



# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

September 2021



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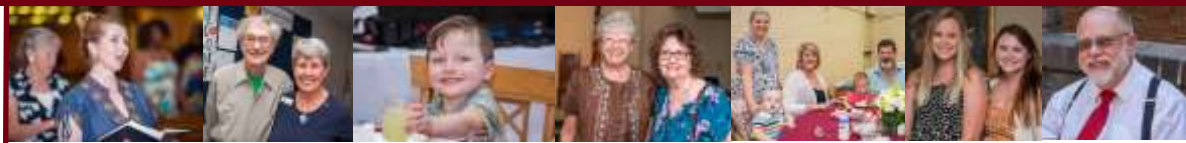
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## Mercy Triumphs over Judgment

**"Because judgement without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgement."**

***James 2:13***

The book of James, like several other books in the New Testament, usually takes a theological back seat to the Gospels and the Pauline letters. The primary reason for this can be traced to Martin Luther's remark in 1522 that the book of James suffers from too much emphasis upon good deeds rather than salvific grace. (Unfortunately, Luther called the book an "epistle of straw.") I have always been a little bit puzzled by this supposed tension between these books of the New Testament. I appreciate St. Paul's emphasis upon salvation by grace (Ephesians 2:8-9), but Paul also wrote of the fruit of the spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) and to the Christians in Rome: "Shall we sin that grace may abound? God forbid" (Romans 6:1). It seems to me that the book of James is highlighting the ethic which is a central feature of both Jesus' teachings and the Pauline epistles concerning faithful living.

Not surprisingly, that ethic has deep Jewish roots. Nearly all of Jesus' teachings are directly related to passages found in the Psalms and the prophets. Paul himself was a trained Pharisee who never strayed far from the ethical teachings of that tradition, even if his understanding of God's grace was a radical departure from that tradition. The Epistle of James is a remarkable piece of literature. The language, form, and style (with a couple of exceptions) are unquestionably Greek; the content is likewise, unquestionably Jewish Christian. So, the author of James was a Christian, a trained Greek writer whose theological and ethical background was Jewish.

The content of the book of James then is very Jewish, and its teachings are very consistent with the teachings of Jesus himself. Especially striking is the emphasis placed upon the ethical treatment of the lesser members of society and the acclamation of mercy over judgment.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER CONTINUED

Several of you have heard me tell the story of a transformative classroom experience that I had in college. I was a religion major at Samford University, a Southern Baptist college in Birmingham, Alabama. My senior year I took a course in Advanced Hebrew, taught by my Old Testament Professor, Karen Joines. Dr. Joines, as we called him, was a tall ex-football player with a deep southern voice and a lightning rod for vicious fundamentalist criticism. He was considered a “liberal” because of his scholarly appreciation for the history of textual criticism. And yet, to this day, I have never met anyone who loved the Bible as deeply as Prof. Joines did. He was not just a biblical scholar; he was a man of faith, whose faith was fundamentally rooted in the stories and teachings of the Bible.

In this Advanced Hebrew course, we were studying Hebrew theology. He was trying to explain to us the difference between two different Hebrew words, both of which are translated into the English as “sin.” The first is *<h>atah* (*<h>* is a guttural h sound), which literally means to “miss the mark” but can also be used to say, “stray from the path.” The other word is *peshah*, which means revolt or rebellion. So, one version of sin is like missing the mark when shooting an arrow. The intent is to shoot straight, but the result is off target. Sometimes sin is like this. The other version of sin is a rebellion or revolt against God. The intent is to reject God’s will and pursue one’s own way. Two different words, but both translated as sin.

Dr. Joines believed that Jesus had these two different versions of sin in mind when he told the parables that are recorded in Luke 15. The first two parables concern a lost sheep and a misplaced coin. These are matters of going astray and missing the mark, so these correlate with the first Hebrew word for sin, *<h>atah*. The sinner has gone astray or has missed the mark, and there is great celebration when the sinner returns to the righteous path.

The third parable is that of the prodigal son. This one is different, and all of us students sitting in the class that day sensed that something powerful was happening. We became quieter than usual as Dr. Joines spoke about the younger son who ran away and the older son who did not. The younger son finally came to his senses and returned to beg his father for a position as one of the servants. The father was so excited to see the prodigal son that he flung his arms around him and declared that there would be a huge celebration to mark his return. When Dr. Joines spoke of the older son’s complaints, his voice began to rise and fill with anger, “He was right! The older son was right! By both law and culture, the older son was right! The father was giving away things that belonged to the older son! The younger son deserved judgment, not mercy! The older son was right! HE WAS RIGHT!” . . . The classroom became very quiet; students were almost afraid to breathe as this large man held forth on the legal rights of the older brother. And then, Dr. Joines became very quiet. Several minutes seemed to pass. Then he quietly said, “But it’s such a little thing to be right.”



