

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

October 2022



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A Sinner

"God be merciful to me, a sinner!"

~ Luke 18:13

The word "sin" has a controversial history in the life of the Church. Some Christians seem to want to talk about sin all the time while others go out of their way to avoid discussing it. Part of that history is the unfortunate practice of highlighting certain sins while ignoring others. This is not a new development. Jesus was repeatedly criticized for spending a lot of time with those in his community who were labelled, "sinners," by the religious people of his day. We religious people have a strong tendency to find fault in others while remaining blind to our own faults.

One way that we Christians do this is by identifying a particular sin that we find especially distasteful and elevating it above others. People accused of this sin are grouped together, isolated, and generally reviled and persecuted. Perhaps we think that we can elevate ourselves by putting others down. The result, however, is emotional pain, intense suffering, and unnecessary divisions between people. Jesus did not use the word "sin" to create divisions between people.

I think that we've misunderstood the concept of sin. Sin is not just those things that we do that are wrong, like stealing, lying, and committing adultery. The concept of sin in the Bible also includes the limitations of being human, such as not being able to be in more than one place at a time, not being able to cure everyone that gets sick, and not being able to protect our children from every possible harm. So, sin is also just human limitations that are related to suffering and pain but not anything we could have done to prevent or correct.

But most importantly, the concept of sin is about oneself and one's own relationship to God, not a means for assessing other people's relationships to God. A sinner is not someone else standing before God; a sinner is *me* standing before God. "Sinner" thus does not work as a label for someone else. It only works as a label for me.

~ Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn, Senior Minister

MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR



As Seasons Change...

Did you know that September 24th always marks 99 days until January 1st? Although it holds no particular significance on the Gregorian calendar, September 24th signals me that 99 days remain until the New Year, and I ask myself, "What can I accomplish in 99 days?" This prompts me to write gratitude statements in my journal for the next 99 days, and helps me stay grounded during the hectic and sometimes chaotic Holiday season. It also reminds me that, no matter our best efforts, things change -- people change, seasons change, and even we change. Time marches on.

Changes usually present exciting opportunities for growth. But for most of us, even if we are changing for the "good", it can be hard, challenging, and sometimes frightening. We want things to stay the same. We want the comfort and peace of knowing what to expect, with the security of consistency. Accepting this is particularly difficult for me and, like many of us, I wish for the mundane stability of things remaining status quo. Generally, at the height of my grumbling and caviling, I hear God speak through his Word and his World. Only then, am I reminded of the beauty change -- cooler weather, Advent activities, football games, warm sweaters and crackling fires. I realize how enchanting and delightful it is when we enter a season of change.

Here at Pilgrim we can embrace and truly celebrate change. We can remember that death brought resurrection, that light overcame darkness and that God sustains us through every season of life. We can accept change and "be the change we wish to see in the world." We can be excited and joyful at the same time we are facing the unknown.

As we approach Consecration Sunday, I was inspired to think about a change in my own life. I spent time meditating and contemplating how I can best support God's work to impact our mission. I was motivated to change how I am giving. I realized that "supporting" the church takes many forms -- such as tithing, specific gifts, volunteer work, assistance in programs or even through donations of time and resources to church events. Let's be encouraged to pray diligently for one another as we discover ways to support Pilgrim Church. Let's all ponder how and if we can change or increase our methods of giving.

Pilgrim Church needs your unique talents and special gifts. You are important and amazing. Your contributions bring value and worth. It only takes one person to inspire great change and one single step to ignite a great movement. Join with me as we continue to support, uphold and embrace the changing Seasons in all areas of life.



The calendar is filled with activities and opportunities for us to invest our time at Pilgrim. Some of these events are new and include the first meeting of the newly titled, Pilgrim Auxiliary (10/4), Team Spark Walk for Hunger (10/1), Kindness Carnival (10/8), Fall Rummage Sale (10/15), Auction & Dinner (11/4), Fall Festival (11/13), and Christmas Marketplace (12/4). Mark your calendar and be part of the festivities.

Let's bring together our love for Christ's Church, to continue in hope as we embrace change and *"remain steadfast and unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord!"*

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

PILGRIM AUXILIARY

You are cordially invited, all Pilgrim men and women, and friends to join us at our November program, to be presented on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 11:30am, by Megan and Bill Parnell. Their program, "Collections!" will feature Megan's extensive thimble collection. All in attendance will enjoy learning of Megan's collection; Bill will provide an additional segment hoping to be of interest to the gentlemen in our midst.

