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

NO NEED TO FEAR BECAUSE THE MODERATOR IS HERE

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

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.

SCRIP – 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 for all the gift cards that can be ordered.

Nancy Blackstock and the scrip staff
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!
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.

Children ages one to nine are invited to come Saturday, April 20th 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.
LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH, AND LET IT BEGIN WITH ME

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

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 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, sharlatriwick@gmail.com or at 909-374-9220.
LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH, AND LET IT BEGIN WITH ME

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

Easter Basket Sale
Sunday, April 7th, 2019
11:30am in Pilgrim Hall
All funds will go toward N.A.P.F. & HOPE expenses.
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
LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH, AND LET IT BEGIN WITH ME

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.
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.

We are looking forward to our adventure together!
LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH, AND LET IT BEGIN WITH ME

Imagination Hour
All kids from Kindergarten through High School are welcome to join us every Tuesday @ 5:45pm
Every week is something different but always fun!

April Schedule
2nd: Spring Craft—C.E. Office
9th: Flowering Cross Practice—Pilgrim Hall
16th: Flowering Cross Practice—Pilgrim Hall
23rd: Games & Pilgrim Points Store—Youth Room
30th: C.E. Sunday Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Who are the Sparking Legacies?
What is going on at Pilgrim Congregational Church?
When is the next rummage sale?
Where are the NACCC Conferences this year?
How can I get Cedar Lake Camp forms?

Find us on Facebook

Answers to all these questions and more can be found at Pilgrim Congregational Church’s Facebook Page where event details, the monthly newsletter, Pilgrim’s Progress, and photos are posted. Questions via Messenger are responded to within 24 hours. So if you have any questions, want to share our church with a friend, or just want to check in please visit us at our Facebook page:

Pilgrim Congregational Church Pomona
https://www.facebook.com/Pilgrim-Congregational-Church-Pomona-105373002833758/
While you are visiting our page, please take the time to write a review to help share our Pilgrim Church with the community.
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?

Answer on page 13
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.
LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH, AND LET IT BEGIN WITH ME

**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.

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

**Tuesday**
Twilight Bible Study  5:30 — 6:45 pm

**Church Office Hours**
Monday—Thursday  9:00—4:00 pm
Fridays  9:00—3:00 p.m.

**Office Closed Daily for Lunch**
Lunch  12:00—1:00 pm

600 N. Garey Avenue
Pomona, CA 91767
P- 909.622.1373 F- 909.629.2554
www.pilgrimchurchpomona.com
pilgrimoffice@pilgrimchurchpomona.com

**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