A Note From Pastor Leah
Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. – Genesis 2:1-3

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it. -- Exodus 20:8-11

The longest of the ten commandments and the only one with the word “holy” applied to it is the commandment to remember the Sabbath and keep it holy. For six days, as the first of the two Genesis creation stories goes, God was mightily busy, making light, sky, land, plants, the sun, moon and stars, then animals of the sea, sky and land, and finally, human beings.

And, on the seventh day, God collapsed, slept 14 hours, ordered pizza, let the dirty dishes pile up and vegged out on the couch, right? Or maybe God booked the first flight out of town for a much-needed vacation, knowing that the next item on the “to-do” list was going to be a doozy (that whole kicking Adam and Eve out of the garden episode).

Umm, no. But isn’t it funny that this is often how we approach our own times of “rest.”

Now there’s nothing wrong with cutting yourself a break when needed and giving yourself permission not to feel bad about it. We all need to go easier on ourselves. But I think we should be intentional about recognizing what is true rest, holy rest, Sabbath rest – and what is simply disengagement and escapism.

Keeping Sabbath isn’t about disengaging or escaping from life; it’s about taking a time of holy rest and repose to enter life more fully. It’s about regularly taking time within our own creation-work to remember who and whose we are, to sink into peace-filled moments and gain perspective in the calm. It’s about taking the initiative to let God lead you beside still waters (Psalm 23), because God’s not about dragging you kicking and screaming into stillness. And, yes, it’s about worship too. Keeping the Sabbath holy in our lives is about all these things.

We all need the spiritual discipline of Sabbath time. That’s why early Jewish faith leaders saw fit to include it in the creation story and the list of the ten commandments – not because it’s about what God needs, but about what we need, as God’s people. And when we find a way to regularly, faithfully remember the Sabbath and keep it holy, some Jewish sages believe that we literally train our being to live into a picture of the Olam Ha Bah, or world to come.

I believe that too. I believe that the Realm (or Kingdom) of God of which Jesus spoke is waiting to be realized; and truly, all it will take is enough people regularly opening our eyes and hearts to that higher, Sabbath plane of being.

Sometimes, the greatest work we can do in the world is to practice Sabbath repose. These last few weeks, as I’ve rushed to keep up with news cycles, desperately wanting to faithfully lead Fauntleroy Church in directions relevant to our cultural context, I believe God has placed it on my heart to remind you (and myself) today of this commandment, perhaps devalued and ignored more than any other in our culture today: remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.

It’s not a guilt trip or a cop out. It’s an invitation to fuel up for the long haul and the ultimate haul – toward the realm of God.

In faith, Leah

SUNDAY MORNING

WORSHIP/CHURCH SCHOOL
10:00 AM

February 19, 2017
“Lives Marked by Integrity and Justice”
Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
Matthew 5:38-48
Guest Preacher
Rev. Bob Atkinson

Following Worship
11:30-3:30
Pictorial Directory Pictures-Sanctuary

February 26, 2017
Transfiguration Sunday
Matthew 17:1-9
Karyn Frazier Preaching
Saturday – February 18
9:00 Adult Bible Study – F. Hall
9:00 Fix-It Group
9:00 Stewardship Com. – BRR
5:00 Crock Pots – Ackers home

Sunday – February 19
9:00 Adult Bible Study – Library
10:00 Worship
11:30 Worship Ministry – Fish Bowl
11:30-3:30 Pictorial Directory Pics - Sanctuary

Monday – February 20
Office Closed
LPS Mid-Winter Break (20-24)

Tuesday – February 21
8:30 Altar Guild

Wednesday – February 22
9:45 Staff Meeting – Fish Bowl

Thursday – February 23
10:00 Sisters – Lounge
6:30 Bystander Intervention Training – Fellowship Hall
6:30 Ukelele Practice
7:30 Choir

Saturday – February 25
11:00 Earl Cruzen Memorial

Sunday – February 26
9:00 Adult Bible Study – Library
10:00 Worship
11:15 Green Com. – Fish Bowl
5:00 Confirmation Class – Rm. 407

Monday – February 27
8:30 Altar Guild
6:30 Sisters – Beerman home

Tuesday – February 28
10:00 Caring Ministry - Library
7:00 Council - BRR

Wednesday – March 1
LPS Registration opens to community
9:45 Staff Meeting – Fish Bowl
5:30 Parish Life Ministry – Library
7:00 Worship Service

