

# Pilgrim Says Good-Bye to our Big Kahuna

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS ~ OCTOBER 2018



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## Reflection

Dr. Beth Bingham ~ Senior Minister

We have learned, these last years, from the effects of bullying and taunting, from the impact of politicians, from the words of comfort and thanks that warm hearts, we have learned, that words matter.

Words matter.

And yet I find myself, these days, without words. I can't find the words that can begin to describe all I remember and feel and cherish from these last 25 years with all of you at Pilgrim. I can't find words because no words seem adequate to express my love for you and my gratitude for the ways you have nurtured my ministry. I can't find words because somehow the misting tears in my eyes are muffling my voice. I can't find words because it would take a thousand words to make a picture and my mind is filled with nothing but visions of sun streaming through the stained glass windows, and smiles on your faces and sorrow in your eyes, and piles of rummage and kids playing in the gym and thoughtful eyes and ears thinking about just what the Bible means in that particular passage. I can't find words because,

Because,

I don't think I can fully grasp how much of me is rooted here, at Pilgrim Church, how much of who I am now is because of who we have been together. I don't think I have any idea what it will be like not to have my friends and support in the office and taking care of the church. I don't know what it will mean not to have my rummage donut or my coffee hour cake.. I don't know what it will mean not to look out on a Sunday morning from the pulpit to see just who is in the pews—always hoping all is well with those

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whose places are empty (because you all always do sit in the same places). And then watching to see which little ones will wiggle their way up for their message and then answer questions with a wisdom that can only come from a child. I don't know what it will mean not to have you to cry with and laugh with and lean on as I have been able to do for so long. The "I don't know's" go on and on and on...

For you have been my shield and my strength. You have challenged and deepened my faith. You have led me through the shadows when I said goodbye to the man I loved. You have watched over that son of mine and cared so deeply about him, and for him. So much so, in fact, that he has a sense of what God's love is.

I don't know what it will mean to me to leave Pilgrim but I do know that Pilgrim's future is as bright and exciting as I hope mine will be at the Church of the Chimes. Your leadership is strong and committed to Pilgrim, and the Congregational tradition, and to the faith in God and Christ that is so deeply shared among you. Your new ministries will give you new voices to hear and new insights to see.

So as I reluctantly and tearfully say good-bye the spirit of the words of my favorite hymn are true for us all: "It is [and will be] well, it is well with our souls."



When I was elected to be Moderator of Pilgrim Congregational Church I had no idea that I would be faced with duties involved in finding a new minister. Very few people in this church have been charged with this duty. I have been a member of this church for 54 years. I raised my children here and both of my grandchildren attend church here as well. The success of this committee means as much to me as it does to each of you.

Developing a search team is vital to the success of any search. Search team members need to be committed to the outcome, not just be compliant with its processes. Several key issues must be considered when forming an effective search team. Some of these include representation of the entire congregation and diversity of skill-sets.

This past month has been very busy. As Moderator it was my duty to convene a Pastoral Search Committee. The committee was nominated, approved by the Church Council and on September 9<sup>th</sup> a vote by the congregation offered overwhelming majority in favor of the committee. We offer our prayers as they move forward to find our next Senior Minister. While working to establish the Pastoral Search Committee it was also necessary to find an Interim Minister. This process is in the final stages. Pilgrim Congregational Church is strong and will weather the upcoming changes because we have a very dedicated and responsible congregation. We will come together to support our boards and committees as we move forward.

As we face these changes together it is important to show continued support for our guest speakers and Interim Minister. For the good of the Church it is at this time *our* Church needs *our* support the most. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the congregation for the support that I have received.

"Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me".

Andrea Gray  
Moderator

## WHAT IS THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT & THE SPARKING LEGACIES UP TO NOW?

**Rally Sunday** was an amazing event to kick off the 2018/2019 school year! Thank— you to the many volunteers who helped out with the event. It is because of your time and talents that you share with the Christian Education Department that we are able to have the small but mighty and growing youth program here at Pilgrim Congregational Church. Also a big thanks to the Parnells for providing the Ice Cream Truck. That was a very fun and special treat. Also, thank-you to the wonderful volunteers who agreed to teach Sunday School this year. We are excited to begin the year with a new program and that could not happen without you! Thank you!!!

**Twilight Bible Study and Imagination Hour** has returned every Tuesday, 5:45pm—6:45pm. The adults participate in a discussion of the lesson for Sunday's worship service. The youth enjoy fun games and activities, work on service projects, and practice upcoming performances. Keep any eye out on our Facebook page for updates.

