



PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

June 2021



**PILGRIM
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH**

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What Is Our Story?

**“Thus says the Lord: Stand at the crossroads,
and look, and ask for the ancient paths,
where the good way lies; and walk in it,
and find rest for your souls.”
~Jeremiah 6:16**

“Ask for the ancient paths.” Look to your story and the story of your people, to know what to do next. That is the Lord’s guidance through the prophet Jeremiah to the people of Judea. It’s the same guidance that we should follow at Pilgrim Congregational Church. Like the people of Judea in Jeremiah’s time, our story begins with the ancient Hebrew forbearers, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah. We learn from them that life is built upon faith in the Creator who wants to be in relationship with us and has covenanted with us to bless us with the fullness of life.

After leading the people out of slavery in Egypt, through Moses, God provides the law to guide our actions. We learn that the blessings of the law are tied to obedience and disobedience. Those who obey the law are blessed; those who disobey the law suffer. But these blessings and sufferings do not always correlate to happiness and sadness. We learn from the teachers of the law that obedience is its own blessing; goodness is its own reward.

From the proclamations and stories of the prophets, we also learn that rigid compliance with the law is incompatible with the Spirit of the Lord. The moral life, essential to the religious life, is built not on the rigid observance of the law but on the merciful, compassionate, and loving application of the law. We learn that the spirit in which one follows the law is a key element in the ancient paths.

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Dr. Patrick Horn

Following the Psalms and the prophets, Jesus further emphasizes that the heart of the law is the love of God and the love of neighbor. This love is itself divine love, characterized by a willingness to sacrifice and to serve so that others might enjoy the fruits of life. We learn that this love is eternal; its grace has no end, and its freedom has no limit.

The New Testament also teaches us that Jesus is the Christ, the chosen one of God, spoken of in the ancient texts, who through his death becomes the fulfillment of the law and of God's promise to redeem the whole of Creation. And through God's Spirit we participate with Christ in this redemption of Creation. We learn from this ancient path that all our suffering in this life is inseparable from the presence of

God in Christ and the hope of the resurrection.

Our story continues with the saints of the Christian Church and their individual and communal stories of faithfulness and goodness. Martyrs and servants and teachers through the centuries have modeled for us the life of Christian faith. We learn from their ancient paths that following Christ looks very different, depending upon the contexts and needs of those around us.

A significant portion of our story comes from the earliest Congregationalists, English Puritans and Separatists, many of whom came to America, longing for a freedom to determine religious rituals and practices independent of the authority of the state church. We have learned that this independence is consistent with the freedom of Christ and that political freedom ought to be a hallmark of church polity.

Pilgrim Congregational Church was established in 1887 by educators and pioneers committed to influencing and shaping the growth and development of Pomona in the ways of Christian living. Our first senior minister, Charles Burt Sumner, was also the first executive leader of Pomona College. He wrote this in his history of Pomona College: "Pilgrim Church was the mother church, and no mother ever cared more tenderly and sympathetically than for four years this church cared for Pomona College." We need to learn from the story of Pilgrim Church that following Christ means serving the community for the sake of Christ.

All our stories, as Pilgrims, are intertwined with these ancient paths. We must look to these ancient paths for guidance concerning what we should do next. What does it mean for Pilgrim Church to be faithful, as Abraham and Isaac were faithful? What does goodness look like in our community? What is the spirit in which we pursue this goodness? Does everything we do reflect divine love? Is the life of our church marked by service and hope? Are we sensitive to the needs of our community? Have we used our freedom to participate in the redemption of the Pomona Valley? These are the questions that I hope we will engage as we ask for the ancient paths.

*~Dr. Patrick Horn
Senior Minister*



MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR

*Rejoice in the Lord always,
Again I say, Rejoice!*

~Philippians 4:4

At Pilgrim, we are really getting underway! Suddenly, our lives have become much busier and our calendars are filling up. Our newly installed boards and officers will be looking at all sorts of activities for the coming year – so much to do!

