



CHRISTMAS EDITION

# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

December 2021



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## Prepare the Way of the Lord

**"Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth."**

*~ Luke 3:5*

The Advent Season is the foundation of our Church. In this time of preparation for and reflection upon the arrival of the Christ child we build a spiritual foundation for the liturgical year and our spiritual growth in the coming months. We are preparing the way of the Lord in our hearts.

In fact, the line, "Prepare the Way of the Lord," was used by John the Baptist to call to repentance those who had strayed from a life of righteousness. John preached a baptism of repentance, calling the people to turn from their sinful ways: "Repent!" But he wasn't just trying to make people feel guilty; he was trying to get them to prepare their hearts for the coming of the Lord.

"Repent" might best be understood as, "prepare your heart." When John's listeners heard his message, they were concerned about how to respond. What do we do? How do we prepare our hearts? How do we repent?

John did not say, "Fill out this pledge card." He did not say, "Repeat this prayer." He did not say, "Affirm this doctrine." He said, "If you have two coats, give one to someone who doesn't have one." He said to the tax collector, "Don't take more money than you are authorized to take." He said to the soldier, "Don't extort money from people with threats or false accusations."

Preparing the way of the Lord in our hearts means treating people with justice and righteousness. It means being fair and good in our relations with others and all of Creation. This is the foundation of our life together as Church, as a covenant community. This foundation of goodness prepares the way of the Lord in our hearts, opening ourselves up to a rich and full life of God's mercy and grace, shared with all those around us.

Prepare the Way of the Lord!

*~ Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn, Senior Minister*

## MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR



# Merry Christmas!

It is so hard to believe the Advent and Christmas season has arrived! When we think back to where we were last year with all the closures and challenges, we find our selves pausing to reflect. Every Christmas season has a special meaning for each of us in a myriad of ways, including our most

recent experiences. As we celebrate tales of shepherds and angels, we know that God has shepherded us through so much this past year. We are blessed by God's love for us and His most precious gift of all. We see the manger, we sing the carols, and we hear the Christmas story.

### – Rejoice!

A huge thank you to everyone who made our annual Auction such a roaring success. We felt the Pilgrim Spirit and fellowship. We raised funds for our church. We had fun. And a second thank you to our Trustees for a successful Consecration Sunday and potato bar luncheon. We made our pledges (an enduring tradition), and enjoyed a great baked potato and salad bar luncheon (which I hope will be a new tradition for our future Consecration Sundays!)



**Sue Selters**  
Moderator

***THANK YOU!***

M E R R Y  
*Christmas*  
— AND —  
HAPPY NEW YEAR





## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



**La Nueva Voz (The New Voice)** is Pomona's community newspaper. This bilingual (English/Spanish) community newspaper provides comprehensive coverage of community and business news in Pomona and surrounding cities. Renee Barbee (Vice-President of Marketing and Operations) and Jeff Schenkel (Publisher) were our guests at the Church Auction in November and Renee posted many pictures of the event on Facebook.

