



He has risen!

He has risen, indeed!

## PILGRIM'S PROGRESS ~ APRIL 2019

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### ***DR. LOWELL LINDEN*** ***INTERIM SENIOR MINISTER***

Shirley and I continue to be thankful for the opportunity to be part of Pilgrim. We have enjoyed each moment of being with you and for the opportunity to share Christ's love. Easter comes late this year but it is saving the very best for as long as possible. Easter is the promise of eternal life. It is more than a sunny new day after the winter rains. It is more than the first burst of flowers in spring time. It is more than an optimistic outlook. It is the hope of the new heaven and the new earth where the Lord God will dwell forever with his people. When Christians speak of hope it is more than a wish or a desire. Christian hope has every reason to believe the hope will be fulfilled because it is a promise of God. The empty tomb gives us hope that indeed eternal life is even now a reality. The hope of Easter allows us to celebrate life each and every day.

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## APRIL 2019

Church service on March 6 Ash Wednesday was a wonderful time for reflection and renewal of our commitment to God, ourselves and our community as we observed quiet meditation and received communion.

Spring is finally here. Hopefully the cold weather has stayed behind in winter. The much needed rain is subsiding as we begin to warm up. The flu and cold season is in full swing. I hope we are all staying healthy as we approach our semi annual rummage sale on April 6. Rummage moving Sunday is/was March 31. New closing time has been established based on observation that foot traffic has diminished during final hour of the sale.

The Heifer Project was launched in March. We are hoping for a successful program allowing our Church to aide those in need around the world. We thank our congregation for its generous support of these projects.

The Nominating Committee has been busily gathering nominees to fill our Church Boards and governing positions for the new Church year beginning June 1. Our annual meeting will be in May to vote for these new members.

The Annual reports for 2018-2019 will be due in the church office on April 30, 2019.

Until next time, "Let There Be Peace on Earth and Let it Begin with Me".

*Andrea Gray* ~ Moderator

Thank You!!!

On behalf of Craig Memorial Church in Paradise, CA, thank you for the gift cards, the thoughts an prayers! I received a thank you note from Pastor Andrew McHenry, and they are very grateful for your generosity. The gift cards went to those who lost everything in the fire that devastated Paradise last year.

**S**CRIP – get your special orders in NOW. We have new scrip cards in stock: Express \$25 (Montclair Plaza), Bath and Body Works \$10 & \$25, Blaze Pizza \$25, Whole Foods \$25, Chevron \$50 & \$100, Buffalo Wild Wings \$25, T.J. Max/Home Goods/ Marshalls \$25. Please let me know if you shop at a specific store all the time and I will check if they have scrip cards. We have a list of small denomination gift cards at the scrip table and check to see if you would like me to order some. You can always look at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) for all the gift cards that can be ordered.

Nancy Blackstock and the scrip staff

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**TRUSTEES FUND RAISER**  
WINE TASTING  
**SUNDAY - May 19, 2019 at 4:30 P.M.**

As you can see we are changing the Trustees Fund Raiser to earlier this year, so mark your calendars and come join us for a wonderful event at Sherry Glab's home located at: 3605 Leicester Ct., Claremont, CA 91711. As always a beautiful setting for getting together with our Pilgrim friends and family. We encourage everyone to come join us to sample fine wines from the "Packing House Wine Merchants" of Claremont, and the yummy food prepared by Sherry and her staff. The cost is the same only **\$20.00** a person. This is a perfect way to bring some friends to meet our members and raise some money for the good of our Church.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND COME BY THE TABLE SET UP IN PILGRIM HALL TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION:**

**April 14th, 21st, 28th, May 5th, 12th and 19th.**

**If you have any  
questions please call:  
Sharon Willison  
at 909-592-5857  
We thank you for your  
support!**



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## April LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to all who attended the library coffee in late February. We had around 65 guests to enjoy **Elizabeth Letts** talk about her book *The Perfect Horse* as well as her new novel *Finding Dorothy*. We had very positive comments and the book dealers sold 66 books! Our champion reader who read the most in 2018 was **Carol Hendrix** once again. She out-does everyone by reading at least 6 books per week! The door prize was won by **Helen George**. Refreshments were provided by current library committee members as well as former members **Sherry Glab** and **Judy Sanders** (along with husband **Don**.)

The library committee met in late February after the coffee to select books and after the March issue of Pilgrim's Progress went to press. Be assured there are always new books for your reading pleasure. We buy an average of 14 new books each month.



## EASTER EGG HUNT



Children ages one to nine are invited to come Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 11am to hunt for eggs, find a prize and visit with the Easter Bunny. (Parents: Don't forget to bring your cameras! There will be lots of photo opportunities.) Remember to bring a basket for each child. Donations of wrapped candies by the week before would be appreciated. We have plenty of plastic eggs to fill. Contact **Megan or Bill Parnell** at 909-624-5253.

