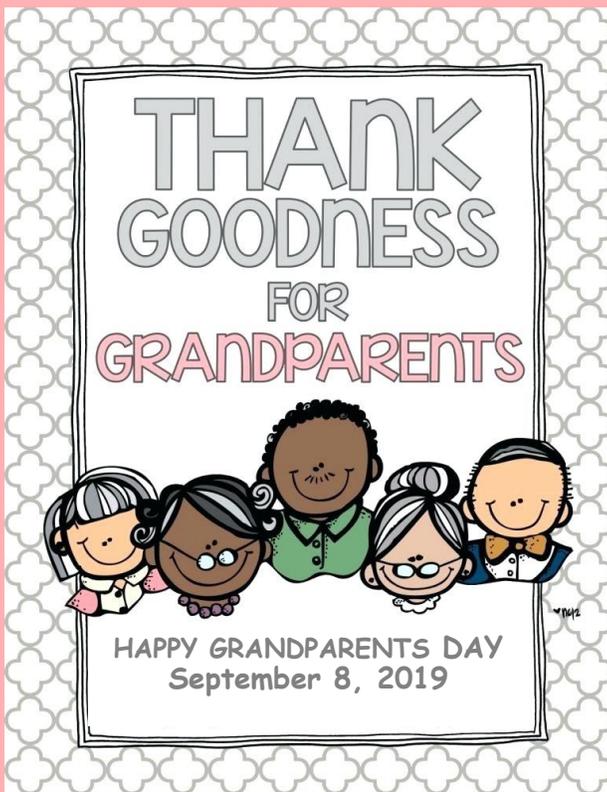


SEPTEMBER 2019

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS



DR. LOWELL LINDEN
INTERIM SENIOR MINISTER

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It was Shirley and my pleasure to be with Beth Brooks as she invited us to attend the Annual Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. We were pleased to be there as she received the Volunteer of the Year Award for 2019. It was also an opportunity to meet several of the Pomona Community. Congratulations Beth Brooks on a job well done.

By the time you receive this the choir will have returned for Rally Sunday, September 8 and the bell choir will have provided the worship music for the following Sunday. Music is such a powerful part of worship and we are blessed by having those who are so talented to be here with us.

While I am on the subject of talented people, we have a very fine church staff. They are, indeed, talented and dedicate professionals who love the church. We are blessed to have them with us.

I wish to continue to thank everyone who has been willing to sit near the front of the sanctuary as we gather for worship each Sunday. I hope all of you will continue to do so.

We started an informal study of the Gospel of Luke last November. We have moved ahead several chapters to cover

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Holy Week and the events leading up to that week. Then we returned to where we left off. We are coming to the end of this study. The only theme we have not covered is that of the end times. We will all know when that time comes. We will not be able to miss it, so be ready. So, in just a few weeks we will begin a sermon series on the letter of Philippians. See you in church.

FROM THE MODERATOR



We've made it to September! So many activities have already begun or will resume at Pilgrim. The Church Council put together an old-fashioned "paper desk blotter" calendar and it's located in the church office. Your council spent time writing in our many dates for a variety of activities. We have many paths at Pilgrim and this will assist in checking for event dates and our planning. If your Board or committee is thinking of scheduling an activity (or it's already been set) please stop by the office and be sure the date and activity get listed on the big calendar. This will help keep our communication paths open and help our staff keep things straight, too! Welcome back from your summer paths!

Sue Selters

SILENT MOVIES ARE RETURNING TO PILGRIM!

Save Saturday, September 21st for the next exciting Silent Movie Night at Pilgrim!

We will be presenting a Cavalcade of Classic Comedies. Four charming and hilarious short comedies: The Little Rascals in "Derby Day" (1923), Buster Keaton in "The Boat" (1923), Laurel and Hardy in "You're Darn Tootin'" (1928) and Charlie Chaplin in the classic "The Immigrant" (1916). Please join us for these great movies accompanied by the one and only Greg Rister on the mighty Pilgrim organ. Root beer floats will be served in the Pilgrim Gym at 6:30 PM and the films roll at 7:30 PM.