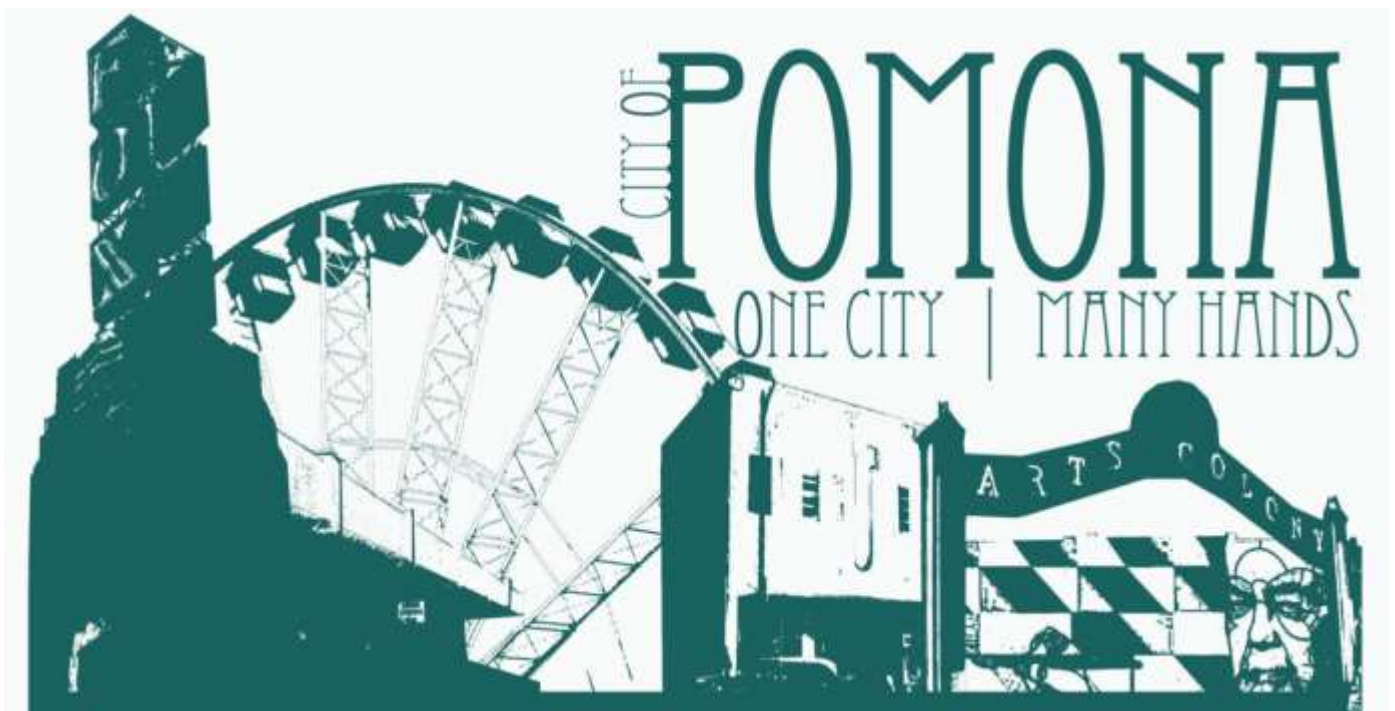
Pilgrim is an official drop-off destination for their monthly newspapers. Be sure to pick up your copy each month and share it with a friend once you've finished reading it! There are often articles about Pilgrim activities and pictures of our members.



*Renee Barbee, VP of Marketing & Operations and Jeff Schenkel, Publisher for La Nueva Voz*

An effort is being made to share Pilgrim Congregational Church's name, history and an understanding of our support of our neighborhood, city and region into the community. Being connected with La Nueva Voz is one way we can accomplish this!

Submitted by Beth Brooks, *Board of Trustees*



# The Church Auction was a Success!

Pilgrim's Annual Auction has come and gone, and people have already expressed an interest in repeating the experience next year!

Moving the event to Pilgrim was well received. The registration table was staffed by Christine and Ron Vanyo who made everyone feel welcomed as they entered the building.

The Silent Auction in the gymnasium gave everyone a chance to shop and interact with friends who had not been together in a while. Thanks to Judy Sanders, Diana Smith, and crew (Rae Baca, Lisa Keepers, Jan Manildi, Elyse Mengle, Patty Schelling, Sharon Willison), the gym was filled with goodies and treasures that attendees could not resist.

Once entering Pilgrim Hall to find their seats, guests were able to play the "table" game orchestrated and placed by Megan and Bill Parnell. Vernon Price was the winner, guessing the most authors of the quotes the Parnells had selected to share. He was presented with gift certificates donated by Roberta's Village Inn in Downtown La Verne.

Beth Brooks did her magic with reservations and table-seating arrangements and ninety-six guests enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by Gayle's Catering and crew. Christian Campbell, Samantha Campbell, Dave Eriksen, Darrell Keepers, Janet McBride, Julie Mestas, and the Sigma Chi members made themselves available to provide the extra services needed for a smooth evening.

Jeanne Cockrell beautifully arranged the display of voice auction items in Pilgrim Hall. Tickets to a Dodger game, See's Candy, beach getaways, and tickets to the San Diego Zoo were among the popular items. Ron Vander Molen served as auctioneer and everyone seemed to enjoy the





## CHURCH AUCTION

bidding process. When Sherry Glab's Tea Party encouraged a bidding challenge, she agreed to donate two parties.

Susan Newton organized the 50/50 drawing with guest and community leader Eunice Russell going home \$365 richer.

The additional work the custodians performed was greatly appreciated, in addition to the work Megan did to prepare for the table games and other tasks in advance of the evening. A special thank you to Karli Gordon for the hours she put in organizing the paperwork, arranging the catering and extra workers, and for her many suggestions that "upgraded" the quality of our event.

