WALKING GOD’S WALK

Fauntleroy Church has THE BEST volunteers! We have volunteers who sing in the choir, build tiny homes, serve on ministries and committees, host coffee hour, feed the homeless, plan fellowship events, teach us, and welcome us all. Many of our volunteers wear multiple hats, volunteering for long-term commitments and short, one-time opportunities. The volunteers of this church make mission and ministry possible. Whether we are caring for our own or reaching out beyond our walls, we are walking God’s walk.

We have outstanding volunteers doing amazing things, and yet the reality is that we always need more help to do all we say we want to do.

- Did you know that there are 72, non-event specific, leadership roles in the church filled by volunteers? Most of those positions turn over every 2-4 years. Four of those positions went unfilled this past year.
- Did you know that ideally, we need 30 Sunday School teachers/assistants volunteering once a month, but only 20 people are actively teaching?
- Did you know we have over 447 members and regular attendees in our church and only 88 people filled out a Volunteer Interests Survey last year?

The Stewardship Committee is hosting a Volunteer Fair in Fellowship Hall following worship on March 15th, for you! Representatives from the Church Council, our six ministries, and several committees will be present to answer questions about what they do. The Nominating Committee will be present to answer questions about ways people are involved in the church. There will be games to play, a volunteer selfie photo station, and sweet treats, made by one of our younger volunteers, Katie Ackers. Come and learn about the many ways in which your time and talents can help our church Dream God’s Dream for us. Whether you are a long-time volunteer or someone who has not yet signed up, come. Whether you are young or old or somewhere in between, come. Whether you know exactly what you want to do or have lots of questions, come.

When we, as the whole body of this church, all volunteer our time and talents, we strengthen the bonds that unite us in faith, fellowship, and mission.

Sarah Ackers
**CALENDAR**

Sunday – March 1
9:00 Adult Bible Study – Library
10:00 Worship – Leah Atkinson
   Bilinski preaching
   Communion
10:30 Children’s Chapel
4:45 SOAR Youth Group

Monday – March 2
Fell. Hall Floor installation begins
8:30 Altar Guild
7:00 Service & Outreach Min.-BRR

Tuesday – March 3
7:00 Personnel Com. – Library

Wednesday – March 4
9:45 Staff – Fish Bowl
6:30 Parish Life Min. - Library

Thursday – March 5
10:00 Knitters/Crafters – Library
7:30 Choir

Saturday – March 7
8:30 Soul of Aging – Narthex,
   Rms. 401, 402, 403, 404, 403, 407
9:00 Staff Workshop – Rms. 406, 416

Sunday – March 8
9:00 Adult Bible Study – Library
10:00 Worship
11:30 Directory Photos – Sanctuary
1:00 Women’s March – DT Seattle

Monday – March 9
F. Hall floor installation completed
8:30 Altar Guild
6:30 Lenten Study Begins – F. H.
6:30 Sisters – Goldfine home

Tuesday – March 10
6:30 Seadise Sisters – Rm 416
7:00 Finance Ministry – 4th Fl CR
7:00 LPS Standing Com. - Library

Wednesday – March 11
9:45 Staff – Fish Bowl
6:30 Christian Ed Min. - Library

Thursday – March 12
10:00 Knitters/Crafters – Library
10:00 Morning Sisters – Lounge
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.**

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

**WOMEN’S RALLY AND MARCH**

In preparation for the Women’s March, on March 1, Admiral Church will host a sign-making event from 1-3 PM. Sign-making materials will be furnished. All are welcome!

Then, on March 8, we’re joining with our sister churches, Alki and Admiral UCCs, for the Women’s March! Speeches begin at 1:00 PM at Cal Anderson Park. The march to Seattle Center begins at 2:15. To get to Cal Anderson Park, you can take the local bus or C Line or water taxi to downtown Seattle. Take the 2 Madrona Park bus at Spring Street and 4th Avenue. Get off at E. Madison St. and 12th Avenue. Walk south about 12 minutes.

Rendezvous point: Nagel Place at northwest corner of the tennis courts at Cal Anderson.

Contact Robb Menaul, rjcfaultleroy@comcast.net, with any questions.

**WORSHIP**

**MARCH 22 IS WORSHIP WITHOUT WALLS!**

“This is the kind of fast day I’m after: sharing your food with the hungry, inviting the homeless poor into your homes, putting clothes on the shivering ill-clad, being available to your own families.

Do this and the lights will turn on, and your lives will turn around…. Your righteousness will pave your way.

The God of glory will secure your passage. Then when you pray, God will answer...’Here I am.’”

(Isaiah 58:6-9)

Here we go again! On March 22, we’ll take our worship on the road with “Worship without Walls.” Traditionally during the season of Lent, we are asked to give something up—usually “fast” for 40 days. That’s fine, but Lent is really about a whole reorientation—setting down some things, but also taking up a way of walking in the world that puts us firmly on God’s path of love. March 22, we’ll spend some time walking God’s good way.

On Worship without Walls Sunday, we will gather in the sanctuary at 10:00 for about 15 minutes, receive a short sending blessing, and sing our way right back out again to engage in service in the wider community until about 12:30-1:00 (project times vary).

This year we have work to do at Camp Second Chance, Lincoln Park, and here on-site for Free Food for All and Westside Baby.

The details of this special Sunday are just beginning to unfold, but what’s already clear is that on this day of Lent our hearts, minds, whole bodies and strength will be seriously turned towards God. Look for sign-up sheets soon at the Get Involved Table for WOW’s special projects! Right now, plan to come to worship on March 22nd dressed for putting your faith into action. All of us, all ages, all doing God’s work in the world! (Nursery care provided for infants thru age 4.)

