



PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

August 2022



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Blessed

**"And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you,
for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."**

~ Luke 14:14

We hear lots of Christians, including ourselves, talk about how "blessed" we are. We usually mean that our families are healthy and happy, that we have good friends and neighbors, a loving and supportive church community, and other positive features of our lives.

I worry a little bit about this kind of talk, which I hear out of my own mouth. I worry that it is one-sided. I think of the Accuser in the book of Job, who says that the only reason Job is righteous is because God has given him so many good things. If God allows these things to be taken away, will Job speak of being blessed by God?

In Luke 14, Jesus speaks of being blessed, not by what you have, but by what you give. If you give to those who cannot possibly repay you, then you are blessed. As usual, Jesus has completely flipped the script of what it means to be blessed. And even after centuries of studying and reflecting on Jesus' words, when church people speak of being blessed, we think almost exclusively of what we have.

I understand that we want to offer thanks to God for all the things that we have. And when we speak of being blessed, we may be simply expressing our gratitude to God for our lives. But we need to remember that being blessed also depends upon giving to those who cannot repay us. Being eternally blessed, in the resurrection of the righteous, means giving without getting anything in return.

It seems very likely that we will continue to speak of being blessed in terms of the life that we enjoy. But I hope that you will pray that we will learn the meaning of "blessed" that Jesus taught. And that remembering this lesson, we will offer ourselves, our services, and our resources to those who have no ability to respond in kind.
And may God bless us, everyone!

~ Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn, Senior Minister

MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR



Christine Vanyo
Moderator

The Humor of Hope

*"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love."
~1 Corinthians 13:13*

Last week, I said to Ron, "I hope we make it to the airport on time." The week before that, I said to someone at church, "I hope you feel better." And just a few days ago I laughed when I heard myself say, "I hope you are listening" to one of the grandkids. Next thing I know, I'm reading about NAPF/HOPE, googling the acronym and hearing the word "hope" everywhere. (By the way, for those of you who never knew, the acronym NAPF stands for National Association of Pilgrim Fellowship and HOPE stands for Heritage of Pilgrim Endeavor.)

That started me thinking about that word, hope -- what does it really mean, and what are we saying when we speak it? Nowadays people hope for everything from a new job to a new world. Most of us have used it in a flippant manner, "Oh I sure *hope so*" especially upon hearing an empty promise. We hope for things to end and hope for them to begin. We hope something doesn't happen and then hope for something else to happen, but what is HOPE all about really?

Naturally, I turned to the scripture to try finding answers. God's word talks a lot about hope and even gives application of use to our life. "We rejoice in hope of the glory of God" (Romans 5:2, ESV). Romans 8:24-25, ESV says, "Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience." In Romans 12:12, the Scripture tells us hope brings joy: "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." So the bottom line is a lot of good things come from having hope!

I found it interesting that the ancient Greek word for hope is *elpō*. The meaning of *elpō* is to anticipate or welcome – the expectation of what is certain. It is used in the Bible 53 times. Thayer's Greek Lexicon says "that in which one confides or to which he flees for refuge." In other words, it is what you turn to for comfort in life's struggles. We turn to or cling to "hope" to get us through, even though we face pain and loss. That's powerful.

I was recently talking to our own Fay Ellwood about this - well, we were actually lamenting and laughing a little. Just because we believe in God doesn't mean we won't struggle. We are not exempt from trials or life difficulties. Christians suffer, just like everyone else - who knew? The difference for us, as Christians, is we can rely on our faith to bring us hope and endure our struggles by leaning into God's love.

I've been known to discount the application of hope by declaring that "hope" is a poor substitute for a game plan. After all, hope is not a strategy and no one ever reached their goals on hope alone (so I thought.) These are lofty thoughts indeed. I needed to rethink this before I could be comforted in my hopes.

I thought I should do more than just hope. I found humor in the internal struggle of what I can do as opposed to what I should do when it comes to just about all areas of life. In my meditations, I had an epiphany: Along with hope, I needed to step out in faith. It wasn't enough to "hope" my ankle injury would heal... I literally had to take steps of faith and start walking for that healing to begin. Once I fueled my hope with something visible, identifiable and tangible, it seemed more useful. There's a reason the scripture mentions faith, hope and love collectively.

MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR

The pieces came together and I began to comprehend 1 Corinthians 13:13 in a deeply spiritual way. I need faith to create hope and I must rely on God's love to motivate action. Peter describes it perfectly: "Therefore, once you have your minds ready for action and you are thinking clearly, place your hope completely on the grace that will be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed." 1 Peter 1:13.

