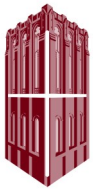




PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

September 2022



PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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Dr. Lowell Linden

Licensed Minister

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One Thing

"You cannot serve God and wealth."

~ Luke 16:13

There are many different reasons to appreciate the complexities of life and relationships. No two people are exactly alike, and conditions and circumstances vary widely from context to context. So, it is very wise to pay attention to these differences between people and contexts, making decisions and choices appropriate to these differences. What is true in one situation may be false or irrelevant in another, and what is appropriate for some may be highly inappropriate for others. Life is complicated, and the greater our appreciation of this fact, the greater will be our understanding of ourselves and our surroundings.

Nonetheless, there are some truths that do not vary from one context to another. These have to do with our deepest religious and moral commitments. Responding with love, for example, is always a right response in the life of a faithful Christian. Of course, a loving response may be different in one context than in another. Similarly, in the case of moral living, it is always right to do what is good, recognizing that what is good may differ in changing circumstances.

Love and goodness remain one thing, even though what they require of us may vary. The verse above from Luke 16 addresses the question of whether we can *serve* more than one thing. Can we give our lives to two or more things? Jesus said that it is not possible. In fact, Jesus seemed to imply that only one thing can be done fully and completely: a life of service to God. Anything else that we serve will create strife and division within our lives.

Life is complicated, but who we are meant to serve is not. All that is loving, all that is good, all that is just, is found in God. Serving God is to do one thing: to give our whole lives to what is divine. This means that we must ignore all the many demands made on us, each vying to control and vanquish the other. We must give our lives to one thing.

~ Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn, Senior Minister

MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR



How exciting that Rally Sunday is upon us and the 2022-2023 Church school year begins on September 11th. We look forward to all the wonderful festivities surrounding the anticipation of fall, back to school and our upcoming adventures. Families and children are buzzing with the excitement of going back to school and all the hustle and bustle that goes along with new teachers, new schools, and new classrooms.

As the 2022-2023 Church year begins with Sunday School, the return of the choir, Fall Festivities, Holidays, budgets, meetings and the like, I thought it would be a good time to remind everyone about some of the basics at Pilgrim Church. Here are some helpful checklist items:

- Room reservations or facilities use inquires start with a phone call or email to the office.
- Calendar items should be communicated to both the office and Church Council.
- Keep in good contact with the Church Council about events, issues and requests.
- Board chairs should begin working on budgets to be submitted to Trustees.
- Floral dedications for 2022-2023 can be directed to Bonnie Seath, Flower Chairperson.
- Youth Event & Volunteer Inquiries are made to Sarah Campbell.
- Facility and Building Concerns are directed to the Trustees.
- Library Information and requests are made to Megan Parnell.
- Pilgrim Auxiliary questions or information requests go to Elyse Mengle.
- Church School information is available through Jan Manildi .
- Finance and bookkeeping inquiries are made to Nancy Newell.
- Newsletter contributions are sent to Sarah and Alexandria.
- Nursery care questions can be directed to Mary Prendergast or Julie McCormick.
- If in doubt, call the Church office with questions or concerns and you will be directed to the appropriate board, chairperson or department.

Please feel free to contact the Church leadership if you have concerns, questions or need assistance. We are here to serve you. Boards and Council contact info for 2022-2023 is as follows:

Moderator	Christine Vanyo	Moderator –Elect	Sherry Glab
Clerk	Jon Olson	Historian	Diana Smith
Parliamentarian	Sherry Glab	Auditor	Steve Whyte
Nominating Committee	Susan Newton	Cal-West Representative	Elyse Mengle
National Association Report	Tim Mengle	Christian Education	Deborah Walden
Christian Outreach	Marria Casner	Diaconate Board	Sue Selters
Membership	Cynthia Eades	Music	Sherry Glab
Pilgrim Auxiliary	Elyse Mengle	Trustees	Jenni Whyte
Members-at-Large	Beth Brooks, Leola Greer, Patty Schelling & Sue Shedd		



We are looking forward to our upcoming events and hope everyone will participate by sharing your own special and unique gifts. Be sure to volunteer and be a part of our loving Church legacy. Let's get ready to kick-off a wonderful Fall Season and Church year as we

“Remain steadfast and unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord!”

