctuary that includes the imposition of ashes.

We hope you'll join us.
CALENDAR

Sunday – February 16
9:00   Adult Bible Study – Library
10:00  Worship – Leah Atkinson
      Bilincski preaching
5:00   Sojourners – Bjornson home

Monday – February 17

Tuesday – February 18
8:30   Altar Guild
5:15   Homelessness T.F. - Library
7:00   LPS Staff Meeting - Classrooms

Wednesday – February 19
9:45   Staff – Fish Bowl
7:00   Discernment Com. - Library

Thursday – February 20
10:00  Knitters/Crafters – Library
6:30   Ukulele Band
7:30   Choir

Saturday – February 22
8:30   Soul of Aging – Fell. Hall
5:00   Staff – Fish Bowl
6:00   6 Trivia Begins

Sunday – February 23
9:00   Adult Bible Study – Library
10:00  Worship – Karen Frazier
      Preaching
11:30  Worship Ministry - Library

Monday – February 24
8:30   Altar Guild
10:00  Caring Ministry – Room 405
6:30   Sisters – Goldfine home

Tuesday – February 25
6:30   Seadise Sisters – Rm 416
7:00   Council - BRR

Wednesday – February 26

HELPING OTHERS
TOILETRY DONATIONS
WELCOME ANYTIME

Newcomers to the congregation may not know about the donation station in the church/Y lobby. We usually see baby things there awaiting pick-up by Westside Baby, but the labeled baskets are for smaller items, including toiletries.

You may drop off hotel toiletries (soap, shampoo, etc.) anytime for our Homelessness Task Force to pass on in the blessing bags our children assemble and through the Saturday lunch in White Center that we support.

Please make sure bottles are unopened; giving a homeless person something new, however small, makes an affirming statement about self-worth.

Judy Pickens

SEASONAL ACTIVITIES

Lenten gathering we’re calling Wilderness. Mark your calendars for five Monday evenings beginning March 9, from 6:30-8:30, in Fellowship Hall. Light refreshments will be provided and childcare, if needed.

Pastor Karyn will facilitate our Lenten time together. She writes: The name “Lent” comes from an old English word for “lengthening,” referring to the gradually lengthening days of springtime. Lent is the period of 40 days (plus Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, when what seems cold becomes warmer; what seems dormant gradually awakens. During Lent, the church marks time with a transformative calendar—a kairos time—that circles from life to apparent death to resurrected and fully blooming life again.

Lent steps into this kairos time in the wilderness—on the edge between life and death.

And while we rarely go into the “wildernesses” of our lives willingly, those are the very places where sacred stirrings often begin. Remember when the “I am well pleased” baptism waters were still drying on Jesus’ skin? Just then he was guided into the wilderness by Spirit to come face to face with temptation, struggle and a deeper understanding of who he was. During Lent, we are invited to step into the wilderness to see what is stirring for us, too. And...maybe we’ll catch a glimpse of that accompanying Spirit along the way.

Traditionally, people think of Lent as a time when they “give up” something precious for 40 days in preparation for Easter. While sacrifice can be part of the Lenten journey, this season we hope you will also “take on” this simple journey of spiritual reflection in the wilderness to see what might bloom.

Wilderness: A Lenten Journey
March 9: A place of beginning…
March 16: A place of mystery and unknowing…
March 23: A place of surprising connection…
March 30: A place of disruption…
April 6: A place of resilient life…

ASH WEDNESDAY
you are made, my child, my Beloved from water and dust
both holy both mine —poem by Slats Toole

Ash Wednesday is Feb. 26. Join in a simple, contemplative worship service in the sanctuary at 7 PM, which will include the imposition of ashes. We’ll take our first step together into the transformative wilderness of Lent, where life and death walk side by side. And where, in the space between the two, a holy and inextinguishable Love can be found.

Pastor Karyn
**SUNDAY SCHOOL CAN YOU TEACH!**

We need a few more hearts and hands on the 4th floor to teach Sunday School. Can you help? We are committed to making sure Sunday School volunteers have a good balance between a little bit of teaching and a lot of time in worship. That’s good for everyone. But, at the moment, we’ve had a few volunteers who’ve needed to take a break to attend to those life shifts that sometimes come along. That is shifting the balance for other volunteers a bit.

We’d love more hearts and hands in:

**Preschool/Kindergarten:** Teams of volunteer teachers use a curriculum called “Seasons of the Spirit” that helps children begin to understand Bible stories at their young age level and in their own words through art, crafts, drama, and stories.

**1st - 2nd grade and the 3rd-5th grade classes:** Elementary-aged kids go deeper with a theme or story from the Bible, which they explore for several Sundays through science, games, art, cooking, movies, drama and more. At the moment we are learning about Miracles.

All three classes:
- Are taught in teams. You could find a friend to teach with you!
- Start after the Time with Children and last about 40 minutes.
- Are supported with curriculum that helps teachers learn right along with the kids. You don’t need to be an expert—just willing to lead from wonder and willing to spend about an hour a week planning for Sunday.
- Come with all kinds of supplies and all kinds of ideas to help with planning—more than you’ll need in one class time.
- Can be scheduled to work with your calendar and scheduled online. Committing to teach about one Sunday a month is a big help. And all three classes include some pretty remarkable kids….who happen to like snacks…. (Just saying.)

