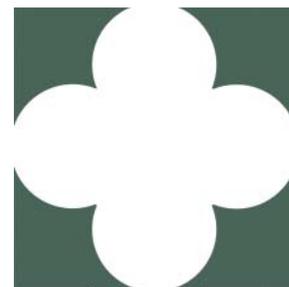


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Exploring what it means to follow the way of Jesus Christ



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Despite health challenges and disabilities, Marilyn Pulliam and David Kile shared a smile at David and Pat Kile's retirement celebration in December.

Optimistically Human

By Jim Segaar

For God knows how we were made, and remembers that we are dust.

These words from Psalm 103 seem especially appropriate to me as I write this. Yesterday I attended the funeral of a beloved aunt. During the week I learned that two other women who are important to me are not expected to live long and another aunt died a few days ago. And then this morning my mother-in-law had a stroke and is in the ICU.

The dust is flying. As my niece put it, "It's like the Rapture, except God is just taking people one at a time."

During days like these it's easy for me to descend into depression and sadness and anger, and I can imagine languishing there for days or weeks or years, maybe even

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until my own day comes to turn back to dust. I'm only human, after all.

But I am convinced that humanity is more than pain and suffering and death. Even this week has featured moments of joy. An impromptu reunion with my four siblings who live within 150 miles was one of them. We all attended our Aunt Jean's funeral, and it gave us a chance to chat and catch up. After the service we went to the cemetery together and cleaned our parents' gravestone. The rain held off for a few minutes, the wind died down, and we joked around as usual, debating whether the mole hill on Mom's grave meant she was trying to get out or had adopted a pet.

It can be hard to be cheerful, or hopeful, or optimistic. But that is part of who we are as humans, and it is critical that we make the effort. Of all things, Time magazine recently helped me learn this lesson.

I subscribed to the weekly news magazine a year ago, trying to find a dependable source of non-fake news. The experiment has only been partially successful – some issues have been fairly vapid - and when the January 15, 2018 edition showed up I almost threw it directly into the recycling. It was subtitled "The Optimists," and was edited by Bill Gates.

I let the magazine lay on the kitchen counter for more than a week before I finally looked more closely at the cover. It features a smiling African boy with the caption, "Why the world should celebrate Mohamad Nasir's 5th birthday." Inside the editors explain that 30 years ago, one in five children in Ethiopia did not live to their fifth birthday, but between 1990 and 2012 the low-income nation wrestled down its mortality rate for children under five by two-thirds. Child mortality has also been brought down in places like Liberia, Rwanda, Cambodia and Afghanistan. That story hooked me, and I read more good news, more reasons to be optimistic, by authors as diverse as Warren Buffett (who firmly believes that most American children are going to live better than their parents did) and Ava DuVernay (an African American woman and film director who sports a T-shirt that proclaims "I am my ancestors' wildest dreams!")

Reading that magazine gave me hope, and I'm keeping it around to remind me, even during weeks like this one, that good people exist and good things happen.

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is nearly upon us. On February 14 we will be invited to remember our humanity. We will be reminded that we came from dust and will return to dust. But we must also recall that as humans we can experience joy and laughter and love and hope.

Some days I find it easy to be happy. And other days I give into sadness. But on many days I need to make a conscious choice to be an optimist. On those days I simply must choose hope over despair. We all must. It is critical to our shared future that we insist on doing so.

The 148th Annual Meeting of Seattle First Baptist

The Annual Meeting occurred immediately after worship on Sunday, January 28 and was well attended. Congregation President Jim Singletary presided. The following actions were taken by the congregation:

- Accepted the 2017 Financial Statement
- Adopted the 2018 Budget
- Elected the 2018 Officers and Church Leaders
- Approved the Dr. Rodney Romney Legacy Fund Utilization for 2018

In addition, Volunteer Recognition Awards were presented to Cherry Johnson, Keith Ervin, and Jim Ginn. Pastor Jennifer Ikoma-Motzko led a recognition of the many people who stepped forward to keep the CFYA program functioning in 2017.

A copy of the Annual Report is available on our website. See Online Extras in this Spire for a link. Paper copies are available at the church office.