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

PILGRIM'S AUXILIARY

All Pilgrim men and Pilgrim women are invited to attend 2022-2023 Auxiliary meetings the first Tuesday of each month from October through June. Each meeting includes a special program and luncheon.

The first Auxiliary meeting for the 2022-2023 year will be meeting on October 4th. The business meeting will convene at 10:30am, the program at 11:30am and the potluck buffet luncheon following. The program will be, Kelly Steele, a hospice chaplain and co-leader of EveryONE Free, a group that is working with the Pomona Police Department to get girls off the street. Mark your calendars



Tuesday, October 4th, 2022
10:30am ~ Business Meeting
11:30am ~ EveryONE Free Speaker, Kelly Steele
Potluck lunch to follow.

"Every ONE Free is a faith-based community group dedicated to eliminating human trafficking in Pomona in the Inland Valley by raising awareness, preventing exploitation, and serving survivors. You can find out more about this organization by visiting: <https://everyonefree.org/about/>

RUMMAGE SALE NEWS



Fall Rummage Sale
October 15th, 2022
8am - 1pm

How can you help?

Pre-Sale Sorting

Most Wednesday Mornings, 9am—Noon (weather permitting)
More help is welcomed by co-chairs Jan Manildi & Judy Sanders.
This is also a great time to drop off YOUR rummage.

Rummage Moving

Sunday, October 9th, 11am—3pm
Sandwich Lunch Buffet provided by the Friendship Guild.

Rummage Set-up

October 10th - 14th

Do you have a special interest in books, holiday décor, treasures, tools and devices or any other of our many departments? Consider joining a department and help set-up and price items for the big sale. Or, just show up in the morning and we are sure Jan or Judy will find a way you can help.

Spread the Word

Now up to the day of the sale

Tell your family, friends, neighbors, & co-workers about the Rummage Sale. Share the event on social media, put up fliers on your community bulletin boards.



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 _____

FROM THE LIBRARIAN



Rally Sunday at Pilgrim kicks off a new church year of exciting events and important worship experiences.

In the library we have new books on the shelves to start your autumn off with good reading. Favorite author **Alexander McCall Smith** has a new Isabel Dalhousie mystery, *The Sweet Remnants of Summer*. *Black Dog* is by **Stuart Woods** who passed away this July. We have started buying a new series by **Krista Davis** whose heroine is “the Diva.” So far we have *The Diva Says Cheesecake*, *The Diva Cooks Up a Storm* and *The Diva Serves Forbidden Fruit*. Her writing has been compared to **Joanne Fluke**, humorous mysteries with recipes. Prolific author **Rhys Bowen** has a new stand-alone title *Where the Sky Begins* about a woman starting over after losing everything in the Blitz during 1940.

I’m pleased to report our circulation continues to climb and we are almost back to pre-pandemic levels.

After our summer break the library committee will resume meeting in order to find more good reading material! Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 28th at 9:30am. Come by and check us out!

SCAM WARNING!



Periodically, cat phishers make attempts to scam parishioners at churches and Pilgrim has not been an exception. They send messages via email and text in Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn’s name. The most recent attempt used an email made to look like it comes from Rev. Dr. Horn. You can report this to your email provider as a phishing scam. The most recent email phishing attempt might have included a message similar to this:

*“Good Morning,
How are you? Do you have a moment, I have a request I need you to handle discreetly.
I am going to in for a meeting with no calls so just reply to my email.”*

If you suspect you received a phishing email, please report the email and notify a staff member about the situation. Also please remember these simple guidelines:

1. You can always verify any text or email with the church office by calling the office at 909-622-1373.
2. Never wire or send money to anyone without being 100% certain that the money is going where you want it to go.
3. I will never ask you to send money to me or the church except through means established by Pilgrim Congregational Church. Never send money to me or the church except by one of these means:
 - a. Send checks to [600 N. Garey Ave., Pomona, CA 91767](#).
 - b. Click on the donate button on our website ([PilgrimChurchPomona.com](#)) and follow the directions.
 - c. Text "PilgrimChurch" to 77977 and follow the directions.
4. When you give money electronically, it's extremely important that you initiate the process by making sure that you are on the Pilgrim website or texting exactly as stated above. Never follow links that do not begin with you initiating the text, call, or email.

To learn more about scammers using text and email please read this article :

<https://www.consumeraffairs.com/news/new-phishing-scam-uses-churchpastors-names-as-bait-031919.html>

Find out how to report a scam at: <https://www.usa.gov/stop-scams-frauds#item-35157>.

