RESPONDING IN FAITH TO THE STATE OF OUR COUNTRY

In the last couple months, many people have posed the question, "What can I do to respond to what feels like a growing atmosphere of racism, division, and hatred in our world?" In seeking to respond to this question as a church community, we are looking in multiple directions. Many are becoming more politically active or engaging the work of social justice in new or deeper ways. A good number of Fauntleroy Church members participated in the Million Woman’s March, some joined in the first December discussion of a new racial justice group forming amongst U.C.C. churches in West Seattle, and a few attended, or have signed up to attend, a Bystander Intervention training to prepare for situations in which someone is being publicly targeted in our presence (the next one is here at Fauntleroy on Thursday, Feb. 23, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.). Beyond political or social justice engagement, many have also recognized the need to better educate ourselves on who Jesus was as we seek to better live into our commitment to follow him. Over 40 people are participating in the New Testament study that began Jan. 21, and about 30 participated in our perspective-seeking "White Privilege" fall education series. Numbers are beginning to grow in our Sunday morning Adult Bible study as well. In our personal practices of faith, I know many of you are giving generously to the church and other non-profits seeking to do good work while living a message of peace, justice, love, care for the world and one another. And, I trust that we are also praying as we seek to lean on God and gain both calm and perspective.

In worship and at council, we’ve talked about living love for all we’re worth, trying to better come to know those who are different from us and living our mission and discipleship outside of the church doors. And, it is in these veins that I wish to invite you into new and important work. In cooperation with Alki U.C.C. and Admiral U.C.C., we are now looking at how we might further invest ourselves in local schools (beyond the great work that the Homelessness Task Force engages). In particular, Roxhill Elementary has reached out to us with the urgent need for volunteers who are willing to give an hour or more of their time each week in tutoring struggling students.

Roxhill Elementary is a very diverse elementary located just one mile from the church. Many of the students who attend there come from economically depressed families, and 80% qualify for the free or reduced lunch program. 80%! They are a local school facing great need amongst their students, but there is a lot of hope at Roxhill. And, we can help meet that hope with our love and collective U.C.C. partnership.

Most of us live lives with lots of advantages, and we have much we can share with those who are disadvantaged. Donations to worthy causes and organizations are great (and needed), but we need interactions in our lives that aren’t just one-way, that push us outside our comfort zone a bit, that give us glimpses into lives different from our own. Tutoring disadvantaged students does that. As a pastor and former teacher, I can tell you that it is “God work” of the highest value.

Interested? Contact the church office or come by the Get-Involved table in the narthex for a detailed list of times, ages and subjects for which tutors are needed.

Let love flow, Leah

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WORSHIP/CHURCH SCHOOL

10:00 AM

January 29, 2017
Matthew 5:1-12
Karyn Frazier Preaching

February 5, 2017
Ministry Sunday led by Parish Life Ministry Missionaries Erik & Kim Free will be our Guest Preachers Communion

Following Worship
Erik & Kim Free will share their stories Fellowship Hall Light Lunch
Friday – January 27
No LPS Classes

Saturday – January 28
9-12:30 Adult Bible Study – F. Hall

Sunday - January 29
9:00  Adult Bible Study – Library
10:00 Worship

Monday – January 30
8:30  Altar Guild

Tuesday – January 31
2:30  Website Meeting – Fish Bowl
4:00  Emergency Prep – Fish Bowl

Wednesday – February 1
9:45  Staff Meeting – Fish Bowl
5:30  Parish Life Ministry - Library

Thursday – February 2
7:30  Choir

Friday – February 3
7:00  LPS Family Fun Night – F. Hall

Saturday – February 4
9-12:30 Adult Bible Study  – F. Hall

Sunday – February 5
9:00  Adult Bible Study – Library
10:00 Worship- Guest Preachers
11:30 Eric & Kim will share their missionary stories – F. Hall
Light Refreshments

Monday – February 6
8:30  Altar Guild
7:00  Pastoral Rels. Com.-Library

Tuesday – February 7
9:00  Fix-It Group
7:00  Personnel Com. – Fish Bowl

Wednesday – February 8
9:45  Staff Meeting – Fish Bowl
6:30  Christian Ed Ministry – Library

Thursday – February 9
10:00  Sisters - Lounge
7:30  Choir

Friday – February 10
7:30  Sweet, Sweet Music – F. Hall

Saturday – February 11
9:00  Adult Bible Study – F. Hall

Sunday – January 27
9:00  Adult Bible Study – F. Hall
Youth Service Sunday
10:00  Worship – New Members Received
11:30 LPS Open House
11:30  Green Fair – F. Hall
5:00  Confirmation Class – Rm 407