Tickets are \$15.00 per person. Children 7 and under are free. This is a wonderful family friendly evening!

Join us September 21 for another enjoyable evening of classic movies!

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The Women's Auxiliary is gearing up for our busy schedule beginning In October. Watch your mail box for the annual brochure which will be mailed after Labor Day. We look forward to seeing our members and friends at our first program and potluck luncheon on October 1, 2019. We have a great line-up of programs for the coming year. The presenter for our October program is Chaplain Keith Eades. He will be presenting highlights from the Honduran Medical Mission which he participates in every year.

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 andragray@aol.com.

“Building Bridges with Friendship in our Church and in our Community”

Andrea Gray
President Women's Auxiliary
Pilgrim Congregational Church

OUR FALL RUMMAGE SALE IS NEXT MONTH ON OCTOBER 19TH!

Now is the time to finish cleaning out those drawers, closets and garages and deliver those great contributions to our Rummage Sale. We'll be accepting rummage (almost anything qualifies) all this month and up to October 12th – our last day of sorting.

Many thanks to all the people who have stepped up and volunteered to open the garage on Sundays so people can bring their rummage and deliver it directly into the garage when they come to church. This saves a lot of time and effort. Check the sign-up sheet in Pilgrim Hall during Fellowship Hour if you'd like to help.

And a huge thank you to all our wonderful, dedicated sorters. We are sorting out by the garage every other Saturday morning from 7:00 a.m. to about 9:00 a.m. (We're very flexible. We appreciate any help you can give us between those hours.) We'd love to have you join us. Just come on down. We will be sorting on: September 7th and 21st and October 5th and 12th. It's fun.

Thank you to everyone for your support of our Rummage Sales. They are a very important support to the church and our community.

Any questions – call Judy Sanders (909) 597-2254 or Jan Manildi (909) 627-2994.

WATER FOR THE HOMELESS

Submitted by: Sharla Wickman

I will be accepting bottled water again, for the homeless. I will have my van parked by the garage to put your donations in every Sunday until the weather cools down. While shopping at the store, please toss in an extra item to help.

Thank you,

Sharla Wickman



NEW PHONES IN THE OFFICE



The office has a new up-to-date phone system. Please bear with us as we learn all the new functions of the system. Once we are familiar with the new phones we will be able to maximize its use!

THE CALENDAR ON PILGRIM'S WEBSITE

Some of you may have experienced problems accessing our calendar on your smart phone or tablet. This just recently came to our attention. The web master was contacted and within two days it was fixed. So please feel free to look things up from your phone or tablet!

REMEMBRANCE

PRAYER

A church that prays together, stays together, especially during a season that can be lonely for some.

Band of Prayer requests may be sent to Mary Prendergast

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.

WELCOME
GIA MARIE HENRY



Gia Marie McHenry was born at 12:59 pm on July 25th, 7lbs 7oz., with lots of black hair. Parents are Colleen and Ian McHenry. Her big sister Bailey Jane McHenry born Sept 7, 2017 will be celebrating her second birthday.

Grandparents are Jackie and Dean McHenry and are thrilled with the new addition to the family.

SEPTEMBER LIBRARY NEWS

Now that summer is winding down it's time to get back to our regular routines and I hope that means coming to the library to check out the new books. **Alexander McCall Smith** has a new series about a Swedish detective, **Ulf Varg**. The first volume is *The Department of Sensitive Crimes*. He also has a sequel to *My Italian Bulldozer* called *The Second Worst Restaurant in France*.

Of course there are lots of other titles to choose from: *The Pawful Truth* by **Miranda James**, *Window on the Bay* by **Debbie Macomber**, *The Lost Vintage* by **Ann Mah**, *Shell Game* by **Sara Paretsky**, *Heart of Barkness* by **Spencer Quinn**, *Unsolved* by **James Patterson**, and *Skin Game* by **Stuart Woods**.