MUSIC NOTES



Susan Winckler

Join us Sunday, September 4th Choralescence will be performing for the 10am Worship Service.

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Pilgrim Choir resumes September 8th with the first rehearsal being at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary. All are invited to our fun rehearsals and learn inspiring music of the anthems. No audition is necessary. Leave all stress outside the church and be renewed with pleasant fellowship and learning new music. Make attending the Sunday service more meaningful because you ARE the service. Our first service to sing will be:

RALLY SUNDAY, September 11th.

The choir meets at 9:00am to run through the music and will have practice following the Burger Bash.

REPERTORY OPERA COMPANY

ROC Season Nineteen



Viva Diva

Saturday at 2 pm
September 24, 2022
Tickets - \$25



Ruth Charloff
choir conductor



The Repertory Opera Company (ROC) is in the midst of 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 Season Passes can also purchased for \$140.

This season includes:

Viva Diva ~ Sept. 24th, 2pm

Opera Boo ~ Oct. 22nd, 2pm

Chasing a Life Upon the Stage, Jan. 23rd, 2pm

Serenades of Love ~ Feb. 11th, 2pm

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



OUTREACH

Our big project for June and July was to help get Pan-American students to Cedar Lake Camp. We were so pleased that this was possible after a 3 year hiatus because of COVID. We sponsored 3 or 4 of the 8 students and donated towards the transportation of all. This went well thanks to drivers Sarah and Duane "DJ" Campbell and Andrew Olson.



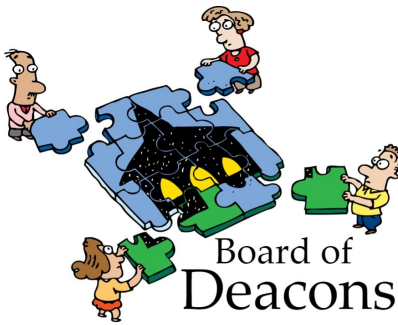
Students from the Pan-American Institute packing up to head home after a long awaited, wonderful week at Cedar Lake Camp, Big Bear.

With Camp adventures behind us, we resume some of our regular community work. There will be no Police sponsored Camp-Out this year but we will contribute 100 Spiral Notebooks to a school supply collection at "National Night Out" held at the Civic Center August 2nd. Activities will go on 4-8 PM with : booths, food, music- come join the fun!

We have encouraging news from the National level of Congregational Churches. **Through the "One Great Hour Of Sharing" churches and individuals have given over \$62,000. to the relief work in the Ukraine!** That is being transferred to the Salvation Army and Convoy of Hope that is working in Ukraine. Convoy of Hope focuses on feeding programs. For anyone wanting to donate to this worthy need, talk with a member of Outreach.

Marria Casner ~ Outreach Chair

DIACONATE



The Diaconate Board consists of 13 members and takes care of aspects of visitation, worship services in the sanctuary, as well as communion, ushers and door greeters. Sometimes, we are a bit short handed if members are away. If you would like to be a door greeter on Sunday mornings, please contact the Diaconate Chair, Sue Selters.

If you would like to have one of our new Pilgrim name tags, please give your name to Sue Selters. A donation has been made, so your name tag will be free. We need a minimum number and expect to place the order in December. Again, get a new name tag at no cost to you!

PILGRIM PROFILE



From Left: Darren Keepers with his Beep Baseball team, The Panthers.

Darren Keepers grew up at Pilgrim Congregational church along with his older brother Derek who served as youth director at Pilgrim. His grandparents were the Reverend Donald Keepers who served as Associate Minister and Doreen Keepers who led the children's choir. His parents are Darrell Keepers who serves on the Board of Trustees and Lisa Keepers who has coordinated the Hanging of the Greens at Christmas for many years. Darren attended both Sunday School and Cedar Lake Camp.

Darren and his wife Kymberly live in Pasadena. Since childhood Darren has struggled with various health issues, some of which led to loss of sight. SoCal Beep Baseball Association (SCBBA) is a nonprofit sports organization that was founded in January 2018 by Darren Keepers in South Pasadena, California. SCBBA was created to provide Beep Baseball

opportunities for blind and visually impaired youth, adults and military veterans throughout Southern California. SoCal Beep Baseball Association successfully launched the San Gabriel Valley Panthers in May of 2018. The Panthers practice Saturday mornings in Pasadena from March through October each year and competed in the 2022 Beep Baseball World Series in Beaumont Texas.

