



# The Congregator

Fauntleroy Church United Church of Christ

March 6, 2017

## A NOTE FROM LEAH

*I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope;  
My soul waits for the LORD more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.*

*O Israel, hope in the LORD!*

*For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
And with God is great power to redeem.*

*It is God who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities. -Psalm 130:5b-8*

Whenever I hear the word "wait" in the Hebrew Scriptures (sometimes referred to as the "Old Testament"), my ears perk up, and I often look to see if the word being translated is "qavah." If it is (as in this passage), I know that the activity of waiting is meant to be active, rather than passive. Here, the psalmist does not kick back and wait for God to show up; yearning, wide-eyed and always attentive, the psalmist actively "looks" for God. "Look for" is, in fact, another way that "qavah" is often translated.

Lent is a time in which we're meant to look for God from a place of penitential self-awareness. If you were in worship March 5, or for our Ash Wednesday service on March 1, you surely noticed our beautiful new banners, created by **Shellie Moomey**, with the support of our Worship Ministry. On the banners, hills are depicted with a road meandering over them, toward the cross of Jesus. Beyond beautifying our space, the image is meant to remind you that Lent invites us to a journey of the soul on the road to discipleship. Each week in worship, I'll be reminding you (and myself) of that journey as well, as we look to various stories of encounters with Jesus from the Gospel of John, how the encounters challenged those engaging or engaged by Jesus, and how the stories might challenge us on the journey.

Together, we'll actively look for (*qavah*) God and the path of discipleship, trusting that "with the LORD, there is steadfast love, and with God is great power to redeem...all iniquities" – both our own and the collective iniquities of our wider communities and world too. Christ's vision and call toward a Kingdom of God established on earth still beckons, and we hope toward the day when the path will cease to meander up and down hills, revealing God's glory and the light of a new day to all.

Our theme for Lent is "*On a Journey Not Our Own*", because it is Christ's journey and becomes ours only when we engage it with intention to be part of the body of Christ in the world.

I hope you're able to join us for worship in Lent or at least listen to sermons on our website ([www.fauntleroyucc.org](http://www.fauntleroyucc.org)), when they're made available, I hope you'll join us on March 12, when we have our first-ever "Worship Without Walls," meeting for a blessing, then departing to look for God beyond our sanctuary and "be the church" through various service opportunities made available for all ages and abilities.

Fauntleroy Church, there's no community with which I'd rather be on this Lenten road. I look forward to taking steps on the journey ahead beside you.

Looking for God, **Leah**

## SUNDAY MORNING

**WORSHIP/CHURCH  
SCHOOL  
10:00 AM**



**"On a Way Not Our Own"**

**March 12, 2017**

*"Worship Without Walls"*

Join us as we engage the worship of God through the collective efforts of various God-glorifying services for all ages and abilities.

**March 19, 2017**

*"Challenged to See God's Presence and Possibilities"*

John 6:3-14

Leah Bilinski Preaching

# CALENDAR

## Saturday – March 11

9:00 Fix-It Group

## Sunday – March 12

### Daylight Saving Time Begins

9:00 Adult Bible Study – Library  
10:00 Worship Without Walls  
5:00 Confirmation Class- F.H./407

## Monday – March 13

8:30 Altar Guild  
6:30 Sisters – Reeves home  
7:00 Facilities Ministry – Fish Bowl

## Tuesday – March 14

11:00 Tiles in entryway cleaned  
5:15 Homelessness T.F. – Library  
7:00 LPS Standing Com.–4<sup>th</sup> Flr CR

## Wednesday – March 15

LPS Pictures Taken  
9:45 Staff Meeting – Fish Bowl  
6:00 Adult Ed Planning – Library  
6:30 Service & Outreach Min. – BRR (Room 406)  
7:00 Finance Ministry – 4<sup>th</sup> Flr CR

## Thursday – March 16

LPS Pictures Taken  
11:30 Mid-Day Fellowship – F. Hall  
6:30 Executive Com. - Library  
6:30 Ukelele Practice  
7:30 Choir