A delicious luncheon, provided by our own Don Sanders, will follow our Program. We sincerely hope everyone will join us for an informative and entertaining program, followed by tasty food and an enjoyable time of fellowship.

Tuesday, November 1st, 2022

10:30am ~ Business Meeting

11:30am ~ "Collections! & More" by Megan & Bill Parnell

Potluck lunch to follow.

In Christian Love,
Bonnie Seath
First Vice President



RUMMAGE SALE NEWS



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

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.

Come Shopping

Come browse through the shopping mall of rummage sales and I am sure you will find treasures you can't live without.

SUNDAY SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Dear Pilgrim Members and Friends,

On behalf of Pilgrim 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 _____

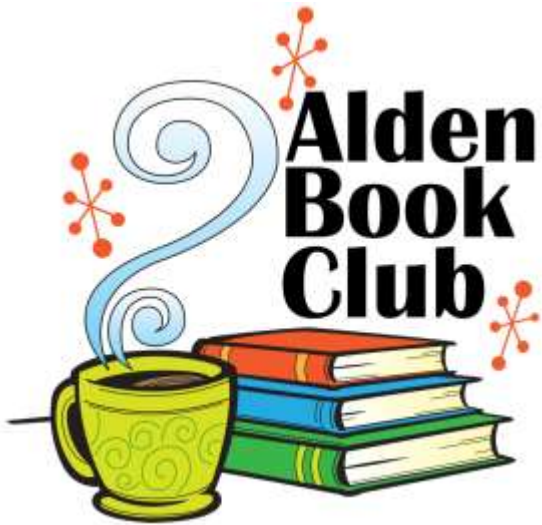
WILL TAKE ARRANGEMENT _____ or WILL NOT TAKE ARRANGEMENT _____

FROM THE LIBRARIAN



The library committee met in late September to select new books for our readers. We always have a selection of mysteries since they are so popular at Pilgrim. We have the first two in a new tea room series by **Kate Kingsbury**: *In Hot Water* and *In Too Steep*. **Daniel Silva's** *Portrait of an Unknown Woman* is the latest in his series about Gabriel Allon, art restorer. There are more good books awaiting you so come to the library and check us out!

ALDEN BOOK CLUB



Alden Book Club
Every 1st Thursday
Noon

If you are interested in joining in the fun and fellowship contact Patty Schelling.

PILGRIM PROFILE



Karen Loehr was born and raised in San Bernardino and has a family history in the Inland Empire with her great-grandfather being one of the first citrus ranchers in Rialto. She joined Pilgrim Congregational church in 2005 after Dr. Bingham conducted the funeral for her husband. Longtime member Beth Brooks encouraged her to join. Her family includes three adult daughters: Marti in New Hampshire, Cristie in Alta Loma, and Stacey in West Covina. Her five grandchildren include Andrew, a Marine stationed at Miramar and Ethan who has helped at rummage and with trimming our Christmas tree.

She is serving on the Membership Board and the Library Committee where she has spent many hours helping clear the shelves by disposing of old books. Karen is a member of Patience Guild and has volunteered at rummage sales. In addition she is treasurer of Fairplex Friends which meets at Pilgrim and raises funds for school buses to take students to the Fair.

Her hobbies include reading of course, cooking and sewing. She used to make all of her children's Halloween costumes. She has been involved with the Republican Women on many levels as well as serving on her children's PTA boards. The Los Angeles Dodgers are her favorite baseball team.

So next time you see Karen be sure to say hello and ask her about those Dodgers!

MUSIC NOTES

Welcome back, Pilgrim Choir!



Susan Winckler

How glorious it was to hear the choir again! They have some exciting music to present to you this Fall including spirituals, new composers, and, of course, the classic masterpieces. All of our soloists have returned: LizBeth Lucca, soprano; Leeza Yorke, mezzo-soprano; Debbie Dey, contralto, Steve O'Donnell, tenor; Dale GrosJean-Sandfrey, baritone and Yousef Reda subbing for Patrick Blackwell. Patrick is in San Francisco singing a role in *Antony and Cleopatra*, a premier by John Adams for the San Francisco Opera. Coincidentally, my daughter Angela will be sharing the stage singing in the Opera Chorus. Patrick will return the second Sunday in October. We are always accepting new members. No audition necessary. Please consider.

Harmonia Membership Sign-ups have begun!