I was shattered. The Truth of the gospel rained down on me like a sweet, summer shower. It was inescapable. And I knew I would never be the same. I knew that I would need to give that grace to every human being that I encountered.

Salvation is through grace, but it is a grace that is manifested in a cross, a sacrifice that redeems by giving something that is wholly undeserved. The writer of the Epistle of James believed that the faithful don’t just receive that grace, they participate in that grace with their lives: “Mercy triumphs over judgment.”

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

## MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR

# Rejoice!



**Sue Selters**

*Moderator*

Fall has arrived at Pilgrim. September arrives and always gives us a host of activities and ways to be involved. The choir returns – Rejoice! We have Rally Sunday activities – Rejoice! We have a new Sunday Morning Mixer at the front of the church – Rejoice! We look forward to seeing more and more Pilgrims return to us as the fall progresses, and there are certainly many things to do and find ways to be involved. Here in southern California, fall doesn't always mean cooler temperatures, golden and red colors of trees, or rainy days (we can hope!) At Pilgrim, however, fall brings us much to be grateful for in the life of our church. Pilgrim's fall is a constant in our lives, as sure as God's love. Rejoice!

## SHARING HISTORY

### Excerpt from Pilgrim Church Sanctuary Dedication — 1912

There was a very special vibe and feeling and purpose in Pilgrim's Sanctuary at the Ordination Service held for Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn on Sunday, July 19, 2021. This "vibe" seems to have been present and felt by Pilgrim's congregation on Dedication Day of the Sanctuary in May 1912.

These words were prepared for the Dedication Service 109 years ago, when Pilgrim Congregational Church, Pomona was twenty-five and looking forward:

*"As members, we are Pilgrim Congregational Church of Pomona. Our buildings play an important part in our Worship and activities. Little children have been carried through its doors for Baptism. They have been taught the way, the Truth, and the Life of Jesus Christ. They have married, and in turn, brought in their children.*

*Here, the sorrowing have found comfort, the burdened, strength, the perplexed, guidance. And communion with others has been a hallowing of life itself. Our Sanctuary has come to sustain the Seen and the Unseen. It is rich in Loyalties and in Service. We would do well to think of all this, as we move forward as a Congregational body."*

**I think we are the future  
the early Pilgrims were hoping for!  
Congratulations all!**



**Diana Smith**

*Historian*



## WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

# *Sunday Sanctuary Flowers*

~ September 2021 to August 2022 ~

Dear Pilgrim Members and Friends,

My heartfelt thanks to all who have supported the Women's Auxiliary tradition of dedicating bouquets and boutonnieres for Pilgrim Congregational Church's Sunday services; you are genuinely appreciated!

Each dedicated bouquet adds something very special to our services.

Please join us with your dedication(s) again, or for the first time.



**Bonnie Seath**

*Flower Chair*

Sunday bouquets are \$39 each, and our monthly boutonnieres are \$24. Please complete the form displayed, and send it with your payment to the church office by the first Sunday of the month prior to the month of your request: Attention Nancy Newell or Karli Gordon. If you would like to take the arrangement home after the service, please be sure to check the "WILL TAKE" box, otherwise your arrangement will be delivered to one of our homebound members. If you have any questions, you can reach me by phone at 909-953-2577 or by email, [Bonniehbd@verizon.net](mailto:Bonniehbd@verizon.net).

Continued Blessings!



### SANCTUARY FLOWERS ORDER FORM

September 2021 through August 2022



Bouquet \$39                      Date \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Boutonnieres \$24                      Month \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Return this **order form & check to Nancy Newell, Financial Secretary's Office**  
or **Karli Gordon's in-box**

Dedication is to read: (Please print)

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**WILL TAKE ARRANGEMENT** \_\_\_\_\_ **or WILL NOT TAKE ARRANGEMENT** \_\_\_\_\_



## MUSIC NOTES

### Welcome Back, Pilgrim Choir!

On Sunday, September 12, Pilgrim Choir will return with their first anthem: "*Ain't That Good News*." Good news, indeed! Our new rehearsal schedule will help with night driving concerns. Each month, there will be only two Thursday night rehearsals and one Sunday afternoon rehearsal. If you would like to join the choir, please do. Pilgrim Choir is open to all and no audition needed. The first rehearsal will be Thursday, September 9 from 7:30pm to 9pm in the sanctuary,