## Saturday – March 18

5:00 Crock Pots – Ackers home

## Sunday – March 19

9:00 Adult Bible Study – Library  
10:00 Worship  
Ministry Sunday – Led by Homelessness T.F. – Sunday School in Fellowship Hall  
11:30 Worship Ministry – Fish Bowl

## Monday – March 20

Congregator Mailed Out  
8:30 Altar Guild

## Tuesday – March 21

3:30 LPS Teachers Mtg. – 4<sup>th</sup> Flr CR

## Wednesday – March 22

9:45 Staff Meeting – Fish Bowl

## Thursday – March 23

10:00 Sisters - Lounge  
7:30 Choir

## Friday – March 24

5:00 Youth Overnight at the church

**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.**

## STEWARDSHIP THINKING ABOUT A LEGACY



Most of us wonder at some point in life, what will be my lasting legacy? How will my family and friends remember me? Will I have a lasting impact? Many of us hope

we can leave behind memories, traditions and even financial support for loved ones and causes.

To quote Stephen Covey in *First Things First*, "The need to leave a legacy is our spiritual need to have a sense of meaning, purpose, personal congruence, and contribution."

In our complex, legalistic society, the ability to direct one's legacy requires a last will and testament. It is estimated that approximately 70% of all Americans die without a will. In addition, many wills prove to be outdated and inappropriate to the circumstance and commitments at the time of death.

In the coming year, you will hear more from the church about wills -- ideas on how to get started on yours or update it. We'll share our resources and host a seminar to provide expert advice to those who are interested. In focusing on wills, perhaps some of you will determine that you would like the church to be part of your legacy.

If you've already left a bequest to the church in your will, we would love to know. And, if you'd be willing to share your story with others as we embark upon this wills educational program, we'd like to know that, too. Please contact **Rev. Leah Bilinski** to share your legacy plans or ask questions.

We look forward to supporting your legacy planning,  
**Lisa Corbin** for the **Stewardship Committee**

# WE NEED YOU!

## DID YOU NOTICE...

that we have new attendance pads in the pews? At the suggestion of the Visitor to Member Task Force, the old black folders have been replaced with smaller pads of white forms. The pads are currently tucked into the pew racks, and will soon be hanging from hooks near the center aisle of each pew. The change was made in order to increase visibility, accessibility, and frequency of use.



You might wonder why we want you to sign in each week. We keep track of who has worshiped with us so that we can be quick to recognize when someone has stopped attending and can reach out to them and also so that we can greet those who have just started to worship with us. And, it gives us all a chance to know someone sitting next to us by name.

Please be sure that you take the time to sign the pad and pass it along to everyone in your pew. It is appreciated! Thanks,  
**Sarah**

# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

## PARISH LIFE MINISTRY

Highlights from the last Parish Life Ministry meeting.

Fantastic Service Sunday on the 5th! The Fauntleroy kids made 60 Valentine cards to mail to Fauntleroy college kids, church members at the Kenney, and our neighbors living around the church. We hope this Valentine surprise will put a smile on their face!! Thank you to the kids for making the cards and the youth group for distributing them on Sunday the 12th as their Service Sunday Project! Thank you to the Parish Life team for putting on a fabulous event!!

Our last Taste & See had a tremendous turnout - sixteen people interested in learning more about the church!

The Get Acquainted Dinners are rolling out this week - hopefully you got in on a dinner. They are always a lot of fun!! And, the Chili Cook Off is certainly not to be missed!

**Kari Holsberry**, Chair

# FUNDRAISERS

## JOIN THE PLANT SALE!



If you enjoy starting plants from seed or repotting them for new homes, consider joining this spring's plant sale as a grower. The annual Green Committee sale will be **Sunday, April**

**30**, after worship and all proceeds from ornamentals, vegetables, and house plants will support church ministries. Contact **Judy Pickens** ([judy\\_pickens@msn.com](mailto:judy_pickens@msn.com) or 206-938-4203) for details. Also let her know if you have small pots (4"- 6") to donate.