As we begin this next year, let's count and take measure of the many blessings in our lives. Then, let's add in our faith in God's abiding love. What a combination – *Rejoice!*

*~Mrs. Susan Selters
Moderator*

MESSAGE FROM WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

We are rejoicing in being able to return to Pilgrim Congregational Church, and continuing our events. The first week of June is full of long-awaited events, including our Annual Tea and even a Mini Rummage Sale. You don't want to miss out.

Women's Auxiliary's Annual Tea June 1st, 2021 at noon.

Followed by a presentation on
Biblical Art
by Dr. Fay Ellwood

Mini Rummage Sale Saturday, June 5th, 2021 8:00am—12:00pm

Departments:
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*"Building Bridges
with Friendship in our Church
and in our Community."*

READING CORNER



While the library committee was able to meet in person May 26th for the first time in over a year, it was after the deadline for this publication. So I am unable to tell you what new and exciting titles will be available. But rest assured there will be new books on the shelves for you to enjoy. Contact Megan to arrange delivery or to drop by the library in person.

~ **Megan Parnell**
Church Librarian

MUSIC NOTES

Summer Schedule

Bruce and I will be on two weeks and off two weeks starting June 6th with Bruce at the organ. I am now seeking volunteers for summer music, either singing or playing an instrument. I especially need hymn leaders. I am thanking LizBeth Lucca, Nancy Rodewald and Carolyn Wilson for covering June 13 through July 4 and a few other summer Sundays.

Choir News Flash

Patrick has asked for a choir for his ordination service. We feel that most if not all will be vaccinated by July 11th. Members of Pilgrim Choir, Mountainside Master Chorale and Choraescence have already volunteered for this. We will be singing Faure's *Cantique de Jean Racine* and an arrangement of Patrick's favorite hymn, "Be Still My Soul." Jackson Wilson will join in on his cello. Please let me know if you would like to be a part of this celebration. I am confident that Pilgrim Choir will be back in September. *Praise God!*

Music Break

Mountainside Master Chorale's (MMC) virtual choir has made a new movie of the Kyrie and Gloria movements of Puccini's *Messa di Gloria*. The Pilgrim Choir performed this a couple of years ago for Choir Sunday. It is available to rent for \$15 (plus a small service fee) from now until July 7th. Once you rent it you can watch it as many times as you wish. Nancy Rodewald, Carolyn Wilson and I were a part of this project. You won't see us, but our voices are there. Director, Irene Messoloras gives pre-concert remarks about Puccini and his work. A beautiful nature video accompanies the music.

You will find the video at: <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/50893>

~**Susan Winckler**
Choir Director

REMEMBRANCE



If you know someone who would love to receive a card or note from the Women's Auxiliary, please submit their name and address to Sarah@pilgrimchurchpomona.com or call 909-622-1373 and ask for Sarah. These can be a notes of celebration, sympathy, get well or just thinking of you.

It's always nice to receive a note "Just Because!"

BAND OF PRAYER



A church that prays together, stays together, especially during these challenging and uncertain times when we don't know what happens next. What is certain is that God is with us, filling in the spaces between us, and He hears our prayers.

Please send your Band of Prayer requests to Sue Shedd via email at saintshedd@roadrunner.com or leave a message at 909-622-1373.

CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE



Now that our church has re-opened and Pilgrims are returning to worship, we are returning to our previous size mailing list of the Pilgrim's Progress. Print copies are available in the hallway and narthex for you to pick up. If you were not on our mailing list pre-pandemic and you want to have a copy of the Pilgrim's Progress mailed to you please let the office know by calling 909-622-1373 or email pilgrimoffice@pilgrimchurchpomona.com

GRADUATION

YOU DID IT! *Congratulations*

Each year we have the pleasure to honor those who have graduated high school or other institutions of higher learning. Yet, we also recognize that each milestone along a student's educational journey is important. As we all know, the last year or so has been challenging for everyone, especially our youth who had to learn new ways of learning virtually, at home, away from their friends and teachers. This also meant that traditional celebrations like promotion ceremonies became abridged if they happened at all. For that reason we want to acknowledge all our youth moving up to the next level in their education.



