FROM PASTOR LEAH’S DESK

We always thank God for all of you when we mention you constantly in our prayers. This is because we remember your work that comes from faith, your effort that comes from love, and your perseverance that comes from hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

-Paul’s First Letter to the Thessalonians, Chapter 1, verses 2-3

This is the first post-annual meeting edition of the Congregator, and it feels like a long month that I’ve been waiting to say this here: THANK YOU, FAUNTLEROY CHURCH! Thank you for unanimously voting to seek an Associate Pastor. Thank you for unanimously voting (with that same motion) to welcome Karyn Frazier, our Christian Education Director, into the role of Acting Associate Pastor until the search for a settled Associate Pastor concludes. Thank you for not just meeting our pledge goal for fiscal year 2018-2019, but exceeding it. We’ve so far received pledges from 127 households, including 19 new or returning pledges, all totaling about $406,000 so far, with a few more pledges still expected. And, this in a year when we’re expecting to enter a capacity-building campaign in the Fall!

I feel so blessed to be at a church whose work comes from faith, whose effort comes from love, and whose hope in that which God is seeking to do through us seeds our ministry together. These are things I pray that all communities of faith might find together as we each strive to make our way forward in this world.

More than once, the Apostle Paul wrote of the power of faith, love and hope at work in church communities. In many ways, to live out of faith, love and hope in God is to choose to live a counter-narrative to that which the world around us chooses to live. This was true in Paul’s time, and it’s true in our time too. It’s much easier to ground our work in models and practices of modern business over faith. Operating out of fear seems much more commonplace these days than operating out of love. And hope? I’ve heard numerous people talk about how hard it is to have hope in the present state of our world. And yet…together, we choose faith, love and hope anyway. Even when they don’t seem options on the table, we choose them, and guess what? There is power in that choice. There is space for God in that choice. And my, what God can do even in the little spaces into which we invite the Sacred!

May we always be a church with such faith, love and hope.

So now, the fun begins: Karyn will be beginning in her Acting Associate position in August, while continuing to pursue ordination with the Committee on Ministry of the Pacific Northwest Conference of U.C.C. churches. The Council will soon decide (with the Finance Ministry’s help) how to dedicate pledges that are exceeding those on which we voted at Annual meeting. And, after worship on September 23 (mark your calendars!), we’ll vote on engaging a capacity-building campaign to pay down/off our mortgage, address major building maintenance needs and fund a maintenance reserve, and help fund our Associate Pastor position for the next few years until we’ve built it into the general operating budget.

We’re taking good steps forward, Fauntleroy Church! Your faith, your love and your hope in God is making it possible. I can’t wait to see where God is leading us!

With love,

Leah

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

10:00 AM

July 15, 2018

Mark 6:14-29

Karyn Frazier Preaching

Following Worship
11:30 AM

Ice Cream Social

Patio and Narthex

July 22, 2018

Leah Atkinson Bilinski Preaching

Following Worship
11:30 AM

Taste & See

2:00 PM

Memorial Service for Rev. Paul Pruitt
Sanctuary
Sunday – July 15
9:00 Adult Bible Study – Library
10:00 Worship – Karyn Frazier preaching
11:30 Ice Cream Social – Narthex/Patio

Monday – July 16
8:30 Altar Guild

Tuesday – July 17
6:00 Women’s Summer Potluck – Groen home

Wednesday – July 18
9:45 Staff – Fish Bowl

Saturday – July 21
5:00 Crock Pots – McAndrews home

Sunday – July 22
9:00 Adult Bible Study – Library
10:00 Worship - Sanctuary
11:30 Taste & See – Library
2:00 Memorial Service for Paul Pruitt - Sanctuary

Monday – July 23
8:30 Altar Guild

Tuesday – July 24
9:30 Caring Ministry – Library
6:30 Seaside Sisters – Room 416

Wednesday – July 25
9:45 Staff – Fish Bowl

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

MORE CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS!

