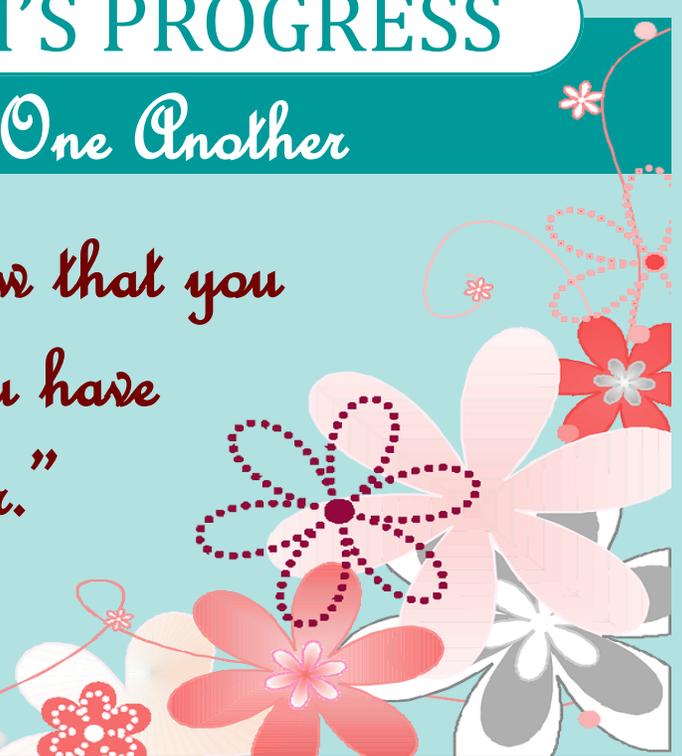


PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

Love One Another

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

~ John 13:35



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Staying Connected While Staying Apart:

WELCOME TO
ONLINECHURCH



We are all anxious for the day when COVID-19 is behind us and we can join together in fellowship and prayer within our sanctuary hand-in-hand. Though we need to keep our distance for now, we can still come together online thanks to the staff and volunteers at Pilgrim Congregational Church.

“Where two or more gather in my name, there am I with them.” ~ Matthew 18:20

This holds true as we gather together in His name in cyberspace. Look for the many ways that you can connect with God and your Pilgrim family online within this edition of Pilgrim's Progress.

PILGRIM PATHS WORKING

~Love One Another~

Dr. Patrick Horn ~ Senior Minister



In ordinary times, this clear statement from Jesus often went unnoticed. But these are not ordinary times and loving one another can be challenging under the stress and strain of isolation, risks, and fear.

Believers and non-believers alike often ask what is so important about the Church. It's a legitimate question. What difference does it make that we join together in covenant with one another to worship, to pray, and to serve? The answer to that question is very easy. Jesus said it many times: Love. Love God. Love your neighbor. Love yourself. Love the world as Christ loves it. Love one another.

Love is the answer, but the answer is not a word. The answer is a lived life. And this is where the Church comes in. The Church is the way that God has chosen for us to live in love. And when we do, people will know that we follow Christ.

In these first few months of my ministry at Pilgrim, I have been overwhelmed by your love for one another. I certainly have been the beneficiary of that love. But I have also seen you love the world and one another. And I see it now so clearly in the way that you have responded to this crisis.

You have given strength and encouragement to the staff and our efforts to continue the ministries of the church in ways that we never imagined that we would be forced to do. You have supported us with your money, your words of encouragement, your prayers, and your virtual presence at

youth gatherings, devotionals, Bible studies, and worship services.

You have regularly checked on one another via phone and Facebook. This has been especially important to those among us whose only connection to their community is television and the telephone. In some cases, new connections have been made and old acquaintances renewed.

You have been willing to go the extra mile, literally. In one case, a plea went out on Facebook for a ride to urgent care and a couple of Pilgrims responded with that ride and a full day's commitment to help someone in desperate physical need. In several other cases, Pilgrims have responded to those in medical care with frequent calls and support.

You are loving one another. And Jesus told us that this is how we will be known to be his disciples!

Thank you! May God bless you and give you the strength to continue loving one another!

Patrick

PILGRIM PATHS WORKING



FROM THE MODERATOR

"Dear Pilgrims,
What a journey this year has been for us! What a myriad of paths we have taken! What things we have accomplished! What growth and excitement we have seen! Even in this time of closures and COVID-19 issues, we have managed to carve a new path, with much hard work from many, to go "on-line" - a true joy and blessing that we've had this new way to bring God's word and the Easter story to our congregation. As I write this, our closure situation means that I will be Moderator a bit longer - until we can meet to vote on and adopt the new slate of officers and boards for the 2020-2021 church year. This is definitely a path none of us would have ever envisioned, but God and prayer are continuing to bless us as we move forward. Thank you everyone for continuing to support Pilgrim and help with new ideas and suggestions for moving us forward in the coming months. Let's continue to walk together in God's love and grace - right now, that's our only path."

~Sue Selters

Women's Auxiliary

By now our Spring Rummage Sale would be over! But since we couldn't have it in April, we are still collecting rummage for "whenever" our sale will be.

The Rummage Sale has been postponed - not cancelled!

We're hoping you're spending part of your "Shelter in Place" time cleaning out closets and garages. You may bring your items to church between 9 and 12 o'clock Monday through Friday. Edmund and Judy have graciously offered to assist you in leaving your donations at the garage during these times.