Christian Campbell graduated from Etiwanda High. He was born into the Pilgrim family in 2003 to Pilgrim members, Sarah & D.J. Campbell. He has been an active member of the Sparking Legacies since the beginning with Christmas Pageants, attending Cedar Lake Camp, NAPF/HOPE Conference & being a youth rep for the C.E. Board. He was an active Scout earning the title of Life Scout. In school he was active in the Marching Eagles Regiment marching band where he played the trombone and tuba. In the fall he will be attending Mount San Antonio College where he hopes to find his passion.



Madelyn Eriksen is promoting from Terra Vista Elementary to Etiwanda Intermediate School for 6th—8th grade. Madelyn was also born into the Pilgrim Family to members Melissa & Dave Eriksen. She has been a Cedar Lake Camper and active member of the Sparking Legacies participating in many of their programs singing and dancing, a hint into her extra curricular activities which include dancing and musical theater. She starred as young Cosette in *Les Misérables* and performed in theater shows like *The Little Mermaid* and *Frozen*.

We are so very proud of all our youth, for taking on the challenge of figuring out a whole new way of learning through cyber-space when most of us adults don't want to take the challenge of a new phone. You are all amazing, strong, creative and resilient. You have proven that you are unstoppable and even when the world may be hostile and putting every hurdle in your way, you will keep marching, dancing, singing, drawing, playing, and learning until you reach your goals. You truly are Pilgrim's Sparking Legacies!

C.E. Sunday & Banquet



The Christian Education Department really knows how to throw a party, don't they? Well it only worked out thanks to the everyone who attended. I want to thank our Sparking Legacies who made the day special with their beautiful youth led service. The fun didn't end there as they provided entertainment while helping to serve meals at the Legacies Italian Bistro.

I also want to thank all our wonderful volunteers who helped the youth serve including the Eriksen, Stillions and Caballero Families, Christine Vanyo with Charlie and Harrison, Dulce and Emmanuel and Kodie. Thank you to the custodial staff for their help setting up and to Ramses for attending to our many last minute requests. And a big thank you to Mr. Duane (DJ) Campbell for preparing our deliciously authentic Italian meal and to Jan Manildi, for helping to put together centerpieces, wrap utensils and in general helping out.



Thank you to Patty Schelling for ordering our beautifully delicious Heifer Project Cake and to Jeanne Cockrell for delivering it. Thank you to Kristen Stillions for making our beautiful Bistro sign and Karli for helping to gather decorations. Thank you Dr. Patrick Horn for helping to serve and offering a blessing for our wonderful meal.



We also want to thank everyone who attended services and the banquet to support Pilgrim's Sparking Legacies. We have missed most of our fun and exciting events over the last year and are so grateful that we could come back to such a wonderful experience. We are already looking forward to next year. Should we do a Mexican Fiesta or Hawaiian Luau? Ooooh, how about an Old West BBQ? How are we to decide? I guess it is a good thing we have until next year.

With hearts full of gratitude and love,
Deborah Walden—CE Chair
Sarah Campbell—Youth Director



WHAT WE DO FOR LOVE



Ms. Marria Casner & Dr. Patrick Horn presented a check for \$1,500 to members of Project Horseshoe Farm. The funds were collected from the Easter Offering by the Board of Outreach. Project Horseshoe Farm helps provide meals to those who suffer food insecurities. Each week college interns serve Pomona by preparing meals in the kitchen at Pilgrim Congregational Church before delivering them.

Two of the members have shared comments on what brought them to Project Horseshoe.



