



The Congregator

Fauntleroy Church United Church of Christ

November 13, 2017

When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God. -Leviticus 19:33-34

From Pastor Leah's Desk:

Max, a minister and respected community leader, loving husband and father of four U.S. citizen children who's been in the U.S. for 20 years; Ana, a loving grandmother and 40+ year U.S. resident; Samy, a 42 year-old father who became undocumented at age nine when U.S. immigration officials lost a citizenship application, also a member of an oppressed and harassed minority group in his country of origin; Jose, a green card holder since the 1970's, presently a cancer patient whose three adult, U.S. citizen children are close to help care for him – who would you deport?

This was the question presented to our Monday night adult education study group by Mary Code and Karyn Frazier. To make it "easier" on us, each of the above individuals (who come from real case studies) was revealed to have had an alcohol or drug-related conviction at some point in their past except for Jose, who was in the midst of an open drug case (perhaps related to pain management for his cancer).

To me, the more important first question I ask myself is "Who do I think Jesus would deport?" Of course, that's a preposterous question. As a teacher steeped in the law and reformer calling the people of his time to authenticity of faith, Jesus followed a God whom scripture tells us cares immensely for our love, welcome and treatment of others – especially those ill-treated because of statuses that push them to the margins of society. Leviticus 19:33-34 is just one of thousands of biblical references that could be tied to the lesson that we are to love our neighbor, without regard for the boundaries society gives us.

Why? Because God does. And because God has created each and every person of this world in the image of God. To disrespect one of God's beloved creations is to profane the very being of God.

That's a strong challenge, but an important one. It's a challenge that calls us to an accountability of action when we ask the next question: "Who would our government deport?" Or rather, "Who *IS* our government deporting?" I'd like to extend two invitations to you as you consider all three of these questions I've given you here.

First, our adult education immigration series will reconvene in January for three Monday nights on which various speakers will come to talk to us about their experience and work related to immigration issues. I'm sure these will be great opportunities to gain further insight into the deep, complex and troubling nature of our immigration system, and participation in the first half of the class this Fall is not a prerequisite to joining us in January.

Second, the church council has invited the formation of an exploratory group to investigate, educate, listen and engage in shared brainstorming toward Fauntleroy Church discerning to where God might be calling us in taking a stand on issues of immigration in our country and community. There are numerous ways we could become engaged as a congregation, and I look forward to a faithful group finding what might be the right fit for Fauntleroy Church. I'd love to have this group formed by the end of our January, so if you are interested, please let me know.

There are moments in history that define you. And I believe Christians

SUNDAY MORNING

are facing one right now in the U.S. as policy is formed, reformed and executed in directions that come into opposition with some of our foundational beliefs of faith. "Love of neighbor" is one of those foundational beliefs of faith. I hope you will join us for good conversation about how best to live that belief among our documented and undocumented immigrant neighbors.

In faith, *Leah*

WORSHIP CHURCH SCHOOL 10:00 AM

November 19, 2017

**Wreaths Picked Up between
9 and 11 AM**

Matthew 25:14-30

The Parable of the Whistleblower
Leah Atkinson Bilinski Preaching
Pageant Practice – 4th Floor
New Members Received

Following Worship

Mental Health 101 - Sanctuary

November 26, 2017

Matthew 25:31-46

Leah Atkinson Bilinski Preaching
Pageant Practice in
Fellowship Hall

**Following Worship
Hanging of the Greens**



CALENDAR

Saturday – November 18

- 11:00 Stewardship Com. – Ackers home
- 5:00 Crock Pots – Ackers home

Sunday – November 19

- 9-11 Wreaths must be picked up
- 9:00 Adult Bible Study – Library
- 10:00 Worship – Receive New Members
Pageant Practice – 4th Floor
- 11:30 Vera Holte B-day Party – F.H.
Mental Health 101 – Sanc.
Worshp Ministry – Fish Bowl

Monday – November 20

- 8:30 Altar Guild
- 7:00 Facilities Ministry – Fish Bowl

Tuesday – November 21

- 3:30 LPS Teachers Mtg-4th Flr CR

Wednesday – November 22

- No LPS Classes
- 9:45 Staff Meeting – Fish Bowl

Thursday – November 23



Friday – November 24

- Office Closed**
- 1:00 Memorial Service for **Elaine Breuninger** – Sanctuary

Sunday – November 26

- 9:00 Adult Bible Study – Library
- 10:00 Worship
Pageant Practice – F. Hall
- 11:30 Hanging of the Greens – throughout the building

Monday – November 27

- 8:30 Altar Guild
- 6:30 Sistes – Goldfine home

Tuesday – November 28

- 6:30 Seaside Sisters – Room 416

Wednesday – November 29

- 9:45 Staff – Fish Bowl

Thursday – November 30

- 10:00 Sisters – Lounge
- 6:30 Bells – Sanctuary
- 6:45 Executive Com. - Library
- 7:30 Choir – Sanctuary

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 orientation.

THANK YOU!

