



The Congregator

Fauntleroy Church United Church of Christ

October 3, 2016

PASTOR LEAH'S PERSPECTIVES...

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Every day, our United Church of Christ denomination puts out a short daily devotional, written by various UCC Pastors and national staff across the country. Sometimes, the pieces are a bit more of what I would consider a devotion to God; sometimes, they are more of a reflection piece. Occasionally (because pastors are humans too), they can even be a bit of a rant. But, always, they are thought-provoking and a nice way to start one's day, looking to God.

You can sign up to receive the daily devotionals by visiting www.ucc.org/daily_devotional. Here's a foretaste of what to expect – a devotional from a couple of weeks ago about embracing the freedom to do what you need to do in order to feel grateful. I'll be talking more about how gratitude brings wholeness in my October 9th sermon, so I thought this appropriate to share now.

Blessings, **Leah**

"Dessert First" by Rev. Molly Baskette

"What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity." - Ecclesiastes 2:22-23

One of the best things about being a grownup is our agency in so many aspects of daily living. If we so choose, we can forgo flossing forever, eat a hot fudge sundae *before* our kale, or never eat kale at all.

But one of the hardest things about being a grownup is that our inherent grownup-ness often prevents us from eating dessert first. We are plagued by guilt that we are not eating well enough, parenting well enough, exercising enough, or doing a good enough job at work. I sometimes think my religious inheritance is not the expansive feasting of the good-time Jesus, but the golden calf of the cheerless Puritan work ethic.

And then, our family bought an inflatable hot tub. Though little more than a glorified kiddie pool with a heater and filter, it is a thing of extraordinary wonder. It beckons night and day. The Puritanical voice still tells me: you can relax in the hot tub *after* all the work is done. Trouble is: the work is never done.

The other morning I faced a 13-hour day at church. The kids were in school. I would not have to fight for leg room in the hot tub. And I broke character: I got in before doing a lick of work. There we were: me, the hummingbird that stopped by for a visit, the trees slow-clapping me for getting over my idolatrous work habits, and my God. My God.

Prayer

God, weaken our resolve not to eat dessert first, climb in the hot tub before work, or otherwise receive with overwhelming gratitude the good gifts of this earthly life. Amen.

WORSHIP/CHURCH SCHOOL 10:00 AM



October 9, 2016

*"How an Attitude of Gratitude
Can Make Us Whole"*

Luke 17:11-21

New Members Received
Rev. Leah Bilinski Preaching

11:20

Sunday School
Teachers Huddle
Conference Room 1 (Rm 405)

October 16, 2016

"Wrestling with God"

Genesis 32:22-31

Rev. Leah Bilinski Preaching

2:00

Blessing of the Animals
Sanctuary



CALENDAR

Sunday – October 9

9:00 Adult Bible Study – Room 416
 10:00 Worship – New Members Received
 11:30 Hearing Com. - Sanctuary

Monday – October 10

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

Tuesday – October 11

5:15 Homelessness T. F. - Library
 6:30-9 Adult Ed Class – F. Hall
 7:00 LPS Standing Com. – 4th Flr. Conf. Rm.

Wednesday – October 12

9:45 Staff – F. Bowl
 6:00 Christian Ed Ministry – Library

Thursday – October 13

10:00 Sisters – Gaskill-Gaddis home
 6:30 Bells
 7:30 Choir

Saturday – October 15

5:00 Crock Pots – Casillas home

Sunday – October 16

9:00 Adult Bible Study – Room 416
 10:00 Worship
 2:00 Blessing of the Animals– Sanctuary

Monday – October 17

Congregator Mailed Out
 8:30 Altar Guild

Tuesday – October 18

3:30 LPS Teachers Mtg – 4th Flr CR
 6:30 Adult Ed Class – Fell. Hall

Wednesday – October 19

9:45 Staff – Fish Bowl
 7:00 Finance Ministry – 4th Flr CR

Thursday – October 20

11:30 Mid-Day Fellowship – F. Hall
 6:30 Bell Practice
 6:30 Executive Com. - Library
 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 EVENTS

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, Oct. 16 2 PM

All God's creatures are invited to church for a brief, beautiful, fun service to bless them for their daily gift of unconditional love. Come for the joy of it, whether you have a pet or not!

A few things to know:

- 🐾 Only bring pets that would be happy getting blessed.
 - 🐾 Leashes, crates, cages and terrariums are important so each animal feels safe in the worship space.
 - 🐾 Bring a photo if your pet is shy or is no longer with you.
 - 🐾 No pets at all? Kids can bring their favorite toy animals. They teach us love, too.
- Refreshments for all to follow!

Karyn

CAKE DECORATING AND CAKE WALK – IT'S SO FUN!

The Fauntleroy Fall Festival will be held this year on **Sunday, Oct. 23**, and we will again



have the Cake Decorating Contest and Cake Walk as one of the events. This year, we will be located in the Vashon Room in the Hall at Fauntleroy. In order to make this event a success, we are calling on bakers to provide the cakes... and we need lots of them! We have three categories for the Cake Decorating Contest: Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced.