Sue Selters, Andrea Gray, and Tom Gray offered a smooth check-out process. Financial data is still being calculated and we hope to reveal our net profit soon.

There is no way to publicly thank everyone who assisted in making the evening a success. Please begin thinking about experiences, services, tickets, treasures, or gift cards you would be in a position to donate next year.

We enjoy providing service to Pilgrim Church.

*Thanks for joining us!*

*Beth Brooks and Jeanne Cockrell*



*Top photo: Beth Brooks and Carolyn Hemming enjoying shopping through the silent auction items. Photo courtesy of Rene Barbee with La Nueva Voz newspaper. Bottom row photos: Rene Barbee cleverly outbidding other guests, voice auction item displays, volunteers Patty Schelling and Emmanuel Rickards-Ruiz strike a pose.*

## MESSAGE FROM ALASKA

### *Losing Light? Be a Poinsettia!*

Last Christmas I bought a small poinsettia plant to decorate a table I put out in the hall beside my front door with a bowl of assorted candy and a hand-sanitizer pump. I live in a condo, so rather than decorate with lights outside, I celebrate the holidays by treating my friends in the building. After I brought the poinsettia in, it started losing all its leaves, and I figured I would be adding it to our church compost pile. However, before the last leaf fell off, I spied a teeny new one down on one of the bare stalks. After a summer on my desk, the plant was positively lush with leaves. Then, as the light began to wane, they started falling off again. OK, I thought, now it's really headed for the compost heap. If you know anything about poinsettias, you're guessing where I'm headed with this little saga. Indeed, once the daylight was down to around 10 hours, I was astounded to see the red bracts begin to appear on the end of every stem. This is my poinsettia today, October 28<sup>th</sup>.



Where am I going with this wander through the life cycle of a poinsettia? I would like to encourage us all to welcome the darker days as a time when we can use our energy for making our world more beautiful, both literally and figuratively. Rather than painting your house, create a painting of your house that will show all those who view it how special it is. Instead of icing your tea, mull your cider and fill every room with the warm scents of cinnamon and cloves. Gather with your friends for a dinner where everything, even dessert, has to include garlic. Wake yourself up with tai chi or yoga instead of a morning run. Now that we're all wearing masks everywhere, decorate yours to match your wardrobe (or your mood.)

For my Celtic ancestors, the year was a cycle rather than a linear timeline from past to future. They celebrated every season for its unique contributions to a good life, a healthy life. Although the pandemic has wreaked havoc with almost everything around us, the cycle of the year is proceeding. If we find ways to "bloom" in every season, perhaps disturbances during any one period will be less upsetting. Then the loss of light as we near the Winter Solstice can be as welcome and energizing for us as it is for the poinsettia.

**"Welcome the darker days as a time when we can use our energy for making our world more beautiful..."**

When I read up on how we can make our poinsettias bloom, I discovered that this only happens if they are deprived of light for a specific amount of time (14 hours per day.) One of the websites I consulted said to put it in a closet because it mustn't get any light at all. However, apparently my plant likes our Alaskan day-night cycle just fine without my moving it around morning and evening.

Author: Kate O'Dell,  
First Congregational Church of Anchorage

## 2021 Christmas Poinsettia Dedications



**Bonnie Seath**  
*Flower Chair*

Dear Pilgrim Members & Friends,

The Christmas season will soon be upon us. We will once again be decorating our Sanctuary with these beautiful symbols of Christmas. Your name and dedication(s) will be printed in a Christmas Dedication Booklet which will be mailed to you before Christmas Eve service. **Poinsettias are \$13.50 each.** Please place your completed order form and payment in an envelope marked Christmas Poinsettias. Make checks payable to Pilgrim Congregational Church. Please let us know if you would like to take your poinsettia following our Christmas Eve service, or if you prefer, we take your poinsettia to one of our homebound members. **Please have your order in by Sunday, December 5th, 2021.** If you have any questions please contact me.  
Continued Blessings!



### 2021 Christmas Poinsettia Dedication Order Form Due: December 5th, 2021

Number of Poinsettia(s) \_\_\_\_\_ (\$13.50 Each)

Please make check payable to Pilgrim Congregational Church for \$\_\_\_\_\_

Will you pick up your Poinsettia(s)? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

\* If yes, pick up your Poinsettia(s) following Christmas Eve Service.

