

BLESSING OF THE BACK PACKS
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Pilgrim's Progress

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INTERIM SENIOR MINISTER

Shirley and I continue to enjoy our time at Pilgrim. I have been meeting with the boards and committees and I hope am being helpful. However, I do believe there is a high level of personal responsibility in the dispatching of the business of the congregation.

While Shirley and I do miss the choir on Sunday mornings the music is rich and adds so very much to our worship experience.

Thank you for moving towards the front of the sanctuary. It really does all the things I have said it does. It gives us a better sense of community as we worship and visitors will sense, while we are a small group in relationship to the size of the sanctuary, we are, indeed a congregation.

I have had a meeting with the publishers of La Nueva Voz, the Pomona local newspaper. The August issue and those that follow will include mention of Pilgrim church. For many years I have written devotional messages that have been placed in local papers and we will continue that practice. Among other things it will be a reminder to the community that Pilgrim is still active in the community.

Next year, 2020, is the four hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock. We need to begin planning what we will be doing to celebrate that event and to celebrate moving into the future because of that event.



Moderator's Message

Summer at Pilgrim is flying by and we are already into the month of August. We celebrated Pentecost at the end of June with birthday cakes. We experienced God's awesome beauty at Cedar Lake Camp in our local mountains. Last summer, we traveled to a Dodgers game, and this July, we saw the Angels play. We miss the choir on Sunday mornings in our sanctuary, but they will return in time to celebrate on Rally Sunday in September. Our Pilgrim faith pulls us to sit closer to the front of the sanctuary each Sunday morning – after all – we are the choir for summer Sundays! Our boards and various committees continue their meetings so that Pilgrims can continue to grow closer to God and stay faithful. Church Council has been busy working on the upcoming year's calendar. Watch for more information about a new Wednesday night dinner in March. The program will feature our own Pomona Police Department, and discuss scams and personal safety. You may have heard we will continue to enjoy our regular Pilgrims Progress newsletter instead of an abbreviated summer version. To help with this, the Council voted to make the year-round deadline for any announcement or article for all monthly PP newsletter articles "The Wednesday following Meeting Sunday at 12:00 noon, NO EXCEPTIONS." (Notice the words, "No Exceptions"!). So, that's the new rule! If you bring an article on that Wednesday to the office at 12:05 p.m., you've missed the deadline! We are "summer busy," and Pilgrim Paths Are Working – in true Pilgrim spirit! Sue Selters, Moderator.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

On June 23, Pilgrim celebrated Pentecost with 2 cakes for Fellowship hour. During the service, Dr. Linden's youth message featured a birthday cake with one candle that never blew out! Let God's light shine!



TALENT SHOW RETURNS TO PILGRIM CHURCH

Get out your costumes and practice your performances! Long-time Pilgrims will remember our annual talent show, held after one of our fellowship dinners. Since our usual entertainment, the fabulous children's Christmas pageant, has been moved to a Sunday, there was an opening for another program to fill the void. Remembering how much fun it was, **Bill Parnell** has offered to organize a talent show. Start thinking about what you would like to do: sing, dance, recite poetry, play an instrument, read a story, tell jokes. It's all up to you.

AUGUST LIBRARY NEWS

While you are enjoying your summer break, remember to come by the library and select some interesting reading materials! We have books on CD to take with you in the car and magazines and paperbacks which do not need to be checked out and can be left behind on your travels.

We also have new books on the shelves written by authors who are popular at Pilgrim: **Rita Mae Brown, James Patterson** and **Anna Quindlen**.

With baseball season in full swing you might like to read *K: the History of Baseball in 10 Pitches* by **Tyler Kepner**. Or how about reading *Furious Hours* by **Casey Cep** about Harper Lee's attempt to write a true crime story?

Stop by the library to see what's new.

Megan

QUILTERS ARE TAKING A VACATION

Due to the various schedule conflicts of the members, the Thursday morning Quilters Group is taking a break for the summer. They will resume Thursday September 5th at 10am.

L.A. COUNTY FAIR INFORMATION

The Fair opens Friday, August 30th-Labor Day weekend. Sadly the L.A. County Fair has discontinued their consignment admission tickets program so we will not be offering tickets to our members this year. You can go online to purchase tickets for \$12 plus a handling charge. You must pay with a credit card for the tickets at the time of purchase. We are sorry for the inconvenience!

FACILITIES UPDATE

It seems summer is flying by, a new church year is approaching, and planning is underway. I'd like to make our members aware of our rental policy. We will be following our established fee schedules for events that are not church related. There are three separate schedules - Non Members or Groups, Non-Profit Organizations, and Members. The fee schedules are available by email or may be picked up in the church office.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Wishing you a relaxing summer!

Janet Stevenson

Facilities Chair



Women's Auxiliary

The Women's Auxiliary would like to invite the younger (and young at heart) women of Pilgrim Congregational Church to participate in the start up of a new guild. A guild is an association of people with similar interests or pursuits that meet regularly to provide support for one another and for our church. This guild will provide our younger pilgrims a chance to participate in the creation of fresh ideas that can provide an integral part of the growth of our church. This group will meet once a month for a social gathering including fun and fellowship.

If you are interested or know anyone that is interested please contact Andrea Gray, by call or text at (909) 900-6000, or by email at andreagray@aol.com.

Andrea Gray

President Women's Auxiliary

Pilgrim Congregational Church



Activities & Events

WEEKLY

Summer Bible Study

Tuesdays 5:45 p.m.

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, August 4

Communion ~ 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, August 7

Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 11

Blessing of the Back Packs during service

Tuesday, August 13

Imagination Hour resumes 5:45

Sunday, August 18

Meeting Sunday

Wednesday, August 21

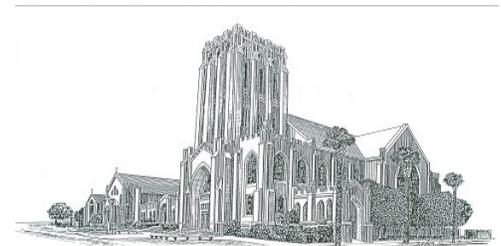
Newsletter submissions @ noon

Saturday, August 24

Teacher's Training ~ TBD

Sunday, August 25

Trustees Meeting ~ Conference room



Worship Services

Sunday 10:00—11:00am
Church School 10:15— 11:15 am

Children/Youth Worship
10:00am

Tuesday
Bible Study 5:45 — 6:30pm

Church Office Summer Hours
Monday—Friday 9:00—3:00pm

OFFICE CLOSED DAILY
Lunch 12:00— 1:00pm