Come visit the Harmonia table in the gym during Fellowship Hour after the service. Membership sign ups will continue for at least 3 weeks. Reservations for Christmas By Candlelight can also be made at the Harmonia table. You will benefit from a significant discount on your Christmas by Candlelight tickets when you sign up as a member of Harmonia. Also, new this year, you will receive a coupon for FREE POPCORN at our next Silent Movie night (October 22nd)

Don't miss out!!!

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA



On Tuesday night, September 27th, I attended the opera *Antony & Cleopatra*, a world premier, at the War Memorial Opera House in San Francisco. I traveled north for a dual purpose. I wanted to hear our bass soloist, **Patrick Blackwell**, sing the role of Maecenas and to hear **my daughter, Angela** in the San Francisco Opera Chorus which she has been in for over 12 years.

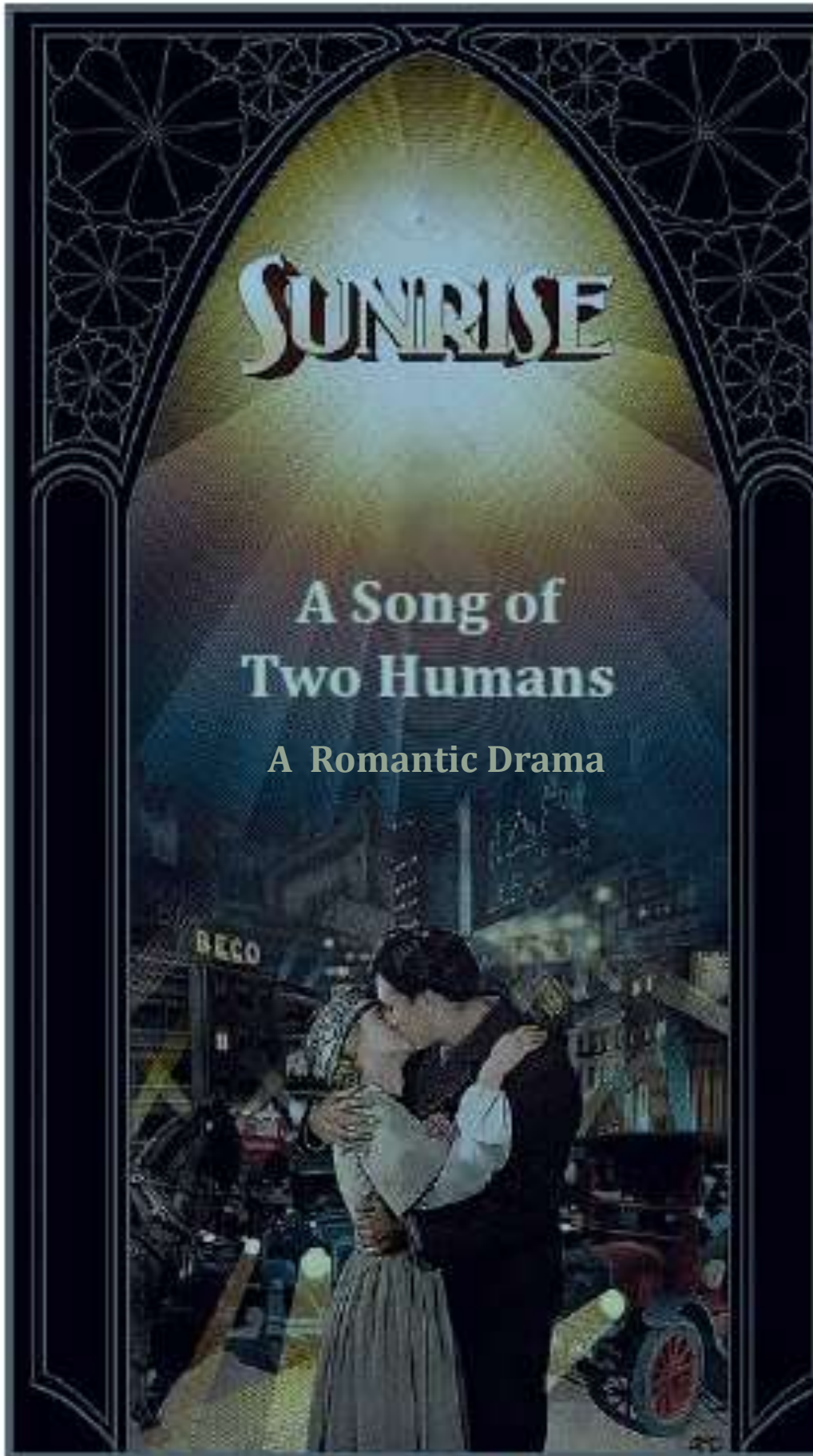
Not only was the music riveting, but the sets and staging were magnificent and high tech with the 1930's videos in the background. (It reminded me of Silent Movie Night.) Although Patrick had a small role, he was just as good as the lead bass, the role of Antony. We are very proud to have Patrick in our Pilgrim Choir. His presence will enhance the choir greatly. He will return to us on October 9th