Darren and his Beep Baseball team, the Panthers were featured in a news story on the morning news show "Today" on July 31st when they attended the Beep Baseball World Series. You can check out the video clip by visiting the link below.

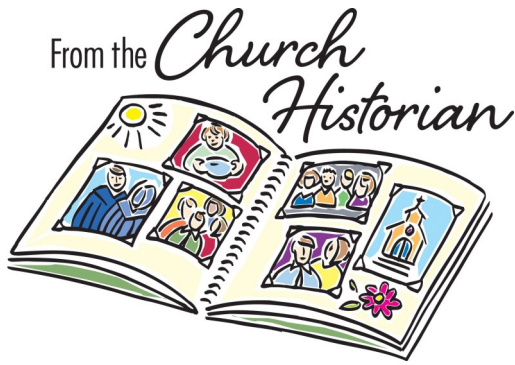
Congratulations Darren, your Pilgrim family is so very proud of you!

<https://www.today.com/video/how-beep-baseball-helps-the-visually-impaired-play-ball-145164869873>



Darren Keepers

HISTORIAN'S CORNER



I have been working remotely from home for the past few months, going through storage boxes of Pilgrim History and miscellaneous material, organizing things to move into the new downstairs office off Ring Court. As I find newsworthy items and special treasures, I am setting aside a folder of Pilgrim Profiles and other material to submit to Pilgrim's Progress.

Louise Fisk Thomas was born in 1909 at the historic Palomares Hotel in Pomona, which at that time, was managed by her grandfather William Kaltenbeck. Louise's father was also employed at the Hotel. Her birth predated any maternity ward at the newly built Pomona Hospital and at that time, physicians and midwives traveled to assist at deliveries.

Louise was raised in Pomona, and would have been three years of age at the time of the newly dedicated Pilgrim Church sanctuary on Garey Avenue. Louise graduated from Pomona High School, Pomona Junior College and La Verne College. She went on to teach school in the Imperial Valley for six years and in Coachella for eleven years. She taught Head Start classes in Pomona and married and resided in Pomona, retiring in 1973. Her final years were spent at Hillcrest in La Verne.

Louise was a member of several Pomona organizations, including the Pomona Valley Historical Society, the Pomona Roamers and Travelers, and the National Association of Retired Teachers and was a very active member of Pilgrim Congregational Church. Her special interest was caring for Pilgrim infants during Sunday morning church services and seeing to it that the littlest Pilgrims were safely and comfortably cared for. She had no children of her own, but nurtured untold numbers of little ones as they grew in the church.

Louise's dedication to Pilgrim's nursery was such a faithful contribution to Pilgrim church life that the church dedicated the nursery in the newly built Mayflower Building as the "Louise F. Thomas Children's Nursery" and honored her with a plaque for the nursery commemorating fifty years of service to Pilgrim Church. Upon her death she directed her Memorial contributions to go to the Children's Nursery Fund.

Diana Smith
Pilgrim Historian

THANK YOU!



Pictured to the left is **Rachel Neu**. Pilgrim Congregational Church's C.E. Board, Youth Director, and youth want to thank Rachel for her generous donation of a brand new portable BBQ. This will be great for trips to the beach, retreats, and to assist with the Burger Bashes we all enjoy.



thank you!

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

TRUSTEES



Plans are underway for our Annual Church Auction to be held on Saturday, November 5th at Pilgrim Congregational Church. Doors will open at 5:00pm for shopping and silent auction bidding. A buffet dinner, offered by Gayle's Catering, will be available beginning at 6:00pm. The live auction, led by Ron Vandermolen, will commence after dinner is enjoyed. Megan and Bill Parnell have agreed to head up the table-centerpiece guessing game.

Tickets are \$30.00 per adult and \$5.00 for those under 12 years of age. Please indicate dietary restrictions when making reservations. Call Beth Brooks (909-229-5921) to reserve your place or with any questions. Please make checks payable "Pilgrim Church" and mail them to Beth or the church.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to invite your friends and neighbors to join us for fun and fellowship. Sponsored by the Board of Trustees, this event has become a major financial contributor to our annual budget.