There's no question that we are facing some challenging events in our world, community and church. Unemployment, illness, and social and political unrest plague our society; it makes us wonder if we even have hope for a brighter future? The short answer is a resounding, YES. Our struggles will pass but our eternal hope will endure. Paul even says our struggles are a reason to be happy because we know it produces hope! Let's take a breath and lean into God's mercy and strength as we hope for a new day, an easier path and some relief on the horizon. Collectively, we can continue in infinite hope by focusing on the scriptures and encouraging one another. Let's say, "I hope we can do this" -- and allow that hope to lend it's way to faith -- so then we can say, I "know" we can do this! We can do this by supporting one another, our membership, fellow congregants, clergy and youth. We can literally HOPE and PRAY. We can be happy about our hope and laugh through our tears!

**I hope as a Church united we will join our hearts and minds together in faith
as we bring our message of love to the world.**

*In God's peace and grace,
Christine Vanyo
Moderator*

Faith

NOW FAITH IS THE SUBSTANCE
OF THINGS HOPED FOR, THE
EVIDENCE OF THINGS NOT SEEN.

HEBREWS 11:11



Hope

FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE
FOR YOU, PLANS TO PROSPER YOU
AND NOT HARM YOU, PLANS TO
GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE.

JEREMIAH 29:11



Love

THREE THINGS WILL LAST FOREVER:
FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE.
AND THE GREATEST OF THESE
IS LOVE.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13



PILGRIM'S AUXILIARY

Auxiliary is evolving!

In appreciation of the support and fellowship of gentlemen, the "Women's" has been dropped from its name. Everyone is invited to attend the first meeting for the 2022/2023 season on October 4th.

10:30am – Meeting
11:30am – Program with lunch to follow.

It is hoped that the new schedule will make it easier for more people to attend. Good programs, good food and good fellowship are promised.

~Elyse Mengle, Auxiliary President

SUNDAY SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Dear Pilgrim Members and Friends,

On behalf of Pilgrim's Auxiliary, a very special : "thank you" to everyone who dedicated Sunday Sanctuary Flowers and Boutonnieres this past year. You are very special people! Each and every heartwarming dedication provided an inspiring addition to our Sunday morning worship services. I sincerely hope you will join me again this next year in continuing this longstanding tradition.

Sunday bouquets will continue to be \$39 each; our monthly boutonnieres will be \$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 your Dedication: Attention Nancy Newell. 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 please contact Bonnie Seath, Flower Chair by phone at 909-953-2577 or email Bonniehbd@verizon.net.

Continued Blessings,
Bonnie Seath, Flower Chair

SANCTUARY FLOWERS ORDER FORM September 2022 through August 2023

Bouquet \$39 Date _____ Month _____ \$ _____
Boutonnieres \$24 Month _____ \$ _____
TOTAL\$ _____

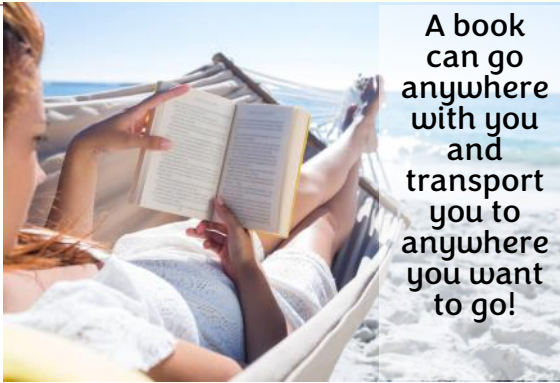
Return this **order form & check to Nancy Newell, Financial Secretary's Office**

Dedication is to read: (Please print)

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____

WILL TAKE ARRANGEMENT _____ or WILL NOT TAKE ARRANGEMENT _____

LIBRARY NEWS



A book
can go
anywhere
with you
and
transport
you to
anywhere
you want
to go!

Staying inside to avoid the heat? Why not relax with a good book? Pilgrim Memorial Library has plenty to choose from. Of course since our readers are big mystery fans we have many available. *Escape* by James Patterson and *Night Work* by Nora Roberts are the most recent additions.

Non-fiction readers should take a look at *Crossing the Line* by **Kareem Rosser** and learn all about polo players in Philadelphia. How about **James Patterson's** autobiography *Stories of My Life*?