Return this order form & check made payable to ***Pilgrim Congregational Church*** to Nancy Newell, Financial Secretary's in-box or Karli Gordon's desk.

Dedication is to read: (Please print)

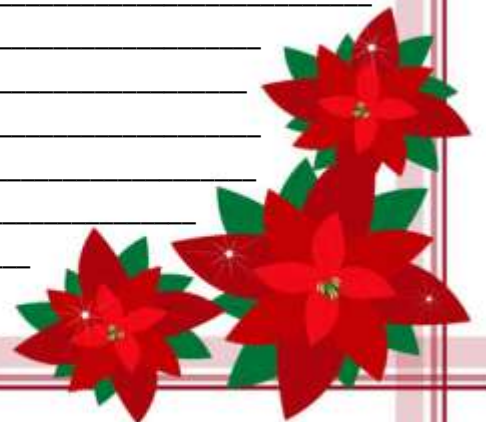
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## LIBRARY NEWS

The library committee sends their best Christmas wishes: **Mary Ferguson**, **Andrea Gray** (Auxiliary President), **Harriett Hartshorn**, **Karen Loehr**, **Susan Newton**, **Jeanne Nolden** (Auxiliary Representative), **Bill Parnell** (Chair), **Megan Parnell** (Librarian), **Patty Schelling** (Secretary), and **Janet Stevenson** (Treasurer.)

The committee skipped our November meeting because of Thanksgiving and we met instead on December 1 to cover both months.



**Megan Parnell**  
Librarian

We do have lots of fiction books with Christmas themes as well as family story and song books, plus cookie recipes and decorating ideas.

Popular authors with new titles in the library include **Laura Child** *Twisted Christmas Tea*, **Janet Evanovich** *Game On*, and **Michael Connelly** *The Dark Hours*. If you would like to read about the California-born burger joints, diners, fast food and restaurants that changed America then check out *Made in California* by **George Geary**. It's full of wonderful photos.

*Wishing everyone blessings in the New Year.*



## HAND IN HAND FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Our Pilgrim Family has supported Hand in Hand for the Holidays by providing some of our communities' neighbors with food, clothing, and other needs. This program started back in 1987 with Don & Judy Sanders and the Diaconate Board. It continues today, now sponsored by the Outreach Board. and it couldn't continue without all of you. This year will be similar to last year due to Covid protocols. We have adopted 8 families. Everyone can help by purchasing an item from the list below, or buying a gift card for Staters, Walmart, or Target, or by making a contribution to Hand in Hand through PushPay or check, making sure you select

or note Hand in Hand. All food and gifts need to be brought to the Church by noon on **December 12, 2021**. Gathering food allows everyone to participate in this traditional event and all help is most appreciated.

### **ITEMS NEEDED PER FAMILY**

Flour - 8-10 lbs.  
Peanut Butter - 2 - 2 lbs. jars  
Tomato Sauce - 6 - 15oz. cans  
Apple Juice - 64 oz.  
Macaroni/Fideo Pasta - 2 lbs.

Sugar - 4-5 lbs.  
Jelly - 1 large jar  
Pinto beans - 10 lbs.  
Canned tuna - 6 cans  
Cereal - 2 large boxes

Oatmeal - large box  
Canned milk - 6 cans  
Vegetable oil - 48 oz.  
Rice - 10lbs.



## MUSIC NOTES

### PILGRIM CHOIR WILL PRESENT CHRISTMAS EVE MUSIC WITH A STRING QUARTET!



**Susan Winckler**  
*Choir Director*

On Christmas Eve, the music begins at 6:30pm with familiar Christmas carol arrangements sung by Pilgrim Choir and accompanied by a string quartet with Bruce Jones on the piano. At this time, be prepared to be immersed in reflective and comforting visions of that night when baby Jesus was born. And during the Christmas service you will experience the full season's message of **PEACE, HOPE, LOVE AND JOY** with uplifting, upbeat and heartfelt music presented by the choir, string players and the magnificent organ. Be sure to make this date a priority during the busiest time of the year.



## HARMONIA NEWS

### Harmonia Presents Christmas by Candlelight

**Saturday, December 11th  
6pm  
Dinner & Music**

**Tickets: \$40  
Reserve your ticket Sundays  
during Fellowship Hour.**

**10% of your Harmonia membership donation will  
be applied to the purchase of your ticket.**

**Meal will be prepared by Don Sanders.**



Plan on an evening of delicious cuisine cooked by Don Sanders and great entertainment by Choralescence in a festive Christmas atmosphere, decorated by the Pilgrim Choir and Pilgrim youth on Saturday, December 11th at 6pm in Pilgrim Hall. Get your tickets now after Sunday Worship Services or call the church office at 909-622-1373. Be a Harmonia member and save on the tickets. Reservation deadline is December 6th.