2018 Officers and Church Leaders

<i>Officers</i>			
President	Jim Singletary	Secretary	Marsha Ulmer
Vice President	Harriet Platts	Member at Large	Sue Tollefson
Treasurer	Don Phillips	Member at Large	Mike Zaugg
<i>Commission Chairs and Vice/Co-Chairs (C=Chair; CC=Co-Chairs; VC=Vice Chair)</i>			
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Music C-Darla O'Brian VC – Jim Thompson	Worship C-Sterling Morris VC-Stephen Gilbert	Personnel CC-Cynthia Per Lee CC-Dick Miller	Church Operations C-Carol Tovar VC-Virgil Tollefson
Stewardship C-Angie Buysse VC-Erik Zaugg			
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Music David Greenhow Marilyn Sellers Kimberly Thiesen Larry Green John Chenault	Worship Donna Ward Carole Cornell Inola De La Cruz Nancy Szeliga	Personnel Karen Carlos Joyce Phillips Sara Tollefson Leroy Johnson Theresa Pruett	Church Operations Nancy Cleland Lee Hart Rodhney Tull Paul Dromgoole Daryl De La Cruz Stephen Gilbert Rod Shutt
Stewardship Pat Kile Don Phillips John Benner Susan Austin	Nominating Committee: C-Mike Zaugg; Muriel Jones Cashdollar, Samara Hoag, Sue Tollefson, Brent Marble		

Blessings of Committee Work

Pastor Tim Phillips shares this advice from his former church, Lake Street Church in Evanston, Illinois.

Regarding committees, if you are new to the Church or haven't done much committee work, I can attest that it is a great way to:

- Become more connected to our church and the people in it.
- Deepen relationships.
- Know that you're making an important contribution.
- Gain a deeper understanding of our church.
- Discover that giving your talents is also a gift to you.
- Stretch yourself to learn something new - a valuable exercise.
- Bone up on your skills. Lake Street [and Seattle First Baptist] is a swell place to do that; and the skills that you develop can look darn good on a resume.
- See your light shine to the benefit of all at Lake Street Church [and Seattle First Baptist].

February Adult Learning Programs

By Steve Smith and Lynn Gaertner-Johnston

February 7 and 14

This past year we have seen areas of this country devastated by major storms, fires, landslides, and hurricanes. The Seattle area has been spared but we live in an area that is at risk for severe earthquakes. The first two Sundays of February we will discuss what we as individuals and as a faith community can do to prepare for a natural disaster. The gospel of Mark says: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' What can we do not only to prepare for families but also to assist our neighbors?

Steve Smith, who has been active with the Washington state Map Your Neighborhood disaster program, will lead the program. Guest speakers will include his son, Eric, who experienced two days with his family in Astoria, Oregon with no stores, power, or cell phone coverage and Dr. Brian Ross who has been part of the regional hospital disaster planning process. Join us Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for two stimulating programs.

Lent, February 21 – March 25

Resisting the Empire: Living the Sermon on the Mount Today

Please join us for a Lenten presentation and discussion on the Sermon on the Mount, led by Leticia Guardiola-Sáenz, Associate Professor of New Testament/Christian Scriptures at Seattle University. Feel free to read the verses in advance and bring a Bible. The readings and themes are as follows:

- February 18, Matthew 5:1-26 – Prophetic Voices Denouncing the Empire
- February 25, Matthew 5:27-48 – Humanizing the Other
- March 4, Matthew 6:1-18 – Unmasking the Powers
- March 11, Matthew 6:19-34 – The Economy of the Empire vs. the Economy of the Kingdom
- March 18, Matthew 7:1-14 – “Be the Change That You Wish to See in the World” (Mahatma Gandhi) - led by Rev. Dr. Patricia Hunter
- March 25, Matthew 7:15-29 – A Call to Action: “The Time Is Always Right to Do What Is Right” (Martin Luther King Jr.)

Guest Preachers in February

By Pastor Tim Phillips

February 4 – Douglas Avilesbernal

We are honored to welcome the new Executive Minister of the Evergreen Association to the pulpit of Seattle First Baptist on Sunday, February 4. The Rev. Douglas Avilesbernal is a national leader in our American Baptist life working with young people and on issues of diversity.