Pilgrim Congregational Church Annual Auction
600 N Garey Ave in Pomona
Saturday, November 5th
Doors open at 5:00pm
Buffet Dinner served at 6:00pm
Tickets \$30 per person, \$5 for 12 years and younger

Fill out the slip below and mail in with check
made payable to Pilgrim Congregational Church to
Beth Brooks PO Box 7787 La Verne, CA 91750
With any questions, please call Beth Brooks at 909-229-5921

Names: _____

Phone Number: _____ Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Please list any allergies or dietary restrictions: _____

CHURCH AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

Items are needed for the silent and live auctions on November 5th. Tickets for outings, experiences, and services are encouraged. Gift cards may be purchased at the scrip table Sunday mornings and donated. Attendees enjoy shopping for holiday presents...all gift items will be appreciated! Donations of empty baskets are needed, too. While dining out at your favorite restaurants, ask for donated gift certificates. Now that businesses are back open, they may appreciate a new form of advertising. If you need a formal request letter, contact Beth Brooks and she will be happy to write one for you.

Please call Sharon Willison (909-241-6245) or Beth Brooks (909-229-5921) if you have questions or have items to donate. Judy Sanders, Diana Smith and crew will be putting baskets together for everyone to bid on. Your participation is encouraged and appreciated!

MEMBERSHIP

**Did you get bored during the pandemic?
Would you like some additional activities at church?
We have an idea!**



**Share
ideas
Start
something
good**

The Membership Board would like to sponsor various classes at the church. First, we need people to lead the classes. **Do you have a hobby or skill you'd like to share and/or teach others about?** We're open to various types of classes consisting of different time tables. You can do a one-time class, something that meets for a number of weeks, or something that meets once a month for a while. It's really up to you. Please let us know if you are willing to help us in the endeavor. Otherwise, you might just get volunteered!

Second, we need class participants. Is there something you are interested in or something you want to learn? We'd love to hear about it. It doesn't even have to be a class. All ideas are welcome and we will see which ones we can put together.

We will do some type of publicity for the classes and make them open to the public. Hopefully we'll get some interest from people outside of church. This does three things:

- 1) It lets people know we are here,
- 2) It lets them know we are reaching out to the community.
- 3) It lets them know they are welcome at our church for whatever activities we have available.

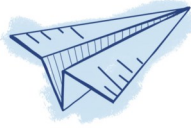
Please put responses in the membership box in the office. You can also email them to Cynthia at cynthiaeades@earthlink.net. I do occasionally have email problems so if I don't confirm receipt, you may want to try again.

One more thing, we also would love to hear any ideas about what we can include in the gift bags we give to first-time visitors.

*We look forward to hearing from you.
Membership Board*



REMEMBRANCE



just a little
note to let you know
we're thinking
of you today

If you know someone who would love to receive a card or note from Pilgrim's Auxiliary, please submit their name and address to sarah@pilgrimchurchpomona.com or call 909-622-1373 ext. 1005 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/>

100 SUBSCRIBERS, LET'S KEEP GROWING!

Pilgrim Congregational Church, Pomona Your YouTube Channel has reached **100 subscribers!**

Let's keep it up and see if we can get to 250.
Be sure to view, like and share our online services and events with your social media friends & family and post your favorites to your page.

Our Facebook Page has received 490 likes and has almost 550 followers,

Lets aim for 1000!

How you ask?

Review Pilgrim through Facebook & view, like, follow and share Pilgrim events to your social media pages.



Congratulations!

HARVEST FESTIVAL



Harvest Festival

November 13th, 2022

11:30am—2:30pm

Get your arts, crafts and baking on and save the date for Pilgrim's Annual Harvest Festival.

This is great family fun for kids from 1 to 101 with creative, fun activities and games for all ages.

*Each board, guild or group is encouraged to host a booth with a game, activity or fundraiser for your ministry.

Please contact CE Chair, Deborah Walden at 909-861-4716 or Youth Director, Sarah Campbell at 909-305-3155 to sign up for a booth by Nov. 4th.



CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE

The Pilgrim Christmas Marketplace has returned!

Mark your calendar

Sunday, December 4th

11:00am - 2:00 pm.

Reservations for vendors are now being accepted. Tables are \$25.00 and additional information will be forthcoming. Please

contact Beth Brooks (909-229-5921) or Susan Newton (909-263-6006) to reserve your spot. Commitments have already been accepted for Christmas items, gift items,

Tupperware and knitted dolls. Pilgrims are encouraged to attend please extend invitations to your friends! A Baked Potato Bar Lunch will also be available as a fund-raiser for our youth.