More good news: We are welcoming back **Debbie Dey** and **Yousef Reda** as additional soloists. Our regular soloists are **Leeza Yorke**, **Lizbeth Lucca**, **Steve O'Donnell** and **Dale Grosjean-Sandfrey**. (I would like to thank these soloists for holding together the music during the pandemic. They had more to do and more music to learn.) Other soloists who pitched in, especially during the summers, were **Nancy Rodewald**, **Betsy Bowering**, **Sherry Glab**, **Carolyn Wilson**, **Debbie Dey**, **Berlyne Stillions**, **Michal Conner**, **Paul Harms**, my daughter **Angela Moser** and **Lizbeth Lucca** with many of her ROC singers. (My apologies if I missed anyone.) High school student



**Susan Winckler**  
*Choir Director*

**Berlyne Stillions** plans to join the choir as well as a Mountainside Master Chorale singer **Louise Webber**.

Silent Movie Night continued on August 28 with "*Safety Last*" and **Greg Rister** at the organ. We hope to continue with tradition in the coming months.

I would love to fill the choir loft with more Pilgrims and friends.  
Please consider joining!

## SCRIP NEWS



Autumn is almost here and with it come some of our favorite holidays with sweet smells of apples, cinnamon and pumpkin spice, hopefully cooler, crisp days, and the hustle and bustle of Holiday Shopping. Whether you are picking up the items for your family holiday meal, 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, we have what you need. Visit 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. We have Amazon, T.J.Maxx, Michaels, Macys, Big 5, Dicks Sporting Goods, Bath and Body Works, Bed Bath & Beyond in stock and have others we can order and have available before Christmas if ordered early.

## WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

### The Rummage Sale is BACK!

Mark your calendar and tell your friends and neighbors.

**Saturday, October 16th**

from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm



## LIBRARY NEWS

Autumn will be here soon and the library committee will be meeting to select new books.

Our latest acquisitions include a new **Debbie Macomber** *It's Better This Way*, and the best seller *Falling* by **T.J. Newman**. Popular author **Marie Benedict** who wrote *Clementine* has a new story about J.P. Morgan's personal librarian, fittingly titled *The Personal Librarian*. Mystery fans will enjoy *Murder on Mustique* written by **Anne Glenconner**, a former lady in waiting to **Princess Margaret** who lived on the island. Readers of historical fiction will enjoy *The Women's March* by **Jennifer Chiaverini** which focuses on the suffragettes.

Remember we have lots of books on many subjects so stop by the library and check us out.

### Megan Parnell

*Librarian*

## PILGRIM PROFILE



The Membership Board would like all Pilgrim church members to get to know each other. So we are going to feature a different short biography monthly in the Pilgrim's Progress.

**Zoe Ann Altenes** is not only a long-time Pilgrim, but she has also participated in many church activities. She has served as a Guild officer and spent many hours working in the Sewing Circle, a group who used their needle skills in a variety of tasks both personal and church related. As busy members of Side by Side, Zoe Ann and her late husband Homer arranged interesting excursions to diverse sites including various ethnic markets. She's a wonderful gardener, sharing her produce and has given away many cuttings from her fig tree. Zoe Ann assisted in the Nursery on Sundays reading to and playing with our littlest Pilgrims. Always a great reader Zoe Ann acted as librarian for Alden Book Club and she served many years

on the Library Committee, often as chair. She is still one of Pilgrim Memorial Library's top readers.

Due to the pandemic she has been staying home, but she would enjoy hearing from fellow Pilgrims by phone or note cards.

## 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.

## NEWSLETTER NEWS



We have updated submission dates for the Pilgrim's Progress newsletter to share with you.

Submissions for articles, board reports, announcements or other items for the newsletter are due by 12noon on the Wednesday following Meeting Sunday with the exceptions of November and December because of the holiday season. Please note the submission due dates below.

**September 22**  
**November 17**

**October 20**  
**December 15**

Email your submissions to [sarah@pilgrimchurchpomona.com](mailto:sarah@pilgrimchurchpomona.com) or drop them off at the church office. If you have any questions about Pilgrim's Progress, please contact Sarah Campbell or Karli Gordon at 909-622-1373.



## DIACONATE

The Diaconate will have a “Boot Camp” for young people and others who are interested in serving as Acolytes. By the time this newsletter is in your hands, we will have completed our first Boot Camp on August 29th and our next one will be immediately following services on Rally Sunday.

We will celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 3rd. We will also offer communion on November 28th, the 1st Sunday of Advent.

Plans are underway to see that our videographers have access to the computers that they need to continue their excellent work making our services available via the internet and Zoom.



Interest has been expressed in placing an order for the magnetic name badges that you see on some members on Sundays. This helps some of us remember names and also aids in identifying visitors to our campus. If you would like a badge, please speak to Keith Eades or another member of the Diaconate.