Congratulations to our 3rd Graders who received Bibles on June 24:
Katie Ackers, Carolyn Decker, Benjamin Ecker, Ethan Ellis, Riley Hill, Gavin Hallmon, Calder Stone and Anneliese Wagner!
And, love and thanks to our remarkable Sunday School leaders and children’s time helpers, who gave their all for the kids this program year!
Carol Smith, Bill and Zoe Zoellner, Gretchen Rubesch, Annika Bjornson, Jennifer Casillas, Lydia Shepherd, Jamie Bilinski, Kara Shafer, Celesta and John Bjornson, Lynn Caldwell, Aimee Pinckney, Yessika Yoncee, Jane Leonard, Ali Decker, Sarah Finney, Kersti Muul, Kari and Beau Holsberry, Janey McBride, Kristen Almgren, Carolyn Tucker, Hilary Reeves, Michelle Gaither, Vicky Ellis, Julie Huff, Maria Groen, Izzie Lewis, Lisa Corbin, Michelle Gaither, Mary Code, Mark Olson, and Dick Finnie.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The new Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study Topic is: Biblical Wisdom Literature, and there is room for everyone!

For centuries, people have taken comfort and insight from the writings of the Bible. Through its inspirational teachings, the biblical wisdom tradition offers time-honored advice about some of life’s most difficult questions: What is the reward of virtue? What is the best way to handle money? How can we best deal with the uncertainties of life? Why is there suffering of good people?

Be a part of an exciting journey narrated by an awarding winning and engaging professor. Each Sunday, we’ll watch a 30-minute lesson then join in our own lively discussion. We meet at 9:00 AM in the library and adjourn in plenty of time to attend the Sunday worship service. Childcare can be arranged by request. Contact Mark Olson with any questions.

CAMP NEWS

“OUR WHOLE CHURCH FAMILY” CAMP REALLY WAS A BLAST!

Thirty six of us braved challenge courses and giant swings, played, worshipped, created silly skits, night hiked and generally had a blast all weekend at Camp Colman last month. We missed those of you who couldn’t make it this year, but we shouted our love to you at Sunday’s worship.

Here are some Camp Colman highlights to tempt you to join the fun next year:

• So much sunshine, a gorgeous, green space and Adirondack chairs for Sabbath relaxing.
• The usual goofy Family Farm Game. Remembering adults imitating seagulls for carrots is still making me laugh.
• A brave group of first-timers taking on the Giant Swing and flying just as high as they could handle.
• One awesome, off-the-cuff skit by Owen and Josh who gave their versions of the world of girls vs. boys. (Still applauding!) And there were toasty ’smores, laughter, and applause, of course!
• The splash of kids and a few brave adults who followed Bob Embrey right off a pier into cold, Sunday morning water for a polar bear swim.
• Wonderful worship music thanks to Zach Hill and a time to be co-creators with an uncontrollable Pentecost Spirit.

Many, many thanks to Julie Huff and Janey McBride for getting all of that fun ready for us. And thanks to our Y staff, always gracious hosts.

Our Whole Church Family Camp really was a blast. You don’t want to miss out next year!

Karyn
TIME TO THINK SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The end of term for Seattle Public Schools was so late in June that area retailers are already poised to start back-to-school specials.

Those specials will come just in time for our fifth annual Back-to-School Supply Drive July 25 - Aug. 12. Run in step with the Pencil Me In for Kids campaign across West Seattle, the drive in this community is a joint undertaking of our Homelessness Task Force and the West Seattle/Fauntleroy YMCA.

Your donations will help supply hundreds of low-income/immigrant students at Highland Park, Roxhill, and West Seattle elementaries with these items:

- Composition books (wide-, college-, & graph-ruled)
- Pink rectangular erasers
- Pencil pouches/boxes
- Individual pencil sharpeners
- White copy paper
- Colored pencils
- Washable markers
- Dry-erase markers
- Pocket folders
- #2 pencils
- Glue sticks
- Backpacks
- Pocket folders
- Lunch boxes

Please take this list with you when you shop so that what you buy is truly needed. Donation bins will be in the lobby and narthex.

Checks to Fauntleroy Church are very welcome, too (note: "school supplies"). Some of this cash will go to the Pencil Me In coordinator to make bulk purchases and some will meet unique needs at each of our schools.

Last year's drive enabled us to get students off to a good start and supply those who transferred in during the term. Please give what you can toward a successful academic year for everyone at these schools.

Judy Pickens

THANKS FOR MOUNTAIN OF MEN’S CLOTHING

The congregation came through in a big way by donating a mountain of durable men's clothing in ready-to-wear condition for homeless men, plus a monetary donation of $100.

