



PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

November 2019

DR. LOWELL LINDEN
INTERIM SENIOR MINISTER

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It was good news to learn that the Rummage Sale was a success. It was also a great help to those who were able to purchase needed items for home and family. It's a good thing that we do.

We experienced a different Reformation Sunday on the last Sunday of October. It was called St. Andrew's Sunday with bagpipes and the singing of some of the great Reformation hymns. We are so blessed to have such a fine choir and such an accomplished choir director and organist who direct and perform so well upon the great pipe organ in the sanctuary.

November will be a very important month in the life of Pilgrim. On the first Sunday we will observe Consecration Sunday. It's the time we make our stewardship promise for the coming year. It is most important this year that we all do our very best and even a bit more because we are coming to a very important new beginning. Let us trust in the Lord.

On the third Sunday, Dr. Patrick Horn will preach the sermon and after the service of worship, a meeting of the congregation will be held in the sanctuary and the future of the church will become clear.

Then, of course, there is Thanksgiving. Each year we look forward to being able to have a special day to thank the Lord for the blessings he has given us in the past year. Let us pray for the nation as we celebrate this national holiday.

PILGRIM PATHS WORKING

FROM THE MODERATOR



A PATH IS CALLING

It's November! It's a time when Pilgrims (the people!) are mostly associated with the Thanksgiving holiday! At Pilgrim (the church!), however, good things are happening that last more than just one holiday on the calendar. We have much to be thankful for and much to do. In November, there are many opportunities and activities in which to be involved - our annual Pilgrim Auction (this year at Hillcrest in LaVerne), our annual Harvest Festival, our November Auxiliary meeting, Outreach activities, and we will meet to answer the call for our new minister. God is surrounding us with autumn blessings and we are grateful to have His love in our lives. As we take a new path in the life of Pilgrim Church, we know that our faith in the words of Christ and our faith in each other as a congregation will guide us. Thanksgiving abounds at Pilgrim!

P.S. from the Moderator

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 17, 2019, to be held in the Sanctuary immediately following the service. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the Search Committee motion to call Dr. Patrick Horn as the new Senior Minister of the church. We must have 70 members present at the meeting for a quorum, and a 2/3 "yes" vote is needed to pass the motion.

Sue Selters, Moderator

DON'T MISS OUT... ANNUAL CHURCH AUCTION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 AT 5:00 PM

The Annual Church Auction is just around the corner. Please call the church office to make reservations or sign up in the hallway outside the office. The cost is back to \$40 a person and a no host bar is available with beer and wine. Great food! Great company! Good time for all! Bring your friends, neighbors, relatives, one and all...We will have table topper games, silent auction, voice auction, 50/50 tickets, and even a free drawing so all can participate. There is a new location for the auction this year. We will be located at Hillcrest Homes Meeting House in La Verne. Maps are available if needed. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Sanders or Jeanne Cockrell.

See you there!!!

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Our first meeting this fall was on October 1. We had a lovely potluck luncheon followed by a wonderful program about Honduran Medical Missions by our very own Chaplain Keith Eades. On November 5th we will have our business meeting at 11 AM followed by a luncheon provided by Don Sanders. Our program, "Pomona Head Start-Hand in Hand", will be presented by Carmen Hernandez at 1 PM. All Pilgrims and friends are invited to attend.

This fall's rummage sale was a huge success. Our new hours seem to be working well. We had an increase of revenue over the spring rummage sale. We appreciate all the volunteers for their hard work. A big THANK YOU to the fraternity boys, the boy scouts, our youth group and the women from Crossroads for their service to Pilgrim Congregational Church.

The Women's Auxiliary would like to invite the younger women of Pilgrim Congregational Church to participate in the startup of a new guild. A guild is an association of people with similar interests or pursuits which meets 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.

"Building Bridges with Friendship in our Church and in our Community"

Andrea Gray
President, Women's Auxiliary
Pilgrim Congregational Church

A GREAT BIG RUMMAGE SALE THANK YOU!