Come to the library and check them out!

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

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS WEDNESDAY SUBMISSIONS

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

September 18, 2019

October 23 2019

November 20, 2019

December 18, 2019

NOON



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 and the member fees are quoted properly to you. 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	
September 7, 2019	Rummage Sorting - Gym	7:00 a.m.
September 21, 2019	Silent Movie Social - Gym	6:30 p.m.
September 21, 2019	Silent Movie - Sanctuary	7:30 p.m.

Thank you,
Janet Stevenson, Facilities Use Chair



Just a reminder to mark your calendars for Wednesday December 18th for Christmas Dinner and our talent show. Please sign up on the clipboard in the hall outside the office. We are looking for acts of all kinds from all age groups. Recite a poem. Sing a song. Play an instrument. Dance. We are looking forward to seeing your performance.

Bill Parnell, emcee

PILGRIM PATHS WORKING

Special thanks to our **Board of Outreach**, Art and Pat Aslesen and Sarah and DJ Campbell as well as Ed and Lisa Hupp for their help to enable the youth from Pan American Institute in Tijuana to come and be a part of our camp. This is something we have done for many years and it is a cooperative effort.

This year Art arranged for the two vans needed and he and Sarah drove to the U.S. side of the border where they met the youth and their leader Rubin to pick them up and take them up the mountain to Cedar Lake. DJ made it possible for Sarah by transporting their 3 campers. The resulting interaction at camp is special for everyone.

At the end of the week, Art and Sarah drove up the mountain to bring them back to the home of Art and Pat. They fed and hosted them overnight in their home and in the morning Art and Sarah brought them to church to participate in the service and burger bash before returning them to the border.

To make it all possible, the transportation cost and 3 camperships are donated from the Outreach Board budget and Ed and Lisa covered the balance.

Submitted by Dee Hupp



PILGRIM PATHS WORKING



What a joy to have a group of students from the Pan American Institute come to Pilgrims week at Cedar Lake Camp.

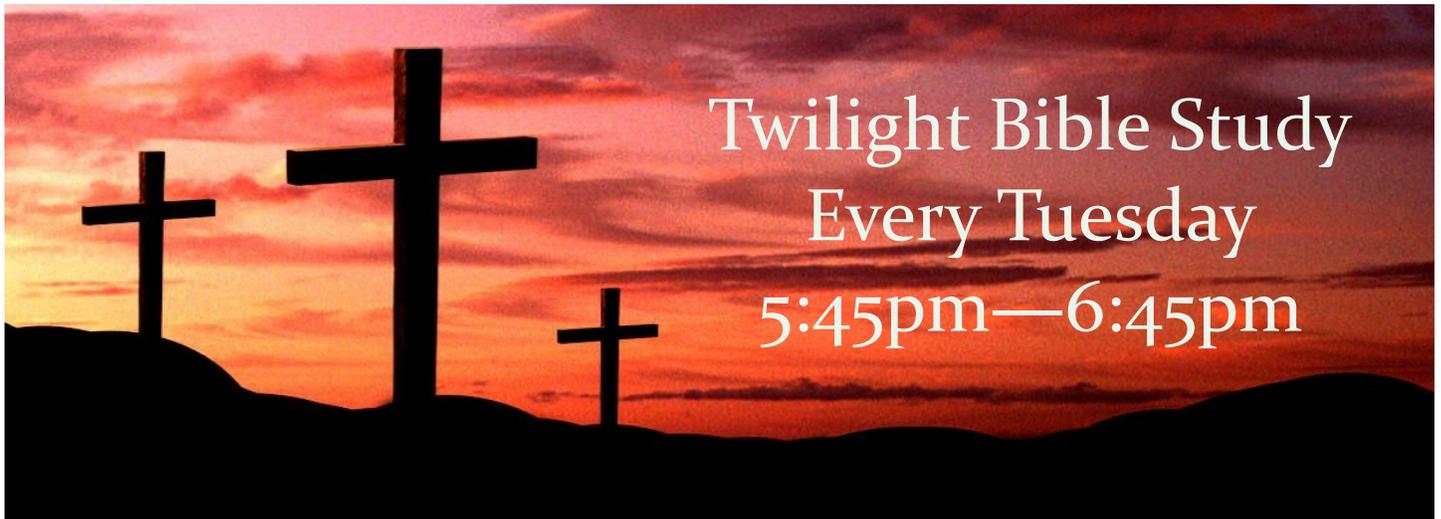
The transportation of students and Adult leaders is the behind the scenes mystery of this story. In the past we used our church van plus other cars to make the journey. Van rental has been used since then adjusted to accommodate the number of campers and leaders.