Thursday – March 2
7:30 Choir

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

Saturday – March 4
6:00 Chili Cook-Off – F. Hall

Sunday – March 5
9:00 Adult Bible Study –
10:00 Worship – Communion
Ministry Sunday led by
the Green Committee
4:45 SOAR – at the church
5:00 Sojourners – Bjornson home

Monday – March 6
8:30 Altar Guild

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

Wednesday – March 8
9:45 Staff
6:30 Christian Ed Min. - Library

Thursday – March 9
10:00 Sisters – Lounge
7:30 Choir

LET’S LIVE OUT OUR FAITH!

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GETTING TO KNOW THE BIBLE

Have you ever wanted to know more about the Bible or were perhaps looking for an in-depth refresher? If so, you are warmly invited to attend the adult Bible study, "Biblical Literature: Genesis to Revelation," Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in the library. Come listen to a premier Biblical teacher present each book of the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, with engaging, visual and illustrative presentations. Each class covers a section of the Bible that creates its own story, allowing you to learn more even if you can’t attend every Sunday session. The class is formatted with a 30 minute DVD presentation (copyright 2016) followed by a group discussion of the material. Gather with others for an enjoyable 50 minutes each Sunday before Worship Service. Upcoming topics:

2/19 Psalms, the Bible’s Songbook
2/26 Biblical Wisdom Literature
3/5 Elijah, the Troubler of Israel
3/12 Justice and Love in Amos and Hosea
3/19 Isaiah on Defiant Hope
3/26 Jeremiah on Anguish and Compassion (last one)

SERVICE & OUTREACH

We need your Service and Outreach project ideas! We received a generous $10,000 gift to be used for community projects in the local/NW area and beyond. Our goals include offering our congregation volunteer opportunities and embracing different kinds of giving. Here are some examples of giving categories (that may overlap in a project) to consider:

Preventative: Will the project or donation stop something undesirable from happening? Or address a cause of an undesirable situation?

Community Organizing: Will the project support a project that has more capacity to generate its own needed resources? Example: Oaxaca Mission

Charity: Will the donation provide for short-term, particular needs. Example: Making sandwiches or care packages and taking them to homeless camp.

To learn more and submit your project, visit the “Get Involved” table outside the sanctuary or download the submission form here: http://bit.ly/SOProjectForm2017

Deadline for submissions: March 19, 2017. For any questions and to submit your project via email, please contact the Service and Outreach Ministry chair, Juliet Jones, julietwehrjones@gmail.com. Thank you for helping us bring this generous gift to life with your project ideas!

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COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE CHILI COOK-OFF

Are you ready to add a little (or a lot!) of heat to your winter diet? Then the sixth annual Fauntleroy Chili Cook-Off is just the ticket.

Come enjoy a great evening with church friends and community neighbors on Saturday, March 4, 6 - 8:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. A 10 spot per person or $25 per family at the door will get you all the chili samples you can tolerate, condiments, cornbread, a beverage, a root beer float, and 5 votes to decide the best of the competition.

If you might want to compete with your favorite meat or vegetarian recipe, contact the church office jackie@fauntleroyucc.org or (206-932-5600) for all the details. We’re expecting a mix of first-time and returning home chefs, from both the church and neighborhood.

Sarah Ackers will soon be recruiting volunteers to cashier, decorate, do prep work, assist chefs, clean up, and bring cornbread (we will need a lot!). On Sunday, 2/19, the volunteer sign-up poster will be next to the Get Involved table, waiting for you to add your name. You can also email her at sarah.ackers@fauntleroyucc.org, or call the church office.

Whether you plan to lend a hand or just come to enjoy the evening, check the back of your closet now for anything you have that’s Western so you’ll be right in style on the big night!

Adam Moomey

CAREGIVER SUPPORT CLASSES

Alki UCC is hosting a caregiver support class entitled, “Support U: Fostering Caregiver Wellness”. This interfaith program is developed for use by all denominations. The cost is $5 to cover the expense of materials. The first class was held on Feb. 11, but the remaining two are open to all.