He is the former pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Norristown, PA, where he was a major leader in immigration advocacy. He was appointed by the Montgomery County Commissioners to several local boards to advise and oversee the allocation of resources in ways that account for the diversity of a very large county. Rev. Avilesbernal's recent TED talk, "Tolerance, the end of the beginning," can be found on the TED website and his new book, *Welcoming Community: Diversity that Works*, was published by Judson Press in 2016.

Rev. Avilesbernal holds a Bachelor of Music Performance from New Jersey City University and a Masters of Divinity from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Help us welcome Rev. Avilesbernal and this new chapter in our life together.

February 18 – R. Marthel Barlow

The Rev. R. Marthel Barlow will be preaching on February 18. He is a longtime associate at Mt. Zion Baptist and the former interim pastor of Martin Luther King Jr Memorial Baptist Church. Rev. Barlow is also a representative of the American Baptist Foundation and the partner of Lydia Flora Barlow who is a commissioned local missionary working with currently and previously incarcerated people. Please help us welcome Rev. Barlow on February 18.



Evergreen Executive Minister the Rev. Doug Avilesbernal and family.

Pastoral and Congregational Support Opportunity

By Cynthia Per-Lee on behalf of the Personnel Commission

Throughout a given year, a number of Seattle First Baptist church members and their loved ones experience hospitalization – a time in one’s life when the support of their church community is particularly important. In fact, hospital visitation has been and continues to be an important part of our ministry and we’re grateful for the love, care and support Tim, Patricia, Harriet, Jennifer and all those who have come before them have provided and do provide. We’re also grateful for the love, care and support you extend as congregational members and friends to those in the hospital.

The purpose of this article is to ask for your help in ensuring this important part of our ministry remains strong... which you can do in 2 ways.

1. Help us ensure there is awareness of a congregant’s hospitalization. If you know of someone in the hospital, call the church office to make sure there is a record of it.
2. Ensure the church office knows when you visit someone in the hospital by calling Judy in the church office to share the information.

This is an exciting but transitional time as a church community and congregation, and we’ve been blessed with outstanding support from so many who are providing their leadership as we look for an Associate Pastor. And, while our church community remains vibrant and strong, covering the needs of a dynamic congregation takes a village. Meeting the requests outlined is one small way we can lean in to support Tim and our ministerial team to ensure those hospitalized are kept on our radar, in our prayers and with our support. Thank you!

Black Lives Matter Co-Founder Patrisse Khan-Cullors Speaks at SFBC

By Joanne Wright

Patrisse Khan-Cullors, author, artist, organizer, and Black Lives Matter co-founder, spoke at Seattle First Baptist Church on Wednesday, January 24. Third Place Books presented the event. Ms. Khan-Cullors appeared in conversation with C. Davida Ingram, an artist, curator, educator, and civic leader based in Seattle.

Ms. Khan-Cullors, with asha bandele, wrote *When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir*. The book is a beautiful, compelling memoir of the personal experiences of Khan-Cullors, which motivated the creation of the Black Lives Matter movement.

The author began her discussion by urging the audience to listen to the voices of the marginalized to be moved by compassion into action. She read a book excerpt, an episode of her brother’s post-traumatic stress disorder due to incarceration and police brutality. The love, strength, and care of the men in her family for her brother during this crisis demonstrated the strength and resilience within her family and her community.

She described her own and her family’s experiences with state sponsored violence and the lack of advocacy to deal with racially motivated police brutality. Black Lives Matter was born after the racially motivated murder of Trayvon Martin, for which no one was held accountable.

I learned that Black Lives Matter is a movement born out of grief, love, community, humanity, strength, and resilience to transform the culture that treats black lives as unworthy and expendable. It is also a movement to strengthen and bind a community victimized by violence and racial profiling, as well as to hold other victimized communities across the globe in solidarity.

In contrast to the love and compassion that gave birth to this movement, the U.S. Government has condemned Black Lives Matter as a terrorist organization and a threat to America. Ms. Khan-Cullors stated that this criminalizes and demonizes those that struggle for justice. She asked, what is “terror”? Police killings and traffic stops motivated by racial profiling are terrorism for the black community.

Ms. Khan-Cullors urged us, in cross-racial solidarity, to have conversations with rigor and debate, to sharpen analysis of issues of race and oppression, and to stay engaged for the long term. She also challenged the white people in the audience to ask ourselves what we are doing to benefit communities of color and reminded us of our accountability to this work.