## OUTREACH BOARD

Reverend Charles Sagay is starting a second campus for the NACCC sponsored Mission School of Hope in Mbang, Eastern Cameroon. Our Mission and Outreach Committee has voted to send Pilgrim's Christmas offering to repair the well and secure safe water for the children who attend this school. The mission provides education, medical help and nutrition for the desperately poor Baku people. Formerly nomadic, they live in grass huts around the mission, which offers the only education available.

Reverend Sagay has visited Pilgrim as a guest of Marria Casner. Our members helped build their teacher's apartment building and secure safe water for their first campus years ago.

If you would like to learn more about the Mission School of Hope you can visit their Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/missionschoolofhope/>



Rev. Charles Sagay

As we enjoy hot chocolate and spiced cider this holiday season, let's think of those for whom a drink of clean water is an equal treat!

### Elyse Mengle

*Board of Christian Outreach*

**Mission School of Hope is a ministry with the purpose of serving, educating, and preaching the gospel to the Baka (Pygmy) Tribe of Cameroon, Africa.**



*The Baka children are the students at the Mission School of Hope. Here they are dressed in their new school uniforms; for many of the students, these are the only clothes they have to wear.*



*A student works on her assignment at the Mission School of Hope in Mbang, Eastern Cameroon.*



## SCRIP



The holiday season is among us with Thanksgiving almost here and Christmas soon after; shopping season has begun. Whether you are picking up items for your family holiday meals, searching for the perfect gifts for your family and friends, or just need gas to drive from Mom and Dad's Christmas Brunch, to your in-laws Christmas Dinner and then back home again to put the cookies out for Santa, we have what you need. Visit the Pilgrim's Scrip table on Sundays during fellowship hour to complete your Holiday Shopping List early so you can

sit back and enjoy the Christmas Season with peace and joy. We have many stores in stock with even more to choose from which we can order and have available before Christmas, if ordered early enough. Please visit [ShopWithScrip.com](https://www.shopwithscrip.com) for a complete list of gift cards available. You can also pick up a list on Sundays from the Scrip table.

## SEE'S CANDY FOR PILGRIM YOUTH



We're Fundraising with  
See's Candies!

Help us earn money for our organization  
and make the holidays even sweeter.

**See's**  
**CANDIES.**

### **The Sparking Legacies' See's Holiday Treats Online Store is open until December 3rd**

All proceeds will go toward youth programs including NAPF/HOPE conference '22.

It is as simple as going to our Online Store at: [https://www.yumraising.com/secure/pilgrimcc/pilgrims\\_sparking\\_legacyes\\_christma27/candy?h=SarCam5183&c=ot1077](https://www.yumraising.com/secure/pilgrimcc/pilgrims_sparking_legacyes_christma27/candy?h=SarCam5183&c=ot1077)

make your selection, pay online and it will be delivered to the destination of your choice.

Your sweets will typically arrive within a week. You can also find links to our Sweet Shop in the

Weekend Update Email and on our Facebook page. Our Sweet Shop has many of the most popular holiday See's items, but if you are looking for their holiday gift baskets or diet friendly items, such as vegan, gluten free, & sugar free candies, you can purchase a gift card from our Online Sweet Shop that can be used at Sees.com or any See's Candy Shop. If you have any questions or need assistance placing an order, please call Sarah at 909-305-3155.



# BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## A Very Big Thank You!!!

We want to thank the members of the Board of Christian Education, and all our Pilgrim family and friends for all your support of our many Christian Education and Youth events. This fall we were able to open up again and enjoy our favorite celebrations and begin some new traditions as well. None of it would be possible without your support. We celebrated our return with Rally Sunday, welcomed families home to Pilgrim at our Trunk or Treat and had fun playing games, making crafts and Christmas shopping as the Harvest Festival, and it has been a blast. Thank you for donating candy, decorating and hosting trunk or treat cars, helping set up the Harvest Festival Booths, cleaning up afterwards and donating items for the Country Store and more. This year we are counting our blessings in each and everyone of you and they are aplenty.