as *Antony and Cleopatra* has its last performance on October 2nd. Patrick also has roles with the LA Opera coming up.

By the way, the Opera Chorus sang flawlessly while being challenged by changing meters and contemporary melodies and chords.

*Susan Winckler
Proud Choir Director & Mother*

SILENT MOVIE NIGHT



Join us for
Pilgrim Church's popular
Silent Movie Night
Presented by Harmonia

SUNRISE

A romantic drama
hailed as the
"Greatest picture ever
made." by the British
Film Institute
and
1929 (first year of
awards) Academy
Award Winner for:

Best Unique and Artistic
Picture (an award later
titled "Best Picture")

Best Actress:
Janet Gaynor
&
Best Cinematography

Suggested donation \$15
(7 and under free)

October 22nd
6pm Root beer floats
7pm Showtime

MOVIE WILL BE
SHOWN IN PILGRIM
HALL. POPCORN WILL
BE AVAILABLE FOR \$5

HARMONIA

HARMONIA MEMBERSHIP 2022-2023 SIGN UPS

Harmonia is the financial support organization for Pilgrim's music department. Harmonia provides additional financing for the enhancement of Sunday worship services, special holidays (Christmas, Easter, etc.), special events hosted by Harmonia and more, by paying for instrumentalists and guest singers, allowing for proper maintenance for the many pianos on our campus and the purchase of new music, just to mention a few things.

One of the main events hosted by Harmonia is Christmas by Candlelight, a formal four course dinner celebration of the season filled with song and good cheer. This year, we are happy to announce that Andrew Olson will be the chef for the evening. Choralescence, an A Capella choir, will provide the entertainment. This special annual event will be held on Saturday, December 10 at 6pm in Pilgrim Hall which will be wonderfully decorated for the Christmas season.

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone _____

My Donation: \$ _____

_____ Paid in full

_____ I prefer to make my donation in installments _____ monthly _____ other

If marked other \$ _____ per _____ Amount paid today \$ _____

10% of your donation will be applied as a discount of the total price of your Christmas by Candlelight tickets. The tickets this year are \$45. Example of how the discount works are:

- 1) If you donate \$100, your total ticket order will be discounted by \$10 in appreciation for your \$100 donation.
- 2) If you donate \$400, \$40 will be the credit.

In addition, you may pass on your discount to a friend. Whatever total you have paid by December 1st, 10% of that amount will be discounted from your friend's total order.

MAKE YOUR HARMONIA DONATION AND CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT PURCHASE

Regularly priced tickets @ \$45 each No. _____ Total \$ _____

Harmonia donation amount \$ _____ 10% discount - \$ _____

Total owed for Christmas by Candlelight Tickets \$ _____

I am unable to attend this event. Apply my discount to the following person(s)

LEEZA IN ITALY

Leeza Yorke Spends a Musical Month in Italy



During the Summer I had the immense privilege of being apart of International Lyric Academy's 2022 production of Puccini's *Suor Angelica* held in Vicenza, Italy. My month long stay included numerous music and staging rehearsals with the maestro (director), singing alongside a full orchestra, and coaching with the many acclaimed international coaches who were brought in. My mornings consisted of Italian lessons with a fluent speaker, then off to rehearsals which were in the contemporary theatre in Vicenza. During my off days, I was



able to make my way downtown to the heart of Vicenza, taking in the breathtaking views and numerous hiking trails. Downtown was home to picturesque canals and quaint little bookstores where one can find Harry Potter (in Italian) and Italian Grammar for Beginners. Moving further inward you can find the numerous gelato shops that all specialized in unique flavors. One specific gelateria (ice creamery) was prized for their hazelnut and Nutella gelato.



