



PILGRIM'S PROGRESS ~ NOVEMBER 2018

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This month has been very busy. Our Pastoral Search Committee has been putting in many hours. They have developed a job description for the Senior Minister. The opening for a Senior Minister for our church has been posted at the NACCC. We need to offer our continued support and prayers for this committee as they continue their work.

I have been busy searching for a candidate to fill the position of Interim

Minister. I am happy to report that the position has been filled by the Reverend Dr. Lowell W. Linden. Dr. Linden says he prefers to be called Lowell.

The Reverend Dr. Lowell W. Linden has served over 50 years in the Christian Ministry. He is a graduate of UCLA, Fuller Theological Seminary, and the California Graduate School of Theology. He received his D.D. from Piedmont College. Lowell joined the NACCC in 1973, serving churches in Anaheim, CA and Redlands CA. Now retired, he is Minister Emeritus at the Redlands First Congregational Church after serving as Senior Minister for 38 years. Lowell has served the NACCC on the World Christian Relations Committee, CFTS, Executive Committee, Congregational Foundation, the Hymnal Committee and received the Harry Butman Award. He has published two books, *Through the Stained Glass Window*, a daily devotional book, and *A People at Prayer*, a collection of his pastoral prayers for the liturgical year.

Dr. Linden's official start date is November 4, 2018. He will be on campus at Pilgrim Congregational Church all day Sundays, all

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day Wednesdays, partial days on Tuesdays and available for special functions. He will conduct our Bible study on Tuesdays from 5:45 to 6:45 PM each week.

With the rummage sale behind us we look forward to the busy holiday season.

November 4th we honor the memory of those in our congregation who have passed into God's eternal care sometime during the preceding 12 months. We will be setting aside part of the worship service to pay tribute to these new Saints in a ceremony of roses. It is a solemn ritual of placing a rose into a vase as each member's name is spoken.

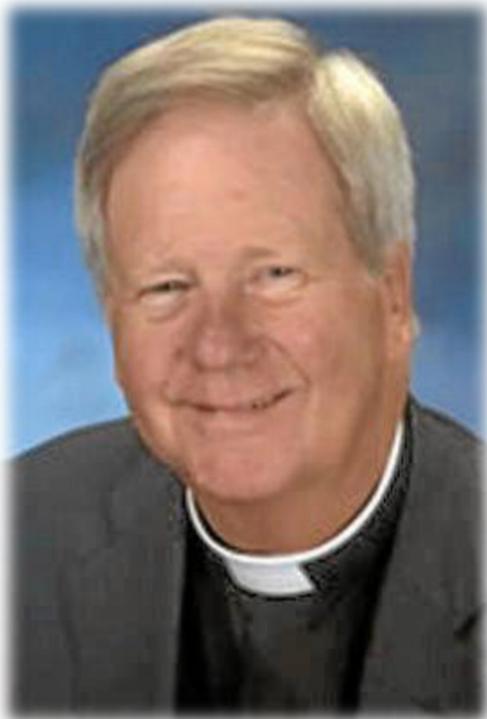
Consecration Sunday will be held on the same date, November 4th. We will be renewing our pledges to provide the necessary funds to keep Pilgrim Congregational Church healthy and to provide support for our community and worldwide projects.

Our annual auction is also held in November. We invite all members and friends to attend for an evening of fun and good food.

We are blessed to have an Interim Minister that comes highly recommended with outstanding credentials. I would encourage our members to wear name badges while Dr. Linden becomes acquainted with our congregation.

I would like to thank the entire congregation for all of the support that I have received during these uncertain times.

Let There Be Peace on Earth and Let It Begin With Me,
Andrea Gray

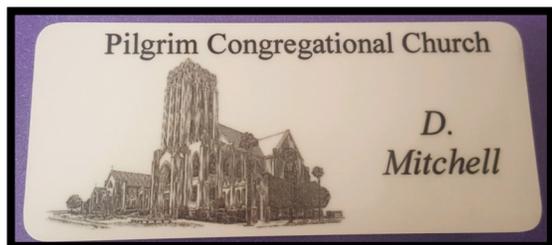


WELCOME TO OUR INTERIM MINISTER Reverend Dr. Lowell Linden

Pilgrim welcomes the Reverend Doctor Lowell Linden and his wife Shirley. We look forward to working with you as our interim minister during this transitional time.

May God bless you and your family.
Pilgrims.

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PILGRIM NAME TAGS

It has been suggested that we all begin wearing our name tags to make it easier for Rev. and Mrs. Linden to get to know us.

If you do not have a nametag and want one, please contact Susan Selters at 909-399-9891.