Diaconate Members will meet again on September 19th.

Thank you, everyone, for your continued prayers and support for our church and its ministries!

**Keith Eades**

*Diaconate Chair*

## WILL YOU USHER?



We are in need of more ushers for our Sunday 10:00a.m. service. Usher teams rotate, so you typically usher once a month. There are supposed to be four ushers on a team, but right now, some of our teams only have two ushers! Ushers arrive around 9:45a.m. and stand inside the sanctuary at the back to hand out the Sunday Order of Worship. Ushers also help visitors find a pew, make sure they have a hymnal and point out the visitor information in the pew racks. During the service, ushers collect the offering. If you are willing to be on an usher team, please call the church office to sign up. With our new “Morning Mixer” by the breezeway, ushers can share coffee and conversation and then move directly into the sanctuary!

**Consider giving it a try!**



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### Morning Mixer



Pilgrims sharing in fellowship at the Morning Mixer.

Membership wants to “Welcome Home” you and the Pomona community each Sunday at 9:15am during our Morning Mixer. We will come together to greet each other, guests and community members as we enjoy sweet breakfast treats, coffee and orange juice as well as activities for all ages finishing up in time to get into church for the musical prelude before 10am Worship Services. We look forward to seeing you.

#### Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00am - 9:30am

Imagination Station & Adult Sunday School

9:15am - 9:50am

Morning Mixer

9:30am - 9:50am

Joyful Noises Music Worship for Kids

10:00am

Worship Service

11:00am

Fellowship Hour & Flashpoint for kids



Richard Rosewitz sharing his prize squash.

## THANK YOU!

*Thank you to the Vanyo & McCormick families for hosting our Summer Pool Party. We had an amazing time full of fun & good food. It was a fantastic way to finish off the summer!*



*Thank you from Pilgrim's Sparking Legacies  
Nathaniel, Emily, Christian, Kodie, Emmanuel, Max, Berlyne,  
Madelyn, McKenzie & Samantha*

## SPARKING LEGACIES



# RALLY SUNDAY

## September 12th, 2021

### 9AM - 1:30PM

**9:00am Registration**

**9:30am Music Worship**

**10:00am Worship Service**

**11:00am Slideshow & Presentation**

**11:30am Burger Bash**

Summer is winding down and it is **FINALLY** that time of year again where we get to *COME HOME* to Pilgrim, enjoy the music of our full choir and the start of many new and fun children and youth programs.

We are excited to begin our pre-service activities for kids in Dole Court beginning at 9am. Our Imagination Station will be open with fun activities and demonstrations. This is also where the kids will register for the new year, sign up for programs and pick up their clip boards for worship service. The clip-boards are personalized for each child/youth member's use with writing and coloring instruments, children's bulletins that have activities that follow the lesson of the day, and a youth calendar with event fliers to help keep families up to date with all that is going on at Pilgrim. At 9:30am, Ms. Nancy Rodewald will lead the kids in Music Worship where they sing songs and dance the wiggles out before church.

At Pilgrim everyone 1st grade and up attend and participate in Worship Service with our youth sometimes serving as acolytes, Minister's Assistants, performing with the choir and more. For our littlest Pilgrims we are proud to announce the re-opening of our nursery for infants through Kindergarten. The nursery will be open every Sunday between 9:45am - 11:10am for infants through Kindergarten.

Following services kids 1st - 12th grade will meet up in Pilgrim Hall for Flashpoint.

### ***Wait, what is Flashpoint?***

I am glad you asked, Flashpoint is the moment sparks of faith within our youth ignite and grow so that they share the love of Christ with their families, community and the world through compassion and service. Sometimes activities will be in a classroom setting with a teacher, sometimes they will be activities led by our Senior youth, sometimes it will be a service project and sometimes it may be a fun activity or field trip. Be sure to join us for the presentation and slideshow on Rally Sunday for an opportunity to hear more, ask questions and see how you can help.