I can contest that it was far beyond the traditional 'chocolate' that Americans are used to. I enjoyed it so much that it became my guilty pleasure every other day! Besides indulging in gelato, I was able to make the 40 minute train ride over to Venezia (Venice)-at least three times during my stay. At first glance, Venice is known for their gondoliers and crowded streets. Regardless of its overpopulation, seeing Venice for the first time is comparable to watching a black and white film-possibly "La Dolce Vita." With the cobble stone laid out in no particular order and its swoon worthy



architecture, the city was Romantic. Overall, I regret nothing-other than not having enough gelato!-and await until Italy calls me back.

Leeza York ~ Soprano Soloist, Pilgrim Choir

CHANGE FOR CHANGE



The Board of Trustees is starting an ongoing fund raiser to help with projects around the facilities. Each Sunday there will be a bottle on the coffee table to dump your change into. If we all make a point to collect our change and add it to the bottle on the coffee table, we can add to the budget to offset ongoing costs. Loose bills and checks are also welcome. Remember to save your change for Pilgrim so we can make some changes. Thank you for your support.

SCRIP UPDATE

Christmas is Coming!

Hard to believe Christmas is less than 100 days away! It is time to start thinking of scrip shopping and getting your list organized. Stop by the scrip table any Sunday and pick up a list of cards we sell and can special order. While you are there, feel free to order gift cards and the profits will benefit Pilgrim Church.



See you at the scrip table soon!



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 Vander Molen, 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 to "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.

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.

We already have our first class scheduled, so mark your calendars!

Join us for an informative and potentially life saving event:



December 3rd ~ 9am

Pilgrim Congregational Church

Fee: \$50 per person and includes BLS Certification

Seats are limited so make your reservation today by calling the church office at 909-622-1373 or RSVP at our church calendar by scanning the QR code. You can pay by cash or check made out to Pilgrim Church with "CPR Class/ Membership in memo or by credit card through Push Pay at: <https://pushpay.com/g/pilgrimchurchpomona>, noting in other "CPR Class/Membership.

KINDNESS CARNIVAL

Join Us for a Night of
Trick or Treat & Family Fun
-at OCTOBER'S ARTWALK-



2ND
ANNUAL

KINDNESS CARNIVAL

COME ONE COME ALL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2022

5PM-9PM

DOWNTOWN POMONA ARTWALK
ANTIQUE ROW

GAMES



PRIZES

FOOD & DRINKS



FAMILY
FRIENDLY
COSTUMES
ENCOURAGED!

PETS
TOO!

CASH
PRIZE
COSTUME
CONTEST!



Don't forget to stop by the Pilgrim Congregational Church Booth!



TRUNK OR TREAT

PILGRIM
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH



Sunday, October 30th

11:30am—2:30pm

600 N. Garey Ave., Pomona

Join us for FREE family friendly Halloween fun
All costumes and decorations are child friendly.

Trick or Treating
Games & Activities
Hot Dog, Chips & Water lunch
(While supplies last.)

Questions or interested in hosting a car? Email
sarah@pilgrimchurchpomona.com or call 909-622-1373

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.



SPARKING LEGACIES



We're Fundraising with
See's Candies!

Help the Sparking Legacies earn money for youth programs at
Pilgrim Congregational Church and make your holiday even sweeter!

See's
CANDIES.

Pilgrim Youth's Holiday Sweets Store is open October 16th - December 2nd 2022

Candy begins to ship November 10th

All proceeds will go toward youth programs including NAPF/HOPE conference '23.

Visit the Christian Education Table each Sunday beginning October 16th to order for pick up at the church or you can scan the QR Code (or if you are viewing online, click the QR code) to visit our online store to order and have shipped directly to address of your choice. If you wish to order online, but need assistance, visit Sarah at the CE Table on Sundays.



Also keep in mind if you have food sensitivities, though we don't have vegan, sugar free or gluten free items available in our online store, you can purchase a gift card from our online store which can be used at Sees.com or at any See's Candy Store to get diet friendly items.

If you have any questions please call Sarah at 909-622-1373 or email sarah @pilgrimchurchpomona.com

CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE

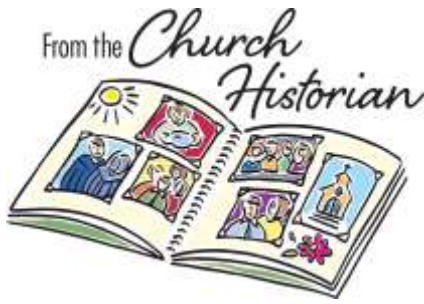
The Pilgrim Christmas Marketplace has returned!