**Inspiration Hour** is an opportunity for the youth to come together and discuss faith and how it fits into their lives as children and teenagers and how they can share their faith with others through kindness and service. Inspiration Hour meets after church on select Sundays and can include faith building and/or service projects off campus. Our first Inspiration Hour was September 23rd and included a "Service to our church" project where we washed toys from the Nursery. Our next Inspiration Hour will be October 28th where the Sparking Legacies will be kicking off a Food Drive for Inland Valley Hope Partners.

**Inland Valley Hope Partners Food Drive:** The Sparking Legacies will be hosting a Food Drive for our local service organization, Inland Valley Hope Partners starting Sunday, October 28th and concluding at the Harvest Festival on November 18th. Each week has a theme and the event will close with a field trip to deliver the food the weekend after Thanksgiving in effort to restock their cupboards after Thanksgiving feasts.

October 28th = Red Week: canned tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, catsup, raisins, etc.

November 4th = Yellow Week: pasta, boxed mac-n-cheese, cereals, rice, mustard, etc.

November 11th = Purple (P for protein): peanut butter, tuna, Canned meat, Spam, Beans, etc.

November 18th = Green: Canned Fruits & Vegetables.

The themes are suggestions, all nonperishable food items welcome!

**The Harvest Festival** is coming up November 18th and is an event of food, fun and fellowship as we celebrate God's many blessings. There will be a lunch available for a donation. There will be many free crafts, games and activities available for all ages from Ring Toss to Bingo, Bean Bags to Name that Hymn and of course the traditional cake walk. This year we are adding a poetry contest and a pumpkin painting contest as well as an opportunity to display your crafts and artwork of any genre, (painting, drawing, writing, photography, needlework, quilts, whatever your heart and imagination can create). This is a way that we can share our many blessing with the each other. If you have any questions or you or your board would like a booth to share information or sell items please contact Deborah Walden at 909-861-4716 or [dhorne-walden@laverne.edu](mailto:dhorne-walden@laverne.edu).





## Be sure to mark your calendars...

**October 7th: NAPF/HOPE Information Meeting-** All high school and college youth who are interested in attending the NAPF/HOPE National Conference need to attend the information meeting with a parent or guardian. We will be going over the details of the event. We will also be discussing fundraising opportunities. This is a mandatory event for all those who want to attend conference in 2019 so please contact us if you have any questions or are unavailable the day of the meeting.

**October 14th: Rummage Moving (Service Event)-** All hands on deck! All youth are being asked to help out with rummage moving. There are great opportunities to help out for all ages. Little ones can help pack up the nursery or set up shop in the toy department. Older kids can help moving boxes or sorting. Lunch will be provided by the Women's Auxiliary. Please let Sarah know if you will be available by October 9th and you will receive your assignment at Sunday School on Oct. 14th. This is a great opportunity to earn service hours.

**October 20th: Youth Café at the Rummage Sale (Fundraising Event)** will be open 8:30am—1:30pm during the Rummage Sale. We will be serving hot dogs, popcorn, sno-cones (if warm weather), chips and soda. Sparking Legacies are encouraged to help out as this is a C.E. fundraiser for the youth. Those helping out should arrive to help set-up at 8am and plan on staying until 2pm to help clean up.

**October 28th: Inspiration Hour & Food Drive for Hope Partners Kick-Off:** All donated non-perishable food items will be accepted.

Other dates to note:

- Nov. 4th: Christmas Play Parent Meeting at 11:30am  
Inspiration Hour at Noon
- Nov. 18th: Harvest Festival, 11:30—3pm
- Nov. 25th: Field Trip to deliver food items to Hope Partners (Tentative)
- Dec. 2nd: Soup & Salad Bar at the Christmas Market Place 11:30am—2pm
- Dec. 16th: Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal, Noon to 1:30pm
- Dec. 18th: Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal, 5:45pm—7:30pm
- Dec. 19th: Christmas Dinner & Play
- Dec. 30th: Youth New Years' Party, 11:30am –2pm



If you have questions regarding any of these events please "leaf" a message for

**Patrick at [Patrick.n.horn@gmail.com](mailto:Patrick.n.horn@gmail.com) or Sarah at [scampbell@pilgrimchurchpomona.com](mailto:scampbell@pilgrimchurchpomona.com)**

Also, remember to check for updates on our Facebook Page:

**Pilgrim Congregational Church Pomona**



LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH, AND LET IT BEGIN WITH ME

## CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 4, 2018

“Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me” is Moderator Andrea Gray’s theme for Pilgrim Congregational Church in 2018-19. It expresses the personal responsibility that we bear for bringing peace to our world. Peace is not a distant hope; it’s as close as our own hearts.