**Bring your friends and family and join us on September 12th!**

Questions? Contact Youth Director, Sarah at [ChristianEd@pilgrimchurchpomona.com](mailto:ChristianEd@pilgrimchurchpomona.com)

## SPARKING LEGACIES



### Nursery Assistants & Sunday School Subs. needed.

The Christian Education Department is excited about all the new programs this year and our 21/22 volunteer teaching team. We have some great teachers lined up, but we need a few nursery assistants to take on a few weeks at a time and substitute teachers to fill in when needed. If you enjoy working with kids consider joining our teaching team today. If you are interested in volunteering, please see our superintendent, Jan Manildi or youth director, Sarah Campbell on Sundays during the Morning Mixer. You may also contact us by calling 909-622-1373 or email [ChristianEd@pilgrimchurchpomona.com](mailto:ChristianEd@pilgrimchurchpomona.com)

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With Autumn quickly approaching we are getting ready for Pilgrim's Annual Harvest Festival and we are so excited to be returning to in-person! That being said, last year's catalog was a huge success and it will be returning as well with an opportunity to purchase items from our Country Store from November 7th—December 5th or until we sell out. We encourage all Pilgrim's Boards, Groups & Guilds to participate. Boards and Groups that participated last year made between \$75 to \$550. This will also be a great opportunity for fun fellowship with each other and the community while celebrating the fruits of God's many blessings. You don't want to miss it.

### So mark your calendars!

**September 19th - October 17th:** Booth & Catalog Sign ups

**October 31st:** Deadline to turn in any items for the catalog

**November 7th:** Catalog will be published and distributed

Contest submissions due (more information coming soon)

**November 14th:** Harvest Festival

**December 5th:** Final day to order from catalog.



## HELPING OTHERS

# **\*Virtual\* 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for the Hungry & Homeless**



**September 1 - September 30, 2021**  
**Walk/Run/Skip/Hop/Bike Anywhere!**

Inland Valley HOPE Partners is hosting a virtual Walk for the Hungry & Homeless to help feed the hungry and shelter the homeless in our local communities. Teams are collecting sponsors and then completing a 5k (approx. 3.1 miles) walk, run, bike, etc.

This is a great opportunity for our youth to serve the community while having fun. There are opportunities for all ages to participate.

1. Join our Sparking Legacy Team. Sign up with Youth Director, Sarah by emailing [ChristianEd@pilgrimchurchpomona.com](mailto:ChristianEd@pilgrimchurchpomona.com) or calling 909-622-1373. You will get a form to collect sponsors. We will be having 2 walking events, 1 mile each and then you complete 1 mile on your own. All are invited to join us on our walking events, even our furry friends.
2. Consider sponsoring one of our youth members or our Sparking Legacies team in general. To learn more, visit the Imagination Station and speak with Sarah during Pilgrim's Morning Mixers, beginning September 12th.

### **Walking Events**

#### **Saturday, September 25th**

5:00pm @ Red Hill Park  
Rancho Cucamonga  
1 mile walk & sunset prayer

#### **Sunday, September 26th**

Noon @ Sycamore Canyon Park  
Diamond Bar  
picnic lunch & 1 mile walk



# **Food for Your Soul** **Cooking Class**

**With Chef Les Matthews**

**Experience an evening with other Christian couples  
that will feed your heart and soul!**

Learn, laugh, and cook in this hands-on class with Chef Les as he guides you through creating a mouthwatering soul food meal everyone will want a taste of. Good food is as important to a healthy and happy life as healthy relationships and a meaningful relationship with God. This soul food cooking class will give you and your cooking partner a chance to learn new recipes, fellowship with others and enjoy time together.

**Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30pm**

**\$50 per couple**

**Includes:**

- 2.5-hour class
- All ingredients, equipment, and utensils
- Dessert, sparkling cider, and beverages
- Childcare for children ages 2+ will be provided including snacks for the kids and a movie in the fellowship hall

**Space is limited. Please register by calling (909) 622-1373  
or email [pilgrimoffice@pilgrimchurchpomona.com](mailto:pilgrimoffice@pilgrimchurchpomona.com).**



## **Presented by Side By Side 2.0**

**Side By Side 2.0 is a group  
for partners in faith.**

**Maybe it is your spouse,  
your son or daughter, a  
parent, a sibling or one of  
your closest friends who is  
walking by your side on  
your faith journey.**

**Together we will walk  
side by side with those who  
share our values and  
mission, offering support  
and encouragement to one  
another along our path to  
Jesus Christ.**

**"Two are better than one,  
because they have a good  
reward for their toil.**

**For if they fall,  
one will lift up the other;  
but woe to one who is alone  
and falls and does not have  
another to help."**

**Ecclesiastes 4:9-10**

## **Save The Dates**

**October 17 & November 21  
for our upcoming  
Side By Side 2.0 gatherings**

**Pilgrim Congregational Church  
600 N. Garey Avenue in Pomona**

**(Near Holt Blvd., parking in the back lot between Pearl and Pasadena Streets)**



**PILGRIM  
CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH**



## THE HEART IN THE RUMMAGE SALE

The Region's "largest, most fabulous and most incredible RUMMAGE SALE" is again on the calendar. People lined up around the block. Are we ready? Are YOU ready? What to do ?