**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 fundraiser for our youth.



A MYSTERIOUS PHONE CALL...



A mysterious phone call... from Florida came into Pilgrim's administrative office in mid-September. The caller was a vintage watch shop owner in Tampa Bay, Florida. He had recently acquired a gold-filled watch at an estate sale and wanted to find out information about our church. The watch was a model made during World War I and designed for military service in the trenches, called a 'trench watch.' The watch was inscribed:

*"To Rev. William Orr Wark
From Pilgrim Congregational Church, Pomona, California"*

Office staff provided information about Pilgrim to the caller and then contacted me to try to assist further with the mystery. I dug into our Pilgrim history to prepare myself for the call back to the vintage watch shop owner and sketched out the following:

- William Orr Wark was Pilgrim's fifth Minister, serving from 1915 to 1921.
- Rev. Wark took a Leave of Absence from Pilgrim during WWI and served in the U.S. Army.
- Rev. Wark returned to service at Pilgrim at the war's end, but resigned in 1921 to serve as Director of Pomona's YMCA, and later taught at Pomona College.
- Rev. Wark was born in Canada, was educated in New England colleges and pastored churches in Nebraska, California, and the state of Washington
- Rev. Wark died in 1942 at age 79 and is buried in a Monrovia, California cemetery.

I contacted the Florida watch enthusiast, William Strickland, and learned more about the watch and his plans for it:

- It is a Waltham Massachusetts made watch made close to 1918 with a 'Riverside movement dial' and is a very desirable model. (My grandfather was a watchmaker who happened to work at Waltham Watchmakers during that very period.)
- Mr. Strickland is going to sell the watch and is restoring it to like-new condition and replacing the period watch band.
- In his shop, his vintage watch offerings include a provenance or history of everything he can find about where the watch has been.
- Mr. Strickland took a detour when he started looking at his only clue... "Pilgrim Congregational Church, Pomona." He looked up our church and started exploring our history. (See? Websites do pay off!). He got very interested in our connection to Pomona College (I corrected him from "connection to" to "founding") and the breadth of our history.

HISTORIAN'S CORNER CONT.



From the back and forth contacts with church staff, me, websites and internet exploration, Mr. Strickland says he would like to help Pilgrim have first offer on the sale of the watch, or to pass on some type of benefit to Pilgrim from its sale. He stated that he has very strong Christian leanings and is very impressed with our longevity and presence. I take this to mean a possibility of a small monetary contribution from the sale or special pricing and accommodation should the church try to purchase the watch. Of

course, I wanted Mr. Strickland to GIVE the watch to Pilgrim, but I looked up these watches as priced around the country in vintage watch shops and found that they sell from around \$1000 to \$5000. Reality check! So, our question to ourselves is: once we find out his price...

- Is there sentiment for this watch to return to Pilgrim?
- What would we do with it?
- If we really wanted it, should be plan a special fundraiser?
- Is there an antique watch collector or enthusiast in our congregation who would like to own it?
- Does anyone know of any Wark descendants or relatives who may be interested in obtaining it?

I cannot answer any of these questions or speak for anybody, I am just the messenger here, putting the information out for people to think about and offer ideas. How nice it is though, that this spark from over a hundred years ago showed up from the other side of the country and that we are so kindly regarded by this seller who found our staff so helpful and our history so impressive.



(135 years of practice !!!)

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Smith, Historian

P.S.

Watch this space next issue for a PHOTO of Rev. Wark in his WWI Uniform !!!



TEAM SPARK



Thank you to all our Pilgrim's Sparks and supporters for your part in our service project for Hope Partners, Walk for the Hungry & Homeless. Congratulations to **Clark Selters**, who ran the trail and was the first participant to cross the finish line. We had 9 walkers, 5 cheerleaders, and many more supporters who all donated. We raised \$688! With your help we are assisting those who suffer food and housing insecurities, one step at a time. Pilgrim's Sparks are igniting love and compassion in their communities through service. See you at our next project on:

Oct. 30th ~ The Trunk or Treat.



Walkers: Jerry & Jenni , Marria, Carina & Mark, Not pictured: Emily & Cynthia



Runner: Clark , Walkers: Donna & Lisa, and Not pictured: Dulce, Cheerleaders: D.J. & Nathaniel & Deborah, Not Pictured: Emmanuel. Elizabeth & Sarah



Walking buddies, Donna & Lisa join Pilgrim's Sparks in taking steps to end Hunger & Homelessness.