With the help of many, many wonderful volunteers we have completed another successful Rummage Sale. We have many faithful Pilgrims who always do their part to make this great event happen twice a year. We also have some very special friends and relatives of Pilgrims who come help. (Most of them come to help at every rummage sale!) And of course, we have our wonderful Edmund and Judy Perea who get everything set up and ready for us ... and keep up with all our trash and empty boxes. (Their helper, Ramses, was very helpful, too.) And what can we say about the Office Staff BaLinda, Nancy, and Megan who help us diligently by answering phones making copies and directing any inquiries prior to each sale.

We have two groups who come help out. The guys from Sigma Chi come to deliver the boxes on Rummage Moving Sunday, and then come back at the end of the sale to help load the leftover merchandise onto the truck from 3-Way Thrift. They also help put things away and put the rooms back together. The ladies from Crossroads come to work during the week and at the sale and to help clean up at the end of the sale.

We absolutely couldn't do this without all of these fabulous helpers! Thank you!!

Your very grateful Rummage Sale Co-chairs
Judy Sanders & Jan Manildi



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.



CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE 2019

The annual Christmas Marketplace will be held on Sunday, December 8th from 9am to noon. Due to changes in our circumstances we will be reducing our number of vendors this year. We don't want to give up the opportunity to have a fun event. So we still expect to have Paparazzi accessories, baked goods, handmade items, jewelry and lots of gift ideas for everyone. Booths not benefitting the church will be asked to pay \$15 per table only a few booths left. For further information, please contact the church office (909) 622-1373.

NOVEMBER LIBRARY NEWS

Happy Thanksgiving from the library committee! We are grateful for the **Women's Auxiliary** who keeps us going and our readers who check out the books!

We have new fiction by writers who are popular with Pilgrims: **Donna Andrews, Jeffrey Archer, Sandra Brown, Kate Carlisle, James Patterson, Nora Roberts, Alexander McCall Smith, and Stuart Woods.**

You might also want to check out *In the Country of Women* by **Susan Straight**, which is a memoir by a fiction writer who was raised (and still lives) in Riverside. She is a best-selling author; one I have tried unsuccessfully to book for our annual coffee.

Speaking of our annual coffee, I hope by now you have all marked your calendars for Friday February 7th, 2020 to hear **Larry Burns** talk about his book *The Secret Inland Empire*.

Be sure to come by the library and check us out!

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

Megan

REMINDER

TALENT SHOW IN DECEMBER



We hope you are getting ready to participate in the all-church talent show Wednesday, December 18th. We are looking for all types of performers and all different ages. So far we only have two acts. Please sign up on the list in the church office hall way. We want to have a full program for our audience!



Bill Parnell, emcee

PILGRIM YOUTH...ACOLYTES WANTED!!

There is a need for acolytes to bring in the light for our Sunday services. If you have an interest in becoming an acolyte, please see or contact either Charlotte Selters or Susan Shedd.

Thank you!!
Susan Shedd, Diaconate Board

SCRIP - CHRISTMAS IS NEXT MONTH!!!

Yikes, I know you don't want to think about it, but there are a lot of people on our list.

We have scrip cards in stock: Express \$25 (Montclair Place), 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.

Thank you
Nancy Blackstock
Scrip staff



PILGRIM PATHS WORKING

FACILITY USE

There are a lot of changes happening at the church, so 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, 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.

2020 we will have changes, we are asking **all ministries** to be sure and 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.

Thank you,
Janet Stevenson, Facilities Use Chair

	FACILITY USE	
November 16, 2019	Harvest Festival Set up	9:00 a.m.
November 17, 2019	Harvest Festival	11:30 a.m.
November 30, 2019	Youth Decorating the Christmas Tree Pilgrim Hall	9:30 .m.

OUTREACH UPCOMING HOLIDAY NEWS

HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO ALL

Alternative Christmas items will be available at the Harvest Festival on November 17 and again on December 1.

The Hand in Hand Program will go from December 1, 8th & 15th with the distribution on the 18th.