If you are planning a trip this summer remember, in

addition to our regular circulating hardbacks, we have audio books on CD to listen to as you drive, hike, sunbathe, etc. Also we have paperbacks and magazines which do not need to be checked out or returned and are ideal to take along on vacations. Ask Megan to point them out to you.

We truly have a wide selection of books for our readers to choose from. There will continue to be new titles available.



Megan Parnell
Librarian

PILGRIM PROFILE



Meggen Olson has been coming to Pilgrim since she was 5. In 1999 her family moved to Claremont. Her parents are Jon and the late Judy Olson. Her younger brother is Andrew Olson who is a videographer here at Pilgrim.

She has been active at Pilgrim starting with youth groups and going on to Cedar Lake Camp, then acolytes and ushers. She has served on the boards of Music and Christian Education as well as the Diaconate.

A graduate of Claremont High Meggen studied Journalism at Citrus College and English Literature at Cal Poly Pomona.

Meggen's hobbies include knitting, writing, graphic artwork and design. She says Pilgrim is her home and it feels like family. Pilgrim has helped her get through hard times. She would like visitors to know that they too can find a home here at Pilgrim.

OUR TINY PILGRIMS ARE GROWING UP!



Charlie, William & Harrison are ready for the next level of school.



Luke is ready to learn about this thing they call school and take charge.



Landon is excited to take a bite out of Kindergarten and learn all he can.

Big changes are happening as our lil'Pilgrims are growing bigger and bigger. Charlie is moving up from TK (Transitional Kindergarten) to Kindergarten, Harrison is moving up to TK from Pre-school and William had his first day of Preschool in June. The McCormick boys are not the only ones either. Landon Olson begins Kindergarten this fall and Luke Prendergast begins his educational journey in pre-school at his Mom's alma mater. We are so proud of these boys and look forward to watching them learn and grow throughout these next few years!

MUSIC NOTES

SILENT MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, August 13



PILGRIM
CONGREGATIONAL
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Accompaniment by
Greg Rister on
Pilgrim Church's
majestic, historic
Mueller pipe organ

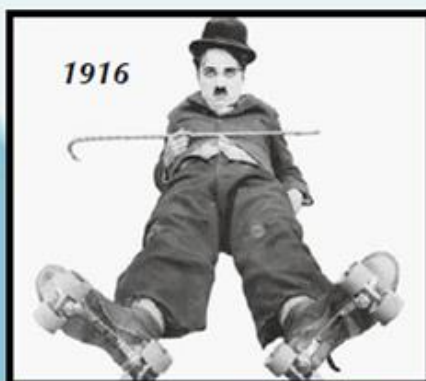
600 N. Garey Ave.
Pomona

\$15
suggested
donation
(7 and under free)

Root beer
floats at 7pm.
Silent Movie
starts at
7:45pm.



1929 "Angora Love"
with Laurel and Hardy.



1916
Charlie Chaplin in "The Rink"
Charlie on skates!

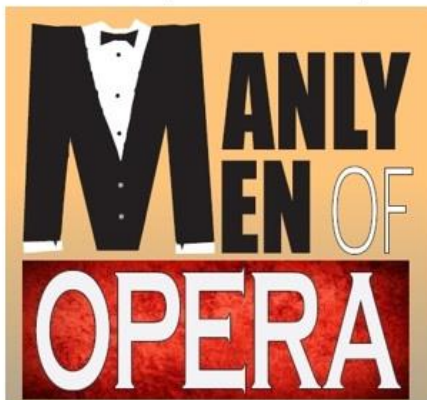


1920
"One Week" Buster Keaton
builds a pre-fab house. Yikes!

REPERTORY OPERA COMPANY

ROC Season Nineteen

The Manly Men of Opera



Sunday, August 21, 2022
5 pm dinner. 6 pm concert
Tickets are \$40

Tickets must be bought in advance!

The Repertory Opera Company (ROC) is excited to begin their 19th season. The ROC has a special place in Pilgrim Church's heart as many of its members perform in our choir. You can attend their shows at First Christian Church, 1751 N. Park Avenue, Pomona. Each show is \$25 with the exception of "Manly Men of Opera which is \$40 and includes a dinner. Season Passes can also purchased for \$140.