Feb. 25, Self-Care for the Caregiver Family dynamics and communication
Mar. 11, Dementia, Chronic Illness & the Family Financial Well-Being

EDUCATIONAL DYNAMIC FILM SERIES

Admiral Church UCC will present the 2nd Annual Black Power/White Churches Film Series. The address is, 4320 SW Hill St. Go to www.admiralchurch.org for more information. The first film was presented on Feb. 3.

Feb. 10: The House I Live In – A penetrating look inside America’s Criminal Justice System
Feb. 17: Rikers – Personal testimonies about the culture of violence and corruption for over 3 decades.
Feb. 24: 13th – An in-depth look at the prison system in the United States and how it reveals the nation’s history of racial inequality.

STAFF STUFF

CONGREGATOR AND OFFICE SCHEDULE

I will be on vacation Feb. 15-Mar 1. Therefore, the newsletter schedule will be a bit different. This will be the only edition sent out in February. Then, there will be three in March: March 6, 20 and 27, which will work out well for sharing upcoming Lenten activities. Each day that I’m gone, there will be someone covering the phones in the office from 9 AM to Noon.

My husband and I are heading down to Scottsdale with friends for two weeks. I’m looking forward to it! And, we’re going to two Mariner’s games!

Jackie
CONGREGATOR DEADLINE: TUESDAYS, 1 PM

OVER THE FENCE

LET THERE BE LIGHT
The Saturday Fix-It group will be meeting in the sanctuary on 2/18, at 9 AM, to replace lights on the ceiling. Pews will be moved in order to make room for the lift needed to reach the lights. Help is still needed for this project. Please let Sarah Ackers know if you plan on helping.

COOKIES, PLEASE
If you’re baking these days, please consider baking an extra dozen to bring to the church. We can always use more cookies for unexpected events. Thanks!

COME SEE US!
It’s time for another school musical from Van Asselt Elementary. My students will perform Disney’s "The Aristocats - Kids" at Rainier Beach High School's Performing Arts Center Thursday, February 16 and Friday February 17 at 7:00 pm, and Saturday February 18 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are $10 at the door, with discounts for students, seniors, and advance purchase. By the way, our own Annika Bjornson choreographed the show for us. Thanks, Kevin Finney

IN MEMORIAM
Earl Cruzen

Long-time church member, Earl Cruzen, passed away on January 23. Earl was very involved with both the church and the community in many capacities over the years. He is survived by his wife, Adah. A worship service in his honor will be held in our sanctuary on Feb. 25, at 11 AM. Please keep the family in your prayers.

THANKS TO OUR HOSTS
The Parish Life Ministry would like to thank the hosts of our recent Get Acquainted potlucks: Marie Sever, Baiba & Phil Morris, Molly & Glenn Seaverns, Kari & Beau Holsberry, Day & Dennis Eaton, Laura Grit & David Yanacek, Sarah & Ben Ackers, Amy Hallmon, Jo Ann Anderson, and Bronwyn Edwards & Conrad Wesselhoeft. Together, they hosted close to 50 people for food and fellowship. Thank you for extending our church’s tradition of hospitality to those in your homes. If you would like to participate in or host a Get Acquainted potluck in the future, please contact Sarah Ackers

ANOTHER WAY TO GET INVOLVED
The church could definitely use a few more Memorial Service Ushers. Currently, we have about seven folks willing (on weekdays to serve as ushers for memorial services, both member and non. It takes about 1 1/2 hours of your time, you meet some interesting people and you’ll get lots of instruction. A checklist is currently being developed. You would only have to do this a few times a year, but we do need two ushers for each service. In January and February, we’ve had five memorials, but prior to these, it had been a few months. So, you never know.

If you have any interest in volunteering in this way, please give the church a call. Thank you! Jackie

A NEW BABY, HOW NICE!
Paige Lyman was born on Feb. 23, weighing in at 9.2 lbs. She joins Mom and Dad, Molly and Matt Lyman, and big sis Phoebe. Proud Grandma is our own Chris Mahar. Mom and baby are doing well, but it was a pretty long birth and she was 10 days late. Please keep this wonderful family in your prayers.
WORSHIP WITHOUT WALLS
“Whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Matt 25:40

We are about to do a new thing! **On Sunday, March 12, 2017,** we’ll celebrate worship in a new way that we are calling “Worship without Walls.” We will gather in the sanctuary at 10:00 as we always do, then we’ll receive a sending blessing from Pastor Leah and sing our way right back out again to engage in **service in the wider community until about 12:30.** All of us engaging in service!