Alternative Christmas will **not** be available Thanksgiving Sunday as formerly announced.

PILGRIM PATHS WORKING

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP HOST AN OPEN HOUSE

We are excited to announce that Pilgrim Congregational Church will partner with The Purpose Church across the street during their Christmas community outreach. We will provide use of our parking lot for their “Journey to Bethlehem” and “Come Celebrate Christmas” concert. The dates and times are as follows:

Friday, December 13, 5 PM to 10 PM
Saturday, December 14, 2 PM to 9 PM
Sunday, December 15, 2 PM to 9 PM

Pilgrim Church will host an “Open House” to visitors using the parking lot so that they can see our church up close, learn about our activities, and participate in prayer services for the city of Pomona in the sanctuary.

We will greet visitors at the back hallway and lead them through the courtyard, the sanctuary, and to the crossing area at Garey. This is an excellent opportunity for people in the community to see our beautiful facility, hear our historic organ, and learn about our church.

Volunteers will be needed to serve as greeters and guides. We would like to have 3 to 4 Pilgrims present. Should there not be enough greeters for some hours, the church would remain locked. A sign-up sheet will be available outside the church office.

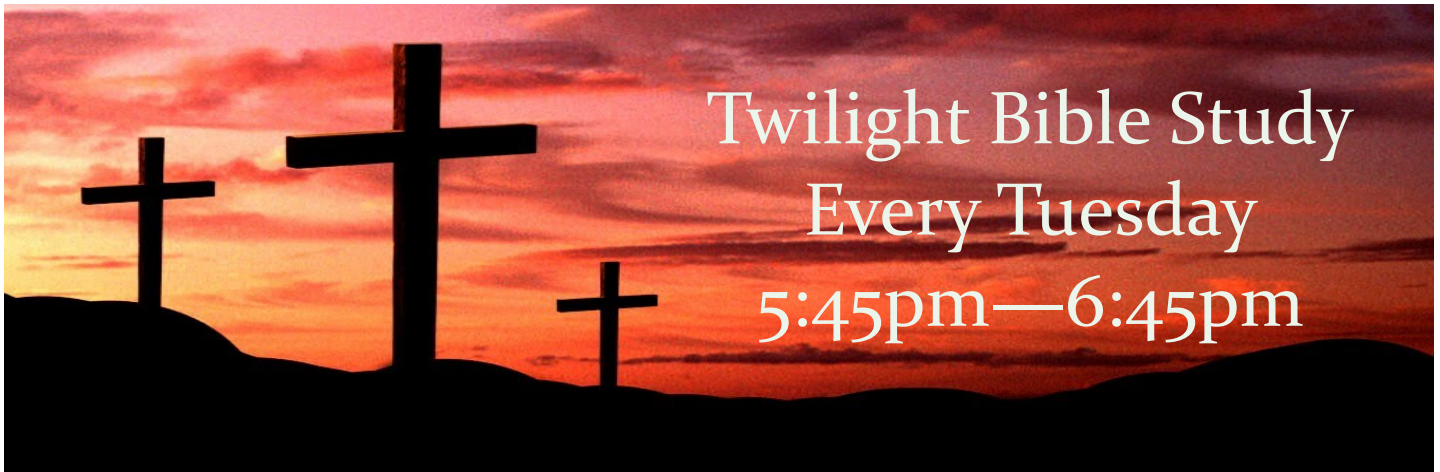
The Purpose Church is working with the Pomona Police Department to plan for safety and parking, including the safe crossing of Garey Avenue from Pilgrim property. We will also have volunteers from the Sigma Chi fraternity at Cal Poly Pomona provide an additional security presence for us.