God’s peace for the whole world is the chief end of our calling as Christians. Pilgrim Congregational Church is vital to our participation in that peace. Consecration Sunday celebrates and honors the fact that **the financial support of Pilgrim Congregational Church is one way to “let peace begin with me.”** The message of God’s peace through this Church depends upon our faithful giving.

Our guest minister, Dr. Lowell Linden, will lead us in the Consecration Service and afterward there will be a catered buffet lunch during which the results of the pledges will be announced. We will provide activities for the children and youth as we await those results and fellowship together. Please help us plan for the lunch by calling the Church Office (909-622-1373) by Wednesday, October 31.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this very important event in the life of Pilgrim Congregational Church. And may peace begin in all of us through our faithful giving.

Patrick Horn, Ben Selters, Mary Ann Vilsack, Clark Selters

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## WE'RE GETTING READY... FOR THE "BEST RUMMAGE SALE IN THE VALLEY"

In the five months since our Spring Rummage Sale, many people have been busy helping us prepare for the Fall Rummage Sale. A HUGE thank you to all our wonderful volunteers. Donations may be brought to the church any time up until Rummage Moving Sunday.

Rummage Moving Sunday is on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be provided by Friendship Guild for anyone who would like to help us start getting ready for the sale. Our wonderful Sigma Chi guys will deliver the boxes to the rooms and we'll need help opening and emptying the boxes.

On Monday and Tuesday Don Sanders will provide delicious lunches to the workers. Everyone is welcome to come and help anytime during the week.

The Rummage Sale is from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Come and see all the interesting things for sale. This is a wonderful, fun, and worthwhile event.

If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Judy Sanders (909)597-2254 or Jan Manildi (909)627-2994. Thank you.

## OCTOBER LIBRARY NEWS

The library committee met the end of September to select new books. We had many to choose from an array of fall titles. Since the meeting was held after the print deadline, I can't tell you the exact books selected. But know that the committee always looks for the best in reading material for our members!

Please watch for further news about our annual library coffee. We are in talks with **Elizabeth Letts**, author of *The Perfect Horse*. (We have a copy available in the library.) The date is Friday, February 22, 2019.

*Megan*

### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Wednesday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday	Closed
Friday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	9:00 a.m. to noon



### **PLEDGE ENVELOPES**

With the Stewardship campaign coming up pledge envelopes will be available for 2019. Those who have previously received envelopes need to do nothing. Your envelopes will be ready. If you need to be added to the list, please let the office know by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

In order to keep our church files up to date we would like to have emergency contact information for all our members. If you have not turned in your contact information or need to update it, please contact the church office by email or phone or leave a note in BaLinda's in-box on her desk.

### **YOU ARE NEEDED FOR HANGING OF THE GREENS**

Many hands make light work so please come at 9am on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> and help Lisa Keepers decorate the church for Christmas.

## FACILITY USE

When coming to the church, please remember to check in AND out with the office staff. This is extremely important in case of an emergency because if no one knows you are here, no one can look for you. It is also important so that you can know whether or not rooms are being rented by others. Renting our facility to others brings us much needed income. We want our guests to continue to come back to our facility, so we need to be respectful of their space. Also, if you are planning to meet at the church, please let BaLinda know so she can make sure the space you want is available. Following these procedures would be very much appreciated.

We are asking **all ministries** to contact the church office and submit a list of everyone who has keys to the church. We must keep and maintain an updated list for our insurance purposes. Please contact us right away.

	FACILITY USE	
October 6, 2018	Mayflower Chapel	
October 14, 2018	Rummage Moving Sunday	After church
October 20, 2018	Rummage Sale	8 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Thank you,  
Janet Stevenson, Facilities Use Chair

# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS SUBMISSIONS

## Deadline Dates

**October 19, 2018**

**November 16, 2018**

**December 21, 2018**

## REMEMBRANCE

If you know someone who would love to receive a card or note from the Women's Auxiliary; please call or email submitting their name, address and telephone number. We believe in no one being left out, it's always nice to receive a note "Just Because".

You can contact me, Sharla Wickman, at 909-374-9220 or [sharla1wick@gmail.com](mailto:sharla1wick@gmail.com).

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***CHURCH AUCTION IS COMING!***

Hear Ye Hear Ye....Mark your Calendars today....