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9:00  Adult Bible Study – F. Hall
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11:30  Green Fair – F. Hall
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Monday – February 13
8:30  Altar Guild

Tuesday – February 14
Happy Valentine’s Day
5:15 Homelessness T. F. – Library

Wednesday – February 15
9:45  Staff Meeting – Fish Bowl
1:00  Fellowship Com. – Fish Bowl
7:00  Finance Ministry – 4th Flr CR

Thursday – February 16
11:30 Mid-Day Fellowship – F. Hall
6:30  Sisters – Anderson home
7:00  Facilities Ministry – Fish Bowl

Thursday, Feb. 23, 6:30-8:00 PM
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we'll focus on practical strategies for:
• de-escalation
• intervention on behalf of targeted persons
• strategic documentation
• safety planning in volatile situations.
We are all in this together. RSVP to jackie@fauntleroyucc.org. Leah

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HELPING OTHERS
BYSTANDER INTERVENTION TRAINING

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If you might want to prepare your favorite meat or vegetarian recipe for the contest, call the church office (206-932-5600) for details.

YOUTH NEWS
SERVICE SUNDAY WRAPPED UP (IN BLANKETS)
This past Sunday, eight Fauntleroy youth participated in making blankets for Project Linus, a national non-profit organization that provides handmade blankets to critically ill children. We sat and tied the fringes of 10 fleece blankets, which will be dropped off at the collection site and then distributed by Project Linus volunteers.

We all agreed that a good blanket is an excellent source of warmth and comfort. Many of us recalled our own favorite blankets that we had (or still have) when we were small. It even felt good to sit with a blanket on our laps on the chilly day knowing that the blankets were going to sick kids, and one blanket will be delivered straight to a friend of ours who is in the hospital!

Thank you Loving God, for our health and our ability to give.

Lisa Corbin
Project Linus…Our Mission
• Provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer “blanketeers”.
• Provide a rewarding and fun service opportunity for interested individuals and groups in local communities, for the benefit of children.

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**A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR**

It's registration time for 2017-2018 classes at Little Pilgrim School! You are ALL warmly invited to our Little Pilgrim School **Open House** on Sunday, Feb. 12, 11 AM -1:30 PM. Tour the classrooms, talk with teachers, ask any questions you may have and pick up registration materials for your family or someone you know.

Little Pilgrim School is a long-standing, high quality, play-based program touching the lives of multiple generations in this community and beyond! Come see this amazing program in action!

There are classes for children 2-5 years of age and we have 2, 3 and 4 day options as well as morning and afternoon classes. Fauntleroy Church families receive priority registration beginning in February and the registration fee is waived! We are so blessed to be a part of such a caring and vibrant community and we want to thank you for your continued support of our program! Contact us any time for more information at: Lorrie@fauntleroyucc.org or 206-932-5600.

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**SERVICE & OUTREACH**

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT ROXHILL**

**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING**

Our after school program is a Monday-Thursday academic enrichment program for students who are below standard in math and literacy. Students are grouped by grade and have 1 day of Math programming, 1 day of Literacy programming, and 2 days of various Enrichment programming such as Cooking, Skateboarding, and Photography. We are seeking extra adults to support our program facilitators on the following days:

- **Tuesdays 2:30-3:30** Kindergarten math group: Seeking 1 volunteer to work with 2-3 students with a math game or activity (i.e. memory, color worksheets, simple addition). The activity is pre-planned by a facilitator and explained upon arrival to our volunteers each week.

- **Thursdays 2:30-3:30** 1st grade math group: Seeking 1 volunteer to work with 3-4 students with a small math game or activity (i.e. memory, bingo, addition, subtraction). The activity is pre-planned by a facilitator and explained upon arrival to our volunteers each week.

**KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM**

- Mr. Mountain has 3 students that need remedial support in math and reading and 1 student that is advanced well beyond his others in reading and could use an adult to read to.

**2nd GRADE CLASSROOM**

- Ms. Lystra has 2 students who could use reading support or an adult to read to during STAR time. Seeking 1 volunteer from 1:00-1:30 any day available.

**SWEET, SWEET MUSIC**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 7:30 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

GOT TALENT? Fauntleroy Church and its surrounding community is EXPLODING with talent. Last year at our National Youth Event Fundraising Talent Show, we were treated to some pretty amazing entertainment, much of it from our younger community members (Leah's daughter Naomi singing and dancing "Twinkle, Twinkle" comes to mind, as does Teagan Gaither belting out "Jailhouse Rock."). I remember thinking at the time how sorry I felt for all the people that missed out on such a wonderful evening.