TEAM SPARK



Join Team Spark!

What is Team Spark you ask?

Team Spark is Pilgrim Congregational Church's Service Projects Team.

What does Team Spark do?

Team Spark reaches out to the community through action, igniting sparks of kindness through acts of service.

Our first big project is the Inland Valley Hope Partner's Walk for the Hungry and Homeless. Team Spark will be walking with friends, family and pets on October 1st in Claremont to raise awareness and funds for Hope Partner's services such as the Food Pantry and Our Home Shelter.

Adults 18 & up: \$31, Teens 13 & up: \$26, kids 6-12 years: \$6, kids 5 years and under: FREE
Pets are welcome to join in the fun. We will be finishing the walk with a picnic in the park near the finish line hosted by the Board of Christian Education.

Register to walk with Team Spark by September 18th and you will receive a hat from Hope Partners and a Team Spark shirt from Pilgrim. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and family. A sign up booth will be available on Sundays beginning Rally Sunday on Sept. 11th. otherwise email sarah@pilgrimchurchpomona.com or call 909-622-1373 to sign up.

KINDNESS CARNIVAL

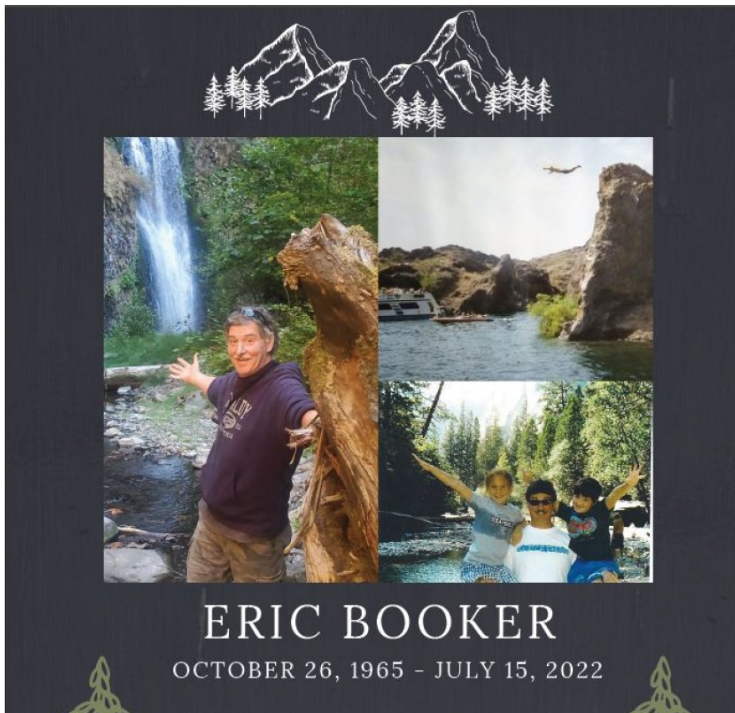


Saturday, October 8th

5pm - 9pm at 2nd Street & Antique Row, Pomona

Together Pilgrim CE Board, Youth, Membership & Outreach are hosting a booth at the Compassionate Pomona Kindness Festival. The youth will be leading a soda ring toss game, Membership is sponsoring handout treats that include information on Pilgrim Church services and events and Outreach is providing a display of how Pilgrim's serves our Pomona community. If you would like to sign up for a shift email Sarah@pilgrimchurchpomona.com. Otherwise come on down to the Kindness Carnival on October 8th, 5pm - 9pm, Downtown Pomona, 2nd Street & Antique Row to enjoy music, food, games, prizes and more and visit the Pilgrim Church Booth.

IN MEMORIUM



With a heavy heart we announce the sudden passing in July of **Eric Booker**. Eric has been associated with Pilgrim Church for many years. Eric attended Pilgrim as a young person as well as Cedar Lake Camp where he served as a counselor as an adult. He was the father of two children, Kalin and Brian, who along with their mother (Katie Keepers), were very active in Pilgrim Congregational Church.

Eric was laid to rest at Riverside National Ceremony on September 1st and a memorial service was held September 2nd at Sweet Pea Ranch.