“My name is Jackson Keene and I am from Portland, Oregon. I am going to be a senior next year at the University of Redlands and am studying Health, Medicine, and Society, with a minor in Race and Ethnic Studies. Outside of my premedical and humanities coursework I am involved in the School of Music through the Chapel Singers and University Choir as well as the Opera program, and during my first year I started a co-ed acapella group called Word of Mouth. I am extremely grateful to have gotten this internship with Project Horseshoe Farm. We do lots of meaningful work in Pomona, but I have been most inspired by our Meals Out program. Pilgrim Church generously offered us their kitchen on Thursdays, which we use to cook meals for our Health Partners. This program offers a great way to expose our Health Partners to new types of food and the information sheets we provide with our meals offer educational resources for Health Partners. Additionally, on weeks when we have extra food we deliver it to people in the community. When we do this I am moved by the people that we meet and the stories we hear, but motivated to take more action against housing and food insecurity, because the few extra meals that we provide are not enough to sustainably provide food access to people who need it. In Portland, housing and food insecurity are also big issues and I feel that working with Project Horseshoe Farm has empowered me with the knowledge and skills that I need to be able to affect change not only in Pomona, but also in my hometown.”

“My name is Diana Flores, an upcoming senior at the University of Redlands. Being part of Project Horseshoe Farm in Pomona has been an experience that will stay with me in my years to come. With all the knowledge and skills I have acquired at my time here from personal skills to health-related skills, working with families and individuals in the community has inspired me to do similar work in my near future. Post grad school I plan on starting my own nonprofit from inspiration I gained while working for PHSF. I would have to say my favorite experience while being here has definitely been working with individuals in our health partners program and managing the shed for Hope for Home. Working with both sets of individuals has taught me the most and inspired me to do work with similar populations in my communities.”

WHAT WE DO FOR LOVE

Sparkling Legacies Serving Their Community and the World: There is no better way to shine bright with the love of Jesus than through acts of service.



Each season of Lent the Sparking Legacies lead a service campaign to raise funds for Heifer International. This year was no different and we are proud to announce that they collected \$500 for the Heifer Project. With that they are, through Heifer International, sending one girl to school for a year while providing a family with an alpaca as well as a flock of chicks and a flock of ducks to help a family in need become self sustaining. Thank you Patty Schelling for providing the cake for us to celebrate during CE Sunday.



The Sparking Legacies are hosting an ongoing service project that helps protect Mother Earth while helping support students getting an education. We are collecting recyclables for the foreseeable future and the proceeds will go to the Rop-Mercy Foundation, an organization that helps high school students in Kenya with school fees and supplies. They help support kids so they can complete four years and graduate high school. We are proud of this project as it will help protect our planet as well as give hope to kids like our youth who live in an area where education is not free or guaranteed. So save your aluminum cans and plastic bottles and bring them to Pilgrim Congregational Church in sealed bags, care of Pilgrim Youth Director, Sarah Campbell. If you would like to learn more about ROP-MERCY Foundation visit online at: <http://ropmercyfoundation.org/>



It is that time of year again when the Sparking Legacies lead a School Supply Drive that begins June 1st and leads into our Blessing of the Backpacks in August. We are proud and honored to be working with Heel the Soul once again. Adabelle Pacheco reached out to local schools here in Pomona and found that their greatest need this year is playground equipment. Also, teachers are constantly purchasing supplies with money from their own pockets so they are hoping to provide Target or Walmart gift cards to purchase needed items for the classroom. You can donate Scrip (a great way to help two causes), sports equipment for recess and P.E. or send in monetary gifts to be applied to larger playground equipment. We will be collecting donations starting June 1st through August 8th. If you would like to make a donation, you can bring items in on Sundays, mail in a check or donate online using PushPay. When using PushPay, select fund: Heel the Soul (CE). All proceeds will go directly to benefit Pomona Schools. You can learn more about Heel the Soul from their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/heelthesoul2016/>



One of the Sparking Legacies priorities is to be a beacon for God's love. Through service they grow in their faith while learning about compassion for others. Service is the spark needed to ignite the flames of passion for Christ in themselves so they can pass it on to their friends, family, church, school, neighbors and the world. If you have questions regarding the Sparking Legacies' service projects or other youth events and programs contact Pilgrim Youth Director, Sarah Campbell, today at 909-622-1373 or email ChristianEd@pilgrimchurchpomona.com. You can also find the most up-to-date information on our youth events and programs at our Facebook Page: Pilgrim Congregational Church Pomona.