Karyn

**YOUTH NEWS**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND RSVP!**

On Sunday, March 15, our youth will participate in a service at Pilgrim Firs! For this one, I'll need some help from parents driving. If you are able to drive, please let me know. We will be leaving from the church, taking the ferry, doing a service project at camp (indoors) and then coming home that evening. I will need RSVP's from youth (and parents) by March 8 so we can plan accordingly.

Thank you!

Kristen Miller, Youth Director
Join us for a contemplative worship to pause and center ourselves in God’s love as our Lenten journey begins. Ash Wednesday is that first step into 40 days of intentional reflection and preparation for the celebration of resurrection and new life to come at Easter. At the heart of this worship-in-the-round is the imposition of ashes, a simple ritual that reminds us of our mortality in order to renew our sense of the blessedness and preciousness of every moment.

WILDERNESS: A LENTEN JOURNEY

Mark your calendars for a Lenten study that will meet for five Monday evenings beginning March 9, from 6:30-8:30, in Fellowship Hall. This season we hope you will “take on” a simple time of spiritual reflection to see what the Spirit is stirring up in you. We’ll enjoy fellowship, learn a bit about Lent, consider the things that need setting down, and try on new ways of talking about and walking our faith that might offer a new look at this holy season.

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…

Light refreshments will be provided, and childcare can be arranged with advance notice. Sign up at the Get Involved Table so we can be sure to have enough resources.  

Pastor Karyn

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP, FEB. 26, 2020, 7:00 PM

Thank you to all who attended the information session about the mission trip to Guatemala! Thanks to Greg and Tom Dirks and to Jeff Hager, the Executive Director of Hands for Peacemaking, who gave a wonderful presentation and patiently answered our many good questions. Greg and Tom are very excited to have so much enthusiasm for this trip. Thirteen people signed their interest sheet, and we’re just getting started! And… We have a village! Two, actually! The Nueva Primavera and Villa Linda communities look forward to our coming in August to help them install new stoves, a small gesture that will make a big difference to their families.

We’re already off to a great start on this whole-church mission! We have travel commitments from about 5 people of the minimum of 10 needed for our Guatemala team. (The trip can accommodate as many as 25.) We also are in the process of applying for grants from local service clubs to kick-start our fundraising efforts. We’ll need about $21,000 to purchase 95 stoves for the Mayan villages of Nueva Primavera and Villa Linda, located outside of the town of Barillas, Guatemala.

Talk to Greg Dirks if you are interested in supporting this amazing opportunity to serve our Guatemalan neighbors either by purchasing a stove for $250, committing to travel and serve on this 10-day mission project, or helping with fundraising in other ways. All ideas are welcome and there’s lots to do! Also, please save Saturday, May 30th, for a fundraising dinner in Fellowship Hall, hosted by a local Guatemalan church who loves what we are up to and has offered to provide us with a Guatemalan meal.  

Pastor Karyn

THIRTFWAY 1% CASH BACK

We recently received a check in the amount of $186.00, which represents sales receipts in the amount of $18,621. Fauntleroy Church participates in the 1% Cash Back Program, sponsored by the California Ave and Morgan St Thriftway. Simply bring in your receipts and put them in the receptacle at the Donation Station located in the entryway to the Church/Y offices. Bonnie Beerman collects these receipts, totals them and sends them on to the Thriftway Store. They, in turn, send us check for 1% of the total. These funds are then given to the White Center Food Bank.

Thanks so much for saving and sharing your receipts… and thanks to Bonnie Beerman for her work on this project!  

Jackie

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To register, sign up at the Get Involved Table after church on Sundays through March 8; go to https://tinyurl.com/2020FauntleroyWomensRetreat, or pay via credit card or check.

We’re looking forward to being with you at the retreat!

Women’s Retreat Planning Committee

WOMEN’S RETREAT 2019

We invite you to join us for a weekend of sacred and joyful retreat at the beautiful Pilgrim Firs from March 27-29. We will be led by Pastor Cristina Airaghi, pastor at Bellevue Congregational UCC, who is currently taking time off to be with her newborn daughter, Pepper.

The cost of the retreat this year is $160, and there are scholarships available. The theme is “Seeing God in All”, offering a variety of ways to explore your faith and commune with other Fauntleroy women.

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Women’s Retreat Planning Committee
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

The blue cabinets from Fellowship Hall are now on the stage. They’ve been removed as part of the refreshing of the hall. Anyone is welcome to take them, sooner rather than later. The floor installation project begins on March 2, so we’d like them out by then. If you are interested, please call the church office, 206-932-5600. Jackie

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

WE SENT 60# OF HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES TO THE TRANSFER STATION (Thanks, Bud!).

Here are some tips on collecting and depositing them:

- When you bring batteries to the church collection bin in a plastic bag, please empty them without the bag into the bin. That way whoever is recycling them won’t have to spend time separating out the bags.
- The Transfer station is open 7 days a week, 8-5:30.
- When you drive into the entry booth tell the attendant you have household batteries. You’ll get a ticket for your car.
- Inside the battery bins are along the right wall; pull up and empty our load.
- CAUTION: batteries leak and are caustic. Wear the clean gloves that are in the bin, then rinse out the collection cans and our bin after delivery.

When you drive out, hand the attendant your ticket and they will tell you how many pounds we recycled. We usually have at least 100# each year. YAY! Chris Mahar

Editor’s Note: Thanks to Chris Mahar for all of her efforts on this project!