



The Congregator

Fauntleroy Church United Church of Christ

August 8, 2016

VOLUNTEER UPDATE

On July 30th, I spent three hours ironing tablecloths in Fellowship Hall for a wedding reception that afternoon. While ironing is not a task I particularly enjoy, I did love ironing that morning because Julie Huff joined me in the task. We ironed, figuring out the best heat and steam settings, and enjoyed getting caught up with each other. It was definitely the most fun I've ever had while ironing. While we were there, Michelle Gaither, Terry Gaddis and Lucy Gaskill Gaddis, Dick Finnie, and Chris Chrisman were making soup and sandwiches in the kitchen to be served to our homeless neighbors in White Center. Later in the day, Rita Gutterud, Marilynn Bernahl, Gina Thomas, and Pam Goldfine hosted the wedding reception, extending the warm Fauntleroy Church hospitality to the wedding party and guests. And, that was just one day in the life of volunteers at the church.

Looking at the past month, church volunteers have also removed tiles and decades old adhesive from the library ceiling, chaperoned youth around Seattle before the National Youth Event, hosted an ice cream social, taught Sunday School and cared for little ones in the nursery, ushered, greeted, and led worship on Sundays, provided special music and flowers, prepared and served communion, hosted a memorial service reception and coffee hour after worship services, and visited homebound members of our congregation. I'm confident that there are many other ways volunteers have served the church that are missing from this list. All of these activities happened during the summer when schedules are full of vacations, travel, and outdoor activities. Whoever said things slow down during the summer was wrong. I like to think of summer as the time when we plan for and ramp up for our program year to start in September.

While not wanting summer to end any time soon, there are several opportunities for volunteers in the coming months you may want to participate in. Mark your calendars, and please contact me to get more information or to sign up!

September 10 - Sunday School Teacher Orientation (see article inside)

August 27 & 28 - Restripe the parking lot (see article inside)

September 11 - All Church Picnic

Volunteers needed to set up, cook on the grills, bring potluck dishes, and to clean up (see article inside)

September 17-18 - 2nd Time Sale

Volunteers needed to sort, set up, price, sell, bake, and clean up.

October 16 - Pet Blessing Service

Volunteers needed to greet, provide refreshments, host the reception, photograph, and clean up.

October 21 - Fauntleroy Fall Festival

Volunteers needed for setup, cleanup, baking, staffing activities, and recruit volunteers.

Blessings to you, **Sarah**

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

**August 14, 2016
BLUES SUNDAY**



Karyn Frazier Preaching

**August 21, 2016
Leah Bilinski Preaching**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Sunday, Sept. 11,
after worship
All-Church Potluck Picnic
BBQ



CALENDAR

Sunday – August 14

9:00 Adult Bible Study – Library
 10:00 Blues Sunday – Karyn Frazier Preaching
 11:30 Visitor to Member T.F. – F.B.
 5:00 Sojourners – Butterfield/Stewart home

Monday – August 15

8:30 Altar Guild

Wednesday – August 17

9:45 Staff – Fish Bowl

Thursday – August 18

11:30 Mid-Day Fellowship – F. Hall
 6:30 Executive Com. – Room 416

Saturday – August 20

5:00 Crock Pots – Ellis home

Sunday – August 21

9:00 Adult Bible Study – Library
 10:00 Worship

Monday – August 22

8:30 Altar Guild

Tuesday – August 23

10:00 Caring Ministry – Room 416
 7:00 Council – Room 416

Wednesday – August 24

9-3:00 Staff Retreat – Alki UCC
 5:00 Parish Life Ministry Meeting/Potluck – Patio
 7:00 Personnel Com. – Fish Bowl

Thursday – August 25

10:00 Sisters – Mahar home

As an open and affirming congregation, the members and staff of Fautleroy Church are committed to fostering community among people of all races, cultures and sexual orientations.

HELPING OTHERS

SCHOOL-SUPPLY DRIVE ALL ABOUT ANTICIPATION



The shopping trip I enjoyed the most as a kid came in August, when Mother took my brother and me to the drug store for school supplies. The first sheet of my new Big Chief tablet

always got me thinking about what I would be learning in the year ahead.

Our third annual school-supply drive is all about giving students that same sense of anticipation, whether on the first day of school or months later.

- This year's list, developed in cooperation with West Seattle Rotary, focuses on the most-needed items:
- dry-erase markers
- washable markers
- #2 pencils
- colored pencils
- composition books
- backpacks (child and youth)
- glue sticks
- white copy paper
- flash drives (16 gb +)
- pink rectangular erasers
- pocket folders
- art supplies.

Donation bins will be in the narthex and lobby through Aug. 21. Checks are welcome too, made out to Fautleroy Church (note: "school supplies").

Thanks much for remembering students at Highland Park, Roxhill, and West Seattle elementaries and homeless teens at the Orion Center.

