Fauntleroy Church United Church of Christ
March 20, 2017

WORSHIP WITHOUT WALLS

Well, we did a new Lenten thing! More than 135 people followed the Spirit out of the sanctuary and into on and offsite service projects to benefit of the wider community. We found a place for everyone and all ages, and though we were scattered, we shared the same blessing at each site, with adults, kids, and youth leading.

But did you feel the Spirit’s energy and blessing where you were led? Did you see Love as...

- You repackaged about 20,000 lbs. of food at Food Lifeline--enough to serve more than 12,000 meals to families in our community and beyond! All this in 2 hrs!
- You saw a remarkable presentation on the plight of refugees put together by Alina and Sheryl Guyon. And then you responded to this tragedy by assembling 100 education kits--over 200 lbs of supplies--ready to ship to Church World Service! These kits will offer some important basic education support for children stranded in the camps abroad.
- You cut and assembled art booklets for SW Youth and Family Services’ home visit program, saving a full school quarter’s worth of staff time for this wonderful organization. Pamela wrote, “Gracias for all your help. Our kids are going to love all these precious treats!” And Fadumo wrote, “Thank you for your hard work and your time. These little books are amazing!”
- You learned from Lisa Slavik, from Friend to Friend, that loneliness can be a greater health risk than smoking(!), and how we might address the loneliness and isolation of our more senior neighbors.
- You created a splendid, swirling, colorful banner to capture some of that Lenten Spirit that was flowing in this community. (Thanks, kids!)
- You remembered your littlest ones were well cared for by Carol Smith, who stayed late in the nursery so we could work without worries. (Thanks, Carol!)

And did you hear Love in the first reflections from the day? That people felt they got to know each other better as they worked side by side, and that children insisted their parents take them to serve again. Many people are aching to go back to Food Lifeline, and several already have. Many of you felt we all needed to have our eyes opened by the video Alina showed about the refugee crisis. Friend to Friend invited us to a volunteer training on March 25, 9:30-11, at El Dorado West Retirement in Burien, and several people already plan to attend. Tim Richards reported that Youth and Family Services could use our help quarterly on similar Parent/Child packet prep. Can you imagine the difference that would make? And on and on and on…..

Pastor Leah wrote in our Worship without Walls sending, “If we do not allow our worship of God inside these walls to fuel our worship of God beyond these walls, then we do not worship.” Did you feel the truth of that in your hearts as we did this new Lenten thing one Sunday morning? I know I did. We went out, following the Spirit and looking for Love. By the sounds of it, we found it and are still worshipping! Blessings as your Lenten journey continues. Who knows where Love will lead us next!

Karyn

WORSHIP/CHURCH SCHOOL
10:00 AM

March 26, 2017
“Challenged to Recognize Sin Differently”
Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
John 8:2-11
Leah Bilinski Preaching

April 2, 2017
Stewardship Campaign Kicks Off!
“Challenged to be Bold in the Face of the Unpopular”
The Story of Esther
John 9:1-41
Communion
Leah Bilinski Preaching


**Mind and if you have time, please stay a chance to debrief.**

With that goal in mind, we invite you to join us for a potluck gathering and screening of the film “13th” on Tuesday, April 18, 6:30-9:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. A 2016 Academy Award nominated documentary, “13th,” offers a startling, in-depth look at the prison system and how it relates to the nation’s history of racial inequality. The title refers to the 13th Amendment which abolished slavery, but included a clause allowing for the enslavement of prisoners. Rated the most relevant movie of the year at the New York Film Festival, “13th” is a film that you will likely want a chance to debrief. With that goal in mind and if you have time, please stay on for a half hour to share your reactions and insights over dessert and coffee. Please bring a main dish or side and we’ll supply the drinks, goodies, and discussion questions. Older kids (mature middle schoolers and up) are welcome. While advance sign-up is not required, dropping by the Get Involved Table and listing your potluck offering would be helpful; otherwise dinner might end up being macaroni and cheese and chips and dips…

**Mary Code**

**SPRING DISCUSSION SERIES ON THE NEW JIM CROW**

**TUESDAYS, APRIL 25-MAY 16, 6:30 – 8:30 P.M.**

“…the system of mass incarceration operates with stunning efficiency to sweep people of color off the streets, lock them in cages, and then release them into a permanent second class status (p. 103).”