As many know, I have worked in Ladies Wear for about twenty years ( the equivalent of a life sentence) but that is no record when one considers my co-chair Marjorie Archer, who has SIXTY PLUS years in Ladies Wear. Marjorie's mother, a remarkable Pilgrim, let Marjorie stay home from school as a wee bitty child during Pilgrim rummage week to come with her and help prepare Ladies Wear for the big event. Even now, Marjorie "stays home from her law practice" during rummage prep week twice a year, setting up the Ladies Wear Department. She has notably conscripted her sisters, sons, husband and office staff into voluntary servitude to get us through.

What is the lure to do this? We get sore, filth, tired and crochety and shocked by the boxes (and some of the "surprise" contents). At each sale more of our Pilgrim crew are sporting canes and walkers, iron lungs and personal assistants, ice packs and heavy pain medication, yet we come for each sale. Why? Not for the obvious glamour and luxurious working conditions, but for the fun. The rib splitting laughter, the fellowship, and for the twice a year contact with the "Crossroads Women" and "Community Crew." (and of course the week spent with fellow Pilgrims.) Oh, and of course, for the great eats!



A word about the CrossRoads Women. Thanks to Rummage Chair Judy (and Don) Sanders' symbiotic relationship with Soroptimists, we have help! "CrossRoads Ladies" are recently released long-term women prison inmates who live in a residential halfway house program in Claremont. They are selected volunteers who work with us at Pilgrim for several hours each day all during rummage prep week to help us get each sale department ready. This is HARD WORK.

Monotonous, repetitive, heavy lifting, much walking, cleaning, sorting, pricing, etc. When each new group of 7 - 15 women comes to us each Rummage Moving Sunday, they are at first very shy, very wide-eyed about the enormity of our sale

and about the beauty and the friendship of our church. And for most, it is their first venture into the community. For the first day with us they interact mostly just with each other and stay close, but as the week wears on, the women get to know US at Pilgrim, and laugh, work, eat and experience acceptance, trust and fellowship. This is a remarkable cycle to share. By sale day the CrossRoads Women are working in the sale rooms, the kitchen and doing clean up are bonded with us and with Pilgrim Church like a true sorority. Some return to help with the work years after their release from supervision to show thanks for Pilgrim support when they "had nothing" and some felt that they were nothing, coming out of a long period of incarceration (our record I think is a 26- year term served.) Think about transitioning from that! Thank you Judy Sanders and Jan Manildi for bringing us this workforce and for making them feel welcome and useful and accepted. We, the rummage sale workers KNOW that we COULD NOT and WOULD NOT be able to staff these sales and continue the rummage sale without the labor, enthusiasm and fellowship that comes with the CrossRoads Women!

Also a part of the lure of the Ladies Wear operation takes place each Sale Day. Our sales room is sort of a "quiet riot" of women, often 60+ people in the room at one time; mothers, children, grandmothers, nervous husbands, strollers, walkers, wheelchairs, pets, all manner of shoppers, and the nice thing is that many of them are repeat customers. And women talk, which is wonderful, and this is why we keep 12 - 15 sitting around chairs in our room so that people can sit and talk. Each sale is like "Real Housewives of Pilgrim Rummage" as we catch up with each others' lives, dramas, tragedies, victories and accomplishments on sale days. There is much laughter in the room,



## THE HEART IN THE RUMMAGE SALE CONT.



especially when Pilgrim Choir's Tom Mazur is working the Sales Floor entertaining the customers as a stand-up comic. He tells the ladies, "No, that doesn't fit too tight. I'd even go down a size if I were you. You know PURPLE is REALLY your color, oh my my!" One Senior woman customer got so happy in the sale room she burst out, "I just want to tell everyone that TODAY is my Birthday! I am 86!" On cue all the shoppers sang "Happy Birthday" to her and she glowed. There are amazing stories from each sale in that room. We get the chance to see how much the community truly needs and enjoys Pilgrim's Rummage Sale, and we see how appreciative our neighbors are of what we do. We have watched people go from living in cars and in storage units to graduating from college and becoming teachers and more. May we suggest that if you have teenagers in your household, sign them up to spend a few hours with us on sale days to experience watching what community service is all about. They will learn about NEED and about APPRECIATION. We think it makes us all better Pilgrims.