Don Sturgis, died peacefully August 13th, surrounded by loved ones. He and his family have been active members at Pilgrim Congregational Church over the years. In the 60's Don and his wife Mandy led the senior high youth group at Pilgrim and enjoyed spending time with other couples at Side-by-Side where they served as president. Over the years he also served as Moderator and chairperson of the Board of Trustees. He also helped with several special projects. Don was a member of the Pilgrim Choir for more than 50 years. You can view his full obituary as printed in the Claremont Courier at:

<https://claremont-courier.com/obituaries/obituary-donald-paul-sturgis-67506/>

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his name to the City of Hope at <https://www.cityofhope.org/giving>. An open house to celebrate Mr. Sturgis' life will take place from noon to 4pm, Saturday, October 8th at his daughter Lynn's home in Claremont. *"In the usual Sturgis style, this will be a casual event, a time to visit and remember Don. Lunch will be served."*



Both Eric and Don are loved and will be missed. May the Lord welcome them with loving arms to their heavenly home and bless their families with healing love and peace.

MLK PROJECT

41st Annual MLK Celebration Pomona Inland Valley MLK Project Honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



January 15th, 2023 ~ 6pm
Pilgrim Congregational Church
600 N. Garey Avenue, Pomona, CA. 91767

Presentations:

Speaker: Rev. Tommy Morrow, Pastor & Founder of Inland Valley News
Youth Social Justice Awards, Zennie Cummings Community Service Award & MLK Performing Artists.

Local Marketplace Vendors will be available for shopping

Opportunities to:

- ~Apply for a scholarship (15 years - 19 years)
 - ~Be a scholarship supporter
 - ~Be an event sponsor
 - ~Be a marketplace vendor
- Apply Sept. 1st—Oct. 14th

For more information please email pivmlkproject@gmail.com
or visit our website: pivmlkproject.org

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE

The Fraternal organization called Moose believe that children are like the kingdom of God. Asserting that all children deserve an education of the heart, head and hand, Moose support a child city called Mooseheart a home for hundreds of orphaned and at-risk children. At Mooseheart the residents are cared for from crib to college graduate, in an atmosphere of loving family homes..

Supported by the charitable endeavors of the members of the Moose, Mooseheart receives children from throughout the United States and other countries who are in need of a stable home and a promise of a future. Some are orphans, have incarcerated parents, were living on the streets or were too much for the grandparents to handle. Every child at Mooseheart is welcomed, nurtured, educated and loved, at no cost to the child or family.

The Pomona Chapter and Service Center of the Moose meets on the campus of Pilgrim Church twice a month to raise funds for these children at risk. Between now and September 18th, the Pomona Moose members are collecting new and used shoes of all kinds and sizes to help local children go back to school with new shoes. Please bring your shoes to church and donate them in the bins provided in the gym. Rubber band together the pairs or tie the laces together so they don't become separated.

If you would like to learn more about the charitable activities of the Moose organization please visit mooseintl.org or moosecharities.org. Or, come to an orientation on the second Sunday of every month at 4:30pm in room 14. All first-time guests receive a free dinner. You will learn how we also care for our seniors at Moosehaven Retirement Village. Come check out how the Moose put the fun in fundraising for children, seniors, and our community.

Thank you,
Nancy Matarrita ~ Secretary
Pomona Women of the Moose Chapter 542
909-240-8702

MOOSEHEART
Child City & School Inc.



SUNDAY SERVICE NOTES

September 4th, 2022

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity & Special Music

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Worship Assistant: Mr. Jon Olson
Lesson One: Jeremiah 18:1-11
Lesson Two: Luke 14:25-33
Sermon Title: Carrying the Cross
Theme: The Cost of Discipleship
Color: Green
Organist: Susan Winckler
Special Music: Choralescence
Anthems: Plenty Good Room &
On That Great, Great Morning
Flower Dedication: This morning's flowers are provided: *"With sincere gratitude for the wonderful music provided by Susan Winckler, Bruce Jones & all the talented musicians throughout this past summer."*

September 11th, 2022

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, Patriots' Day, Grandparents' Day, Rally Sunday, & Choir Returns