Art Aslesen has been a Sunday van driver and has transported the Pan American group several times. This year the subject of cost came into view and insurance questions became part of the equation. Thanks to Trustees checking out the rental details to mesh with insurance requirements, and a blessed volunteer (Sarah Campbell) to drive the second 7 passenger van, the project was set into motion.

Over the years, the Pan American group has stayed overnight and shared in the Camp Sunday Service and the Burger Bash. Art and Pat Aslesen have been blessed to host the group Saturday night for several years. To see more of the adventure visit: [http://www.aslesen.net/Church Projects/PanAN Van/Pan American Cedar Lake Van Trips.htm](http://www.aslesen.net/Church%20Projects/PanAN%20Van/Pan%20American%20Cedar%20Lake%20Van%20Trips.htm) (click link or visit)



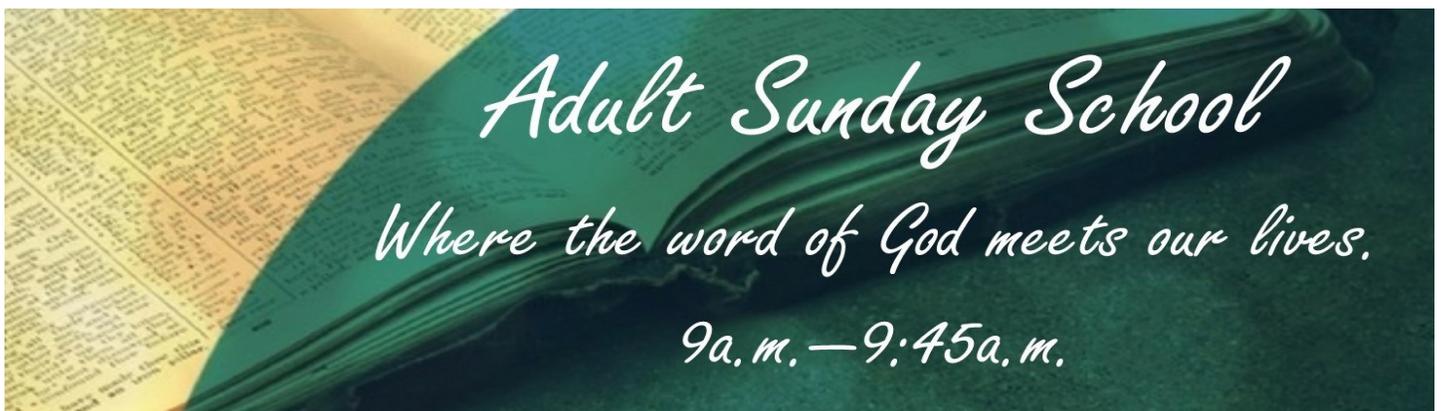
**Join us for fellowship, learning
and fun each week!**



Twilight Bible Study
Every Tuesday
5:45pm—6:45pm



Imagination Hour
Join us for fun
games, crafts & more.
Every Tuesday 5:45pm



Adult Sunday School

Where the word of God meets our lives.