When we had our Alternative Giving Fair in December, several of the organizations that came to our “house” asked if we could come to theirs. March 12 will be our way of living out Lenten worship in the world and living into that invitation from them. Imagine that Sunday morning heading out to the Food Lifeline warehouse to help pack food for the 250 food banks they serve. Or you might head out to the Kenney to assist with some gardening. Or Youth and Family Services are looking for some volunteers. Then, there are people from the congregation who would love a visit…..Get the idea? Our whole congregation out on a Sunday morning looking for glimpses of God everywhere.

Or you might just want to look for God right here on site. Friend to Friend has offered to come to do a “Companionship Training” for those who’d like to learn about volunteering with them or would just like to be a better companion to anyone. And, we hope to be assembling kits for Church World Service here, too, knowing that it might be easier for some—younger and older--to stay closer to the church.

The logistics are still unfolding, but this is getting very exciting. If you’d like to help with the planning, let Karyn know. In the meantime, look for more details about signing up to serve, mark your calendar for Worship without Walls, and plan to come to church on March 12, dressed for living your faith out loud in the world.

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**OVER THE FENCE**

**SAY CHEESE!**

On Sunday, 2/19, following worship, Ben Ackers will be taking photos to update our church directory. Wondering if you should have your photo taken? Well, if you've never had your individual photo taken by Ben for the directory, if your last photo was taken on the patio, if you are a child (kids grow up quickly), or if you would simply like to have a new photo taken, sign up! If you consider Fauntleroy Church to be your church, you are encouraged to be in the photo directory. You do not need to be a member to be included. Signup sheets on the Get Involved Table.

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**MINISTRY MINUTES**

**SERVICE & OUTREACH MINISTRY**

Highlights from the Jan. 18 ministry meeting.

**Homelessness Task Force:**

1. **Sock Drive in 2017:** Instead of doing a sock drive in January, HTF will hold a sock drive in October to better align with Operation Nightwatch’s effort and scheduling.

2. **Holiday Event Outcomes:** Schools were grateful for the store cards that came in from the Giving Tree. $3,000 was raised for Flint, Michigan water efforts through the Giving Tree and Christmas Offering. Pastor Leah will send a letter with our donation to Woodside Church.

3. **Alternative Giving Fair:** A successful event on all levels. The different agencies said the face time with community was as valuable as the donations. There was enthusiastic agreement that we do this event again next year.

4. **HTF hopes to schedule a couple of speakers for the spring, possibly connected with Facing Homelessness (http://www.facinghomelessness.org/community.html) and “Road to Nickelsville,” a documentary.**

5. **Bill Zoellner** is following up on a potential relationship with Seattle Alliance Chinese Church, which works with homeless populations.

6. **HTF is also discussing how they might create some resources to empower church members who'd like to do advocacy work.**

**Global Peace and Justice:** This group will begin to determine how to distribute GPJ funds. To start, **Marcia Wallace** will create a list of agencies/causes the taskforce has given to in the past.

**Green Committee:** They are working on the Green Fair (2/12 during coffee hour) and their Ministry Sunday for the kids (3/5).

**Hosting Missionaries Kim and Eric Free on Feb 4:** The Frees will preach, lead the Time with Children, and give a short presentation after worship. A light lunch reception is being planned.

**Unrestricted Giving:** Revisited the process of seeking proposals from the congregation about ways we can use funds to address, for example, hunger, low income issues, and poverty. These can be local projects or within the Pacific Northwest. They might also include mission trips. **Bob Embrey** lifted up the amount of time and very good work that has gone into this proposal plan and process by **Bob Fulford.** The hope is to do some good communication with the church and ministries soon and get a proposal/s to consider by March 19, coinciding with our Worship without Walls.