BENCH IN MEMORIAL GARDEN



Thanks to Renato and Crow, employees of the West Seattle Nursery, for installing the new granite bench in the Memorial Garden on Oct. 17. The bench was purchased with funds from the **Lither, Cook and Cruzen** families. When you get a chance, go check it out! It looks like it's always been there!

Jenny Mandt, Grounds Group Supervisor

NAMETAG CABINET HAS A NEW HOME!

Thanks to **Jamie Bilinski** for leading the efforts to move the name-tag cabinet to where the literature rack was, behind the double doors to the sanctuary. He received help from **Al and Marilynn Bernahl and Gordy Mandt** and clean-up help from our custodian, **Billy McElroy**. It looks great!

Moving the cabinet allows the Welcome Table to be located next to the coffee hour gatherings Sunday mornings. From that location, the Welcome Table attendants can more easily connect visitors with the people of Fauntleroy Church. This change was recommended by the Visitor to Member Task Force in early 2017.

Thanks, **Sarah**



PROTECTING THE FOUNDATION

Thanks to **Kurt Reeves, Jeff and Robin VanGilder, and Phil Sweetland** for recontouring the path outside the Pilates room to keep rain water flowing away from the building foundation.

Sarah

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WE'RE NOW PODCASTING!



Podcasts make it easy to discover and listen to audio such as sermons and radio-style shows while you are on the go (or sitting in traffic!). You can either play them over the internet (called Streaming), or download them to your device to listen without an internet connection (recommended for mobile listening). To listen to our Fauntleroy Church sermons from your device, open either the iTunes app or Google Play app and search for Fauntleroy UCC. A podcast player may be suggested for download first. Once you've found us, subscribe to the podcast for notification when a new sermon is available. **Pastor Leah**

A COMMUNITY EVENT

COME TO THANKSGIVING DINNER

For the 19th year, Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes Catering will serve a **free Thanksgiving dinner** at The Hall at Fauntleroy on the holiday (Nov. 23). Expect a full sit-down meal, from salad to unlimited trips to the dessert bar. Hours will be **noon to 3 PM**, with seating whenever you arrive.



This meal is for all comers. If cooking is too much this year or your plans change at the last minute, come. Many guests arrange to meet friends or family members there.

A feature of this dinner in the Fauntleroy schoolhouse is the give-away table for guests in need. Donations of kids clothing are encouraged, with an emphasis this year on new socks (any size) and blankets. Pies, cookies, and other desserts are especially welcome.

Bring donations to The Hall at Fauntleroy on Thanksgiving between 10 AM and 1 PM, or call 206-932-1059 to arrange your drop-off the afternoon before. **Judy Pickens**

ADVENT ACTIVITIES

CALLING ALL BAKERS

The Advent season is coming and that means it is time to pull out your aprons, cookie cutters, and favorite recipes and bake! Between 11/26 and 12/24, we have eight worship services, the Alternative Giving Fair, and the Advent Festival.

If you like to bake, please consider bringing a couple dozen cookies to the church for use during Advent. Cookies can go directly into the freezer...just label with the date and what's contained inside.

Thanks in advance for helping to keep our taste buds happy during the holidays.
Sarah

ALTERNATIVE GIVING FAIR 2017

Back by popular demand, the West Seattle



Alternative Giving Fair will be in Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, Dec. 2 (6:00-8:30 PM)** and **Sunday, Dec. 3 (11:30 AM-2:30 PM)**.

The fair will provide a convenient opportunity to say "I love you!" or "Thank you!" to family members, friends, teachers, caregivers, and other special people this holiday season by giving from the heart in their name.

Representatives of at least 19 non-profits will be on hand to explain what they do and welcome donations that strengthen families and communities, support elders, care for creation, and respond to hunger and homelessness. Saturday evening will include festive refreshments.

The Alki and Admiral UCC congregations and the West Seattle and Fauntleroy YMCA are co-sponsoring this community-wide event with us. See the list of participating agencies on the events page at www.fauntleroyucc.org or on posters around the church building.

Judy Pickens

HELP OUR NEIGHBORS HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING – OFFERING ON NOVEMBER 19



For the past several years, Fauntleroy Church has partnered with the White Center Food Bank (WCFB) to ensure that our neighbors can enjoy the bounty of Thanksgiving. This year, we'll make a special offering of cash and checks on November 19 so the food bank can purchase exactly what is most needed this holiday season.

White Center Food Bank ensures that children are well nourished, seniors live in dignity, and that all members of our community have access to fresh, healthy food. In 2016, the food bank served 60,000 people, of which nearly 15,000 were children and 20,000 were over the age of 55.

Our financial donations allow WCFB to buy food to supplement what is donated. Without these gifts, the food bank could not provide milk, eggs, meat, fresh produce, and culturally appropriate foods such as tortillas, rice, beans, halal meat, and more. White Center is an ethnically diverse community with a growing immigrant population, so the food bank has adapted to meet the needs of its clients. In-person services are provided in four languages, and all written materials are provided in six languages.