This is a busy time for all of us, but this is such a wonderful opportunity to introduce people to our church that I want to commit to be available as much as my work schedule will allow. I hope that you will also want to give generously of your time to introduce our beautiful church and our caring congregation to members of our community. We recommend that you considering signing up for one or more shifts:

Friday, December 13	Saturday, December 14	Sunday, December 15
	1:30-3:30 PM	1:30-3:30 PM
	3:30-5:30 PM	3:30-5:30 PM
4:30-6:30 PM	5:30-7:30 PM	5:30-7:30 PM
6:30-8:30 PM	7:30-9:00 PM	7:30-9:00 PM
8:30-10:00 PM		

Keith Eades, Chair
Diaconate

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





Hello girls and boys,
My name is Poinsettia Jingle-Spice
and I am the elf in-charge at the North Pole Post Office.
Christmas is coming quickly and Santa wants to know all your
holiday wishes big and small. Please write your letters and turn
them into the special mailbox next to the church office. Pip our
postal delivery elf will be making a special pick-up at Pilgrim
Congregational Church Sundays, November 3rd & 10th. If you
would like a return letter from Santa please include a self
addressed and stamped envelope with your letter to Santa.
Holiday Wishes,

Poinsettia Jingle-Spice - North Pole Post Master

P.S. If you have any questions contact your ambassador to the North-Pole Sharla Wickman.





November 17th, 2019

Noon—3pm



Entrance, all games & activities are free.

Lunch can be purchased for a donation.

Gifts and other items are available for purchase from the
Country Store & other vendors.

Games & Activities included,
but not limited to are:

a Cake Walk, Ring Toss,

Name that Hymn contest for adults &

Name that Disney song for the kids,

Jenga, Bingo, Crafts and more!

A Pumpkin Painting Contest (Paint at home
and bring in to the Festival by Noon)

Opportunities to display your artwork.

Vendors include handmade items, home-
made foods, jewelry, Christmas gifts and
more.

Boards, Groups or members interested in
hosting a table or sponsoring a game or ac-
tivity please contact Sarah at 909-305-3155 or
email pilgrimcongregationalce@gmail.com





What is the Pumpkin Decorating Contest?

It is a fun contest at 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 Noon on Oct. 17th (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. You can submit as many entries as you want.
 - * 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 pilgrimcongregationalce@gmail.com



The Sparking Legacies and anyone who wishes to join them will be going on the Journey to Bethlehem at Purpose Church Saturday, December 14th

Price: Free for 12 and under / \$6 for 13 and up
Meet at Pilgrim's Parking Lot at 4:30pm



This is a, "living history event that will give you a glimpse into what life may have been like over 2000 years ago. Sign the census, avoid the Roman soldiers, interact with the potter, weaver, carpenter, and other merchants. Spend some shekels, visit the animals, and make your way under the giant star to discover the new born King, baby Jesus. Food is available for purchase at our Bethlehem café. Enjoy some lentil stew, beef kabobs and citrus punch to experience a taste of the time!" This is a live event that includes live animals.

Holiday Fun Day November 30th



1pm Christmas Play Rehearsal
2:30pm Snacks & Activities
3pm Decorate Christmas Tree
4pm Adventure Games
6pm Movie in Pilgrim Hall: Home
(Rated PG)

8pm Clean up & go home.
305-3155 or pilgrimcongregationalce@gmail.com



The Sparking Legacies

December 29th, 11:30am—2pm

Yummy food, Lego Games & watching:

How the Grinch Stole Christmas 2000

(Rated PG)

RSVP by Dec. 27th to Sarah

909-305-3155 or pilgrimcongregationalce@gmail.com





Pilgrim youth big and small are
invited to a casting call!

This year's Christmas Play promises
to be fun for one and all!

'Twas the Night Before the Christmas Play

December 22nd, 2019

11:30am Soup & Salad Bar Luncheon

1pm Christmas Play

Rehearsal Schedule

*We know with busy school & work schedules nobody can attend all rehearsals so we schedule many on alternating days to fit in with as many schedules as we can.

Please plan on attending at least one a week and the dress rehearsal.