Please join us for a four session discussion series based upon Michelle Alexander’s book, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Color Blindness*. The book addresses how in the span of 30 years our prison population has exploded from 300,000 to 2 million and once released, those primarily black and brown ex-cons are thwarted from assimilating back into the mainstream culture. We encourage you to read this incredibly well-researched, eye-opening book, but it is not required for participation in the series. During each session, video clips and summary information will provide the foundation for small group discussion. The May 9 and 16 sessions will focus on Washington State, including speakers from local organizations.

The cost is $10 for the series and $5 per meeting. Sign up at the Get-Involved Table by April 23rd.

**Mary Code**

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**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**POTLUCK AND SCREENING OF “13TH”, TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 6:30-9:00 P.M.**

To kick-off our spring study of the origin and impact of mass incarceration of African Americans, the Adult Education Committee will be hosting a potluck and showing of the film “13th” on April 18th in Fellowship Hall. A 2016 Academy Award nominated documentary, “13”, offers a startling, in-depth look at the prison system and how it relates to the nation’s history of racial inequality. The title refers to the 13th Amendment which abolished slavery, but included a clause allowing for the enslavement of prisoners. Rated the most relevant movie of the year at the New York Film Festival, “13th” is a film that you will likely want a chance to debrief. With that goal in mind and if you have time, please stay on for a half hour to share your reactions and insights over dessert and coffee. Please bring a main dish or side and we’ll supply the drinks, goodies, and discussion questions. Older kids (mature middle schoolers and up) are welcome. While advance sign-up is not required, dropping by the Get Involved Table and listing your potluck offering would be helpful; otherwise dinner might end up being macaroni and cheese and chips and dips…

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**WORSHIP MINISTRY**

**The Worship Ministry met on February 19. We are celebrating the new Lenten Banners crafted by Shellie Mooney. We are very lucky to have such talent at FC!**

Worship Without Walls planning was discussed; this will be a great new adventure. Thanks to Karyn and Leah for all the work in planning this.

We will be moving forward with a new sound board in the sanctuary to update equipment and cabling. The team doing the work will also do a sound check of our space so that we can allow our new board to improve our sound quality. The new board will come with an iPad so that sound can be controlled remotely from the pews to make adjustments.

Thanks to all of the Worship Ministry members who were a part of these discussions!

**Betsy Boyer, Chair**

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**KIDS4PEACE…AN INTERFAITH YOUTH MOVEMENT**

**July 31 – August 4, 9 AM-5 PM, St. Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral**

Come together with kids form different religions and cultures for a week of fun, friendship and peace! Meet youth from all around Seattle, visit a church, synagogue and mosque, practice leadership skills and have fun with music, sports, art and more. Open to current 6th, 7th and 8th graders (based on the 2016-17 school year). Closing presentation and family potluck on Friday, Aug. 4, 6-8 PM.

Founded in Jerusalem in 2001, Kids4Peace is the largest interfaith organization connecting Israeli and Palestinian youth in the Jerusalem area. And, in the USA, they are building a national network of interfaith youth initiatives. The aim is to empower interfaith leaders to transform divided societies into communities of lasting peace.

The registration fee is $300 and includes, lunch and snack daily. Scholarships available.

Questions, contact Hannah Hochkeppel, 540-588-5977 or [Hannah.hochkeppel@k4p.org](mailto:Hannah.hochkeppel@k4p.org).

Details and registration at [k4p.org/summer2017](http://k4p.org/summer2017).
MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

The following folks became members of Fauntleroy Church on 2/12/17. Here’s a bit about them.