After she receives ten requests, an order can be placed.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Join us Tuesday, November 6th for our Women's Auxiliary meeting (men are welcome as well!) The general meeting starts at 11am followed by lunch (chef Don Sanders) at noon and then the program at 1pm. The UCLA Master Gardeners' representative will talk on "Horticulture, Health & Happiness."

LA NUEVA VOZ

Submitted by Beth Brooks

La Nueva Voz has become the leading community newspaper for Pomona. We are fortunate that Pilgrim Church has been selected as a "drop off" for these monthly issues. The newspapers are usually delivered around the fourth Thursday of each month. Please pick up your free copy from the stack located in the hallway. There are often articles published highlighting Pilgrim activities and includes advertisements that may be of interest to you. We should all be informed of the activities that are happening in our community. There are often pictures printed of our members! This publication has been loyal to Pomona and deserves our readership.

**Field Trip to Hope Partners to
deliver Food Drive bounty
Tuesday, Nov. 27th at 5pm
Drivers needed!**



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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER

The Board of Trustees would like to thank everyone who was able to come to the Wine Tasting Fundraiser at the home of Sherry Glab, September 30th, 2018. We all had such a wonderful time enjoying the fine wines presented by the **PACKING HOUSE WINE MERCHANTS**, in Claremont and also the beautiful setting and delicious food as always, prepared and served by Sherry and her wonderful staff. We also would like to thank our sponsors:

JERRY WHYTE- CROWN CAPITAL, STEVE WHYTE- WHYTE ACCOUNTING, BETH BROOKS - BROOKS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND SHARON WILLISON – WILLIAMS SIGN CO.

We appreciate your generosity and support. The evening was a great success! We could have not done it without all of your support.
God Bless each and every one of you,
The Board of Trustees



Help Pilgrim's Sparking Legacies feed the hungry and homeless by donating to the Fall Food Drive

Each week has a color theme, but all non-perishable items are accepted!

Oct. 28th: Red Week:

Tomatoes, Ketchup, raisins, spaghetti sauce, cranberry sauce, etc.

Nov. 4th: Yellow Week:

Pasta, mustard, cereals, rice, corn, boxed mac and cheese, etc.

Nov. 11: Purple (P for protein)

Nuts, beans, peanut butter, tuna, canned meats i.e. Spam, etc.

Nov. 18th: Green

Canned fruits and vegetables.

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Dear Friends,

Another tear-filled heart filled thanks for the celebration on my last Sunday, and even more for all the years we have shared together. I wanted to repeat what I said in my communion meditation. We are bound together, always:

We are together strong and always, for we are bound together by the Lord of the Dance. For the Lord of the Dance, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of God defines us and knows us and loves us and saves us. We are bound together by the Lord of the Dance.

And how he has danced these years, how he has danced! He danced in the morning when our time together had begun. He danced on Windswept with the setting of the sun. He danced when the water touched the head of the child, he danced when the bride and the groom both smiled. He danced when we talked about the Bible together, he danced when we found the missing Indian feather. He danced when the caregivers shared hopes and fears, he danced even in our loss and grief shedding tears. He danced when we laughed and he danced when we prayed, he danced when we followed him and danced when we strayed....He danced when they gathered in 1887 and he danced when we sent our beloveds to heaven... we he danced back then and he dances now, and he will dance in the future though we don't know how. So in these moments, in this time this sacred time of memory and love

Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he

The Lord will be with us, wherever we may be. The Lord will be dancing, and we will be dancing together, wherever we may be.

Beth

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NOVEMBER LIBRARY NEWS

We are all set to host our 44th annual library on February 22, 2019 at 10am. Our speaker will be best-selling author of *The Perfect Horse*, **Elizabeth Letts**. Please spread the word about this free event to your families and friends. We want to have a good-sized crowd for our author!

Meanwhile, the committee met October 24th to select new books. We have a new series available: the library lover's mysteries by **Jenn McKinlay**. We have six in the series about a small town library in Maine.

The committee selects about 15 books each time we meet so be sure to come and check out what's new!

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

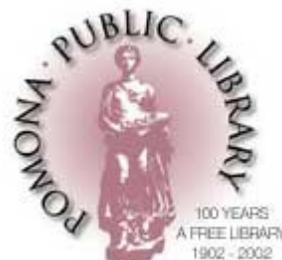
TRIVIA BEE

Submitted by **Beth Brooks**

Megan Parnell, Karen Loehr and Bill Parnell have accepted the challenge of representing Pilgrim Congregational Church in Pomona's Annual Trivia Bee. Sponsored by the Pomona Public Library, the event will take place on Thursday, November 8th at the Pomona Ebell Auditorium located at 585 East Holt Avenue in Pomona. Social Hour begins at 5:30 p.m. and the Trivia Contest will begin at 6:30 p.m.. A \$10.00 donation includes dinner!