Thank you to our donors and thank you to Edmund and Judy for making this time available.

Judy & Jan - Rummage Sale Co-Chairs

*****May's meeting and program have been canceled due to CDC guidelines.*****

When dropping off rummage, please call for an appointment to ensure that someone is available to receive your items. Call the church office, 909-622-1373, Monday—Friday 9am-4pm.



WHERE IS THE CHOIR?

They are safe at home. For a couple of Sundays we downscaled to the 4 soloists. As of April 19th, we decided to downscale again to just one. The choir has been staying in touch by email and most are watching the service online.

*Thank you, Pilgrim Staff,
for making this happen!*

We will probably be in this holding pattern for a while. The participating musicians welcome any comments, such as: Is the organ too loud, too soft? Can you understand our words? General staging? Anything to make for your enjoyable watching. The hymns have been picked through May, but if you have a favorite you would like to sing from home, I am happy to change them. The complete music selection for May is listed with the Order of Worship near the end of the newsletter. Please feel free to let me know about any of this at zopranosw@aol.com or 951-529-1415.

Happy Online Watching!
Susan Winkler



Love One Another

Sending Love Through the Mail

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

You may contact:
Sharla Wickman, sharla1wick@gmail.com
at 909-374-9220.



Band of Prayer

**A church that prays together, stays together,
especially during these challenging and
uncertain times when we are separated
by the need for social distancing
and 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.**

**Band of Prayer requests may be sent to
Mary Prendergast via email at
maryprendy17@gmail.com
or call/text 909-973-6709.**



MAY LIBRARY NEWS

Although the public libraries are closed Pilgrim Library can still be reached. We can arrange to deliver books to those of you staying home during the pandemic. I am at church Mondays or you can call my home any day at 909-624-5253.

~Megan

5 Proven Benefits of Reading for Seniors



“Seniors who read often enjoy much more than just a good story. Scientific studies have found many benefits of reading for older adults... These top 5 benefits demonstrate why good senior reading habits help preserve mental faculties, enabling people to live independently longer.”

1. **Enhancing Memory:** “Reading exercises your memory, which is critical to the short-term recall of everyday events. Regular mental workouts through reading can strengthen the brain’s network, helping your mind become more receptive to learning and memory retention.”
2. **Sharpening Decision-Making Skills:** “Reading can improve the analytical and reasoning power seniors need to solve problems, an ability known as fluid intelligence that declines through adulthood.”
3. **Delaying Onset of Alzheimer’s & Dementia:** “In an article published by USA TODAY, Dr. Zaven Khachaturian, senior science adviser to Alzheimer’s Association, says that brain-challenging activities build a reserve of neuronal connections, making it take longer for the Alzheimer’s process to destroy enough neurons for symptoms to emerge.”
4. **Reducing Stress:** “According to the research conducted at Mindlab International at the University of Sussex, it only took six minutes for the heart rate and muscle tension of participant to relax once they dove into a book.
5. **Sleeping Better:** “[Reading] induces shut-eye better than falling asleep in front of a television screen or other electronic device, which has been proven to keep people awake longer or even disrupt their rest. ... You may want to consider trading in the remote for a good book instead.”

Article Source:
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When You Can't Get Out it is a Good Time to Clean Out

Spring time is a time for rebirth and renewal of spirit and of course— spring cleaning. My kids always dread when they hear me say it, my husband cringes and to be honest my motivation flees almost as quickly as it was brought on. Usually, it isn't inspired by Spring blooming or my innate love of cleaning, (anyone who knows me, there is no love for cleaning house here).

It is brought on by frustration caused by the piles of stuff that seem to be taking over the house, over filled closets, all the drawers resembling the miscellaneous drawer and a stubbed toe or two. The clutter can be avoided during "normal" daily life. We are constantly on the move going to work, social responsibilities, appointments, the kids' myriad of activities and more. I often found myself home just long enough to maybe have a family meal and sleep. We might get a chance to relax and watch t.v. or read a book, hopefully get a load of laundry in so we have something to wear the next day, otherwise, the other stuff is just going to have to wait. And then...a pandemic literally obliterates "normal life" as we know it. All social gatherings are cancelled for months, many are forced to work from home and we are all required to create a new "normal". This new normal means little to no escape from the clutter and mess that we use to run past as we came and went to our many activities each day. It isn't long before our house begins to feel very small. Fortunately, this is a reality for everyone in the house and we have had pretty close to 100% cooperation in sharing responsibilities and keeping down general clutter and insuring cleanliness especially given that we are hiding in our houses because of a very deadly "germ" in particular. But still, there is too much, stuff and not enough storage. So that brings us back to Spring Cleaning.