# COMMUNITY SAFETY

## FAUNTLEROY NOT IMMUNE TO THEFTS FROM CAR PROWLS

Instances this winter of smash-and-grab car prowls in the Fauntleroy Church/YMCA Parking lot spotlight the need for increased diligence throughout the neighborhood.

The Fauntleroy total is about average for the last five full years of reporting but is twice the number reported from this neighborhood in 2008.

Following is the most recent general advice from Seattle Police to avoid becoming a victim of this crime:

- Never leave valuables or what might look like valuables (bag, electronic charger) in plain sight. Remove or hide them, preferably before you get to where you park.
- Look into installing an audible alarm or other anti-theft device as they can be effective.
- Disable your internal trunk release so anyone gaining entry cannot also gain entry to your trunk.
- Never leave your garage-door remote, key card, or house keys in your parked vehicle.

If you come across a crime in progress, call 911. If, the car prowl has already occurred, you can go to: [www.seattle.gov/police/report/default/htm](http://www.seattle.gov/police/report/default/htm), or call 206-625-5011. You do not to remain at the scene, but you'll get a case number to use when filing an insurance claim. The nature of most thefts means police have nothing on which to base an investigation but your report will help them detect trends and patterns. (Article from FCA Newsletter, written by **Judy Pickens**).

## IS IT POSSIBLE TO WORSHIP WITHOUT WALLS?

*"Whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matt 25:40*

**On Sunday, March 12, 2017**, we'll be turning our clocks ahead to mark a new season. And we will be turning our idea of worship on its head by leaving the sanctuary to engage in worshipful service in the wider community. We're calling this turned-around Lenten worship "**Worship without Walls**".

**Come gather in the sanctuary at 10:00**, receive a sending blessing from Pastor Leah, and sing your way back out into the community with a beautiful song of service composed by Bron. All of us, all ages living out our love by following the Way of Christ! (Nursery care provided for infant-age 4 thru 12:30 on 3/12.) What things can you and your family be involved in on March 12, between 10-12:30? You could go to...

- **Food Lifeline**, the "foodbank for the foodbanks," distributing food to 275 area foodbanks/food pantries—which amounts to 91,000 meals a day! **Food Lifeline would love volunteers to help sort and repack food for distribution.** They accept volunteers from **ages 6-106** and need 2 hours of our time.
- **The Kenney**, the only not-for-profit continuing care retirement community in West Seattle, and the home of some of our members who cannot always make it to church. **They would love folks to come by and help with some gardening.**
- **Youth and Family Services** partners with youth and families to transform their futures. We're sending several volunteers to assemble art project kits that they'll use in their Parent Child Home Education program.
- **Friend to Friend** is working to end loneliness in the lives of seniors. **They've offered to come here to present their companioning training to anyone who would like to be better equipped to accompany someone feeling lonely or isolated.** This will be held on-site and is appropriate for **youth to adult.**
- **Church World Service** has worked for 7 decades to build a world where there is enough for all. **Here at church, we'll be packing some of their education kits to be distributed to impoverished communities and especially refugee camps** where the children need basic tools for learning. This project is **good for any age**, including younger children. We'll be adding an art project to this, as well, that we'll use as part of our celebration the following Sunday.

What do you need to do to be involved?

1. **Sign up today** so we can help agencies plan. You can sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/WorshipwithoutWalls>
2. **Set your clocks ahead** Saturday night.
3. **Come to church on Sunday prepared for serving:** wear closed-toed shoes and layers if working off-site or outside, talk with others about carpooling to agencies, bring your good open hearts and minds.
4. **Consider inviting a friend!** Our whole congregation out on a Lenten Sunday morning looking for glimpses of God everywhere! You will be a blessing to so many thru your service—and I hope you find you are blessed, as well.