There is a \$300.00 sponsorship fee for each three-member team. In an effort to avoid using Church funds for this evening, donations are being collected by Beth Brooks. Please make your tax-deductible donation (according the flyer) to "Pomona Public Library". If you have any questions, Beth may be reached by calling 909-229-5921.

Please plan to attend and support this community activity and help raise funds for our local library



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	
November 5, 2018	Al-Anon 57th Celebration - Gym	10:00 a.m. to Noon
November 13, 2018	Delta Kappa Gamma - Pilgrim Hall	7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
November 16, 2018	C.E. Harvest Decoration Day - Gym	2:00 p.m.
November 20, 2018	Soroptimist - Gym	6:00 p.m.

Thank you,
Janet Stevenson, Facilities Use Chair

PRAYER

A church that prays together, stays together. **Band of Prayer** requests may be sent to Mary Prendergast maryprendy17@gmail.com or call 909-973-6709.

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, sharla1wick@gmail.com at 909-374-9220 or .

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LAST 2 SUBMISSION DATES**

November 16, 2018

December 21, 2018

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LAST CALL 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 15th.

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 9 a. m. on Saturday, December 1st and help Lisa Keepers decorate the church for Christmas.



ANNUAL CHURCH AUCTION NOVEMBER 11, 2018

The auction will be Sunday Nov 11 at the Claremont DoubleTree Hotel. The buffet dinner will be at 6:00 pm . Call the church office 622-1373 or sign-up on list in office hallway. Cost is \$42.00 each or \$400.00 for table of 10. No host bar, doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Please deliver the item or description of your donation of auction items to the church office.

Donation form and RSVP sign-up are located in the church office hallway. Join us for this fun evening. Sports tickets, Wine baskets, collectibles, weekend getaways and more!

AUCTION DONATION FORM

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.

DONOR NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____ **PHONE** _____

ITEM _____

ESTIMATED VALUE _____

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.



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CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE ~ DECEMBER 2

Come for fun and to get your Christmas Shopping don by visiting our many vendors. My Special Jewels by Paparazzi Accessories, Baked Goodies & Stocking Stuffers, Holiday Wreaths & Ornaments, Handmade Gift items, Landmark Graphics, Origami Owl Jewelry, Decorative Wood Signs, Creations by Jenn, My Business My Job, Kicks & Giggles, Tupperware, Color Street, SeneGence, Ceramics by Susan Winckler, and our Pilgrim Youth will host a Soup and Salad Bar to raise funds for their many activities, hope to see you there!



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. We will begin collecting food for Hand in Hand Sunday, November 11 please take advantage of the store sales and coupons. This is a great opportunity of everyone to help.

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

Thank you
Marria Casner
Outreach Chair

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

Thanksgiving is a day to count the blessings in your life,

It is the time to celebrate and be joyous, it is a day of pride.

It is a day to acknowledge the presence of the people who form your world,
To realize how precious is their worth, more precious than diamonds and pearls.

On this day, we want to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving dear friends,
May you live in the world where the reasons to thank God will never end.

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RESTING



IN PEACE



William Kallweit ~ February 8, 2018



Nancy Magnusson ~ July 1, 2018



Dick Storrer May 2, 2018



Marie Soward July 26, 2018

Robert Powers ~ January 2018

Not pictured

Billie Allen April 6, 2018

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Invite your family and friends and come on over to
Pilgrim Congregational Church's
Harvest Festival



For all ages from 1 to 101 come on over for some great family fun!

Everyone is invited to join our Pilgrim Harvest Festival, **Sunday, November 18th from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm,** following church services. Feast on a scrumptious lunch before visiting the Pilgrim Country Store, marching around a Cake Walk, and join in some fun games and activities such as Name that Hymn contest, Janga, Bingo, and much, much more! New this year is the Pumpkin Painting Contest, Arts & Crafts display, and a Poetry Reading. This will also be the Finale of the Sparking Legacies Fall Food Drive for Hope Partners, so bring in canned fruits and vegetables. Begin the holiday season right with great fun, and fellowship with our Pilgrim Family! Don't forget to bring along your family, friends, and neighbors! Here at Pilgrim Church Harvest Festival we count our blessings, share our gifts with others and reach out with faith and love to grow our Pilgrim Family! We hope to see you there!

If you have any questions, please contact: Deborah Walden at 909-861-4716.

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WHAT IS THE PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST?

It is a new event for the Harvest Festival that all ages can participate in.