WCFB also has a mobile food bank program for seniors and disabled clients; a baby pantry for diapers, formula, baby foods and equipment; a community demonstration garden and P-patch; a cultural foods buying program; grocery rescues; and cooking demonstrations that double as nutrition lessons. Our support truly makes a difference!

This Thanksgiving season, as we gather with friends and family to recognize our blessings, we have the opportunity to share our gifts with our neighbors in need. Please give generously on November 19.

LeeAnne Beres, WCFB Board Member

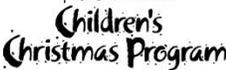
JOINT SOJOURNERS AND CROCK POTS

Sojourners and Crock Pots will be combining for a Christmas potluck on December 10th at **Celesta and John Bjornson's** home. Please watch for your Evite with more details.
Sarah



CHILDREN'S PAGEANT: THE BEST PRESENT EVER

This year's Children's Pageant is December 10th during worship. "The Best Present Ever" is written and directed by



our own Annika Bjornson. Her Christmas present to us! In this fun tale, a selfish child, Eli, goes on a journey of faith that changes him and his understanding of Christmas forever. As a bonus gift, Bron wrote three delightful pageant songs for us that we all will be humming through our Christmas season.

We have a couple more Sunday practices and then the dress rehearsal on December 9th from 9:00-12:00! A few things parents should know:

- Parts are simpler this year and each class has its own special scene to prepare. There are ways for everyone to be involved on Sunday mornings.
- We'll practice songs and bring the classes' scenes together on Nov.26 and Dec. 3
- Then the December 9th dress rehearsal is essential. Everyone with a speaking role needs to be at church from 9:00-12:00. (More details to come.)

Thanks to everyone who has helped Annika pull everything—music, props, scenery, sets, sound and sanity--together. Just a few more finishing touches and we'll be ready to go. Come see "The Best Present Ever" and rediscover the meaning of Christmas!

(AND after the pageant, stay for the Advent Festival! What a wonderful Sunday of worship and fellowship December 10th will be! What a wonderful way to get our hearts ready for Christmas.)



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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	Bill McElroy
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

Dirck Armitage has been struggling with health issues over the last several months. He was in Park West with pneumonia and had an allergic reaction to an antibiotic, among other things. He is now home and **Marie** is working hard to care for him.

Tena Hendrie had a fall recently on a Sunday morning before church. She hit her head and required 4 staples and 3 stitches. She was very grateful to **Julie Huff** who was there to help when this happened. Her daughter, **Amy**, has been staying with her, which has been a real comfort.

Please keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers during this time of recovery.

THE KITCHEN IS FINISHED!

The little "staff" kitchen has been spiffed up...painted, retiled, a new faucet and sink. Thanks to **Gordy & Jenny Mandt**, who did the planning and purchasing of materials and the bulk of the work. And, to **Ken Beres** who served as their able assistant a couple of Saturdays. It just looks great and is clean! Stop and take a look when you're here next.

A huge thank you to Gordy, Jenny and Ken! You guys are the best!
Jackie

IN MEMORIAM

Elaine Breuninger

July 14, 1921 – October 5, 2017

Rog Bjorklund

May 15, 1920 – October 30, 2017

Long-time former member, **Elaine Breuninger**, passed away on 10/5/17. A memorial service will be held here on Friday, Nov. 24, at 1 PM.

Rog Bjorklund passed away on 10/30. She had been living in a West Seattle assisted living facility for several years. No service date has been set at this time.

Please keep the family and friends of Elaine and Rog in your prayers.

SUNDAY MORNING

PLEASE PASS THEM DOWN

On Sunday mornings, please make it a point to sign in on the white attendance pads and pass them to the people in your pew. The attendance pads are white and hang from hooks next to the center aisle. The staff and Caring Ministry use the attendance information to help identify people who may not have come to church for a while. It is a way we can help take care of each other. And, the

information shared on the pew pads helps us to connect with visitors.

Please, make it a priority to sign in each Sunday. If your pew mate doesn't pass the pad to you, ask for it!
Sarah

PARKING LOT HOSPITALITY

The lower parking lot is full most Sunday mornings. If you are able to walk a few extra yards and take the stairs, consider parking in one of the upper levels to allow those with limited mobility to park closer to the church.

Thank you!
Sarah

"THE CHRISTMAS CAROL RAG", 11/24 – 12/17, , Fri./Sat. at 8 PM, and Sundays 2 pm

Kevin Finney will be performing in this delightfully irreverent musical take on the Dickens classic, Ebenezer Scrooge who has been recast as an embittered woman named Evelyn and moved to 1911 New York City. Evelyn runs her sweatshop with an iron fist, but slowly opens her heart when visited by a Yiddish-spouting ghost of Christmas Past and a gospel-wailing ghost of Christmas Present. Get your tickets online at <http://burienactorstheatre.org/tickets/current-season>, or send an email with your request to: tickets@burienactorstheatre.org.