This season includes:

Manly Men of Opera ~ August 21st, 5pm

Viva Diva ~ September 24th, 2pm

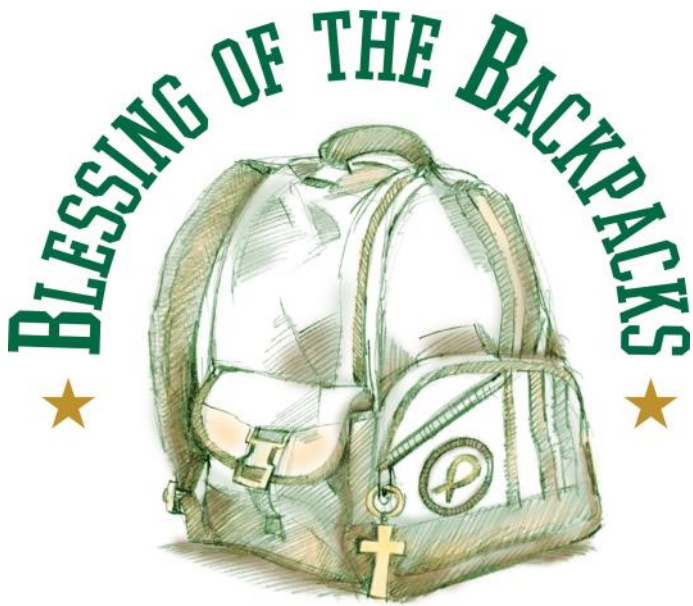
Opera Boo ~ October 22nd, 2pm

Chasing a Life Upon the Stage, January 23rd, 2pm

Serenades of Love ~ February 11th, 2pm

You can pick up ticket forms by the front office or visit their website at www.repoperaco.org. More information to come so please visit their website and [Facebook Page: "Repertory Opera Company"](#).

SUMMER FUN



Start the new school year right!
All students from pre-school thru college,
2 years - 102years
bring your backpacks, briefcases and/or laptops
to Pilgrim Congregational Church
Sunday, August 28th for
The Blessing of the Backpacks
10am worship service
SnoCones during Fellowship Hour

*During the youth message you will present your
backpack for a special blessing and a token of
Pilgrim Church's love & support.

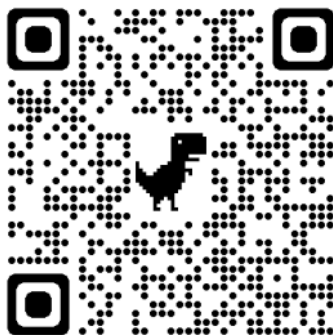


August 28th, 2pm

All Pilgrim youth are invited to join the 2022/2023 Teaching Team for BBQ Pool Party. Those interested in joining the Teaching Team are welcome to join us as we go over the schedule and curriculum for the new year as well as some training. We need Teacher's Assistants and a team of substitutes. T.A.s can be 13 years and up.

So come join us for good food and fun fellowship as we prepare for the new year.

Please RSVP by emailing sarah@pilgrimchurchpomona.com,
calling 909-622-1373 ext. 1005, or scanning the QR code below.



RALLY SUNDAY

Let's Celebrate!

Everyone comes home to
Pilgrim Congregational Church,

Sunday, September 11th

- ~22/23 Sunday School year begins
- ~New & Cont. Youth Programs begin
- ~Full Pilgrim Choir returns
- ~Patriot's Day & Grandparent's Day

So much to celebrate,
so of course we have to have a

BURGER BASH!

RSVP & \$10 donation is requested but not required to
attend the Burger Bash. RSVP to 909-622-1373 ext. 1005
or email sarah@pilgrimchurchpomona.com



So, what is happening???

9am—2pm

Sunday School Registration

Youth Program Sign Ups

Pilgrim Youth
during a Pandemic
Slide Show

Programs & Services
Open House

Craft booth for making cards
to grandparents

10am

Worship Service with
Sunday School Teaching
Team Recognition

11:15am—2pm

Burger Bash Lunch

NOTE

In honor of Patriot's Day we
will be collecting worn and
damaged USA flags for
proper retirement by BSA
Scout Troop 301

REMEMBRANCE



If you know someone who would love to receive a card or note from the Pilgrim's Auxiliary, please submit their name and address to 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!"

A CHURCH THAT PRAYS TOGETHER, STAYS TOGETHER



If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please send your Band of Prayer requests to Sue Shedd via email at saintshedd@roadrunner.com or leave a message at 909-622-1373.

The NACCC Prayer Circle is a weekly gathering of fellow Congregationalists from around the country who meet by Zoom for 30 minutes to pray for local, regional, national, and international concerns as well as follow up with one another.

The prayer time is led by a facilitator, but opened to the group as well. To join in 8pm Monday evening prayer circle visit: <https://www.naccc.org/naccc-prayer-circle/>

STAFF APPRICIATION SUNDAY!