GWEN BENEDICT

Gwen is a Life Coach. She and her husband, Tom, have two sons, Ian (17) and Matthew (15). Gwen enjoys hiking, sailing and gardening. She’s also a reader as she participates in two book clubs! She found this church to be a welcoming place for her family and she enjoys the worship and music.

BEVERLY “BEV” & PAUL FLETCHER

Bev is an RN and hospice nurse at Group Health and Paul works in product development and has worked at Lighthouse for the Blind for 43 years! They are the parents of two grown children. Paul loves wood working, traveling and reading. Bev’s hobbies are gardening, race walking and travel. They also spend lots of time caring for both of their mothers. Fauntleroy Church drew them in due to our focus on justice issues and outreach as well as having a great choir!

ANGELA & JASON GORDON

Angela and Jason are parents of 3 year old Maia (3/17/14). Jason works in administration at the UW and Angela is an educator at Shorewood Elementary. Angela enjoys baking, cooking and eating. Jason likes to hike, sail and read. The election of 2016 caused Angela to feel a greater need to plug into a local community. Jason wanted to meet people and be part of an uplifting, positive community. They both felt Fauntleroy Church “fit the bill!!

MONIKA LIDMAN

Monika and her husband, John Kieltyka, are parents of two grown children. Monika is a former Professor of Art and is presently an artist. In her home, she mentors “makers” of all ages, many who struggle with limitations. Together, they produce mosaics, paintings, collages, photos, etc. Her favorite activity is storytelling and poetry reads around the fire pit! She also loves tending flowers. She has been seeking a church in the area for many years. She asked her neighbor, Marie Sever, if she could join her in worship. And, she has yet to miss one Sunday! She loves the people and good leadership here. Monika said, “My reason for joining is Marie Sever! I see Christ alive and working in my role model and friend”. (More bios next edition.)

STEWARDSHIP 2017
"FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS"

Our theme for the Stewardship Campaign is new this year. For the next few weeks you will hear, see, and read about Giving to Fauntleroy Church from many different perspectives in our church community. Members of the Stewardship Committee will once again visit the small groups of the church to shine a light on giving. Fellow members will share their stories of giving, volunteering and pledging their gifts in the “Minute for Mission” during Sunday worship. Look for announcements about a special Budget Info Session in April as well as Women and Wine in Fellowship Hall!

On May 7, we will once again come together as a church community to celebrate our gifts of time, talent and treasure. It’s the foundation on which Fauntleroy Church is built. We will celebrate the thousands of hours we spend together serving the community, the church and each other.

We will celebrate the pledges and gifts we pool together to make all of our work together possible. The money we raise during the campaign is shared across all of our ministries.

Our ask is simple. Engage in this year’s campaign. Before making your pledge, sit down and prayerfully consider all of the important work we do for each other and the community. Please join us as we celebrate our commitment to one another for another year.

Your Stewardship Committee

CHILI COOK-OFF WRAP-UP

Another year, another successful Chili Cook-off. This year we brought in $700 (which includes a $100 gift from Gordy Mandt), and held a great community event. Once again the Porth’s “Wrong Stuff Chili,” took the popular vote and a big tip of the hat to our own Zoe Zellner for winning the vote among her fellow chefs. A huge thank you to all who helped make this event happen: the chefs, the Mandts for the beverages, Sarah Ackers for coordinating the volunteers, the volunteers who helped put the whole event together, and Judy Pickens for helping with marketing.