Cakes should be brought to the Vashon Room on Sunday, the 23rd, between Noon and 1 PM. Voting will begin at 1:30 and continue until about 3. Once the votes have been tallied, prizes will be awarded for each category and then the Cake Walk will begin and continue until all the cakes have been chosen.

Even if you do not want to enter the Cake Decorating Contest, you can bake and donate a cake for the Cake Walk. Cakes for the contest can be any shape or size and should have a Fall, Halloween or West Seattle Theme. They can be very simple to very elaborate and would be a great parent/child, family, or group project.

Do not miss out on the fun! Bake and decorate a cake, bring it to the contest and vote, then stay and join in

the Cake Walk. Questions???
 Contact **Carolyn Tucker**.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE WORKSHOP – PILGRIM FIRS

How can people of faith work for environmental justice for all? How can we create Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Beloved Community—one that is sustainable, healthy and inclusive? This workshop will explore these questions with the goal of empowering conversation and actions around environmental justice that will continue far beyond the initial workshop.

It takes place from 5 PM, Wed., Oct. 19 through lunch on Fri., Oct. 21, at Pilgrim Firs Camp near Port Orchard. The cost is \$130. Go to <http://pilgrim-firs.org/calendar/> to register. Call **Meighan Pritchard**, 206-370-4142 for more information. Sponsored by the PNC of the UCC and UCC Justice & Witness Ministries.

FOR OUR WOMEN

CALLING ALL WEST SIDE UCC WOMEN!

You are invited to retreat together on **Sat., Oct. 29**, for a one-day Women's Retreat at the Hall at Fauntleroy.



The retreat theme, *Worship Full ...Love All*, relates to the work of the Advent Conspiracy. **Rev. Leah Bilinski** and CE Director, **Karyn Frazier**, will be leading us as we think about how we might better reflect, honor and live out God's incarnation in our families, community and world.

An optional potluck dinner on **Fri., Oct. 28**, at Fauntleroy Church is a fun way to get to know each other better. More details are available on the registration materials.

Cost is \$30 (some scholarships available) and **registrations are due by Oct. 23**. You can register online at <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3037688/2016-Women-s-Retreat> and paper forms are available in your church office. Checks must be sent to Fauntleroy Church by Oct. 23.

Maria Groen

MINUTES & TASK FORCES

FROM THE MARKETING COMMITTEE



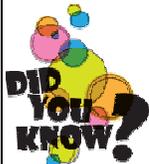
RECAP OF AUGUST 23 COUNCIL MEETING:



- Leah presented, and Council approved, Leah's personal goals for Fautleroy Church.
- Council also approved the hiring of a Senior Pastor coach for the year at Leah's request.
- Leah elaborated on **Karyn's** internship from mid-September – mid-March which is as a "Member in Discernment". Leah will be Karyn's supervisor and Karyn's internship duties will be distinct from her current CE position.
- Leah and **Sarah** led a discussion to help craft a Fautleroy Direction Statement and Joint-Ministry Initiatives and Plans for 2016-2017. Next steps are to review the themes and joint initiatives at an orientation meeting of the ministry chairs and Council/staff liaisons on September 1, then review and approve at the next Council meeting.

Kathleen Steele, Clerk

INTERIOR DESIGN AND FUNCTIONALITY TASK FORCE



Did you know that the church has an Interior Design and Functionality Task Force, which was formed in 2010?

Following the vision of the remodeled building, it makes recommendations that help make the building spaces more efficient and less cluttered with consistent decorations, fixtures and furniture. In the past year, original member, **Sheryl Guyon**, worked with **Jackie Gould** and the Church/Y Committee to purchase new furniture for the building lobby. If you haven't tried out the chairs and couch outside of Jackie's office...do! In the coming year, the task force will be looking at the Narthex for ways to incorporate a "Welcome Table" for visitors, in addition to the "Get Involved Table", for those already involved in our church. Please consult the Interior Design and Functionality Task Force members, **Tim Hossner** and **Celesta Bjornson**, when it

Did you know?

- *Fautleroy Church has a Facebook page: www.Facebook.com/FautleroyChurchUCC.
- If you are a Facebook user, clicking "Like" on the page helps promote our church and its good work.
- You don't need to be a Facebook user to view the page, but you won't see all of its features either.
- Facebook users can invite friends to "Like" our page by clicking on "Share" and then "Invite Friends" at the top of the page (on your desktop or laptop) or "Invite Friends to Like this Page" (on your mobile app).
- At church, Facebook friends can "Check In" and post why they are in the building or something they particularly like, which can include photos.
- "Selfies" with church friends and family are always appreciated. Remember to include @FautleroyChurchUCC in your message. *Whenever you see a Fautleroy Church event page (like the one for the upcoming Crop Walk), click "Interested" even if you don't know if you can participate. You can change your response later.
- Need help? See Hilary or Irene!