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

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

NAME BADGES



Last Call for Name Tags!

We had a great response for name tags. We have met the minimum for the order! The cutoff date for any more requests will be Sunday, October 16th. Please contact Sue Selters with your request.

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/>

REMEMBRANCE



If you know someone who would love to receive a card or note from Pilgrim 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!"

LETTERS TO SANTA



Christmas is just a couple of months away. Santa and his elves are already hard at work collecting Christmas wishes and checking their list, (you know what list I am talking about.) It is time for all girls and boys to get their pen and paper and write Santa and let him know their greatest Christmas wishes. One of Ms. Sarah's good friends and top elf in the Christmas Wishes Department in the North Pole, Pepper Minstix stopped by and dropped off the Christmas Mailbox. So bring in your letters to Santa and drop off at the special box near the church office by December 4th and you may get a special note from Santa in return.

SUNDAY SERVICE NOTES

October 2nd, 2022

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity & World Communion Day

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Worship Assistant: Mr. Jon Olson
Lesson One: Lamentations 1:1-6
Lesson Two: Luke 17:5-10
Sermon Title: We're Not Worthy
Theme: The Ethics of Self Effacement
Color: Green
Organist: Susan Winckler & Bruce Jones
Soloist: Debbie Dey, mezzo-soprano
Anthems: You Shall Have a Song
Flower Dedication: This morning's flowers are thoughtfully provided by Diana Smith: *"For our bright future."*

October 9th, 2022

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity, & Pastor Appreciation Day

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Worship Assistant: Mr. Nathaniel Campbell
Lesson One: Jeremiah 29:1,4-7
Lesson Two: Luke 17:11-19
Sermon Title: Faith Outside the Tradition
Theme: God's Grasp is Not Limited by Our Reach
Color: Green
Organists: Susan Winckler & Bruce Jones
Soloist: Patrick Blackwell, bass
Anthem: Amazing Grace
Flower Dedications: This morning's flowers are provided: *"In honor of Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn, and the ministry leaders at Pilgrim. Thank you for the many ways you make a difference in our church and our community."*

October 16th, 2022

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity,

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Worship Assistant: Mrs. Sue Shedd
Lesson One: Jeremiah 31:27-34
Lesson Two: Luke 18:1-8
Sermon Title: The Persistence of Faith
Theme: Faith is Consistent and Constant
Color: Green
Organists: Susan Winckler & Bruce Jones
Soloist: Lizbeth Lucca, soprano
Anthem: Sing Unto God
Flower Dedications: This morning's flowers are provided with love and pride by Ron & Christine Vanyo: *"In celebration of Charlie's (our No. 1 grandson) 6th birthday!"*



October 23rd, 2022

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Worship Assistant: Mr. Ron Vanyo
Lesson One: Joel 2:23-32
Lesson Two: Luke 18:9-14
Sermon Title: A Sinner
Theme: A Theology of Contrition
Color: Green
Organists: Bruce Jones & Susan Winckler
Soloist: Leeza Yorke, soprano
Anthem: The Lord Is My Light
Flower dedication: This morning's flowers are thoughtfully provided by Marria Casner: *"In honor of our wonderful church!"*

October 30th, 2022

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Worship Assistant: Ms. Sherry Glab
Lesson One: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Lesson Two: Luke 19:1-10
Sermon Title: Zacchaeus
Theme: Repenting with Action
Color: Green
Organists: Susan Winckler & Bruce Jones
Soloist: Tyger
Anthem: Steve O'Donnell, tenor
Flower dedication: This morning's flowers are thoughtfully provided by Janet Beech: *"Pilgrim Is Family,"*

Boutonnieres for October are provided by Ron & Christine Vanyo: *"In gratitude for the Pilgrim Youth."*

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.



October

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

October 1st

Walk for the Hungry & Homeless

October 2nd

World Communion Day

October 4th

Pilgrim Auxiliary
Meeting, Program & Potluck Lunch

October 5th

Church Council Meeting

October 8th

Kindness Carnival

October 9th

Pastor Appreciation &
Rummage Moving

October 15th

Rummage Sale

October 23rd

Board of Trustees Meeting
& Membership Board Meeting

October 30th

Trunk or Treat

WAYS TO GIVE

ONLINE



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

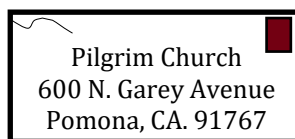
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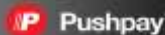
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If you have any questions please call the church office at 909-622-1373.