**NEW PEW PADS!**

We now have new pew pads. They are in the pew racks, but will soon be hanging on gold hooks on the inside aisle. PLEASE sign in each Sunday morning. Important information is taken from these sheets. More info in the next Congregator. Thanks! **Sarah**
FIELDTRIP TO HEAR JOHN DOMINIC CROSSAN, AUTHOR AND NEW TESTAMENT SCHOLAR, Saturday, March 4 from 8 AM – 4 PM

Please sign-up at the Get Involved Table to carpool to University Congregational UCC for a day of lectures by Dominic Crossan. Co-founder of the Jesus Seminar, Dr. Crossan was featured heavily in the Living the Questions series (think Irish brogue) and is an authority on the historical Jesus and 1st century Christianity. His theme for the weekend lecture series (Friday night-Sunday afternoon) is “The Challenge of the Christian Bible”, a nice segue from our recent New Testament study. You are welcome to purchase tickets for the whole weekend, but carpool arrangements will only be made for the Saturday program which goes from 9 AM to 3 PM; 9:00 Covenantal Law: Human Destiny or Divine Sanction? 11:00 God’s Kingdom: Violent Revolt or Non-Violent Resistance? 1:30 Christianity’s Criterion: Historical Jesus or Apocalyptic Jesus?

If interested, you must purchase your tickets in advance. There are mail-in order forms on the Get-Involved Table, along with a more detailed description of the lectures. Go to BrownPaperTickets.com to purchase them online (search John Dominic Crossan). The cost is $25 for the Saturday program. Given that Dr. Crossan is a well-known figure and the series is celebrating its 10th anniversary, it would be wise to buy your tickets as soon as possible.

We’ll organize carpools and gather in the parking lot at between 8 and 8:15 AM, and likely be back by 4, in plenty of time for the Chili Cook-off! Bring your own bag lunch or duck out for a walk and quick bite with a few friends. During the lunch break, there will be tables set-up to share perspectives on the lecture content.

Any questions, please contact Mary Code at 932-6301 or codemary55@gmail.com. Adult Christian Ed Committee

SPRING STUDY: MASS INCARCERATION OF AFRICAN AMERICANS
Michelle Alexander, author of The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration In the Age of Colorblindness, suggests that we have been asleep while the criminal justice system has filled our prisons and parole rolls with millions of African Americans, permanently relegating them to a second class status, not unlike the age of Jim Crow. This spring, the Adult Christian Education Program’s goal is to wake us all up.

To that end, we are planning to show the 2016 documentary 13th and hope that you and your older children will make time to attend and stick around for dessert and discussion. (date tbd). The film explores the history of racial inequity in the US and how it has resulted in the criminalization and disproportionate imprisonment of African Americans. We guarantee you and yours will not doze off.

Second, for your own learning or as background for a discussion series beginning April 18, we encourage you to buy or borrow Michelle Alexander’s book and start reading ASAP. It is overflowing with well-researched, multi-layered, shocking information that takes a while to digest. That being said, it is not necessary to read the book in order to participate in the discussion series. During each session, we will provide video clips and summary information that will be the basis for small group engagement. We also hope to schedule local speakers to address this very important issue.

Please consider one of these opportunities or better yet, all three. And in the meantime, take in the video series (including 13th) on Friday nights in February at Admiral Congregational Church on “The Problem with Prisons”, 7 PM. (See their website).  Mary Code

WOMEN’S NEWS
RETREAT CANCELLED
Thank you to all women who completed our short survey regarding the Women’s Retreat. After much thought and consideration and based on the results of the survey, it has been decided to cancel the retreat on March 24-26. We realize this may be a disappointment to many women of our congregation, but felt that after holding two retreats last year (a week-end and a one-day event), it would be best to take a break this year. That said, Pastor Leah, Karyn, and myself are committed to continuing this cherished activity, so if any are interested in planning for a 2018 Women’s Retreat please contact Vicky Ellis (joshuaellis001@msn.com). We will likely begin the planning process sometime in late summer or early fall. Thank you and God Bless.

HELPING OTHERS
BYSTANDER INTERVENTION TRAINING
Whether on the street, at school, or in the park, chances are you have witnessed someone being targeted by another person with harsh or degrading language. The spark can be as simple as skin color or a head covering.

On Thursday, Feb. 23, 6-7:30 PM in Fellowship Hall, we’ll host a free workshop for the entire community to learn when and how to take action that defuses such situations and helps re-center us all on positive social norms.

Rev. Andrew Conley-Holcom, pastor at Admiral UCC, will walk us through practical, safe strategies for intervening directly, distracting those involved, and soliciting support from others.

Please let the church office know you’re coming (206-932-5600) or jackie@fauntleroyucc.org. Judy Pickens