Pastor Karyn

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**Women’s Retreat 2019: Seeing God in All**

Women of Fauntleroy Church,

We invite you to join us for a weekend of sacred and joyful retreat at the beautiful Pilgrim Firs from March 27-29. The cost of the retreat this year is $160, and there are scholarships available.

“Seeing God in All” is the theme for this year’s retreat offering a variety of ways to explore your faith and commune with other Fauntleroy women. Here is a reflection from Mary Code about the women’s retreat:

I’m an introvert, but I love hanging out with thirty Fauntleroy women in close quarters at Pilgrim Firs. Unlike the hit-and-run, jangled feeling I get trying to meet new people at coffee hour; at the retreat, I can nestle into gently getting to know new folks and old folks better through the guided conversation, lively dinner conversation, and the shared experience of playing games, singing songs, puzzling out puzzles, and crafting creations. And if I need a little energy restoration between intense times of togetherness, a solo stroll around the pond does the trick!

Please register at the Get-Involved Table after church on Sundays through March 8 where you can also pay, via credit card or check. We’re looking forward to being with you at the retreat!

-Women’s Retreat Planning Committee

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**STAFF FAUNTLEROY CHURCH IS HIRING!**

We have a job opening with flexible hours for a new half-time Youth and Children’s Program Director. Anticipating Kristen Miller’s new role as mom and the Sunday School’s need for more support, we’ve expanded our smaller youth director job to include more youth programming and some Sunday School volunteer support.

We’re looking for someone who:
- Loves working with youth and helping youth build relationships;
- Has experience creating youth programs with fellowship, community involvement, mission, and service;
- Brings excellent organization and communication skills to support our whole Sunday School ministry on Sunday mornings.

Contact Pastor Karyn for a full job description.

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**NEW MEMBERS WE’RE GROWING!**

Last Sunday, Karyn received nine new members and on Feb. 16, Leah will receive three more! Look for a bit of information on these new members in the next Congregator. They are a wonderful group of people and we are so happy to have them join our lively, vibrant church community! Aren’t we lucky to be part of this place called Fauntleroy Church?!

We’re also scheduled to receive new folks on March 29 and April 19. The first step in becoming a member is to attend a “Taste & See” gathering, where you can learn more about both Fauntleroy Church and the national UCC and ask any questions you may have. The next Taste & See will be on April 5, following the worship service.

If you are interested in participating in the next Taste & See or joining the church in March or April, please call the church office or talk to Pastor Leah. We’d love to have you!

Jackie
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  
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 Miller  
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: Louisa Wagner; Melissa Coudle; Mr. & Mrs. Muul; Laurie Whitford; Elaine Wilson; Kersti Muul; Theresa Rasmussen; Rick & Barbara Shaw; Kara Hill; Kathy Grainger’s daughter and son-in-law, Lily and Alan; Yvonne Miles; the Lane Family; Gen Storz; Nancy Barker; Houtz/Martinez family, Jettie Bryant Walters; Wyvona Barrett, Jill Harlow, Patty Bodzioch’s friend, Roseann; Anne Douglas; Loy Smith; Joan Gregory; Cynthia Jones; Mary Mitchell; Starke Shelby’s sister, Susan; Sydney Johnson, a friend of Angel Luna; Betsy Boyer’s friend’s daughter, Sophie and Maggie Dickson, who lost her sister and brother-in-law within 10 days of each other.

TIME DATED MATERIAL

CONGRATULATIONS!
Recently, our own Kaitlin Skilton won the title of Ms. Wheelchair Washington! The first week of July she’ll be competing in the national competition for the title Ms. Wheelchair America in Little Rock, AR. For that, she’ll be doing fundraising and can accept donations as well. So, first, congratulations to Kaitlin, and second, please consider donating to this wonderful event for Kaitlin who shares that it means so much to her to have the level of support the church has given her since day one! Best of luck, Kaitlin.

CAN YOU HELP?
Did you know we have a sound person for every service or major event in our sanctuary? We do, and you could be a part of our audio team. We remotely control the volume and sound while sitting in the sanctuary, so every microphone is controlled from the pews. Training is easy and you just need to have an interest and a good ear. If this sounds like fun to you, I am looking for additional members to expand our team. Please contact Klem Daniels at klemdaniels.com or (206)459-7622. Thanks! Sarah

DIRECTORY PHOTO SIGNUPS
Ben Ackers will be taking individual portraits for the church directory for several hours on March 8, following worship. Please stop by the Get Involved Table to sign up to have your photo taken.

If you’ve never had your photo taken for the directory, if it has been more than 2 years since you had a photo taken, if you feel like your photo is out of date, or if you would simply like to have a new photo taken, we’d love to have you sign up. We also highly encourage children and youth to have new photos taken as they change so quickly.

Membership at Fauntleroy Church is not a requirement for having your photo in the directory. If you feel that Fauntleroy Church is your church, we welcome you!
Sarah

TRIVIA NIGHT ALMOST SOLD OUT!
Thanks to everyone who has signed up to participate in our 2nd Trivia Night on February 23. The event begins at 5 PM with a potluck dinner. Trivia begins at 6. An email will be sent to participants in the week prior to the event with details about the potluck and the activities/costs/prizes. If you have not yet paid for your registration, please see Sarah Ackers after church on February 16 to pay with cash, check or credit card.

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