This was our 6th successful Chili Cook-off and it’s with great pride I’ll also announce it will be my last to host. Cookie “me” will be retiring this year and hope there is another cowboy or cowgirl among you who would like to fill my boots and give a fresh flavor to the 7th Chili Cook-off. If interested, please inquire with the Parish Life Ministry. I want to give a sincere thank you for everybody who stepped up every year to make this event possible. With all of you, I ran a fun evening of fellowship with friends and family, both old and new. Without you, I would have been just a big guy with a big voice in a big hat. You made this event possible and will continue to do so. Thank you

Adam Moomey

Thank You

GIFT CARDS TO SCHOOL FAMILIES MUCH APPRECIATED

During advent, you generously donated $1,200 in Safeway and Target gift cards for families at Highland Park, Roxhill, and West Seattle elementaries. Liz Cervantes, a social-work intern at Roxhill, shares how your gifts made a big difference for one school family: A fifth grader and his toddler brother are in the care of their great aunt, a single woman who adopted them to give them a family. Over winter break, a Target card enabled her to buy them a few gifts. A Safeway card kept the toddler in pull-ups and put meat on the table to round out food sent home by the school. The gift card support this family and others receive has a huge impact on their ability to meet basic needs while ensuring that rent and other bills are paid.

Judy Pickens

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Adam Moomey
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Sarah Ackers
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Kristen Almgren
Nursery Supervisor
Carol Smith
Custodian
Bill McElroy
Financial Assistant
Bonnie Beerman
Financial Assistant
Pat Gedney
Office Manager
Jackie Gould

CONGREGATOR DEADLINE: TUESDAYS, 1 PM

OVER THE FENCE

A NOTE OF SYMPATHY
Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to
Lorrie Cook, Little Pilgrim School
Director, and her husband, Jerry,
in the loss of Jerry’s mom, Peggy Cook,
on March 8. Please keep them in your
prayers during this difficult time.

A NEW AND IMPROVED
CALENDAR!
We now have an on-line calendar!
It is on the website and up-to-date as
much as possible for 2017. Having this
on-line calendar saves some of the
steps for the office manager and
shares the most up-to-date version on
a daily basis, rather than on a monthly
one. As a result of this new calendar,
the printed edition will now be in
agenda rather than a monthly format.
Please let me know if anything needs
to be changed or added to make this
new format as easy to read as the old
one. It’s just a different way of seeing
the monthly events, but all of the
information is still available.

IN MEMORIAM

Daniel William Cook
March 8, 1929 – March 6, 2017

Long-time member, Dan Cook,
passed away on March 6, 2017. A
memorial in his honor will be held at
the church on Saturday, April 8, at
12:00 Noon. Per the family’s request,
no flowers please due to severe
allergies. Please keep Dan’s wife,
Ginger, and the rest of the family in
your prayers.

SAVE THE DATE
If you are an usher, greeter,
welcome table or get involved table
attendant, please mark your
calendars for training on May 13th, 9-11 AM. The two-part training will begin
with instruction on how to welcome
and engage with the congregation and
each other on Sunday mornings. We
will then break into small groups for
training on our role’s specific respon-
sibilities. This is an important train-
ing for Sunday morning volunteers.
Please make it a priority to attend.
Sarah Ackers, on behalf of the
Visitor to Member Task Force and
Parish Life Ministry

KIM & ERIK FREE
Kim & Erik Free were with us in
February as guest preachers and
speakers. The following was received
from Global Ministries:

Global Ministries is pleased to
share an update on Kim and Erik Free,
who, until August 2016, served with
the United Church of Christ in Mozam-
bique (UCCM). Due to safety concerns
the UCCM, the Frees and Global
Ministries decided that the Frees
should return to the U.S. and conclude
their term of mission service early,
after almost 2 ½ years of service in
Mozambique. Upon their return to the
U.S., Kim and Erik began a six month
period of home assignment and visited
many local churches to share about
their work and that of the UCCM. A big
thank you to the churches, the hosts,
and every one of you that made their
itineration a success. The Frees’ work
with Global Ministries ended as of
February 28, 2017 and we wish them
the very best in their future endeavors
and ministry.

LENT/EASTER INFORMATION
The next newsletter will be mailed
on 3/27 and will include all of the
upcoming Lenten activities and ways
in which you can help! There will be
information on the Vigil, Easter
Breakfast, Holy Week and a way to
help with Easter Flowers.