Well, we are home, we do find ourselves with more spare time than we want in what seems like a shrinking house, so lets bite that bullet... It sounds like it should be pretty simple, but like everything else, COVID-19 has even changed how we clean up. We have to be careful about what and how we donate items or even just throw stuff away. Many donation locations are closed and now we find ourselves needing to take extra precautions to ensure we don't inadvertently pass on the virus to anyone else. None of these facts encourage cleaning house right now. Ironically, also because of COVID-19 it is more important than ever to do just that. Removing the clutter helps us ensure our health and safety when disinfecting our home when inevitably we do have to pick up essential items, take groceries to our more vulnerable family members that we don't want going out at all and in our case when D.J. has to go to work at the hospital emergency room. We have transformed into a family that valued cleanliness but the reality of being a family with kids and pets germs were most likely unavoidable into a family with not only the normal hygiene routines but also specific steps that are taken when leaving and returning home. Now with Spring Cleaning and preparing donations it is more than just wiping down and dropping discarded items in a box and sealing for drop off, we need to scrub and disinfect items before packing to donate. This will be sure to help protect the custodial staff at Pilgrim Congregational Church while handling items as well as our volunteers who may be sorting. Also, we will likely be storing our boxes in our own garage for now, at least while there is space to avoid multiple drop offs during the "Stay-At-Home" order. If we do run out of space we are grateful that Pilgrim Congregational Church is accepting rummage donations and we will be calling ahead to make an appointment for drop off. So, with the hope of finding the light in the darkness... Spring Cleaning has begun. You may have just heard a long sigh from DJ and the shrill whine "Awwww Mom.!" coming from my house. So it is.



~Sarah Campbell

PILGRIM PATHS WORKING



Good afternoon Pilgrims,

Jim Dale with Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center (PVHMC) reached out to the Pilgrim Congregational Church to request our assistance in helping the hospital in this time of dire need. PVHMC is in serious need of supplies and is seeking donations from the community. As many of us have been patients at PVHMC or had family members treated there, we know how important this medical resource is in our community. PVHMC provides top quality medical care to so many of us and is one of only a few trauma centers equipped to treat life-threatening injuries 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

We have been asked to help in two ways. First, please consider donating any of the supplies on the list below and dropping them off at the designated drop point. Secondly, we encourage you to spread the word about this need to your friends, neighbors and business owners you know who might also be able to donate.

Here are the items the hospital is in most need of:

- ~Masks (all types)
- ~Hand Sanitizer (unopened containers)
- ~Bleach (unopened, sealed containers)
- ~Gloves (unopened boxes)
- ~Disinfecting Wipes (unopened containers)
- ~Towels (preferably white or light-colored)

A safe donation drop-off site, with a low-contact, convenient drive-up option is available at [360 W. Vinton Avenue, Pomona 91767](https://www.pvhmc.org/patients-visitors/the-coronavirus-covid-19/donate-supplies/) between 8:00am-12:00noon Monday-Friday.

If you have any questions, please call fellow Pilgrim Beth Brooks at (909) 229-5921 or see the web links below.

Check out these links to learn more:

<https://www.pvhmc.org/patients-visitors/the-coronavirus-covid-19/donate-supplies/>

thank
you!

Thank you Jeanne Cockrell & Nancy Blackstock for making and donating masks to the Radiology Department at PVHMC. We sincerely appreciate the support!
~D.J. Campbell
CT Tech.

If you are interested in making masks for yourself or for donating to hospitals and medical facilities visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

At the above link you will find sew and no sew patterns for CDC approved masks.



PILGRIM PATHS WORKING

Pilgrim Online Giving is Fully Operational!

Thanks to the hard work of staffer, Nancy Newell, we have expanded our giving opportunities. We are now able to give through our Pilgrim website (PilgrimChurchPomona.com) and our phones by using our new online giving platform, PushPay. You can currently choose to give directly to any of five different funds:

1. Pledges/General Funds
2. Sound System
3. Easter Offering (designated for Mercy House of Ontario)
4. Music (designated to Harmonia for the support of Music programs at Pilgrim)
5. Heifer Project

And many of you already have! So far, about 15 different people have used the online giving option and several have set up automatic recurring gifts. At least one Pilgrim is using a credit card to make donations to Pilgrim, taking advantage of the card's double rewards program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask Nancy, Karli, or Patrick how to use the online giving option. You may also wish to speak to Church Clerk, Christine Vanyo, or Past Moderator, Andrea Gray, both of whom have participated in the online giving option.

Thank you for your generosity! Keep up the good work!

ONLINE



Visit our link~

<https://pushpay.com/g/pilgrimchurchpomona>

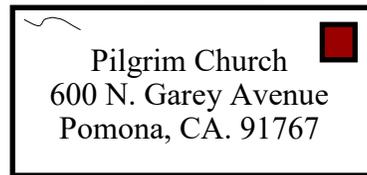
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PILGRIMCHURCH
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Send a Check



When you send "PILGRIMCHURCH" to 77977 you will receive a one-time reply containing a link to give to PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (1msg/request). Please be aware that Msg & Data rates may apply. For full Terms & Conditions please visit <http://pushpay.com/terms>. For the Privacy Policy please visit <https://pushpay.com/privacy>. For help reply HELP or STOP to cancel.

If you have any questions please call the church office at 909-622-1373.

Scrip News

Get Your Scrip Today!

To purchase scrip and keep this important fundraising program thriving, please call (909) 622-1373 to place your order. Scrip pick-up is available by appointment. Visit www.shopwithscrip.com to see available retailers, grocers, gas stations and more.

PILGRIM PATHS WORKING

MERCY HOUSE

We help people find their way back home.



Left: Marria Casner, Lorraine Rogers & Judy Sanders visit the Mercy House in Ontario for a tour led by director Judy Conner. Top: Judy Conner explains the services provided by Mercy House to Patrick Horn, Judy Sanders and Lorraine Rogers.