Just a reminder for all to mark your calendars today for our upcoming Auction. The Board of Trustees will be hosting our annual auction on Sunday, November 11 at the Doubletree in Claremont. This is always a great event and this year won't be any different. Although Dr Bingham will not be our auctioneer, we have others lined up to do the calling. The table top games are in the works and we are beginning to gather items to bid on for our fundraiser in the silent and voice auction.

Now is the time for all of you to clean out your closets for those new items you thought you would get to and never have. Do you have gift cards you will never use? How about time share points? Cooking or baking skills? The Board of Trustees would appreciate all donations toward the auction. Maybe your favorite restaurant would donate a gift card if you just asked. Nail salon? Other businesses or items you can think of that someone may want to bid on.

Make your reservations today...\$42 for tickets and a table for ten can be reserved for \$400. Invite your family, your friends, and coworkers for a really fun evening. Maybe your business would sponsor a table for the event and all can come.

If you have any questions, please reach out to any Board of Trustee member. Mark your calendar and get your friends to mark their calendars as well. It is always a fun night and a great fund raiser for the church general fund.



## ***AUCTION DONATION FORM***

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**DONOR NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEM** \_\_\_\_\_

**ESTIMATED VALUE** \_\_\_\_\_

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## CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE IS COMING

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and come to the annual Christmas Marketplace. We expect to have lots of goodies available for purchase. We already have jewelry, baked goods, Tupperware, and hand-crafted items lined up. We are hoping to add a number of products from various vendors.

If you are interested in having a booth or know someone outside the church who would like to sell, contact the church office, Events Department for an application, space is limited. Phone 909 622-1373 or email [pilgimoffice@pilgrimchurchpomona.com](mailto:pilgimoffice@pilgrimchurchpomona.com) for more information. See enclosed flyer.

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## OUTREACH NEWS FOR THE FALL

A quick look ahead at the dates for Christmas Outreach Activities this year. Alternative Christmas Sale will be November 18 & 25. And, as last year, will be part of the Harvest Festival!

The Hand in Hand Project, which means so much to needy families with school age kids, will be collecting Dec 2,9 & 16.

These and other projects help to make the season real to us!

Thank you  
Marria Casner  
Outreach Chair

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## WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The Women's Auxiliary's first meeting of the fall will be Tuesday, October 2nd. The program will be our own Dr. Bingham who recently gave a talk entitled "*Traditions?*" It was so well received it was requested by some of our members, who heard it, to have her repeat it for us. She will also share some of her experiences on her recent trip.

The first combined board and general meeting will be held in the conference room at 11:00 at which time we will ratify the decision to combine these two meetings.

The lunch will be a potluck so bring your favorite dish or \$3.00 to help cover the costs.

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WHAT'S NEW...

## CONGRATULATIONS TOM SHOULTZ



Tom joined the Fraternal Order of Police in 1956 when he was on the East Cleveland, Ohio Police Department. After moving to Ontario California, He was Charter President of the California lodge twice in 1961. Since 1991 he has held many positions including lodge trustee and National trustee and still attends the monthly local meetings as parliamentarian and advisor.

Look who is new to the family,  
baby Kai Moore, son of Kaori & Brad Moore,  
grandson of Pam Seggerman.



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Here's to our very own  
"Big Kahuna." We will miss  
you. You prayed with us, you  
comforted us, you counseled us,  
you studied with us. You gave  
us very moving memorial  
services. Your 25 years of  
devotion here at Pilgrim  
changed many lives.

We appreciate you!

Your Staff and Friends

Your presence will always  
be felt from the  
communities of Claremont  
to Pomona you've spread  
the goodness of love and  
concern. (pictured with  
Steven Llanusa and  
Hilary LaConte.)



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Dr. Beth, it's difficult to put into words all that you mean to our family. You have seen us through some wondrous events- weddings and baptisms ( two this year alone) and one sad event. You are the only minister the "grands' have known and their parents remember- perhaps one can't do better than that! We will so miss you!  
Casner and Caballero Families



Bill Parnell: Through 25 years of change Dr. Bingham has lead us with dedication and love.

Megan Parnell: As my minister as well as my boss it has been a pleasure for me to be a Pilgrim.

Mary Scott, resident nurse: I will miss our visits to our many Pilgrims in need.

From the whole Pilgrim Choir, we would like to wish you the best in your new venture. We thank you for all of your support and praise for our music over the many years. As a parting anthem we have chosen "Lord of the Dance" arranged by John Rutter as we know how much you like this hymn.