Your Fautleroy Church Marketing Committee

comes to adding furniture, fixtures, and wall art in the public spaces of the church. They are happy to assist. Speak with **Sarah Ackers** if you would like to join them on the task force.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

"WHITE PRIVILEGE: LET'S TALK"

Register for the Adult Ed Class: 6:30-8:30 PM, Oct. 11-Nov. 15



This fall, we will focus our study on the subject of White Privilege, using materials recently developed by the United Church of Christ. Our UCC General Minister and President, John Dorhauer, describes the curriculum as "a concerted effort to enable allies [for racial equality] to see with new eyes how white privilege works. The curriculum offers the promise and the possibility that those who commit to engaging in this dialogue can develop higher degrees of awareness of privilege and its consequences." In the class, we will discuss selected readings from the curriculum, but the entire document will be available for your perusal via an online PDF (or paper copy by request).

We'll meet on consecutive Tuesday nights (except Nov. 8) and cover the following topics: Oct. 11- "Spiritual Autobiography Through the Lens of Race"; Oct. 18 -"Whiteness as the Norm"; Oct. 25/Nov. 1-"The Cash Value of Whiteness"; and Nov. 15-"On Becoming an Ally". Within each of those areas, we'll read stories written by the five authors (two white men, two black women, and one black man) regarding their experience of race and reflections on how "whiteness is part of the air we breathe." Two sessions will be devoted to disparities between whites and blacks in the areas of education, medical care, housing, and income and wealth. In the last session, we'll consider what it means to be an ally in the effort to end white privilege and introduce our book study for the spring, "*The New Jim Crow*" by Michelle Alexander.

Sign-up in advance for the series at the Get Involved Table or by emailing **Mary Code** (codemary55@gmail.com). The cost is \$20 which covers the expense of a simple dinner and materials provided. Feel free to request a scholarship, or if you'd like to help out, we'd gratefully accept a giant green salad in lieu of payment. *Christian Education Ministry*



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October 3, 2016

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
Financial Assistant	Pat Gedney
Office Manager	Jackie Gould

TIME DATED MATERIAL

CONGREGATOR DEADLINE: TUESDAYS, 1 PM

OVER THE FENCE

PEOPLE NEWS

Lyn Kratz had an appendectomy after she suffered a burst appendix. She spent some time in the hospital before and after the surgery. She is now on the mend.

Our sympathies to **Cathy Smith** and her mom, **Shirley**, at the loss of her dad, **Buck**, on Sept. 10. He was 98 years old.

Paul Pruitt is now in assisted living at Horizon House. **Mary Margaret** is trying to adjust to not having her "roommate of 67 years" living with her.

Former long-time member, **Ruth Naccarato**, died on July 25. No memorial service is being planned at this time.

Please keep these people and their friends and family in your prayers as they deal with loss, healing and life changes.

SUNDAY DRIVERS NEEDED



Are you available on Sunday mornings to bring a person or two with you to church? We have received requests from people who would like to attend worship, but have no way to get to church on their own. Please contact **Sarah Ackers**, 932-5600, or sarah.ackers@fauntleroyucc.org.

IN MEMORIAM

Ruth Naccarato

November 2, 1930 – July 25, 2016

A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you to **Peter & Diana Hartwell** for their generous donation of an electric blower, which can be used by Sunday morning building openers to clean off the area in front of the main church entrance.

Dean Tucker, on behalf of the building openers.

F.Y.I.

Sarah Ackers, Volunteer and Engagement Coordinator, will be on vacation from 10/15 to 10/29. In her absence, please contact **Maria Groen** with questions regarding volunteering for the Fauntleroy Fall Festival. Please contact **Jackie Gould** with new volunteer needs or to seek a substitute for a previously scheduled volunteer role. Thanks!

SATURDAY FIX-IT GROUP

The next Saturday work day is Oct. 15, at 9 AM. If you are handy and would like to help keep this building in good repair, we'd love to have you join us. Please let **Sarah Ackers** know if you plan to participate.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH & LPS TEACHER RECOGNITION

October 23rd at 10:00

Please join us for Children's Sabbath Sunday. The world's great faith traditions teach that children should be lovingly cared for and the needy and vulnerable among us treated with compassion and justice. This spirit-filled, intergenerational worship led by our children and youth should inspire all of us to improve the world for our children's sakes.



We'll also celebrate 60+ years of partnership with Little Pilgrim School. We'll especially thank Little Pilgrim School teachers Angela de Ita, Amanda Frame-Wawro, Leslie Minckler, Martha Nogales, and Lorrie Cook, Director, who joyfully affirm and encourage all our children every day.

Then after worship, be sure to return for the Fauntleroy Fall Festival from 2-5:00! Activities include pumpkin painting, a cake walk, live music, and so much more fun for all ages. Mark your calendar for this full and wonderful day!

Karyn

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The **Christmas Wreath** sale will begin on **Sunday, Oct. 23**. Details will be in upcoming Congregators, Bulletins and highlights.