

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

April 2023



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What's New?

"We too might walk in newness of life."

~Romans 6:4

For most adults, the journey of life has lots of ruts. We fall into them pretty easily, often unaware at first that we have done so. But then things take on a drudgery - work life and home life seem to be just one thing after another, and after a while, it all seems the same thing over and over. We feel trapped by circumstances that are far too familiar; and by default, we just do what everyone expects us to do.

Unfortunately, these circumstances are usually driven by social and economic circumstances. We do the things we do in order to maintain those circumstances. We find ourselves in a rut when the whole meaning of our lives is reduced to maintaining a lifestyle for ourselves and our families.

St. Paul wrote about dying with Christ, being crucified with Christ. I think part of what he meant has to do with letting go of the highest and most prominent motivation in our culture: maintaining the cherished lifestyle of middle-class comfort. If we could somehow allow this motivation to be crucified, we would be set free to walk in newness of life.

The New Testament (the gospels, the Acts, the epistles, the Book of the Revelation) is every bit as strange and crazy as it sounds. The early Christians were radicals committed to a kingdom that really is not of this world. I'm fairly well convinced that nearly all of us are incapable of living the way the New Testament teaches.

And yet... the central part of that message is the miracle of Easter. God transforms us into righteous people. Maybe it happens very slowly; maybe it barely happens at all. But if we hold ourselves open to this transformation, and keep holding ourselves open, perhaps we will walk in newness of life.

Liberation from all that the world expects of us, so that we might be truly free, is the Easter message. This is our hope. This is what we faith. This is walking in newness of life.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR



Last year, I drove by a construction site every day on my way to work. For the first few months, it seemed nothing was happening. Sure, there was some large construction equipment on the site, but all they seemed to do was move from one side of the lot to the other. There were piles of dirt that also seemed as though they just went from small mounds to larger mounds on a different part of the site. This went on for months and months.

Then one day, a large structure appeared, and pipes coming up from the ground; there were workers gathered, and piles of materials alongside the building site. Over the next few weeks, the advancements seemed astonishing. Almost before my eyes, a large apartment structure rose right out of the ground. One day it was a wood frame and the next week it looked like nice building. Before I knew it, the beautiful, brand new state of the art residential complex was completed. It took time and patience, a lot of waiting, and some unattractive dirty work, but the outcome was truly phenomenal.

While observing this process, it occurred to me that we as individuals and our church as a whole can learn a lot from the concepts of construction. In the beginning, things seem to move slowly but in truth, that is a crucial time for laying the foundation of what is to come. Time and effort goes into the original ground-work to ensure a long-lasting and beautiful outcome. Much of that same type growth is occurring right now at Pilgrim Church. We have continued navigating through the post-pandemic world. We are slowly laying the foundation for new programs to be fully up and running. The Crew Committee is examining procedures and making preparations to examine all aspects of supporting and implementing healthy church growth, financial abundance and a spirit of giving. Boards are working towards new ideas and concepts to enrich our congregation. While we are patiently undergoing this construction, remember that the foundation and ground work take time. When it seems like there is no progress, that's exactly when the important internal framework is being completed.

Sometimes it seems that way for us as Christians too. We pray for renewal and rebirth but days and weeks go by before God speaks to our heart. This is a gentle reminder to patiently and lovingly support your own spiritual journey, and a reminder to continue your support of our Church, its structure, framework and congregation. Thank you for continuing in prayer as we uplift the Rev. Horn, the Boards, Church Staff and Volunteers.

Please be sure to review the newsletter, which is filled with wonderful opportunities to get involved, participate and experience the love and grace of Pilgrim Church. While we continue our internal and external construction,

"let us remain steadfast and immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."



God's Grace and Peace,
Christine Vanyo
Moderator

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, 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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS ORDER FORM February 2023 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 _____



PILGRIM AUXILIARY: PROGRAMS

All Pilgrim men, women, and friends are cordially invited to attend our Monthly Auxiliary Program to be held on the first Tuesday of each month through June.

Up This Month:

April Meeting

Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 11:30 A.M. David Allen of Inland Valley Daily Bulletin will be joining us to present, "What's New in Pomona". Following our program, all are invited to remain for a delicious luncheon to be provided by our very own Deborah Walden. Please mark your calendar to come to enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship.

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

10:30 A.M. – Business Meeting

11:30 A.M. – David Allen, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin

Delicious Lunch to follow, hosted by our very own Deborah Walden



As posted on the Daily Bulletin website: "A native of the Land of Lincoln (Illinois), **David Allen** has been writing for newspapers since 1987, beginning with the Santa Rosa News-Herald, the Rohnert Park-Cotati Clarion, the Petaluma Argus-Courier and the Victor Valley Daily Press, all in California, and for the **Inland Valley Daily Bulletin since 1997**. Specialties include local government, arts and culture, people, places, local history, dining and changes to the local scene. The latter includes businesses that are closing after ___ years and how that's a rotten shame. David's columns have been collected into three books: 'On Track', 'Getting Started' and 'Pomona A to Z'. He's a fan of books, music, comic books, libraries, public transit, travel, dining, kindness and the St. Louis Cardinals, not necessarily in that order." David is affiliated with the National Society of Newspaper Columnists.