**THANK YOU!**

*Deborah Walden—CE Chair*

*Sarah Campbell—Youth Director*



Thank you to everyone who hosted a Trunk or Treat Car. The cars were fun and filled with treats. Pictured: Patty hosting a car decorated by Jan Manildi, Tom & Karl hosting one of the choir's cars, The Vanyo & McCormick family, Samie hosting the CE car & Jerry with his girlfriend, were just some of the cars at the Trunk or Treat.



It was a joy to see old friends and meet new ones. Pictured: Andrew with Iron Man and Hulk, neighborhood parent with Dumbo & Timothy, our friendly skeletons, Rikki & Lily, Pluto waiting for his hot dog lunch, and other new friends from the neighborhood. We are glad to see you and welcome you home to Pilgrim, anytime.



The Harvest Festival was full of fun games, food and shopping. Pictured: Madelyn helping Harrison fish, Samie making a bracelet, Nathaniel announcing "Free Popcorn!" and guests enjoying lunch from The Taco Man. Not Pictured: Tim as disc jockey for the Cake Walk and our Holiday Market with the Country Store, Alternative Christmas, Women's Auxiliary's Mask Shop, Harmonia's Ceramics, Hilliard-Bonds Experience and more. We want to thank all the Boards that participated in the Harvest Festival; Membership, Harmonia/Music, Outreach, Women's Auxiliary, Quilting, Friendship & Patience Guilds. THANK YOU!



## SPARKING LEGEGACIES



We are so excited to be able to perform our traditional Christmas Play this year. Anyone interested in performing or helping with costumes and props please contact Sarah Campbell ASAP at 909-305-3155. We take thespians and musicians of all ages who enjoy performing or just being apart of the holiday fun.

Rehearsals will be every Sunday following Sunday Worship Service beginning December 5th. As we only have 3 rehearsals we ask that everyone show up to each one. Our performance will be **Tuesday, December 21st at 7:30pm.**

**Please note dates and times below.**

**December 5th & 12th, 11:15am - 12:30pm, Rehearsal & Prop/Set Building**

**December 19th, 11:00am - 12:30pm, DRESS REHERSAL**



**December 21st**  
5:30pm, cast call time  
6pm, cast dinner break  
7pm, cast costume change  
7:30pm, Curtain Call



If you want to join in the fun please do not hesitate. The more the merrier and we are hoping for the Merriest Christmas Play so far. To sign up call Sarah at 909-305-3155.

Sparking Legacies present, A Joyful Noise Production  
of

### *The Christmas Play: Dress Rehearsal* *Tuesday, December 21st*

6:00pm Dinner  
7:30pm Showtime



Come enjoy dinner & a show. A \$10 donation is requested for an all-you-can-eat Soup & Salad Bar. Kids age 5 and under are free. Showtime begins promptly at 7:30pm in the sanctuary and will be followed by a delightful Holiday, Hot Chocolate Dessert Reception.

**Please RSVP by December 19th by calling the church office at 909-622-1373.**

## REMEMBRANCE



If you know someone who would love to receive a card or note from the Women's Auxiliary, please submit their name and address to [sarah@pilgrimchurchpomona.com](mailto:sarah@pilgrimchurchpomona.com) or call 909-622-1373 and ask for Sarah. These can be a notes of celebration, sympathy, get well or just thinking of you.

It's always nice to receive a note "Just Because!"

## BAND OF PRAYER



A church that prays together, stays together, especially during these challenging and uncertain times when we don't know what happens next. What is certain is that God is with us, filling in the spaces between us, and He hears our prayers.

Please send your Band of Prayer requests to Sue Shedd via email at [saintshedd@roadrunner.com](mailto:saintshedd@roadrunner.com) or leave a message at 909-622-1373.

## A NOTE FROM STAFF



### **Merry Christmas to all of our Pilgrim Family & Friends!**

The holiday season is officially here and the Pilgrim staff members are busy with all the joyous events of the season, as well as our usual church business. With all the hustle and bustle of the season, please remember to make an appointment if you need to visit the church office so we may best meet your needs. The Pilgrim Church Office is open Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm.

**Please make note of modified hours for the holidays as follows:**

**December 24th (Friday): 9am - Noon**

**December 27th (Monday): Closed**

**December 31st (Friday): Closed**

Also, due to the holidays, please turn in articles for Pilgrim's Progress as early as possible, with a **deadline of 12/15/21 for the January 2022/New Year's Edition.**

Articles can be emailed to [sarah@pilgrimchurchpomona.com](mailto:sarah@pilgrimchurchpomona.com).