9a.m.—9:45a.m.

Every Sunday morning before the main Sunday service is Adult Sunday School! We are reading and discussing a survey of books from the Holy Bible, and dig deep to understand and grow in our lives with God. For the month of September we will be continuing our study in the book of Samuel:

1st: 1 Samuel 3-5 8th: 1 Samuel 6-8 15th: 1 Samuel 9-11
22nd: 1 Samuel 12-14 29th: 1 Samuel 15-17



Summer in Review

The Sparking Legacies have been on exciting adventures this summer. They have traveled places near and far, they have worked hard and played hard as they made new friends while learning about God and strengthening their faith. The summer started with an exciting game show where the Sparking Legacies challenged the congregation to a game of “Are

You Smarter Than a Sunday Schooler?” It was fun to see what the kids had learned over the last year. Congratulations to Caroline Wilson and Jon Olson for demonstrating that they are smarter than a Sunday Schooler. After the show everyone was invited to a CE Banquet hosted by the C.E. Board and served “car-side” style by the youth. It was an honor to have the opportunity to honor all the volunteers who help out with our CE programs throughout the year and it was especially an honor to present the Pepronia Merjanian award to Edmund and Judy for service to the Christian Education Department and so much more.



Our next adventure was a safari “In The Wild” Vacation Bible School where we encountered Jesus and learned about His love for us through inspiring lessons, exciting music, fun games, crafts and more. We had 8 teens who learned through leading around 20 kids from 1st-6th grade.

We also had many amazing adult volunteers



that helped lead bible study, crafts, snack time and more. It was a wildly fun experience. As a thank you to the teens for giving up some of their summer vacation to help out we headed out to a pizza and movie night at Victoria Gardens.



By week's end DJ and Sarah were taking off with Christian & John Richard to N.A.P.F. in Ohio. Their first stop was to refuel after flying all night at a fun local restaurant called Jackflaps. Then while they explored Cleveland and its beautiful architecture before touring the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Soon it was time to unplug and “Be Still and Know God” at the Mohican

Outdoor School. There they camped while doing activities like making arrowheads, archery, hiking and more between bible study and mission work. It was a great opportunity for fellowship, communing with God and serving others.



The excitement continued through July with a fun Pilgrim beach day at Huntington Beach and a Pilgrim baseball day at Angel's Stadium. Then comes the event everyone waits for each year... Cedar Lake Camp. This is everyone's favorite spot, big or small.



Kids 2nd grade through 12th attend the youth camp with many who have graduated hoping to be a counselor. Pilgrim is also honored to host students from the Pan American Institute. This years theme was “Where Are You Going?” as the kids learned how to chose a path that is



lighted by the Lord. The adult camp, was led by Patrick and Fay. They studied scripture passages that spoke of praying always and learned what it means to “Live a Life of Prayer”. The Sunday following camp, the campers are welcomed



home Camp Sunday with a burger bash. The campers share camp songs during church and the congregation gets to hear about all the fun stories from the week while watching a slide show and enjoying good food.



Summer is coming to a close and kids are back in school. Imagination Hour has started up again and the youth are busy with service projects and more. Soon it will be time for Rally Sunday and a new adventure begins. We hope to see you here!



Our Sparking Legacies are spreading love and compassion through service within our community! They are collecting school supplies up to Rally Sunday where they will present them to a representative from Heal the Soul who will share them schools in need in Pomona.

pencil box or pouch
markers & crayons
spiral notebooks
scissors & glue (glue sticks)
Folders (pocket, hanging & file)
tissues, disinfectant wipes & spray
Backpacks

Supplies needed:

pencils & pens	erasers & sharpeners
color pencils & highlighters	composition notebooks
lined, graph & chart paper	stickers
Ziploc Bags (sandwich & gallon)	Post-It Notes
sheet protectors	manila envelopes
white board & markers	tempera paint

The Sparking Legacies will be making a presentation to Heal the Soul during Children's Message on Rally Sunday, September 8th. We hope to see you here!