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
8:30am
Walk for the Hungry & Homeless
9:00am
Morning Devotional
12:00pm NA Group Meeting

2
World Communion Sunday
9:00am Adult Sunday School
9:00am Gather & Greet
9:45am Worship Service
11:00am Fellowship Hour
4:30pm Sigma Chi Meetings

3
9:00am
Morning Devotional
10:00am
Alanon "Serenity"
7:00pm AA "Book Club"
7:30pm
Mountainside
Rehearsal

4
9:00am
Morning Devotional
9:30am CEA/HOW
Pilgrim Auxiliary
Mtg./Program/Lunch
5:45pm
Twilight Bible Study
7:30pm
AA, Alanon & Alateen

5
Rummage Set Up
9:00am
Morning Devotional
7:30pm NA Support

6
Rummage Set Up
9:00am
Morning Devotional
11:30am
Alden Book Club
7:30pm
AA Mother Group

7
Rummage Set Up
8:00am
Men's Breakfast
9:00am
Morning Devotional

8
9:00am
Morning Devotional
12:00pm
NA Group Meeting
5:00pm
Kindness Carnival

9
9:00am Adult Sunday School
9:00am Gather & Greet
9:45am Worship Service
11am Rummage Set-up Sunday
3:00pm Pomona Valley Moose
4:30pm Sigma Chi Meetings

10
Indigenous Peoples' Day
Rummage Sorting
Sigma Chi Meetings
9:00am
Morning Devotional
9:00am
Morning Devotional
Mountainside
6pm Board Meeting
7:30pm Rehearsal

11
Rummage Sorting
Sigma Chi Meetings
9:00am
Morning Devotional
5:45pm
Twilight Bible Study

12
Rummage Sorting
Sigma Chi Meetings
9:00am
Morning Devotional

13
Rummage Sorting
Sigma Chi Meetings
9:00am
Morning Devotional

14
Rummage Sorting
Sigma Chi Meetings
8:00am
Men's Breakfast
9:00am
Morning Devotional

15
8:00am - 1pm
Rummage Sale
Sigma Chi Meetings
9:00am
Morning Devotional

16
9:00am Adult Sunday School
9:00am Gather & Greet
9:45am Worship Service
11:00am Fellowship Hour
11:30am Meeting Sunday
4:30pm Sigma Chi Meetings

17
9:00am
Morning Devotional
10:00am
Alanon "Serenity"
7:00pm AA "Book Club"
7:30pm
Mountainside
Rehearsal

18
9:00am
Morning Devotional
9:30am CEA/HOW
5:45pm
Twilight Bible Study
7:30pm
AA, Alanon & Alateen

19
9:00am
Morning Devotional
6:00pm Basketball
7:30pm NA Support

20
9:00am
Morning Devotional
7:30pm
AA Mother Group

21
8:00am
Men's Breakfast
9:00am
Morning Devotional
11:00am
Memorial Service
(Miller Family)

22
9:00am
Morning Devotional
12:00pm
NA Group Meeting
7:00pm
Silent Movie Night

23
9:00am Adult Sunday School
9:00am Gather & Greet
9:45am Worship Service
11:00am Fellowship Hour
11:30am Trustees & Membership Meetings
3:00pm Pomona Valley Moose
4:30pm Sigma Chi Meetings

24
9:00am
Morning Devotional
10:00am
Alanon "Serenity"
7:00pm AA "Book Club"
7:30pm
Mountainside
Rehearsal

25
9:00am
Morning Devotional
9:30am CEA/HOW
5:45pm
Twilight Bible Study
7:30pm
AA, Alanon & Alateen

26
9:00am
Morning Devotional
9:30am
Library Committee
6:00pm Basketball
7:30pm NA Support

27
9:00am
Morning Devotional
7:30pm
AA Mother Group

28
8:00am
Men's Breakfast
9:00am
Morning Devotional

29
9:00am
Morning Devotional
12:00pm
NA Group Meeting

30
Church Auction set-up
9:00am Adult Sunday School
9:00am Gather & Greet
9:45am Worship Service
12:00pm Trunk or Treat
3:00pm Pomona Valley Moose
4:30pm Sigma Chi Meetings

31
Church Auction set-up
9:00am
Morning Devotional
10:00am
Alanon "Serenity"
7:00pm AA "Book Club"
7:30pm
Mountainside
Rehearsal

Happy
Halloween!