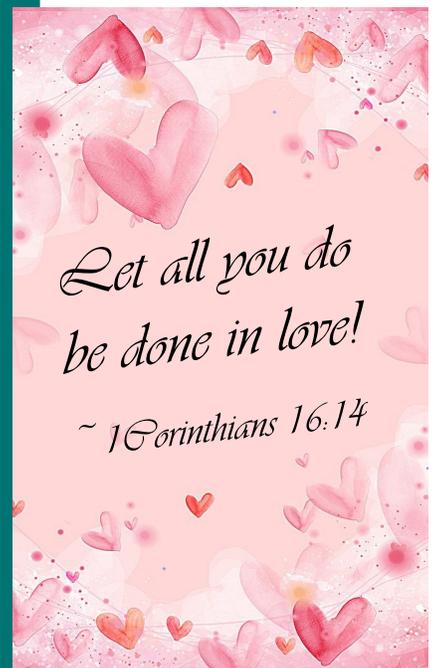
Board of Outreach News

In these uncertain times, it's wonderful to know that Pilgrim Congregation has not forgotten the needy. The Easter offering designated to go to Mercy House in Ontario has exceeded expectations! So far we have raised over \$3,000. It's good to know there is still time to add to this amount (until May 15th). For those interested, Pushpay makes donating so easy!

A few of us were blessed before the "Stay-At-Home" order, on March 4th, to visit Mercy House for a brief tour led by the director, Judy Conner. During the tour, Judy showed off the facilities and demonstrated how we can help. It was also stated that though they appreciate all contributions, that the freedom to apply Pilgrim's contributions to immediate needs as they come up instead of holding for specific destinations is especially helpful. It makes it easier to help those in an emergency whose needs may vary depending on the situation.

The Outreach Board thanks you!

~ Marria Casner



Pilgrim's Impact: DOUBLED

For a limited time, your donation to Heifer will be matched for 2x the impact!

The Pilgrim Outreach Board is inspired to help end hunger and poverty through Heifer International's programs and bring the commandment "love your neighbor" to life. **Please consider donating before Memorial Day (May 25th) and your gift will be matched by a group of generous investors supporting Heifer.** Your gift will help two times as many families in need.



CHANGE LIVES
with a flock of chicks



BOOST ECONOMIES
with the gift of sheep



EMPOWER GIRLS
through education



Thanks to past gifts from our youth and generous members like you, Pilgrim Church Pomona has provided rabbits, bees, goats, and flocks of chicks to families to help them become self-sustaining. We have sent girls to school who not otherwise have the opportunity and we have helped to bring clean water to villages that would normally have to trek miles each day for water.

Let's do it again!

Are you ready to join in this mission
and make a **DOUBLE IMPACT**?!

To donate (and double the impact), you can donate using Pushpay, selecting "Heifer", or make your check out to "Pilgrim Congregational Church" and write "Heifer" on the memo line.

Mail your donation to:

**Pilgrim Congregational Church
c/o Board of Christian Education
600 N. Garey Avenue
Pomona, CA 91767**



We have already raised over \$600. Just imagine what we can do if we reach \$1,000 and it becomes \$2,000...

Questions? Call Sarah Campbell at (909) 305-3155.

To learn more about how Heifer International is helping to end hunger and poverty around the world, visit <https://www.heifer.org/>.



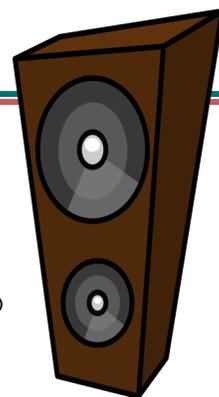
Announcements, News & More...

Have you called the office and reached a voicemail you don't recognize? Are you thinking, did I dial the correct number? Chances are that you are hearing **Pilgrim's wonderful Administrative Assistant, Karli Tanner**. When our staff is busy staying safe and working at home all calls are re-directed to her phone to be sure we can respond to your questions and needs in a timely manner.



Do you have scrip to pick up or rummage to drop off? Are you wanting a book from the church library? Have you dropped by the church to do just that and there was no answer? To help with social distancing needs our staff are in the office alternate days and mostly working from home. If you need to come to the church please call ahead to insure someone is available to assist you. Thank you for your understanding.

Our "New Sound System Campaign is complete" and the new digital sound system is installed and working great. This new system allows us to correct the acoustics, set the mic levels, and it can expand for future needs. There is also a new radio-based hearing assist system. **Thank you Jeanne Cockrell** for heading up the campaign, and **thank you to all the donors and volunteers** who made this project possible!

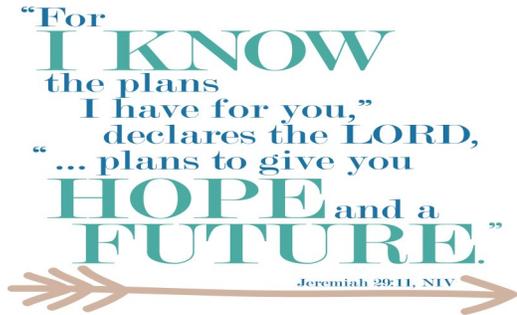


I'd like to offer a special thank you to all the staff and volunteers who are keeping our church "up and running" during this time of closures. Our staff continue to support Pilgrim in ways too numerous to count!