I learned from conversation leader Ms. Ingram how to maintain boundaries to prevent my privilege, as a white woman, from interrupting space created for black people. Ms. Ingram reminded white people in the room to maintain humility, to lean into the stories, and to recognize the humanity of the black people in the room.

Lynn Gaertner-Johnston and I were moved by this event to hold a discussion of the book on Sunday, Feb. 25. Please see the announcement in this issue of the Spire.



Patrisse Khan-Cullors was interviewed by C. Davida Ingram at SFBC.

February is Black History Month

By Joanne Wright

There are several shows in Seattle featuring Black artists.

Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI)

Seattle on the Spot: The Photographs of Al Smith

Smith's photography recorded Seattle's vibrant Central District neighborhood and African American community for 65 years. Through June 17, 2018

Seattle Repertory Theater

Two Trains Running by August Wilson

This play is celebrated playwright August Wilson's portrait of a defining moment in American history. Ends soon! Through February 11, 2018

Seattle Art Museum

Figuring History: Robert Colescott, Kerry James Marshall, Mickalene Thomas

This exhibit opens compelling perspectives on Black culture and representation in the changing social and political landscape. Through May 13, 2018

African American Museum

Everyday Black

This exhibit features contemporary portraits by photographers Jessica Rycheal and Zorn B. Taylor, showing the work of the artists as they explore intersections and identities that are held within blackness. Through September 30, 2018

You're Not From Around Here, Are You?

This exhibit examines the complex, multifaceted experiences of Black people in the Pacific Northwest. Through April 8, 2018

When They Call You a Terrorist

Joanne Wright and Lynn Gaertner-Johnston invite you to a book discussion of *When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir*.

Sunday, February 25, 12:30–2 p.m. in the SFBC Parlor. Please bring your lunch. Refreshments will be available at coffee hour.

The book is available at Third Place Books and other booksellers. If you would like to borrow one of two SFBC copies, contact Lynn or Joanne.

Support Our Home on Earth – Pale Blue Dot

By Bob Sittig



Please join us on Saturday, February 3 for the next Diverse Harmony Concert, featuring both the youth of Diverse Harmony and our a cappella choir, Spectrum. You will hear both groups perform individually and together. Several of our youth will also perform on their own, showcasing their talent, and some will share their stories about that it means to be a member of Diverse Harmony. It will be a great show!

Diverse Harmony continues its legacy of community engagement with the theme of home in our spring program, *Pale Blue Dot*.

The earth is our one home, and it connects

us all, a worldly family with unlimited potential, no matter where we spend our days. *Pale Blue Dot* focuses on the natural aspects of humanity as we know it, ranging from love of the earth to earthly love. Join us, as we celebrate humanity and the stories that sustain us!

The concert is at the beautiful Benaroya Concert Hall in the Nordstrom Recital Hall in downtown Seattle on February 3 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available on-line or phone through the Seattle Symphony Orchestra box office.

Music to Our Ears!

By April Kuhr

Thanks to funding from and approval by the Music Commission, the Grotrian Steinway piano in the Sanctuary is receiving some much needed repairs. The action of the piano was recently removed, repaired and regulated, greatly improving the tone and touch of the piano, which now produces a full dynamic range. This work and improved sound will greatly enhance the piano's role during the service and in accompaniment of the choir. We are excited and grateful for SFBC's investment in enriching our music and instruments.

In February, a damp-chaser system, which regulates humidity and assists with keeping the piano in tune, will be installed. Final tuning work will be done before Easter.

We are planning a piano rededication and gratitude Sunday (with a possible mini-concert at the end of the service), to take place after Easter. We would like for as many parish pianists as possible to participate. Any pianists who would like to participate should contact April at [april@seattlefirstbaptist.org].

The piano in the choir room will receive similar repairs in the early summer.

Thank You from Belva Baxter

Heartfelt thanks for prayers during Joyce's illness and death and for the many cards and letters from so many of my dear friends at Seattle First Baptist Church. It continues to sustain me! Yours in Christ, Belva

Heritage Room Photo Project Underway

By Stephanie Jones

Too many photos of SFBC Activities? Bring them home to the place of their belonging!