Sunday, November 3rd (following lunch)
Thursday, November 7th (5:30pm-7pm)
Sunday, November 10th (11:45am-1pm)
Wednesday, November 13th (5:30pm-7pm)
Thursday, November 21st (5:30pm-7pm)
Saturday, November 30th, (1pm-2:30pm)

Sunday, December 1st (11:45am-1pm)
Thursday, December 5th (5:30pm-7pm)
Sunday, December 8th (11:45am—1pm)
Sunday, December 15th (10:30am—1pm)
Thursday, December 19th (5:30pm-7pm)
Saturday, December 21st (1pm-5pm)

Sunday, December 22nd, Show Day, Call Time: 9am





UPCOMING *Events*



Every Tuesday: Imagination Hour & Twilight Bible Study

Every Sunday: Adult/Youth Sunday School

November 16th: Harvest Festival Set-Up (9:30am)

November 17th: Harvest Festival

November 30th: Rehearsal & Tree Decorating Party

December 14th: Journey to Bethlehem

December 21st: Dress Rehearsal & Set Up

December 22nd: Christmas Play / Soup & Salad Bar

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

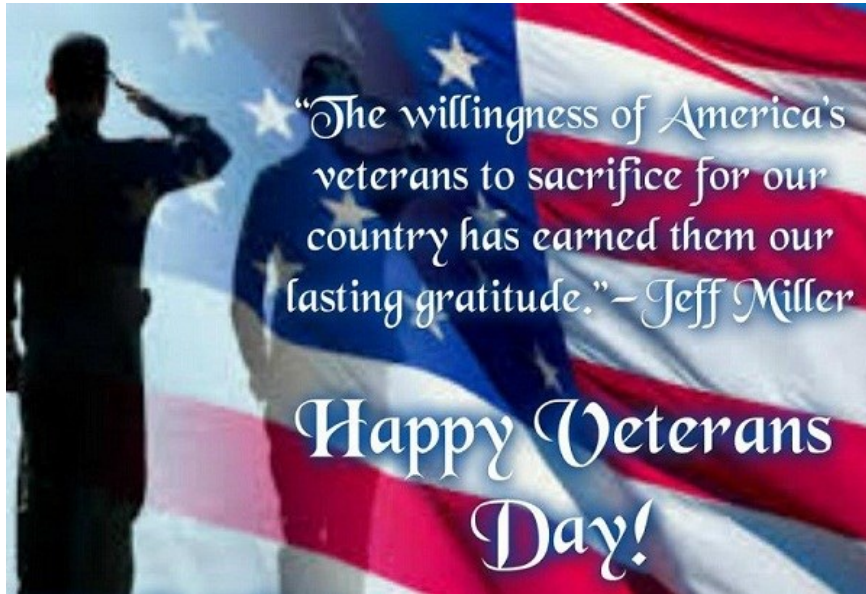
January 5th: NAPF/HOPE Parent's Meeting

If you have any questions about this or other events please email
PilgrimCongregationalCE@gmail.com

Or call 909-305-3155

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We 'Thank You' for
your many unspoken sacrifices.
May God continue to bless you.

In time of need their will is sure
American, their freedom pure

Protect our life and liberty
Unselfishly, they keep us free

Each soldier knows what is at stake
The risk is grave, there's no mistake

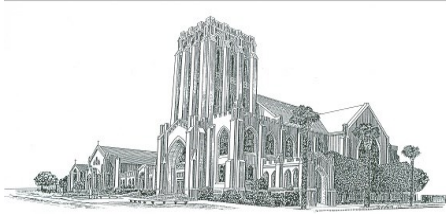
With pride they serve our country
strong
They face each foe to come along

Remember them while in your home
Or where you choose to freely roam

Don't take for granted what you see
Some left this life, so it could be

To God I urge you all to pray
For soldier's brave, to face each day

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, November 3

Consecration Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 5

Women's Auxiliary Meeting

Wednesday, November 6

Church Council Meeting- 7:00 p. m.

Sunday, November 10

Remembrance Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Auction 5:00 p.m.

Monday, November 11

Veteran's Day ~ Church Office closed

Sunday, November 17

Special Congregational Meeting

Meeting Sunday

Harvest Festival

Saturday, November 24

Alternative Christmas

Thursday November 28

Thanksgiving

Office is closed November 28 & 29