The rules of the game are

1. Any size pumpkin you can transport.
2. You can use any medium to decorate your pumpkin, paint, paper etc., but no carving!
3. All pumpkins need to be submitted by 9:30am on Oct. 18th (Harvest Festival)
4. **No Halloween or scary themed pumpkins!**
5. More than one pumpkin can be used to create a design.
6. Themes: All submissions qualify for all themes but can only win one.
 - * Animals: Turn your pumpkin into your favorite animal.
 - * Prettiest: Use pretty colors and patterns and of course some bling
 - * Most Original: Something new and different.



If you have any questions please contact Sarah at 909-305-3155 or scampbell@pilgrimchurchpomona.com



What is the Poetry Reading.

Everyone is invited to share their favorite poem or excerpt from a book. Original works are also welcome and encouraged. It is like Poetry Karaoke!

Invitation by Shel Silverstein

If you are a dreamer, come in
If you are a dreamer, a wisher, a liar
A hope-er, a pray-er, a magic bean buyer...
If you're a pretender, come sit by the fire
For we have some flax-golden tales to spin.
Come in! Come in!

POETRY IS THE
RHYTHMICAL
CREATION OF
BEAUTY IN WORDS.

Edgar Allan Poe

Poetry is when
an emotion has
found its thought
and the thought
has found words.
~ Robert Frost

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**All Parents & Grandparents are welcome!
Sunday, November 4th, Consecration Sunday**



This is a brief meeting on all that is new with our youth at Pilgrim Congregational Church. This meeting will include information on the Pilgrim Youth Points Program and the schedule for our Christmas Play. We will be meeting briefly while waiting for the pledge results for Consecration Sunday. This meeting is for the parents of all youth who are already apart of Pilgrim's Sparking Legacies and for parents of youth who would like to be and want to learn more. If you have any questions please contact Sarah at scampbell@pilgrimchurchpomona.com

SCRIP SPECIAL ORDERS

**Right now is the perfect
time to place your
Christmas special
orders for Scrip.
Contact
Nancy Blackstock
or stop by the
Scrip table on
Sundays after church**



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Twilight Bible Study led by Rev. Dr. Lowell Linden is an opportunity to learn and discuss the scripture for upcoming worship services.

Imagination Hour runs concurrently with Twilight Bible Study and is for youth K-12th grade. It is a time to play games, make crafts, work on service projects and more.



Tuesdays, 5:45pm–6:45pm

Upcoming Dates & Activities:

November 6th: The youth will be wrapping Christmas Treats for kids in need.

November 13th: The youth will be working on crafts & decorations for the Harvest Festival.

November 20th: Happy Thanksgiving! No Meetings.

November 27th: Christmas Play Rehearsals begin.

If you have any questions contact Sarah or Patrick at 909-622-1373 or watch for updates on our Facebook Page: Pilgrim Congregational Church Pomona.



Christmas
Market Place

Soup & Salad Bar
December 2nd
11:30am–2pm
Price: Donation

Take a break from your
Christmas shopping and enjoy a
delicious lunch served to you by our
Pilgrim Youth.



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Christmas Dinner & Play

December 19th, 2018

5:30 p.m. - Practice & Set Up

6:30 p.m. - Dinner

7:00 p.m. - Showtime!

All are welcome to enjoy fellowship and delicious food followed by an inspiring performance from our Pilgrim youth. The Sparking Legacies will remind us of the reason for the season through songs and storytelling. This evening is not just for the families of the performers but for all our Pilgrim Family.

We hope to see you there!



All Pilgrim Youth & friends are invited to a

New Year's Party

Sunday, December 30th, 2018

11:30am—2pm

Lunch, games, a movie & more!

RSVP: Sarah Campbell (909) 305-3155



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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

Sunday, November 4 ~ 10:00 a. m.

Consecration/Remembrance Service

Tuesday, November 6

Women's Auxiliary

Board & Business Meeting 11:00

Lunch, Gym 12:00

Program 1:00

Sunday, November 11 ~ Veteran's Day

Auction at the Double Tree in Claremont

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Buffet begins at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, November 12

Church office is closed in observance of Veteran's Day

Calling all Pilgrim Youth

The Sparking Legacies are hosting
Coffee Hour Nov. 11th

We need volunteers to help set-up,
serve and clean up. This is a great
opportunity to earn a Pilgrim Point.

Contact Sarah: 909-305-3155



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, November 18

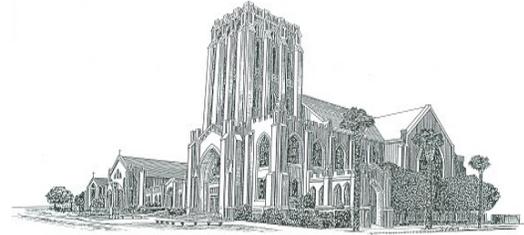
Harvest Festival

Thursday November 22 & 23

Thanksgiving office closed

Tuesday, November 27

Hope Partners Food Drive 5:00 p.m.



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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