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# Best Rummage Sale in the Valley

Pilgrim Congregational Church

600 N. Garey Avenue

Pomona

## April 6th

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### Rummage Departments

Books; Children's Wear & Toys; Furniture; Home Décor & Holidays; Jewelry;  
Kitchen Glass, Metal and Plastic; Linens; Lingerie;  
Men's Wear; Notions; Nuts & Bolts/Small Appliances; Plants; Shoes;  
Women's Accessories; Women's Wear

### Treasure Chest

China, Silver, Crystal, Quilts, Antiques, Fine Jewelry, Dolls, .  
Linens and Collectibles

### New & Nearly New

New and Gently Used Items

### Bake Shop

While shopping you can take a break and enjoy coffee, donuts and home-made baked goods.

### Youth Café

Come rest and enjoy Hot Dogs, Popcorn, Candy and Soda served up by the Youth of Pilgrim to help support Youth Activities.

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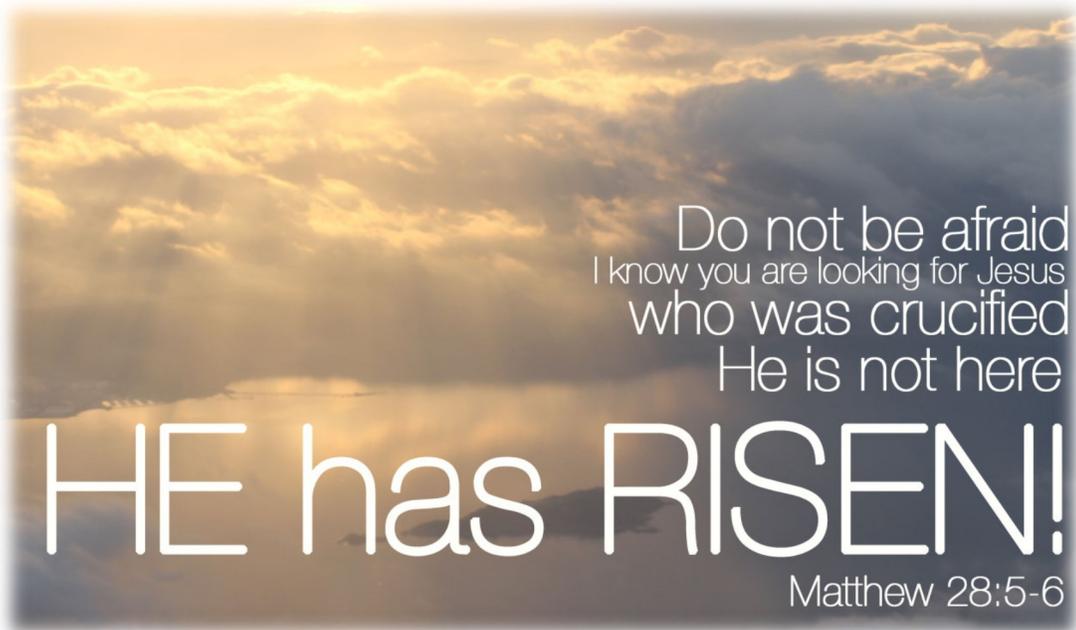
## FACILITY USE

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. 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.

Please keep in mind if you are planning to meet at the church, check with BaLinda first to confirm the space you want is available.

Following these procedures would be very much appreciated.

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](mailto: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, [sharlawick@gmail.com](mailto:sharlawick@gmail.com) or at 909-374-9220.

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# Youth Café



## at the Bi-Annual Rummage Sale

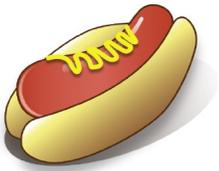


All funds go toward N.A.P.F./H.O.P.E expenses

**April 6th, 8am—1pm**

Calling all youth to sign up for shifts to work at the Youth Café. This is a fantastic fundraiser where the youth have the chance to give back to the church while earning money for youth activities and events. We also need two more adults to help as well.

Please sign up with Patrick at  
[Patrick.n.horn@gmail.com](mailto:Patrick.n.horn@gmail.com)



## Easter Basket Sale

Sunday, April 7th, 2019

11:30am in Pilgrim Hall

All funds will go toward NAPE & HOPE expenses.



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Each year for Lent the Outreach Board with the help of Pilgrim youth, collect donations for Heifer International. Thanks to the support from the congregation, a generous donor and the Gold Brick Foundation we were able to send 15 girls to school, provide clean water to 3 villages & to purchase: 3 goats, 3 honeybee hives & 3 flocks of chicks. This year we are trying to do it again. Come check out the Heifer International table on Sundays in Pilgrim Hall, where you can find out information on how Heifer International is helping to end hunger and poverty around the world. On select Sundays we will have furry or feathered friends visit, representing the gifts we can give. So please keep your eyes out for a girl representing the girls in many countries hoping to go to school one day and a cow representing the animals provided by Heifer International that help provide food and income to families and villages in need. They will be carrying around a milk can to collect donations each Sunday until Palm Sunday.