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Worship Assistant: Mrs. Christine Vanyo
Lesson One: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Lesson Two: Luke 15:1-10
Sermon Title: Lost
Theme: Salvation for the Lost
Color: Green
Organists: Susan Winckler & Bruce Jones
Soloist: Leeza York, soprano
Anthem: Total Praise
Flower Dedications: This morning's flowers are joyfully provided by Bonnie Seath: *"To the Glory of God, and in loving celebration of nephew Cory's son Eli's 5th birthday with extended love to his wife Rebecca and daughter Eva."* and *"To all the wonderful grandparents, Happy Grandparents Day!"*

Boutonnieres for September are provided by

Don and Sandra Ruh: *"Celebrating over 50 years of church membership & Don's 90th birthday. We have been blessed in our lives and will be forever thankful for that."* and

Jeanne Cockrell: *"In honor of my father's birthday and my Grandmother's birthday. Kenny Bruce would have been 98 this year. Ella Bruce and Kenny Bruce were long time members."*

September 18th, 2022

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Worship Assistant: Mrs. Sue Selters
Lesson One: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Lesson Two: Luke 16:1-13
Sermon Title: One Thing
Theme: Single-minded Service to God
Color: Green
Organists: Bruce Jones & Susan Winckler
Soloist: Steve O'Donnell, tenor
Anthem: Walk Together Children
Flower dedication: This morning's flowers are lovingly provided by Sue Selters: *"Happy Birthday, Charlotte Selters. Love, the Selters, Seeger, and Myers families."*

September 25th

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Worship Assistant: Rev. Keith Eades
Lesson One: Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15
Lesson Two: Luke 16:19-31
Sermon Title: Persuasion
Theme: Telling the Gospel Story
Color: Green
Organists: Susan Winckler & Bruce Jones
Soloist: Debbie Day, contralto
Anthem: Awake My Soul
Flower dedication: This morning's flowers are thoughtfully provided by Don and Judy Sanders: *"In appreciation of all Pilgrim Church employees."*

Liturgical Notes by Dr. Patrick Horn: Green is the symbol of 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, MON. - SAT.

Daily Devotional
9am via Facebook Live and Zoom

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
11:15am Flashpoint Youth Group

EVERY TUESDAY

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

EVERY 1ST WEDNESDAY

7pm – Church Council Meeting

EVERY FRIDAY

Men's Breakfast ~ Roberta's at 8am

EVERY 3RD SUNDAY

11:30am ~ Board Meetings

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 4th

Choralescence performs for Worship Service

September 5th

Labor Day

September 10th

CE Board Planning Meeting/Potluck
& Rally Sunday Set-Up ~ 11:30am

September 11th

Rally Sunday Burger Bash
Grandparents Day
Patriots Day

September 21st

News Articles Due

September 22nd

1st Day of Autumn

September 25th

Trustees Meeting ~ 11:30am

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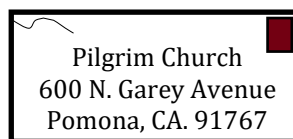
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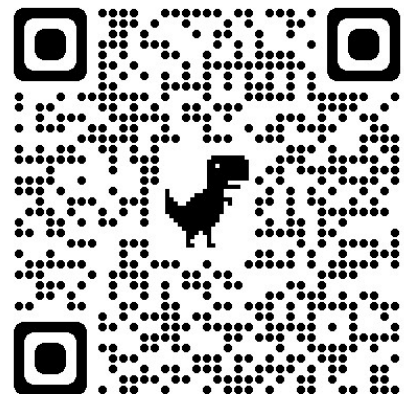
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If you have any questions please call the church office at 909-622-1373.

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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00am Morning Devotional 7:30pm AA, Alanon, Alateen	2 8:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am Morning Devotional	3 9:00am Morning Devotional 12:00pm NA Group Meeting 1:00pm Choraescence Practice
4 9:00am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Gather & Greet 9:45am Worship Service <i>(Choraescence performing)</i> 11:00am Fellowship Hour 	5 Church Office Closed Labor Day 9:00am Morning Devotional 10:00am Alanon "Serenity" 7:00pm AA "Book Club"	6 9:00am Morning Devotional 9:30am CEA/HOW 5:45pm Twilight Bible Study 7:30pm AA, Alanon & Alateen	7 9:00am Morning Devotional 7:30pm NA Support 	8 9:00am Morning Devotional 7:30pm AA, Alanon, Alateen 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	9 8:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am Morning Devotional	10 9:00am Morning Devotional 11:30am CE Board Planning Meeting & Potluck 1pm Rally Sunday Set-Up 12:00pm NA Group Meeting
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