SUMMER FUN

NAPF/HOPE 2021

MILES APART, CONNECTED IN FAITH

Youth, 13 years—21 years are invited to join us at
Pilgrim Congregational Church, Pomona
on June 25th—June 29th Register by June 5th

Call Pilgrim Youth Director, Sarah Campbell at 909-305-3155 or
email ChristianEd@pilgrimchurchpomona.com by June 5th
for more information on how you can join in the fellowship, service and fun.
Youth from other churches welcome. Space is limited so call today!



Dr. Patrick Neil Horn
Sunday, July 11th, 2021
Festivities beginning at 3pm

*We will be needing volunteers to help with all sorts of things,
so keep on the lookout for upcoming opportunities.

Cedar Lake Camp is back for summer 2021!

Youth Camp July 18th—July 24th

Adult Camp: July 18th - 21st

Pick up your registration forms at Pilgrim Congregational Church on Sundays, by
appointment or request by email at christianed@pilgrimchurchpomona.com.

JUNE 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE Noon Women's Aux. Tea & Program (Biblical Art by Dr. Fay Ellwood) 5:45pm Twilight Bible Study	2 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE 7pm Church Council Meeting	3 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE	4 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE	5 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE 8am—Noon Mini Rummage Sale
	6 9am: Adult Sunday School 10am: Worship Services 11am: Sunday School 11:45am Pondering Faith Noon: Teacher's Mtg.	7 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE	8 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE 5:45pm Twilight Bible Study	9 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE	10 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE	11 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE
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20 1st Day of Summer Father's Day Meeting Sunday 9am: Adult Sunday School 10am: Worship Services 11am: Movie Day: Finding Nemo	21 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE 	22 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE 5:45pm Twilight Bible Study	23 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE Newsletter Articles Due NAPF/HOPE Virtual Event	24 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE	25 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE NAPF/HOPE Lock-In Sign in: 6pm	26 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE NAPF/HOPE Lock-In
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June

WEEKLY / MONTHLY

EVERY MORNING

Daily Devotional
9am via Facebook Live and Zoom

EVERY TUESDAY

Twilight Bible Study
5:45pm via Facebook Live & YouTube

EVERY THURSDAY

11am NACCC Prayer Circle on Zoom

EVERY SUNDAY

9am - Adult Sunday School
10am - Worship Service
Facebook, YouTube & Zoom

EVERY 1ST WEDNESDAY

7pm- Church Council Meeting

EVERY 3RD SUNDAY

Meeting Sunday &
Youth Movie Day

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1st

Auxiliary Tea & Program
“Biblical Artwork”
Dr. Fay Ellwood

June 2nd

Church Council Meeting

June 5th

Mini Rummage Sale
8am—Noon

June 6th

Teacher’s Meeting

June 6th, 13th, & 27th

Youth Sunday School
& Pondering Faith

June 20th

Father’s Day
Meeting Sunday
Movie Day: Finding Nemo

June 25th—June 29th

NAPF/HOPE Event



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Mission: Pilgrim Congregational Church is an independent community of Christian faith which glorifies God through worship and service to others, respects individual spiritual growth, and inspires compassionate fellowship.

Vision: Pilgrim Congregational Church is the spiritual home of our community where all people are welcomed, known, and loved.

To Listen to the Sunday Service on Your Phone: Dial +1-669-900-9128. Then when prompted, enter the Meeting ID: 330 195 900, followed by the pound (#) sign.

Church Office: The church office has resumed normal operating hours of 9am—4pm, Mon.—Fri. Please call ahead if you plan on stopping by.