*Thank you for all you do to make Pilgrim's star shine bright!*



## PILGRIM PROFILES



**Kodie Gray**, son of Richard Gray and grandson of Tom and Andrea Gray has grown up here at Pilgrim Congregational Church. He is about to celebrate his 12th birthday and is in the 6th grade at a Rancho Cucamonga school. Here at Pilgrim he enjoys attending events and activities with the other Pilgrim youth, especially with his closest friend and fellow Pilgrim member, Emmanuel Rickards Ruiz.

In the summer you will find him at VBS, though soon enough he will be old enough to be a jr. counselor. Kodie looks forward to Cedar Lake Camp and church beach trips each summer.

Kodie plays soccer and enjoys watching sports and playing video games in his free time. When asked what he is hoping to receive this Christmas he answered, "cash is easiest." But Grandma Andrea said he would like a PS4 video game console.

Each autumn he enjoys traveling to Florida with his Grandparents visiting family and enjoying attractions like Disney World, but makes it home in time to perform in Pilgrim's Christmas Play.

Be sure to greet Kodie the next time you see him with a fist bump, Happy Birthday, and a Merry Christmas.

## SAVE LIVES. GIVE BLOOD.



*Give blood.*

Every 2 seconds someone  
in the U.S. needs blood.

**American Red Cross**

### BLOOD DRIVE

#### Pilgrim Congregational Church

Location: Gym  
600 N Garey Ave  
Pomona, CA 91767

**Wednesday, January 5, 2022**  
**12pm-6pm**

**Appointments Preferred, Walk-Ins Welcomed!**

Schedule by visiting [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or on our Blood Donor App and enter sponsor code: **PilgrimChPom** call **1-800-RED-CROSS** or scan QR code below:



1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App

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## SUNDAY SERVICE NOTES

### December 5, 2021

#### *Second Sunday of Advent*

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn  
Worship Assistant: Rev. Keith Eades  
Lesson One: Malachi 3:1-4  
Lesson Two: Luke 3:1-6  
Sermon Title: The Courage to Be  
Theme: Loved by God  
Anthem: How Great Our Joy  
by Craig Courtney  
Flower dedication: This morning's flowers are thoughtfully provided by Sharon Willison ~ With grace and peace, may our Lord bless this Church always.

### December 12, 2021

#### *Third Sunday of Advent*

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn  
Worship Assistant: Mrs. Sue Selters  
Lesson One: Zephaniah 3:14-20  
Lesson Two: Luke 3:7-18  
Sermon Title: We Must Do This Together  
Theme: The Church of Christ  
Anthem: Sussex Carol  
by Elaine Hagenburg  
Flower dedication: This morning's flowers are thoughtfully provided by Janet Beech ~ Pilgrim is Family!

### December 19, 2021

#### *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn  
Worship Assistant: Mr. Ron Vanyo  
Lesson One: Micah 5:2-5a  
Lesson Two: Luke 1:39-55  
Sermon Title: The Nerve to Submit  
Theme: The Peace of Christ  
Anthem: Ding Dong Merrily on High  
arr. by Kirkland

**Boutonnieres for December 2021:** Kindly provided by Don and Judy Sanders ~ In appreciation for the opportunity to worship the Lord in Pilgrim Church with Pilgrims.

**Liturgical Notes by Dr. Horn:** Purple was originally associated with royalty because it was a more expensive color to dye, and it was used to welcome the coming of a king. It also evokes pain and suffering. Purple symbolizes fasting, faith, patience and trust. It is the liturgical color used during the seasons of penance, Advent, and Lent. For Advent, purple symbolizes the impending birth of Jesus while foreshadowing his death.

### December 24, 2021

#### *Christmas Eve Service*

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn  
Worship Assistant: Mr. Jon Olson  
Lesson One: Isaiah 9:2-7  
Lesson Two: Luke 2:1-20  
Sermon Title: Conflict and Peace  
Theme: Conflict and Peace  
Anthem 1: Gloria in Excelsis from LUX  
by Dan Forrest  
Anthem 2: Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing  
Day by John Gardner  
Anthem 3: Ding Dong Merrily on High  
arr. by Kirkland

### December 26, 2021

#### *First Sunday after Christmas*

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn  
Worship Assistant: Master Emmanuel  
Rickards Ruiz  
Lesson One: Psalm 148  
Lesson Two: Luke 2:41-52  
Sermon Title: Revolution and  
Revelation  
Theme: Christ's Revolution  
Anthem: Away in a Manger  
by J. Murray

#### **Special Poinsettia Dedications:**

The colorful poinsettias beautifying our Sanctuary between December 19-31 have been dedicated by our Pilgrim Church Members and Friends. Thank you to everyone who provided these meaningful dedications.