The two-week drive, initiated by our Homelessness Task Force, is already benefiting men who attend the free Saturday lunches in the White Center Bartell's parking lot.

Special thanks are due to Phyllis Gimness for organizing the drive and, with Elizabeth Bacon, storing 9 big bags of winter clothing until it's needed.

Judy Pickens and Phil Sweetland sorted everything and will be supplying Dick Finnie with a bag or two of summer-weight clothing and towels (a total of 16 big bags!) to take to the lunch every week.

THANKS TO MANY HELPING HANDS

Thank you to the Parish Life Ministry for hosting lunch during the annual meeting. Thank you to Kari Holsberry for planning the meal, purchasing the food, and slicing all of the meat! Thank you to the following volunteers for setting the food tables, keeping the coffee pots and beverage pitchers full, managing the food during the meal, cleaning up after the meal, washing dishes and putting away tables and chairs: Carolyn & Dean Tucker, Vera Holte, Al & Marilynn Bernahl, Marilyn Whittendale, Charity & Raina Hallmon, Ben Ackers, Karen Stone, Vicky Ellis, Diana & Peter Hartwell, Edna Sawyer, Baiba Morris, and Jim Galbraith.

Sarah

THRIFTWAY 1% CASH BACK PROGRAM

We recently received a check in the amount of $312, representing sale receipts of $31,261.86.

If you don’t already know, Fauntleroy Church participates in the 1% Thriftway program, sponsored by the California Ave and Morgan St Thriftway (only). Simply bring your receipts from that store and put them in the receptacle at the Donation Station in the entryway to the Church/Y offices. Bonnie Beerman collects these receipts, adds them up and sends them on to the Thriftway Store. They, in turn, send us a check for 1% of the total. These funds are then given to the local food banks.

Thanks so much for saving and sharing your receipts…and thanks to Bonnie Beerman for her work on this project!

Jackie

Judy Pickens
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  Aimee Pinckney
Financial Assistant  Pat Gedney
Office Manager  Jackie Gould

CONGREGATOR DEADLINE: TUESDAYS, 1 PM

OVER THE FENCE

IN MEMORIAM

Paul Pruitt
February 3, 1922 – July 2, 2018

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Rev. Paul Pruitt on July 2. Paul was a church staff member at one time and he and wife, Mary Margaret, have been long time church members and were very involved in the church’s outreach programs. A service in memory of Paul will be held here on Sunday, July 22, at 2 PM. Please hold Mary Margaret and their family in your prayers during this very difficult time.

WITH SINCERE SYMPATHY
Please keep Pam & Mike Goldfine in your thoughts and prayers as they deal with the sudden loss of their son, Patrick Shepherd.

MORE CONGRATULATIONS!
Maxwell Kunetz, grandson of Nancy Nye, graduated from high school in Ridgefield, WA. He will attend the UW in the fall.
Anna Crean, daughter of Andrea Menin (who now lives in Chelan), graduated from the University of Puget Sound on May 14, with a major in Business Leadership and a minor in Math. She is already working for a

DON’T MISS OUT!
On July 15, following the worship service, we will have our annual ice cream social in the narthex and on the back patio! We’ll have vanilla ice cream with a few homemade sauces as well as some fresh fruit for anyone wanting a healthier choice. It is always a lot of fun and a welcome break in the warm Seattle summer. Mark your calendars so you don’t miss out!

THANK YOU!
Thank you to Bonnie Beerman, Marilynn Bernahl, Pat Gedney, Baiba Morris and Joan Wieringa for covering in the office during my recent vacation. I so appreciate you!

Microsoft contractor and living in Ballard.

A SUMMER PROGRAM FOR KIDS AND TEENS
Mary Anne deVry shared the following information.
This summer, Seattle Parks and Recreation, Seattle Human Services Department, and United Way of King County are partnering to host a drop-in summer program offering free meals and recreation activities to kids and teens ages 1 to 18. (more) "More info is in the link if people want to pass this along to those they know who would benefit from this opportunity.

CHECK IT OUT!
Check out the newly painted bathrooms in Fellowship Hall! Thanks to Billy McElroy and Ken Beres for a job well done! They look great!