Thanks so much, Pilgrim Staff!

~Sue Selters—Moderator

The 2020 NACCC, NAPF and HOPE annual conferences in Portland, Maine have been cancelled.



All adult and youth conferences have been cancelled this year due to the pandemic and the need to keep our members and youth safe. For any questions concerning refunds or other business with the NACCC visit the official NACCC page at: <https://www.naccc.org/2020-amc-information.html> . For any questions concerning NAPF/HOPE youth conferences contact Sarah Campbell at PilgrimCongregationalCE@gmail.com. Though this is sad news, it gives us more time to prepare, fundraise and get excited about conference next year in **Spokane, Washington.**

Tips for seniors to stay connected during a pandemic:

Social distancing is the opposite of what is typically recommended for seniors, compared to the “normal” medical advice of social engagement. However, with seniors being particularly vulnerable to the ongoing pandemic throughout the world right now, social distancing is a must for everyone’s health and wellbeing. So now the challenge is to make sure that social distancing does not become isolation which can lead to health problems as well. **An article published in the Conversation and written by Laurie Archbald-Pannone, an associate professor of geriatric medicine at the University of Virginia** provides tips for seniors to stay connected during the pandemic.

1. **Learn the new technology.** “All sorts of online options exist to talk with family and friends. You don’t need to be tech-savvy, you just need to learn the basics.” If you need help setting up an account ask a friend or family. Karli or Sarah can help you connect to Facebook, You Tube and Zoom, just call 909-622-1373.
2. **Stay active in the community from home.** “Many organizations –political parties, faith-based groups, nonprofits—rely on volunteers to make phone calls. You can do that [...] right at home.”
3. **Go on a “news” diet.** “Stay informed, know what’s going on but don’t get locked into endlessly watching ‘breaking news’ on the 24-hour news channels. Not much changes hour to hour. Watch a news update in the morning, then check in again at night. 30 minutes to an hour is plenty.”
4. **Reach out to family and friends.** “Stay in touch with the people close to you.” The CDC recommends creating a buddy system. Connect with other seniors who may be at risk for isolation and have a plan to check on each other. “Social distancing does not mean social isolation, and even a potentially deadly virus should not force us to be alone.”



You can read the full article at: <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/health/4-tips-for-seniors-to-stay-connected-during-coronavirus-outbreak>

Babies, Birthdays & More



Madelyn Eriksen couldn't celebrate her birthday with a traditional party with family & friends, but instead was surprised with a card party. Happy 10th birthday Madelyn!



Mary & Ryan are expecting a baby boy to join the Prendergast family in August.



Congratulations to parents Brian & Candace and grandparents, Judy & Don.

Leigh Michael joined the Sanders family on April 13th, 2020.



Congratulations Kristie Hutchinson for the Grand Opening of her new law firm at 30747 Via Bonica, Lake Elsinore.

Private Prayer

Sometimes it seems easy,
Meeting God in prayer.
Sometimes too much doubt.
Truly, you are here?...
I Am, always, no doubt.

~Lorraine Rogers



Please send in any news, announcements, poetry, or arts & crafts to be included in our June newsletter by May 20th.

PILGRIM PATHS WORKING

Pilgrim Congregational Church is LIVE-ONLINE! Please join us on this new adventure!

Pilgrim Congregational Church has been online for a month now and it is going great. There are the Morning Devotionals every day, Twilight Bible Services every Tuesday, Youth Groups meet every Thursday and Worship Services every Sunday. In May we will also be adding Sunday School for kids 1st –6th grade from 11:15am—12:15am and Side-by-Side 2.0 will be meeting 2nd and 4th Saturdays. All of these activities are available online via at least one if not more of the options listed below. If you have any questions or need help connecting please call Sarah at 909-305-3155 and I can walk you through the process. Otherwise, see you in cyber-space.



*Visit our website at:

<https://pilgrimchurchpomona.com/>

to find general information about Pilgrim Congregational Church, Pomona, view a calendar of events and sign up to receive the Pilgrim's Progress via email.



*Visit, like and follow our Facebook page: Pilgrim Congregational Church Pomona

<https://www.facebook.com/Pilgrim-Congregational-Church-Pomona-105373002833758/>

to view up-to-date information on programs and to participate in live events such as Morning Devotional and Sunday Services.



*Visit and subscribe to our YouTube Channel: Pilgrim Congregational Church Pomona

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVk2ZCIOILuucAT5j0KuFTQ>

to view Daily Devotionals, Twilight Bible Study, Sunday Services & more.