Sunday, August 7th, 2022
~Fellowship Hour~

SUNDAY SERVICE NOTES

August 7th, 2022

***Eighth Sunday after Trinity
& Communion***

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Worship Assistant: Emmanuel Ruiz-Rickards
Lesson One: Isaiah 1:10-20
Lesson Two: Luke 12:32-40
Sermon Title: Jesus on Anxiety
Theme: Treasures in the Heart
Color: Green
Organist: Susan Winckler
Flower Dedication: This morning's flowers are in recognition of Staff Appreciation Sunday.
"We, the Church Members and Friends, sincerely appreciate and recognize the continuous efforts of our Pilgrim Staff. Their commitment and dedication to Pilgrim Congregational Church are both valued and respected."

August 14th, 2022

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Worship Assistant: Mrs. Susan Shedd
Lesson One: Psalm 82
Lesson Two: Luke 12:49-56
Sermon Title: The Price of Peace
Theme: The Costly Commitment of Faith
Color: Green
Organist: Susan Winckler
Hymn Leader: Carolyn Wilson
Flower Dedications: This morning's flowers are lovingly provided by:
(1) Janet Stevenson *"In loving memory of my parents, Sam and Frances Stevenson."* and
(2) The Mengle Family, *"In loving memory of Dr. H.R. Mengle."*

August 21st, 2022

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Worship Assistant: Dr. Fay Ellwood
Lesson One: Psalm 103:1-8
Lesson Two: Luke 13:10-17
Sermon Title: Petty Piety
Theme: Religiosity without Compassion
Color: Green
Organist: Susan Winckler
Flower dedication: This morning's flowers are lovingly provided by Bonnie Seath:
"In joyful celebration of Cousin Ruth's 81st Birthday, Sister Betsy and brother-in-law Jim's 39th Wedding Anniversary, and Nephew Ryan and wife Kathryn's 1st Wedding Anniversary. We have many blessings to be thankful for."

August 28th

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Blessing of the Backpacks

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Worship Assistant: Mr. Nathaniel Campbell
Lesson One: Psalm 112
Lesson Two: Luke 14:1, 7-14
Sermon Title: An Invitation to Love
Theme: Loving Our Neighbors as People
Color: Green
Organist: Susan Winckler
Hymn Leader: Carolyn Wilson
Flower dedication: This morning's flowers are lovingly provided by Gary and Jan Manildi,
"In joyful celebration of our daughter Joey's 50th birthday and our granddaughter Jaye's 19th birthday."



Boutonnieres for August are provided, *"With heartfelt thanks and gratitude to everyone who supported our Sunday Sanctuary Flower Program this year. The colorful arrangements and heartwarming dedications have provided an inspiring addition to our Sunday worship services."*

Liturgical Notes by Dr. Patrick Horn:

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.

August

WEEKLY / MONTHLY

EVERY MORNING, MON. - SAT.

Daily Devotional
9am via Facebook Live and Zoom
return Aug. 8, 2022

EVERY SUNDAY

9am – Adult Sunday School
9am – Gather & Greet
10am – Worship Service (In-person & Online)
Sunday School for 1st – 7th grade
(following Children's Message)
11am—Fellowship Hour

EVERY TUESDAY

Twilight Bible Study
5:45pm via Facebook Live & YouTube
returns Aug. 8, 2022

EVERY 1ST WEDNESDAY

7pm – Church Council Meeting

EVERY FRIDAY

Men's Breakfast ~ Roberta's at 8am

WAYS TO GIVE

ONLINE



Visit our link

<https://pushpay.com/g/pilgrimchurchpomona>

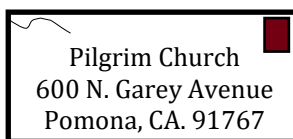
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UPCOMING EVENTS

August 3rd

Church Council Meeting

August 7th

Staff Appreciation Day

August 13th

Silent Movie Night

August 21st

Meeting Sunday

August 24th

Newsletter Articles
for Sept. Edition due by noon

August 28th

Blessing of the Backpacks
CE Pool Party & Teacher Meeting

Scan QR code for full calendar



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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.

AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10:00am Alanon "Serenity" 7:00pm AA "Book Club"	2 9:30am CEA/HOW 7:00pm AA & Alanon & Alateen	3 7:00pm Church Council 7:30pm NA Support	4 7:30pm AA	5 8:00am Men's Breakfast	6 12:00pm NA
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