So, we're going to do it AGAIN on Friday, Feb. 10, with our next Sweet, Sweet Music, starting at 7:30 PM. Performers of all ages, this is your chance, here is my official CALL FOR TALENT. If you are a singer, a dancer, an instrumentalist, a poet, a circus acrobat -- whatever you can do to make everybody go "OOOO" and "AAHHH" -- please connect with me and let's get this show on the road! I'm looking forward to hearing from you all and encouraging you to set up your audition session NOW as I have a limited number of spots!

The price of admission to Sweet, Sweet Music is $10 for adults and kid are free. Bring a dessert to share if you have the time and energy. It’s makes that event that much sweeter! Don’t miss out; these home grown talent shows are so much fun!

**Bronwyn Edwards**, Music Director - bron@sirensongweb.com or 206-255-4590 (text or call).

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**POPCORN FRIDAYS**

PTSA sells popcorn every Friday for 50 cents a bag to students during their lunch time. **Seeking 2-4 volunteers** to make and sell popcorn. More volunteers = split shifts.

- Shift to make popcorn at 10am
- Shifts in play court bagging and selling popcorn
  - 10:50 - 11:20
  - 11:20 – 11:50
  - 11:50 – 12:20

Pastor Leah
Sunday Worship & Church School: 10 AM
Office Hours: 8:30-3:30 PM Mon.-Thurs. 8:30-2:30 Fri.

Senior Minister
Music Director
Christian Ed Director
Little Pilgrim School Director
Wedding Coordinator
Volunteer & Engagement Coor.
Youth Leader
Nursery Supervisor
Custodian
Financial Assistant
Financial Assistant
Office Manager

CONGREGATOR DEADLINE: TUESDAYS, 1 PM

PEOPLE NEWS
Dan Cook was in the hospital for 4 days with pneumonia. He is now back at his family home in Burien

A GENTLE REMINDER
We have had several “smash and grabs” in our parking lot in the last few weeks. Please do not leave anything of value visible in your car when you leave it in the parking lot.

ATTENTION YOUTH!
It’s that time of year to watch the amazing Super Bowl Commercials, and maybe some of the game too. Youth (grades 6-12) are invited to the Holsberry’s home to watch the game and eat delicious goodies. The game starts at 3:30 PM and we’ll gather at 3. Please plan on bringing a snack to share and RSVP to Kristen - youth@fauntleroyucc.org.

GOT ANY EXTRA TOWELS??
The Homelessness Task Force has been working with the Delridge Community Center to provide free shower vouchers for the homeless. They are now running low on towels. This is a good opportunity to check your laundry closet and donate any extra towels you may have. Thanks! Baiba Morris

IN MEMORIAM
Larry Lither
February 6, 1947 – January 14, 2017

Church member, Larry Lither, passed away on 1/14/17 with his family by his side. A service is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 6, 2017, at 2PM in our sanctuary. Please keep his wife, Barbara, and children, Brette and Benjamin, in your prayers.

SPECIAL WORSHIP FEB. 5.
UCC Missionaries Kim and Erik Free will be our very special guest ministers on February 5. Both were recent Global Ministries missionaries to Mozambique until the area became too unstable. Among other things, Erik assisted the community with finding ways to reduce food scarcity and to increase self-sustain-ability. Kim provided training on preventive medical care, HIV/AIDS, and literacy. Some of our OCWM offerings helped support their efforts, and they are excited to share their passion about their work with us. Fauntleroy Church is their host for the morning, so we encourage all to show them Fauntleroy’s warm and widest hospitality. Enjoy worship and their good message and, then, please stay for a reception and presentation immediately following in Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be served by the Service and Outreach Ministry. Karyn

COUNCIL FOCUSES ON MISSION
The focus of the Dec. 6 Council meeting was a dialogue about “being the church” in the world today. Leah hearkened back to her sermon from last year about “Jesus’ Mission.” The discussion centered on caring for one another and listening to each other’s experience following the election. In light of our mission to follow Jesus in caring for others, several ideas are developing within the congregation for ways to “be” outside our doors including tutoring, bystander intervention training, learning more about Jesus through the adult ed class, a response team for acts of hate crimes, engagement with the national UCC. Going forward, Leah, Karyn and others are asked to think about resources we can make available to members and friends of Fauntleroy to take action and respond. Other topics included the Treasurer’s report of a favorable internal audit conducted by members of the Finance Ministry. Council and ministry members were encouraged to respond to the Facilities Ministry’s survey. Karyn and Leah shared updates on the Alternative Giving Fair, the Adult Education classes and other ways we are partnering with West Seattle UCC churches and the community.