**Karyn Frazier**

# ADULT BIBLE STUDY

## WHAT'S COMING UP!

Our Sunday morning Bible Study meets every Sunday in the Library at 9 AM. Thanks to **Mark Olson** for creating the space for this gathering and facilitating the discussions. Here's a list of what's coming up:

- March 12** - Justice and Love in Amos and Hosea
- March 19** - Isaiah on Defiant Hope

**March 26** - Jeremiah on Anguish and Compassion

**April 2** - Babylonian Conquest and Exile

**April 9** - Ezekiel on Abandonment and Homecoming

**April 16** - Jewish Identity and Rebuilding after Exile

**April 23** - Esther, Daniel and Life under Empire

**April 30** - Resistance, Adaptation and the Maccabees



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**Sunday Worship & Church School: 10 AM**

**Office Hours: 8:30-3:30 PM Mon.-Thurs. 8:30-2:30 Fri.**

<b>Senior Minister</b>	Rev. Leah Bilinski
<b>Music Director</b>	Bronwyn Edwards
<b>Christian Ed Director</b>	Karyn Frazier
<b>Little Pilgrim School Director</b>	Lorrie Cook
<b>Wedding Coordinator</b>	Rosina Geary
<b>Volunteer &amp; Engagement Coor.</b>	Sarah Ackers
<b>Youth Leader</b>	Kristen Almgren
<b>Nursery Supervisor</b>	Carol Smith
<b>Custodian</b>	Bill McElroy
<b>Financial Assistant</b>	Bonnie Beerman
<b>Financial Assistant</b>	Pat Gedney
<b>Office Manager</b>	Jackie Gould

**TIME DATED MATERIAL**

**CONGREGATOR DEADLINE: TUESDAYS, 1 PM**

**OVER THE FENCE**

**LOTS OF WAYS OF SAYING THANK YOU!**

The office received many notes of thanks. So, here they are in no particular order.

*Thanks to the kids for the Valentine Cards. Very thoughtful and appreciated. Ruthi Jensen-Larsen*

*Thanks to Bonnie Beerman, Pat Gedney, Sarah Ackers, Marie Sever and Marilyn Whittendale for covering in the office while I was away. Jackie Gould*

*I want to thank the church's Sunday School for coming to see me and bring a lovely Valentine – I was just tickled. What a good looking group of teenagers we have! Love, Jeannie Douglas*

*The Hallmons would like to express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the anonymous church donors. Because of this gift, they are able to repair the two flooded bedrooms in the basement and get the kids back into their own rooms! It is a tremendous relief and a huge help, and they are enormously grateful.*

*Thank you so much for letting my Girl Scouts host their Valentine Ball in Fellowship Hall on Feb. 4. It was a great success with 70 Girl Scouts and their adult dates. They enjoyed food and dessert, dancing and a photo booth. My 13-14 year old Girl Scouts are building their leadership skills and deepening their desire to serve their community. thank you for being a part of this! Rosina Geary*

*Thanks to Ben Ackers for taking photos for the directory on 2/19. It is great to have photos of many of our new members added to the directory. Please contact Jackie in the church office if you would like a printed copy of the current photo directory.*

**SPEAKING OF CHURCH PHOTOS**

Did you know that the church has a website for posting photos from the directory, church activities, events, and services? Check out the photos on the church's online photo website: <http://fauntleroyucc.smugmug.com/>. Do you take photos at church events? You can post them to this site too. Send an email to Sarah Ackers, and she will send you the instructions. Or send the photos to Sarah and she can make sure they are posted for you.

**GOT A UKULELE?**

Fauntleroy Church's own "DAM" (Duey Auringer Memorial) Ukulele Band is now meeting regularly for rehearsals, and YOU are invited to join the fun. If you missed us at the Talent Show, you will be seeing us soon during church worship. Begin-ners and advanced players are welcome. For rehearsal times and more information, please visit [www.bronsongs.com/ukulele.html](http://www.bronsongs.com/ukulele.html).

**CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2017**



**Saturday, March 11, 10:30-4:30, Brockey Conference Center, South Seattle Community College 6000 16<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Seattle 98106**

This FREE event is an opportunity for women in the greater Seattle area to join together in celebration of the feminine spirit – to make new friends, be supported by women from diverse backgrounds, and have fun participating in cultural dances and storytelling. Help us rejoice in the strength, resilience and creativity of women in the Seattle area. Contact Barbara Spraker for additional information, [barbara.spraker1@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.spraker1@gmail.com).