One sale day, in a long line at the cashier table, someone paid me for umpteen giant trash bags of clothing with \$36.00 counted out in saved-up QUARTERS. At another sale, as we opened our doors at 8:00am with a row of 5 long tables of painstakingly stacked blouses and shirts piled 25 deep (folded by Cross-Roads Ladies), probably 2,500 blouses and tops we estimated, an early bird shopper asked us, "I like this BLUE blouse, but do you have it in a MEDIUM?" For a few sales we had a lot of clothing "disappearing" in the dressing room until we moved the large painting of Jesus into the dressing room. Problem solved! One day a brave husband stuck his toe in our room and pointed to the sign on the outside of the building that reads Eells Hall. He said, "You know, many, many, MANY years ago, maybe 50 year ago, I had a grade school teacher named Miss Eells. Memories!" I replied, "Well Sir, she's right in the next room selling doughnuts and bakery goods." He SNAPPED to attention, smoothed his hair, stood up real straight, and walked next door to greet her.



At the end of the day we are exhausted and our sales room looks like a bomb site, but we are never on our own cleaning it up. At about 15 minutes before closing, our community customers from over the years reliably show up, bag up the clothes going on to other destinations, fold up the racks, sort the empty hangers, clean up the trash with us and talk about "next year."

Other thanks go to Pilgrim Office staff and dedicated Custodial Team and to the Cal Poly "frat boys" (who have great knees that still work) who move the heavy boxes and racks around. Thank you to all the random volunteers, neighbors, husbands, people-who-feed-us, in all departments who show up each year to help, maybe not Pilgrim Church members (yet) but who feel a kinship with us and keep coming. THANK YOU!



Every Department has its stories. Our Rummage Sale is an awesome process with really nice sale things going to new homes and it is a great experience to be part of. It takes many hands and talents. It is more than a moneymaker, more than an assignment, and more than any one of us. It is Pure Vintage Pilgrim Spirit at her best! We will see you at the next one!

**The week will begin with rummage moving on Sunday, October 10 and we will be setting up for sale day all week until sale day on October 16th.**

~ Diana Smith



## CEDAR LAKE CAMP - ADULTS

### Wonderful Changes at Cedar Lake

By Janet Manildi

Pilgrim was so blessed when Eddie and Lisa Hupp took over Cedar Lake. They have been steadily making improvements to the facilities. They have added a beautiful large wooden deck that increases the eating space. Then they used the downtime during COVID last year to really make some great improvements.

Many movies have been filmed at Cedar Lake – and they have used this as a focal point for the décor. The rooms in Harriman Lodge where the adults stay are named for those movies or one of the actors. The name is engraved on the beautiful new wooden door (which has a touchpad lock). And the décor in each room includes a poster of the movie and photographs from it. Our room was Lonesome Pine, so we had a picture of Fred McMurray and in the bathroom was a picture of Spanky (from Our Gang).

The bathrooms have really been upgraded. The tubs have been replaced with very modern showers and instead of a small sink, mirror and some shelves – the sinks are in granite counters with large mirrors and stylish lighting. There's even a light that goes on automatically when you enter the room and a motion-activated hand dryer.

There are still bunkbeds, but they're new and sturdier with more comfortable mattresses. And one has a double bed on the bottom.

Down the hall, there is a beautifully decorated handicapped bathroom.

There are four wonderful new chandeliers in the dining hall, designed by a local artist. They feature a heart, an American flag, a fish and a bear.

*Thank you, Eddie and Lisa, for making Cedar Lake even more wonderful!*



Top Row: Virginia Bolle, Janet Manildi, Katie St. John, Fay Ellwood, Olympia Kunneset, Jeanne Cockrell, Beth Brooks, Susan Lingenfelter, Sherry Glab, Mary Ferguson, Richard Rosewitz.

Bottom Row: Patrick Horn, Susan Shedd, Bruce Ramet, Dee Hupp, Elyse Mengle, Maricyl Rosewitz.



## CEDAR LAKE CAMP - KIDS



"Fear is a Liar" was the theme for Cedar Lake Camp '21.



Camp Counselors always have just as much fun as the campers...sometimes more.



The magic of Cedar Lake Camp always brings joy to all who visit. Pictured here, Berlyne, Samie, Nathaniel, Christian & Stephan.



A beautiful view to finish your day in worship and prayer to God for His many blessings.



Campfire is filled with fun songs, yummy smores & camp news from Ring Tail and his mischievous cousin Rat Tail.



The lake is a favorite feature at camp as it is wonderful for canoeing, swimming & tossing each other into. Pictured here: Fay & Finnian enjoying a canoe ride.

*See y'all next summer!*

## SUNDAY SERVICE NOTES



### September 5, 2021

#### *Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn  
Worship Assistant: Rev. Keith Eades  
Organist: Susan Winckler  
Hymn Leaders: Choraescence  
Lesson One: Psalm 125  
Lesson Two: James 2:1-17  
Sermon: The Triumph of Mercy  
Theme: Mercy for those in Need  
Flower dedication: With heartfelt gratitude for the magnificent music provided by Susan Winkler, Bruce Jones, and all the talented musicians throughout this past summer.