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Teasing and having a great time with the Cedar Lake Adult camp 2017

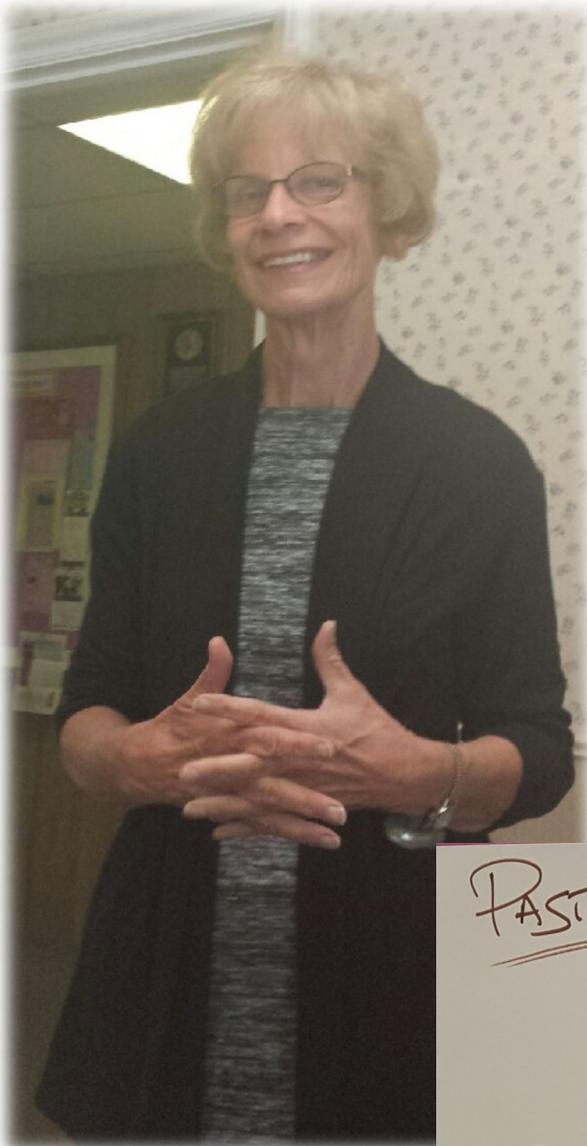
Bob Smith: When I was feeling very low in a hospital bed, one of the brightest moments for me was when Beth came to visit.

She would bring Mary Scott and they would form a prayer circle with me.

Beth's words lifted my spirits and helped me remember, I am God's child and he cares so much for me.

Thank you Beth

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She has personality plus!

Always willing to pose for the camera. I will miss our special strategic times.

I am grateful to God you took a chance on hiring me as your assistant, now Office Manager.



You will always have a special Place in our hearts.

Warmly,  
BaLinda Reneé

Thank you for sharing your many talents with us. You will be missed. Wishing you all the best in your new position.

The Newell Family

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Always ready  
to  
celebrate  
whatever the  
event.

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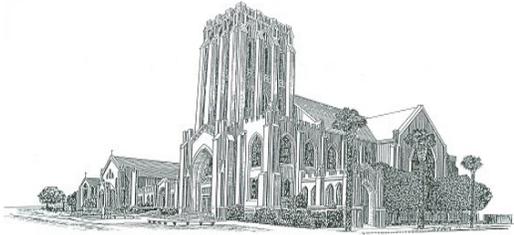
One of her best achievements is her son, Theodore, (Ted) Bingham, a graduate of Pomona College and works at Greenberg Glusker, also Former Law Clerk at Kawahito Shraga & Westrick, LLP and former Special Assistant to the Speaker of the California State Assembly John A. Perez.

The 2018 recipient of the Zennie Cummings Award from the Pomona Inland Valley Martin Luther King Jr. Project.

“Difficult Times Make Us  
A Stronger Community”



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**Worship Services**

Sunday 10:00—11:00am  
Church School 10:15— 11:15 am  
Children/Youth Worship 10:00am

**Tuesday**

Twilight Bible Study 5:30 — 6:45pm

**Church Office Hours**

Monday—Thursday 9:00—4:00pm  
Fridays 9:00 -3:00p.m.

**Office Closed Daily**

Lunch 12:00— 1:00pm

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God's Blessing to you in your new adventure.

# Activities Events

**WEEKLY**

**Tuesdays**

Twilight Bible Study 5:45 p.m.

**Thursdays**

Quilting & Art Time—10:00 a.m. to noon

Writing Memoirs 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal — 7:30 p.m.

**SAVE THE DATES**

**Tuesday, October 2.**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Sunday, October 14**

Moving Sunday

**Saturday, October 20**

Rummage Sale

**Saturday, October 27**

Silent Movie

Root beer Floats 6:30 p.m.

Movie 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday, October 28**

Inspiration Hour 11:30