Come join our team

for the

Walk for the Hungry & Homeless

or sponsor a member of Pilgrim's Sparking Legacies.

Our team could win a Pizza Party! All are encouraged to join in the walk for fellowship and fun while giving back to our community. After crossing the finish line we will be meeting up for a sack lunch picnic at Barrio Park on Claremont Blvd. Pets are welcome! If you are interested in joining our team, contact Sarah. Call or text 909-305-3155 or email PilgrimCongregationalCE@gmail.com



As summer comes to a close and we get ready for Autumn, it is time for our annual homecoming celebration, Rally Sunday. We welcome back our families from their Summer adventures, the joyous sounds from our Choir return and our new Sunday School year begins. Bring your friends and family to check out our Christian Education Programs from Sunday School to Imagination Hour, Service Projects to fun field trips, plays and youth choir to V.B.S., NAPF/HOPE Conferences to Cedar Lake Camp and I could go on. Our Christian Education Department has something for everyone from 1 to 101. We are excited to introduce Flashpoint... wait... what... what is Flashpoint? Come to Rally Sunday on September 8th to find out! We hope to see you here!!!

Rally Sunday

&

**BURGER
BASH!**



September 8, 2019

- 9:00am** Sunday School Registration
- 10:00am** Worship Service
- 10:15am** Sunday School
- 11:30am** Burger Bash Picnic & Open House



Please join us for a pizza lunch & planning meeting for the Christmas Play. We will be discussing our rehearsal schedule in effort to have one that best fits our busy families' schedules. We encourage all our Pilgrim youth to participate in the play and are welcome to invite their friends and family.

Sunday, October 6th, 2019 at noon.

Please RSVP by 10/4 so we are sure to have enough pizza and can meet any dietary concerns. Call/text 909-305-3155 or email pilgrimcongregationalce@gmail.com



Imagination Hour & Twilight Bible Study:

Every Tuesday at 5:45pm

Adult Sunday School: Every Sunday at 9am

September 8th: Rally Sunday & Burger Bash

Sept. 21st: (Service Project) Walk for the Hungry & Picnic

October 6th: Christmas Play Meeting with Parents

October 13: (Service Project) Rummage Moving

October 19th: Youth Café at the Rummage Sale

November 17th: Harvest Festival

December 22nd: Christmas Play / Luncheon

December 29th: Sparking Legacies' New Year's Party

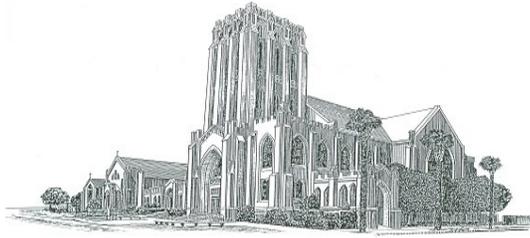
If you have any questions about this or other events please email
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call 909-622-1373

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PILGRIM PATHS WORKING



Worship Services

Sunday 10:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.
Church School 10:15 a.m. — 11:15 a.m.
Children/Youth Worship 10:00 a.m.

Tuesdays

Twilight Bible Study 5:30 p.m. — 6:45 p.m.
Imagination Hour

Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday 9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.
Fridays 9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Office Closed Daily

Lunch 12:00 p.m. — 1:00 p.m.

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WEEKLY

Tuesdays

Twilight Bible Study

Imagination Hour 5:45 p.m.

Thursdays

Writing Memoirs 9:00am to noon

Quilting & Art Time—10:00am to noon

Choir Rehearsal — 7:30 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

Monday, September 2

Office Closed - Labor Day

Wednesday, September 4

1st Fall Church Council Meeting- 7:00 p. m.

Sunday, September 8

Choir Resumes

Sunday, September 15

Meeting Sunday

Sunday, September 22

Trustee Meeting