**Together we can change the world!**

**Spring is here,**

**it is time to go play outside!**



Each year for Lent, Pilgrim Congregational Church raises money to bring education and sustainable farming to families and villages in need through Heifer International. What better way for our community and youth to learn what sustainable farming is, why it is important and how they can do it too, than by taking a trip to the farm? Please join us as we go to the Farm at the Fairplex for Spring in the Farm. There will be activities like rope making, corn grinding, gardening workshops, music, crafts, live animals and more.

*Fun for everyone!*

So... join us for a fun and educational field trip to the Farm at the Fairplex!

**Who: Everyone!**

**When: April 13th, 2019**

**9am—3pm**

**Where: the Farm at the Fairplex, Pomona**

If you are interested or have questions, contact Sarah at 909-622-1373 or email: [scampbell@pilgrimchurchpomona.com](mailto:scampbell@pilgrimchurchpomona.com)



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ARE YOU SMARTER THAN  
A SUNDAY SCHOOLER?

**Join us for Christian Education Sunday!  
Pilgrim's Sparking Legacies take over worship services  
& present: Name That Biblical Ancestor**



**Sunday, May 19th, 2019 @ 10a.m.**  
**Following service please join us in Pilgrim Hall for our  
C.E. Banquet & Appreciation Awards**  
***Everyone is invited to attend!!!***



**So come enjoy our traditional  
burger bash with a twist.  
This year will be a drive in themed  
lunch. So come enjoy a fun &  
delicious meal served by our very  
own car-hops (Pilgrim Youth)  
during a presentation of  
Appreciation by our Sparking  
Legacies & the C.E. Board.**

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## Come experience Pilgrim Congregational Church's Vacation Bible School, 2019!



**June 17th, 18th & 19th**

**9am—4pm**

**All kids 1st – 6th grade**

**Price: \$20 for first kid, \$10 for each additional kid.**

**We need small group, music, crafts, drama, games and snack/lunch leaders.**



This year Pilgrim Congregational Church will be going out "In The Wild" to experience amazing encounters with Jesus, June 17th, 18th & 19th, 9am-4pm. In order for our Vacation Bible School to be as awesome as last year we need volunteers. Anyone 13 or older is encouraged to play along with our youth as they go out *In the Wild* to meet and learn about Jesus. There

are many opportunities to fit your interests in leading small groups, music, arts and crafts, recreation and more. We will be having the introduction to our VBS after church on April 28th, with leadership training days on May 4th and/or May 18th. There is also a special opportunity for our teen volunteers to go to a fun movie night at the theater.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please contact Sarah at 909-622-1373 or by email at [scampbell@pilgrimchurchpomona.com](mailto:scampbell@pilgrimchurchpomona.com).

***We are looking forward to our  
adventure together!***





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## Flowering Cross Ceremony

Come watch the cross bloom with faith, love and hope as we honor Jesus' sacrifice and celebrate His resurrection! Please join the Pilgrim Youth as they lead us in a special service followed by a Continental Breakfast in the Gym & Easter Sunday Services in the Sanctuary.

Easter Sunday, April 21st, 2019

8:30a.m. ~ Flowering Cross Ceremony

9:15a.m. ~ Continental Breakfast

10:00a.m. ~ Easter Sunday Services

If you have a blooming spring garden please feel free to bring homegrown



**How many cup holes are in one communion serving tray?**

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## WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Please mark your calendars for April 2nd. Not only will you be able to work on rummage that day, but you will also have the opportunity to attend the Women's Auxiliary's program. The lunch will be served at 12:00 noon and the program will start at 1:00 p.m.

The speaker will be from the **Huntington Gardens** and the topic will be "What's New at the Huntington".

Their programs are always delightful, so please join us.



ANSWER:40

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**WEEKLY**

**Tuesdays**

Twilight Bible Study 5:45 p.m.

**Thursdays**

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

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

Choir Rehearsal — 7:30 p.m.

**SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, April 2**

**Women's Auxiliary**

Board & Business Meeting 11:00 a.m.

Lunch, Gym 12:00 p.m.

Program 1:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 3**

Church Council 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, April 6**

Rummage Sale 8:00 a.m. ~ 2:00 p.m.

**Sunday, April 7**

Easter Basket Fundraiser

**Sunday, April 14**

Palm Sunday ~ Harmonia Brunch

**Thursday, April 18**

Maundy/Thursday 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, April 19**

Good Friday Service 12:10 p.m.

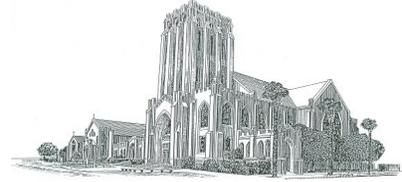
Newsletter Submission Deadline @ noon

**Sunday, April 21**

Flowering Cross Ceremony 8:30 a.m.

Easter Service 10:00 a. m.

**Events**



**Worship Services**

Church School Adults	9:00 — 9:45am
Sunday	10:00—11:00am
Children/Youth Worship	10:00 sanctuary
Church School	10:15— 11:15 am

**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 for Lunch**

Lunch 12:00— 1:00pm

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**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