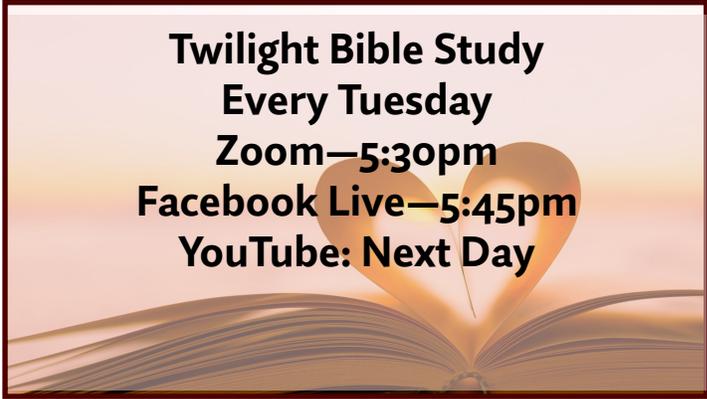
*Arrange conference call events through ZOOM to meet with your Boards, Guilds and small groups. **To set up a ZOOM event call Karli Tanner 310-940-0074.**

**Let us gather together in fellowship, worship and prayer—Online—
knowing that God is with us, connecting us together with His love.**

PILGRIM PATHS WORKING



**Morning Devotional
With
Dr. Patrick Horn
Facebook Live
Every morning at 9:00am
YouTube 10:00am**

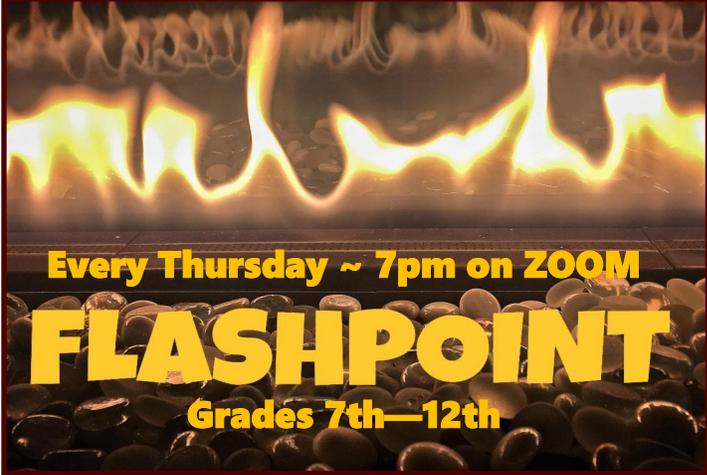


**Twilight Bible Study
Every Tuesday
Zoom—5:30pm
Facebook Live—5:45pm
YouTube: Next Day**



*Sparks
of
Faith*

**Grades 1st—6th
Every Thursday
6pm on Zoom**



Every Thursday ~ 7pm on ZOOM

FLASHPOINT
Grades 7th—12th



**Every Sunday
Worship Service
10am
Live on Facebook, YouTube & Zoom**

**Sunday School
11:15am
Live on Zoom**

Side-by-Side 2.0

Every 2nd & 4th
Saturday at 4pm on
ZOOM

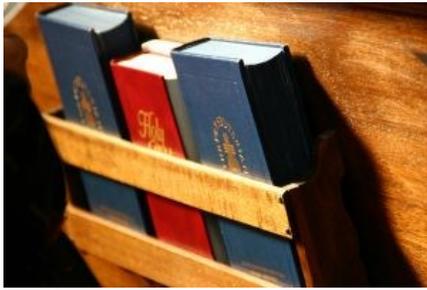
May 9th
I Still Believe

May 23rd
Road Back to You



Come join us at one, a couple or all of the above online events. To attend Morning Devotional, Twilight Bible Study or Sunday Services all you need to do is log on to Facebook or YouTube. To attend any of the youth events or Side-by-Side 2.0 sign up by emailing Sarah at PilgrimCongregationalCE@gmail.com or calling 909-305-3155. Please feel free to call with any questions at 909-622-1373.

Whispers in the Pews: (Articles from the congregation)



Hymnals

Written by Cedric Rogers

A year or so ago our hymn books were counted, and a number of them were declared missing. Two church members debated the issue; they declared that if people need the music at home enough to “borrow” them, the church is providing a valuable service to the community. We concluded by noting that we had each returned the same number of books we had borrowed. At this

time, I wish I had not done that.

If you have a hymn book at home now, then you are ready to get on the phone or computer for the next Sunday Service and sing along. We won’t hear you, so sing up loudly! According to hymn book statistics, there are many of you.

Mother’s Day is May 10th

We want to celebrate all our mothers so we are doing a slide show similar to our Easter dedications. If you would like to include a dedication please email it to the church office by May 6th.



Memorial Day is May 25th

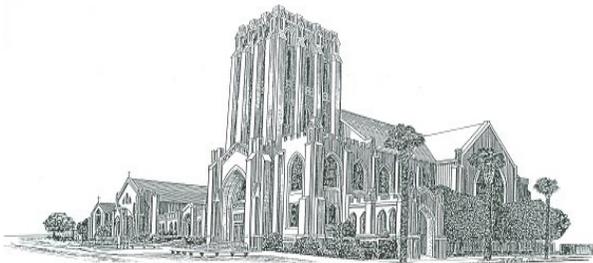
Remember those we love who have sacrificed for our country. Turn in your dedications to the office by May 20th.



Sharing God’s Gifts

Each of you have a talent, a special gift from God, whether it is drawing, painting, taking photographs, quilting, crochet, building models, writing poetry or more. With everyone staying home we may be finding time to finish projects that got left behind in the hustle and bustle of daily life, or you found the time to begin a project you have long wanted to do. Either way, we would love to see your work. Please submit a photo and description to pilgrimoffice@pilgrimchurchpomona.com

“Your talent is God’s gift to you, what you do with it is your gift to God.” ~Leo Buscaglia



You probably have seen this magnificent pencil drawing of our beautiful church on our stationary, forms, website and social media. What you may not know is that it was drawn by one of our own members, Mr. Bob Smith.