Judy Pickens for the Homelessness Task Force

FUNDRAISERS

MAKING SPACE? REMEMBER SALE

If you're determined to make space in your garage, basement, or storage unit this summer, remember to set aside lightly used items you no longer want for our 22nd annual **2nd Time Sale** Sept. 17-18. This major fund-raiser for our ministries is off to a good start with the sale of a car generously donated by **Baiba and Phil Morris**. Now we need lots of other great stuff - from jewelry to paintings and lamps, toys to books and coffee tables - to fill Fellowship Hall, the narthex, and the veranda.

Visit www.fautleroyucc.org or call the church office (932-5600) for the list of what we cannot take. We'll start accepting deliveries to Fellowship Hall on Sept. 7. If you can't wait until then, call the office to make arrangements.

Judy Pickens

CARING MINISTRY

WHAT DO THEY DO?

The Caring Ministry of Fautleroy Church was organized in 1997. The purpose was to strengthen the connections among the members of our faith community. We continue to believe that it is important to extend God's love to those persons and/or households that are associated with our church. We try to do this by making contact with church folks during times of need. We utilize various resources of our church and the greater community.



For centuries, Christians have been reaching out and caring for one another. This has been true of Fautleroy Church. Throughout its history, our church members have reached out to one another-as if by reflex. For example, they delivered casseroles, looked after children and pets, and provided rides to the store or appointments. The Caring Ministry was organized to continue with this tradition. Once a month, we meet with our Pastor and discuss various ways in which we may be of assistance to those folks in our worship community who may be experiencing a health issue, a life crisis, or loneliness and isolation. We only do this, however, with the church member's consent. Confidentiality is extremely important. The Caring Ministry is not set up as a long-term care resource. We can help, however, to find a needed resource in our community. Due to insurance and liability issues, we do not diagnose conditions, give injections and medications, or change dressings, etc.

In conclusion, we believe that the journey towards well-being is more than medicine and medical practice. It also involves the integration of physical, psychological, and spiritual factors. If you become aware of a church member who could benefit from a visit or a call from the Caring Ministry, please don't hesitate to call the church office and let us know.

Bobbie Reeves

BIRTHDAYS/ ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 8/1 Charity Hallmon, Robert Holte
- 8/2 Carol Worman
- 8/3 Celesta Bjornson
- 8/4 Rachel Sundquist
- 8/5 Robert Worman
- 8/6 Joan Morgan, Daniel Carroll
- 8/7 Marilynn Bernahl
- 8/8 Jim Brewer
- 8/9 Chris Casillas, Yvonne Miles
- 8/10 Bryce Groen, Isak Bjornson
- 8/11 Chris Menaul, Chris Mahar
- 8/12 Ben Dirks
- 8/13 Colton Fukano
- 8/14 Henry Hossner,
Anita Macpherson
- 8/15 Cindi VanGilder
- 8/17 Larry Steele, Carl Lull,
Molly Seaverns
- 8/18 Ally Jo Veenhuizen
- 8/20 Tatum Dahl, Matthew Dirks
- 8/23 Tim Richards, Natalie Kerns,
Gretchen Wetzel
- 8/24 Ethan Ellis
- 8/26 Ella Friis-Alfers, Rachel
Athauser, Terry Burgess
- 8/30 Chris Nack

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 8/1 John & Gen Storz (celebrating
63 years!)
- 8/6 Paul & Mary Margaret Pruitt
- 8/8 Jeff & Susie Clark
- 8/11 Klem & Terry Clements
- 8/13 Bob & Mary Code
- 8/17 Dan & Ginger Cook
- 8/19 Larry & Kathleen Steele
- 8/20 Mark & Denise Tabbutt
- 8/21 Jeff & Cindi VanGilder
- 8/23 Robert & Carol Worman
- 8/26 Michael Laube & Kyle
Winslow
- 8/28 Tim & Carrie Richards
- Dave Jones & Vicki Weeks
- 8/30 Greg Dirks & Nancy
McHenry Dirks

SINGIN' THE BLUES ON AUGUST 14

Join us for a special kind of worship on Sunday, August 14. It's our fourth annual Blues Sunday, in which we lead worship with all kinds of fascinating music derived from the style of the blues. Did you know that many of the hymns in our hymnal have blues roots?



Here's the dictionary definition of the Blues: "*Melancholic music of black American folk origin, typically in a twelve-bar sequence. It developed in the rural southern US toward the end of the 19th century, finding a wider audience in the 1940s as blacks migrated to the cities. This urban blues gave rise to rhythm and blues and rock and roll.*" (Wikipedia) The informal definition is "*feelings of melancholy, sadness, or depression*" as in "She's got the blues".

Fortunately not all blues music is melancholy, sad and depressing. There is plenty of blues musical repertoire that's upbeat and energizing, so we don't plan to leave you feeling down. But expect all kinds of cool songs with stories to share, and guitars, harmonicas and percussion to spare. We look forward to hearing a wonderful message from our Church Educator, **Karyn Frazier**, and worshipping with a particular style of story and song.

I will be joined by **Betsy Boyer, Sarah Ackers, Jeff VanGilder, Kevin Finney, Irene Stewart, Conrad Wesselhoeft, Robb Menaul** and other spirited singers, instrumentalists and story-tellers to make your worship experience uplifting and different. We look forward to seeing you on August 14! **Bron**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE FOR 2016-17 SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS ORIENTATION!