### September 19, 2021

#### *Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn  
Worship Assistant: Mrs. Sue Shedd  
Organists: Bruce Jones and Susan Winckler  
Hymn Leader: Steve O'Donnell  
Lesson One: Psalm 1  
Lesson Two: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a  
Sermon: The Purity of Good Will  
Theme: Good Will to All  
Flower dedication: Provided by Marria Casner ~ For our lovely church.

### September 12, 2021

#### *Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

##### *Rally Sunday*

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn  
Worship Assistant: Ms. Sue Selters  
Organists: Bruce Jones and Susan Winckler  
Hymn Leader: Leeza Yorke  
Lesson One: Psalm 19:1-6  
Lesson Two: James 3:1-12  
Sermon: The Curse of the Tongue  
Theme: The Power of Language  
Flower dedication: Provided by Bonnie Seath ~ To the Glory of God, and in loving celebration of nephew Ryan's recent marriage to Kathryn; special birthday celebration for nephew Cory's son Eli; extended love to his wife Rebecca and daughter, Eva.

### September 26, 2021

#### *Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn  
Worship Assistant: Mr. Emmanuel Rickards Ruiz  
Organists: Bruce Jones and Susan Winckler  
Hymn Leader: Yousef Reda  
Lesson One: Psalm 124  
Lesson Two: James 5:13-20  
Sermon: The Power of Prayer  
Theme: The Power of Prayer  
Flower dedication: Provided by Don and Judy Sanders ~ In loving celebration of Jeanne Wood's (Judy Sanders' Mother's) 100th birthday!

**Boutonnieres dedication:** Boutonnieres are generously provided each Sunday in the month of September by Jeanne Cockrell ~ In honor of my father, Kenny Bruce and my grandmother, Ella Bruce birthdays.

**Liturgical Notes by Dr. Horn:** Green is the color for the month of September 2021. Green symbolizes growth and life, hope and anticipation. Green is used in Ordinary time, the period of the Church calendar which gives attention to the Lord's life and ministry; it reminds us that the mission of the Church is to love the world and share the hope of Christ.



# September

## WEEKLY / MONTHLY

### **EVERY MORNING**

Daily Devotional  
9am via Facebook Live and Zoom

### **EVERY TUESDAY**

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

### **EVERY THURSDAY**

11am NACCC Prayer Circle on Zoom  
Music at Noon

### **EVERY SUNDAY**

9am - Adult Sunday School & Imagination Station  
9:15am - Morning Mixer  
9:30am - Joyful Noise (music worship for kids)  
10am - Worship Service (In-person & Online)  
11am - Flashpoint (1st-12th grade youth group)

### **EVERY 1ST WEDNESDAY**

7pm- Church Council Meeting

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **September 2nd**

C.E. Board Meeting via Zoom

### **September 5th**

Teacher's Meeting - 11:30am

### **September 12th**

Rally Sunday & Burger Bash

### **September 19th**

Meeting Sunday  
Side-By-Side 2.0 Cooking Class

### **September 22nd**

Pilgrim Progress articles due date

### **September 25th**

C.E. Board Brunch & Meeting  
Walk for the Hungry Part 1

### **September 26th**

Walk for the Hungry Part 2

## WAYS TO GIVE

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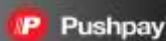
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**Mission:** Pilgrim Congregational Church is an independent community of Christian faith which glorifies God through worship and service to others, respects individual spiritual growth, and inspires compassionate fellowship.

**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.

# September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE  7pm Church Council Meeting	2 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE  Music @ Noon Free Concert	3 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE	4 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE
5 Adult Sunday School Morning Mixer Worship Service Fellowship Hour Flashpoint: Interactive Lesson	6 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE	7 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE  5:45pm Twilight Bible Study	8 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE	9 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE  Music @ Noon Free Concert	10 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE	11 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE
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<b>19 Meeting Sunday</b> Adult Sunday School Morning Mixer Worship Service Fellowship Hour Flashpoint: Interactive Lesson Side-By-Side 2.0 Cooking Class	20 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE	21 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE  5:45pm Twilight Bible Study	22 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE  Pilgrim's Progress Newsletter Articles Due	23 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE  Music @ Noon Free Concert	24 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE	25 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE  CE Brunch & Meeting at Walden Home  Walk for Hungry Pt. 1
26 Adult Sunday School Morning Mixer Worship Service Fellowship Hour Flashpoint: Walk for Hungry Pt.2	27 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE	28 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE  5:45pm Twilight Bible Study	29 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE	30 9am Morning Devotional ONLINE  Music @ Noon Free Concert		