Would you like to find a permanent home for some of your treasured SFBC pictures? The Heritage Room would appreciate photographs of past church activities, trips, camps, etc. going back as many years as possible. Even the ones from Mom & Dad's box of mementos.

There be criteria though....

Please provide all, or at least some of the following information for each photograph:

1. the Activity [i.e. Jr. High camp, ABW tea, choir picnic, trip to..]
2. the Date [June 1953]
3. the Location if off-site [i.e. Ross Point, Czech Republic]
4. identify people in the photo (can't ID folks? Why not ask for help...renew those ties that bind)

Print all available information either on the back of the picture [avoiding pressure marks & bleed thru...see below] or number the picture & print the information on a separate sheet (preferred method for photos where a significant number of people are identified).

If you write on the photo:

1. light pressure & a soft lead, #2, pencil does the least damage
2. do not use a ball point pen as ink can run, leave blotches & change color

Photographs only please...no copier images, no digital files, no CDs. NOTE: Photographs will NOT be returned.

Please include your name & contact data as we may have questions. Feel free to reach out to Diana James or Stephanie Jones with your questions. Contact information is available from the church office.

Please contact Stephanie when you have your pictures ready. NOTE: this is an ongoing project so take your time with the 'requested information' portion.

Winter Retreat Reminder

There are still a few spaces left for the upcoming Winter Retreat. For information and registration materials contact Patrick Green, [patrickgre@comcast.net]. More information is available in the January, 2018 issue of *The Spire*.

University Baptist Church /Seattle First Baptist
At Cascade Meadows
Presidents Day Weekend, February 16—19, 2018

Learn About Hanford at an Upcoming Wednesday Night Program

The Hanford Nuclear Site in Eastern Washington is considered the most contaminated nuclear waste site in the Western Hemisphere. On an upcoming Wednesday night – either February 21 or March 21 – we have an opportunity to learn more about Hanford.

Hanford Challenge is an organization dedicated: To create a future for the Hanford Nuclear Site that secures human health and safety, advances accountability, and promotes a sustainable environmental legacy. Tom Carpenter, the Executive Director of Hanford Challenge and an expert on nuclear waste, will speak at Seattle First Baptist.

Mr. Carpenter will speak about Hanford's impact on the environment, workers' safety and public safety, including the recent exposure and other current news stories involving Hanford. He will answer questions and give input on what can be done to help.

Stay tuned for precise scheduling information. Currently the program is planned for either February 21 or March 21. We will announce the exact date as soon as it is finalized.

Currently three Companis workers volunteer with Hanford Challenge. This information was provided by Toni Fields, one of those volunteers.

Clarence Acox & The Legacy Quartet

Seattle Jazz Vespers, Sunday, February 4 at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary

For 27 plus years every Wednesday at the New Orleans Creole Restaurant in Pioneer Square, the Floyd Standifer Group with Clarence Acox on drums, Phil Sparks on bass, with Bill Anschell at the piano, and the leader the great Floyd Standifer on saxophone, trumpet, and vocals played. Those Wednesday nights became a staple of the Seattle jazz scene. When Mr. Standifer passed away in 2007, the band was renamed The Legacy Quartet (named to honor the legacy of the original leader and jazz icon) continued to play there until New Orleans Restaurant owner, Gaye Anderson, passed away a few years ago and soon after, the New Orleans Restaurant, unfortunately closed.

The music of the great 'American Jazz Classics' with a 'straight-ahead' style was and is the Legacy Quartet's trademark and is showcased at Seattle Jazz Vespers with the addition of Bernie Jacobs on sax, flute and vocals. Clarence Acox is also expected to give the Inspirational Message during the interlude.