This year's Sunday School Teachers Orientation is **Saturday, September 10th, from 9:30-12:30**. If you have volunteered to teach or assist in this next program year, thanks a million! On September 10th, we ask that all new and veteran teachers gather to meet their teaching teams, learn about leading and safe church practices, review the curriculum, get an overview of the year, ask questions, and fill out schedules far enough to get our fall programs off to a smooth start. **Please save this important date now, and RSVP to karyn@fauntleroyucc.org** so I can plan materials, refreshments, and childcare. **Karyn Frazier**



children in Sunday School, let us know what gifts you can bring to this dynamic Fauntleroy ministry—it's fun, faith-stretching work, and it takes all of us. We provide training, resources, and lots of support. We teach in teams and ask for about 10 Sundays for the year. You set a schedule that works well with your church life and other commitments. **Think about it, pray about it, then please email me at karyn@fauntleroyucc.org with any questions.** Or come to the teachers training on Sept 10 to learn more. We would love all the creativity and helping hands we can get.

GROUND'S UPKEEP

VOLUNTEER CHURCH GROUND'S GROUP FORMING.

Do you have passion for gardening? Would you like to join other gardeners who love the church and would like to spend time together working to beautify the grounds? **Jenny Mandt** is forming a new Volunteer Grounds Group and she needs your help. If you're interested or know someone who might be, contact her at (206) 915-0585 or jmandt48@comcast.net. Open to the whole community, not just church members.



WANT TO TEACH?



We can always use more teachers or assistants! **This year we'd especially like to invite more men to consider teaching/ assisting or partners who would enjoy working together.** If you have



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TIME DATED MATERIAL

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
Music Director	Bronwyn Edwards
Christian Ed Director	Karyn Frazier
Little Pilgrim School Director	Lorrie Cook
Wedding Coordinator	Rosina Geary
Volunteer & Engagement Coor.	Sarah Ackers
Youth Leader	Kristen Almgren
Nursery Supervisor	Carol Smith
Custodian	Erin Vogelpohl
Financial Assistant	Bonnie Beerman
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Office Manager	Jackie Gould

CONGREGATOR DEADLINE: TUESDAYS, 1 PM

OVER THE FENCE

SUNDAY MORNING FLOWERS



Please consider signing up for Sunday morning narthex flowers. It's a great way to honor a birthday, anniversary, memory or someone special. Be creative, especially this time of year – backyard flowers/greenery, driftwood, candle arrangements, sketches, etc. Thank you for making our church more welcoming. Upcoming open dates are: 9/11, 9/18 and 9/25. Thank you for making our church more welcoming. For more information or if you have a question, contact **Heather Craven**.

APPLY FOR ART SHOW

Since 2008, the annual **Fauntleroy Fine Art & Holiday Gift Show** has cultivated a reputation as a quality event that's popular with both the community and participants. If you know of a West Seattle artist or holiday-gift crafter who really *should* be part of it, now's the time to apply. Work can be in any medium-ceramics, acrylic, metal, glass, etc. Go to www.fauntleroyucc.org for details and to get the application form for the Nov. 11-13 show or call the church office (932-5600). Deadline is **Sept. 30**.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

It's not too late to join the book discussion group. We're reading the book "Dead Man Walking" by Sr. Helen Prejean. We will come together on August 30th to discuss the book and enjoy food together. Copies of the book are available at Westwood Barnes and Noble and at the Seattle Library. If you would like to participate please **RSVP Mary Code, 206-932-6301 or codemary55@gmail.com** by August 23rd. Feel free to invite your teenage children and interested non-church friends.

ONE DAY WOMEN'S RETREAT - OCTOBER 29

"*Worship Fully...Love All*" is the theme of the one-day retreat of church women on Saturday, October 29, 9 am - 4 pm. The retreat agenda aligns with the Advent theme for this year and covers new topics not presented at last spring's weekend women's retreat. Organizers promise detailed information in September, but for now save the date: October 29.

Maria Groen

HELP NEEDED

The stripes in our parking lot have faded and are in need of a fresh coat or two of paint. We will have a 2-part work party to prep and paint the lot. Please contact **Sarah Ackers** (sarah.ackers@fauntleroyucc.org)

or **206-932-5600**) if you can help on either Saturday, 8/27 @ 9am, or Sunday, 8/28 following worship. All supplies will be provided.

POTLUCK PICNIC AND BBQ

Mark your calendars and save Sunday, Sept 11th, for the Annual Potluck Picnic and BBQ right after church.



The Parish Life Ministry will provide hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, buns and condiments. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex in August so that you can sign up to bring side dishes, salads or desserts. There also will be sign-up sheets for helping with set-up and clean-up, BBQ chefs (4) and servers (4). We are going to need at least 3 canopies, 2 gas barbecues and we also may need a truck without a canopy to pick up the barbecues and deliver them to the church

If you can help with any of these things, please give **Sarah Ackers** a call.

Mostly, though, we need you to come and participate. See You on Sept. 11th!

Carolyn Tucker, for the Parish Life Ministry