PILGRIM PATHS WORKING

Dear Pilgrims,

Staying home doesn't mean we can't stay connected. That is why our newsletter, Pilgrim's Progress continues to be in full production. Please submit any news if your boards or groups are meeting virtually. Guilds and groups should report on any virtual gatherings. I also encourage submissions with pictures from individuals who have announcements, want to share something they created in our "Sharing God's Gifts" or a brief story in "Whispers in the Pews". Maybe you have found a creative way to cope with current affairs that might help others, or maybe you just want to thank someone. We miss our fellowship with our Pilgrim Family, we miss you and want to hear from you.

To turn in a submission fill out the form below and send to the address below.

Name of Board/Group/Member: _____

Submitted by: _____

Edition: (example April 2020) _____ Repeat: _____

Circle Topic: Board Report Group Report Notice Thank You

Celebration Announcement Guild Report Monthly Article

Whispers from the Pews Sharing God's Gifts

Pictures Included (if yes circle one): Hard Copy Digital

Do you want images returned (hard copies only): YES NO

Picture description & caption: _____

Article: (You may continue on separate page or attach word document.) :

You are not required to use the form, but please include all requested information that is applicable to your submission.

Turn submissions into:
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UPCOMING
Events

Every Morning

Morning Devotional with Patrick Horn
Facebook Live 9am

Every Tuesday

Twilight Bible Study—Online
Facebook Live 5:45pm

Every Thursday

Sparks of Faith (1st—6th grade)
6:00pm—7:15pm event on Zoom
Flashpoint (7th-12th grade)
7:00pm—8:30pm event on Zoom

Every Sunday

Worship Service
Facebook Live & YouTube 10am
Sunday School (Grades 1st—6th)
11:30am ZOOM

Every 2nd & 4th Saturday

Side-By-Side 2.0
4:00pm



Remembering our veterans this
Memorial Day



PILGRIM PATHS WORKING

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 3, 2020 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Services conducted by Senior Minister Dr. Patrick Horn

Theme: The Unity of the Church

Color: White

- **Prelude** Sacred Prelude No. 3 A. Drake
- **Hymn #617** "I Come with Joy" DOVE OF PEACE
(verses 1-4)
- **Welcome**
- **Parish Concerns**
- **Call to Worship**
- **Introit** "Majesty!" J. Hayford
- **Invocation**
Holy God, You have called us to follow in the way of Your risen Son, and to care for those who are our companions, not only with words of comfort, but with acts of love. Seeking to be true friends of all, we offer our prayers on behalf of the church and the world. Amen.
- **Lesson** Acts 2:42-47
- **The Lord's Prayer**
- **Anthem** Salve Regina Puccini
(Leeza Yorke, soprano)
Partial translation of anthem: Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. Show us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
- **Youth Message**
- **Hymn #549** "Where Charity and Love Prevail" ST. PETER
- **Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer**
- **Prayer Response** "O God in Heaven" HALAD
- **Offering**
- **Offertory** Aria for Guy B. Jones
- **Hymn #138** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" ST. COLUMBA
(verses 1-4)
- **Sermon** *The Sort of Unity We Need*
- **Hymn #318** "Christ Is Alive" TRURO
(verses 1, 2, 3 and 5)
- **Benediction**
- **Postlude** "Grand Choeur" Charles Sergisson



Liturgical Notes by Dr. Horn: White and Gold are the colors of purity and joyous celebration. They are used during Easter and Christmas seasons and feasts of Mary, angels, and saints not martyred.
Flowers given by: Selters Families ~ "In celebration and memory of John and Marion Selters from their children and families, Ben and Sally Selters."
Boutonnieres given by: Betsy Kinder ~ "For the love of Pilgrim Church."
Videographer: Bill Parnell

PILGRIM PATHS WORKING

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 10, 2020 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Services conducted by Senior Minister Dr. Patrick Horn

Theme: Forgiveness

Color: White

- **Prelude** “The Last Spring” E. Grieg
“Prelude de Falla” F. Poulenc
- **Hymn #139** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” LOBE DEN HERREN
- **Welcome**
- **Parish Concerns**
- **Call to Worship**
- **Introit** “Majesty!” J. Hayford
- **Invocation**
Almighty God, open our hearts to Your power moving around us and between us and within us, until Your glory is revealed in our love of both friend and enemy, in communities transformed by justice and compassion, and in the healing of all that is broken. Amen.
- **Lesson** Acts 7:55-60
- **The Lord’s Prayer**
- **Anthem** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” Chisholm and Runyan
(Dale Sandfrey, baritone)
- **Youth Message**
- **Hymn #408** “The Gift of Love” GIFT OF LOVE
- **Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer**
- **Prayer Response** “Amen” J. Rutter
- **Offering**
- **Offertory** “Sacred Prelude No. 4” A. Drake
- **Hymn #101** “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” DUKE STREET
(verses 1-4)
- **Sermon** *The Grace and Practice of Forgiveness*
- **Hymn #92** “For the Beauty of the Earth” DIX (verses 1-4)
- **Benediction**
- **Postlude** “Postlude for a Festive Occasion” Roesch



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Flowers given by: Current Pilgrim Family ~ “Given in honor of all Pilgrim Mothers.”