February Calendar of Events

February is Black History Month

Friday, Feb. 2 - Saturday, Feb. 3

Church Leadership Retreat at Camp Burton

Saturday, Feb. 3

7:30 p.m. Diverse Harmony performs at Benaroya Hall in the Nordstrom Recital Hall. Spectrum, the group's young adult a cappella ensemble, will also perform. Tickets available at seattlesymphony.org/BenaroyaHall

Sunday, Feb. 4

9:30 a.m. Adult Learning - Steve Smith leads a program about Disaster Planning - Parlor

10:15 a.m. Family Fellowship Hour in Youth Lounge, 3rd Floor

11 a.m. Worship and Communion with Rev. Douglas Avilesbernal, new Executive Minister of the Evergreen Association, preaching

After Worship - Young Adult Luncheon at Sam & Nimi Home. Contact: Pastor Jennifer

After Worship - Tu B'Shevat tree-planting event at Magunson Park. SFBC is joining Bet Alef and Congregation Beth Shalom for this family friendly event. Contact: Keith Ervin

6 p.m. Seattle Jazz Vespers Presents the Clarence Acox and The Legacy Quartet - Sanctuary

Wednesday, Feb. 7

6 p.m. Community Dinner - Fellowship Hall

7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, Feb. 11 Transfiguration Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Learning - Steve Smith leads a program about Disaster Planning - Parlor
- 10:15 a.m. Family Fellowship Hour in Youth Lounge, 3rd Floor
- 11 a.m. Worship with Pastor Tim Phillips preaching on Mark 9.1-9
- 4 p.m. Labyrinth - Fellowship Hall

Lent Begins - Acknowledging Our Humanity

Wednesday, Feb. 14 - Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins

- 6 p.m. Community Dinner - Fellowship Hall
- 6:45 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary
- 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Feb. 15

- 7 p.m. Diaconate - Parlor

Friday, Feb. 16 - Monday, Feb. 19

Intergenerational Retreat at Cascade Meadows

Sunday, Feb. 18 - Lent 1

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Learning - *Resisting the Empire: Living the Sermon on the Mount Today* with Leticia Guardiola-Saenz, Associate Professor of Christian Scriptures, Seattle University - Parlor
- 10:15 a.m. Family Fellowship Hour in Youth Lounge, 3rd Floor
- 11 a.m. Worship with the Rev. R. Marthel Barlow preaching. He is a longtime associate at Mt. Zion Baptist and the former interim pastor of Martin Luther King Jr Memorial Baptist Church.

Monday, Feb. 19 - Presidents Day

Office Closed

Wednesday, Feb. 21

- 6 p.m. Community Dinner - Fellowship Hall
- 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, Feb. 24

- 4 p.m. Taste of Evergreen benefit at Panther Lake Community Church, 106330 SE 204th, Kent, WA 98031. Cost for the event is \$10 per person or \$25 for three or more in a family.

Sunday, Feb. 25 Lent II

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Learning - *Resisting the Empire: Living the Sermon on the Mount Today* with Leticia Guardiola-Saenz, Associate Professor of Christian Scriptures, Seattle University - Parlor
- 10:15 a.m. Family Fellowship Hour in Youth Lounge, 3rd Floor
- 11 a.m. Worship with Pastor Jennifer Ikoma-Motzko preaching
- 12:30 p.m. A discussion of the book *When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir* - Parlor
- 1 p.m. Memorial service for Marilyn Pulliam. Reception to follow.

Wednesday, Feb. 28

- 6 p.m. Community Dinner - Fellowship Hall
- 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

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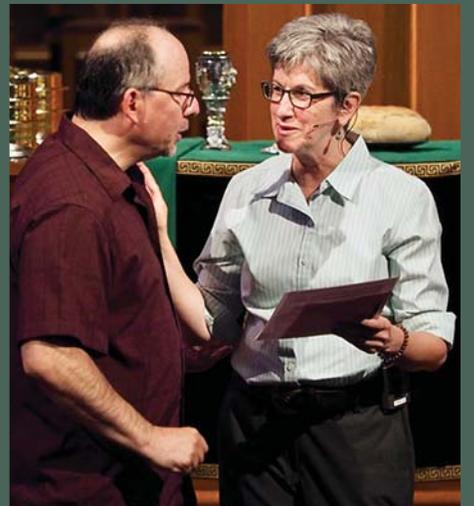
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After the Annual Meeting on January 28 we celebrated the ministry of Harriet Platts. She recently completed her service as an interim member of the pastoral staff. Harriet will remain an active part of our community, serving as vice president of the congregation in 2018. Thank you, Harriet, for all you have done with and for our community.

Online Extras

The Annual Report for 2017, which was presented at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 28, is available on our website:

<http://www.seattlefirstbaptist.org/organization.html>

You will also find our Bylaws and annual reports from recent years there.