# December

## WEEKLY / MONTHLY

### **EVERY MORNING**

Daily Devotional  
9am via Facebook Live and Zoom

### **EVERY TUESDAY**

Twilight Bible Study  
5:45pm via Facebook Live & YouTube

### **EVERY SUNDAY**

9am - Adult Sunday School  
9am - Coffee in the Courtyard &  
Children's Morning Celebration  
10am - Worship Service (In-person & Online)  
Sunday School for 1st - 7th grade  
(following Children's Message)  
11am - Flashpoint (Youth Group)

### **EVERY 1ST WEDNESDAY**

7pm - Church Council Meeting

## WAYS TO GIVE

### ONLINE



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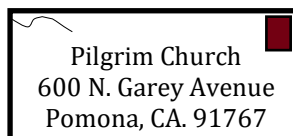
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### MAIL New Year's Eve



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **December 1st**

Church Council Meeting

### **December 5th**

Play Rehearsal

### **December 7th**

Women's Auxiliary Meeting, Lunch & Presentation

### **December 11th**

Christmas by Candlelight

### **December 12th**

Play Rehearsal  
Hand in Hand donations due.

### **December 15th**

Newsletter Articles Due

### **December 19th**

11am - 12:30pm Dress Rehearsal  
1pm Rev. Donald Keepers Memorial Service

### **December 20th**

Play Set Up

### **December 21st**

Christmas Play & Dinner

### **December 24th**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

### **December 25th**

Christmas Day

### **December 31st**



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If you have any questions please call the church office at 909-622-1373.

**Mission:** Pilgrim Congregational Church is an independent community of Christian faith which glorifies God through worship and service to others, respects individual spiritual growth, and inspires compassionate fellowship.

**Vision:** Pilgrim Congregational Church is the spiritual home of our community where all people are welcomed, known, and loved.

**To Listen to the Sunday Service on Your Phone:** Dial +1-669-900-9128. Then when prompted, enter the Meeting ID: 330 195 900, followed by the pound (#) sign.

**Church Office:** Open 9am-4pm Mon.-Fri. Appointments are suggested.

# December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE  7pm Church Council Meeting	<b>2</b> 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE  Last Day to order See's Candy.	<b>3</b> 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE	<b>4</b> 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE
<b>5</b> Adult Sunday School & Coffee in the Courtyard  Worship Service  Play Practice	<b>6</b> 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE	<b>7</b> 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE  11am Women's Auxiliary Meeting & Luncheon  5:45pm Twilight Bible Study	<b>8</b> 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE	<b>9</b> 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE	<b>10</b> 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE	<b>11</b> 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE  Christmas by Candlelight  
<b>12</b> Adult Sunday School  Coffee in the Courtyard  Worship Service  Play Practice  Hand-In-Hand Donations Due	<b>13</b> 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE	<b>14</b> 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE  5:45pm Twilight Bible Study	<b>15</b> 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE  Pilgrim's Progress Newsletter Articles Due	<b>16</b> 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE	<b>17</b> 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE	<b>18</b> 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE
<b>19</b> Adult Sunday School  Coffee in the Courtyard  Worship Service  Play Practice  1pm Rev. Don Keepers Memorial Service	<b>20</b> 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE  Play Set up	<b>21</b> 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE  5:45pm Twilight Bible Study  Christmas Dinner & Play	<b>22</b> 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE	<b>23</b> 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE	<b>24</b> 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE  Church Office closes at Noon  Christmas Eve Worship Service  	<b>25</b> 
<b>26</b> Adult Sunday School  Coffee in the Courtyard  Worship Service  Fellowship Hour Flashpoint: 1st- 12th grade meet in youth room	<b>27</b> 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE  Church Office is closed.	<b>28</b> 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE	<b>29</b> 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE	<b>30</b> 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE	<b>31</b>  9am Morning Devotional ONLINE  New Year's Eve  Church Office is closed.	