Boutonnieres given by: Betsy Kinder ~ “For the love of Pilgrim Church.”

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PILGRIM PATHS WORKING

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 17, 2020 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Services conducted by Senior Minister Dr. Patrick Horn

Theme: God as Mystery

Color: White

- **Prelude** “Sarabande” (from *Sixth Cello Suite*) J. S. Bach
- **Hymn #166** “All Praise To Thee, for Thou, O King Divine” SINE NOMINE
- **Welcome**
- **Parish Concerns**
- **Call to Worship**
- **Introit** “How Excellent Thy Name” Tunney and Smith/Bock
- **Invocation**

May your Holy Spirit, O God, continue to guide us into Thy mystery, inspiring our teachings, beliefs, and definitions to remain authentic pathways into this mystery. Creator God, Your son Jesus Christ revealed your divine sovereignty over nature when He walked on water and calmed the windstorm. Grant us open minds and hearts so that we may recognize and rejoice in your presence. Amen.
- **Lesson** Acts 17:22-31
- **The Lord’s Prayer**
- **Anthem** “The Summons” arr. John L. Bell
(Steve O’Connell, tenor)
- **Youth Message**
- **Hymn #312** “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise” LLANFAIR
- **Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer**
- **Prayer Response** “Open Our Eyes, Lord” B. Cull
- **Offering**
- **Offertory** “Offertory in E minor” C. Van Hulse
- **Hymn #88** “Maker, in Whom We Live” DIADEMATA
- **Sermon** *An Experience of the Unknown*
- **Hymn #90** “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones” LASST UNS ERFREUEN
- **Benediction**
- **Postlude** “All Glory, Laud and Honor” arr. C. Van Hulse



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Flowers given by: Pilgrim Church Women’s Auxiliary ~ “In appreciation of Pilgrim Ministers and Staff for being the ‘glue’ that helps to hold us together in these trying times.

Boutonnieres given by: Betsy Kinder ~ “For the love of Pilgrim Church.”

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PILGRIM PATHS WORKING

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 24, 2020 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Seventh Sunday of Easter, Services conducted by Senior Minister Dr. Patrick Horn

Theme: Trust in God

Color: White

- **Prelude** “Fantasy in A minor” J. S. Bach
- **Hymn #580** “Lead On, O King Eternal” LANCASHIRE
- **Welcome**
- **Parish Concerns**
- **Call to Worship**
- **Introit** “Alleluia” W. A. Mozart
- **Invocation**
Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our faith as true. Amen.
- **Lesson** Acts 1:6-14
- **The Lord's Prayer**
- **Anthem** “God Bless America” I. Berlin,
(Lizbeth Lucca, soprano)
- **Youth Message**
- **Hymn #173** “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” RATISBON
- **Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer**
- **Prayer Response** “I Need to Be Still” Jordan and Martin
- **Offering**
- **Offertory** “Soliloquy” D. Wagner
- **Hymn #700** “Abide with Me” EVENTIDE
- **Sermon** *Religious Blinders*
- **Hymn #698** “God of the Ages” NATIONAL HYMN
- **Benediction**
- **Postlude** “Postlude on “God of Our Fathers”” M. McDonald



Liturgical Notes by Dr. Horn: White and Gold are the colors of purity and joyous celebration. They are used during Easter and Christmas seasons and feasts of Mary, angels, and saints not martyred.

Flowers given by: Patricia Newton ~ “In memory of Mary Newton and Sanford Newton.”

Boutonnieres given by: Betsy Kinder ~ “For the love of Pilgrim Church.”

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PILGRIM PATHS WORKING

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 31, 2020 ~ 10:00 a.m.

The Day of Pentecost, Services conducted by Senior Minister Dr. Patrick Horn

Theme: The Power of the Holy Spirit

Color: Red

- **Prelude** "Sacred Prelude No. 3" A. Drake
- **Hymn #158** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" SPANISH HYMN
- **Welcome**
- **Parish Concerns**
- **Call to Worship**
- **Introit** "Rise, Shine, You People" WOITKIEWIECZ
- **Invocation**

Perplexing, Pentecostal God, You infuse us with Your Spirit, urging us to vision and dream. May the gift of Your presence find voice in our lives, that our babbling may be transformed into discernment and the flickering of many tongues light an unquenchable fire of compassion and justice. Amen.
- **Lesson** Acts 2:1-121
- **The Lord's Prayer**
- **Anthem** "Rejoice, Greatly" (Messiah) G. F. Handel
(Leeza Yorke, soprano)
- **Youth Message**
- **Hymn #304** "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" REGENT SQUARE
- **Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer**
- **Prayer Response** "Open Our Eyes, Lord" B. Cull
- **Offering**
- **Offertory** "Love at Home" W. Ballantyne
- **Hymn #147** "All Things Bright and Beautiful" ROYAL OAK
- **Sermon** *What is Going On?*
- **Hymn #154** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" CORONATION
- **Benediction**
- **Postlude** "Fughetta" A. Boudit



Liturgical Notes by Dr. Horn: Red is the color of sacrifice and is used during Palm Sunday, Pentecost, and the feasts of the apostles and the martyrs.

Flowers given by: Newell Family ~ "In loving memory of Ken Newell. Happy Birthday Dad."

Boutonnieres given by: Betsy Kinder ~ "For the love of Pilgrim Church."

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NOTES

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.

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