Coming Soon:

May Meeting

If you donated rummage, we hope you will join us! If you sorted rummage, we hope you will join us! If you plan to work at our Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 29th, we hope you will join us! If you prayed for our April Rummage Sale to be a success, we hope you will join us!

Pilgrim Auxiliary genuinely hopes you will join our potluck "Thank You" Luncheon on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 11:30 A.M. All will enjoy a delicious assortment of luncheon options, and a wonderful time of fellowship, wrapped in gratitude for your participation.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 11:30 A.M., in Pilgrim Hall!

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

10:30 A.M. – Business Meeting

11:30 A.M. – Potluck "Thank You" Luncheon



*In Christian Love,
Bonnie Seath
First Vice President*

PILGRIM AUXILIARY: PROGRAM FOLLOW-UP



Last month's Pilgrim Auxiliary program had Karli Gordon introducing us to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation as well Miss Quinn and her family. We learned that "Cystic Fibrosis is a progressive, genetic disease that affects the lungs, pancreas, digestive system and other organs," and "causes persistent lung infections and limits the ability to breathe over time." Symptoms include a persistent and often phlegmy cough, wheezing and shortness of breath, saltiness of skin (how Salty Q got her name), difficulty processing food enzymes and difficulty gaining weight as well as infertility in males.

Quinn's mom, Alicia shared how each individual's cystic fibrosis is different as it varies upon the mutation combinations present which is effected by the geographic origin of the mutation. For this and other reasons this disease can be very isolating as those with the

disease can not come within 5 - 6 feet apart. Quinn showed us her special vest and how she takes her breathing treatments. Her brother, Seth helped to pass out a special gift to all the participants at presentation. Thank you Karli for helping to inform the world about this debilitating disease and the foundation that is serving by "adding tomorrows." And thank you Alicia for sharing your beautiful family's experience and strength as you support Quinn through this battle. To learn more about Cystic Fibrosis and how the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is fighting it visit: <https://www.cff.org/>



PILGRIM AUXILIARY: RUMMAGE SALE

We're Getting Ready for the Spring Rummage Sale!

Thanks to our wonderful Rummage Sorters (and a few days without rain), we're making fabulous progress in keeping up with the incoming rummage. Thank you for all your donations! We have lots of really great bargains for the Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 29th.

We're going to have the New & Nearly New Department back as a part of the regular Sale. (It's been its own Mini-Sale since COVID due to space.) It will be upstairs.

If you have a large amount of a specific type of rummage, we'd greatly appreciate it if you would bring it in a box labeled with the name of department where it will be sold ... books, kitchen items, linens, shoes, men's wear, women's wear, lingerie, women's accessories, children's wear, toys, small appliances, treasures, holidays. We welcome all donations. Please have them to the church by April 21st.

If you have plants to donate, please bring them during the week of set-up or contact Deborah Walden.

Good news! We've found a local Thrift Store that will pick up our unsold items at the end of the sale. Their profits go to support cancer patients – so even if we don't sell your items, they will still go to a good cause.

*Hope to see you at the Spring Rummage Sale.
Judy Sanders & Jan Manildi, Rummage Sale Co-Chairs*



LIBRARY NEWS



The library committee will be meeting at the end of March to select new books for your reading pleasure. Be sure to come by the library and see what's new. Remember not only do we have books in both regular and large print, but also on CD. There are paperback books and magazines which are free to take. If you like to read *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Birds and Blooms*, *First for Women*, *People*, *Time*, or *Woman's Day* we have current issues of all thanks to the gifts of **Beth Brooks**, **Maria Casner** and **Bill Parnell**.

Come check us out!
~Megan Parnell, Librarian

PILGRIM PROFILES



Because it's Easter time there is a special place in our hearts for young people. This month we are featuring 13 year old **Isabella Marcelano**, daughter of Angel Gomez and Juan Marcelano, younger sister to Alexandria, older sister to Jasmine and great granddaughter of the late beloved Pilgrim Lottie Rosenbloom. She first came to Pilgrim at the tender age of 9 months!

Isabella is in 7th grade at an elementary school here in Pomona. Her favorite subject is math and she loves playing soccer. She is an animal lover and enjoys making videos and doing school work. She's a real scholar. When at Pilgrim she enjoys Sunday school and attending our youth events. She is currently in Pilgrim's Confirmation program and attended the Youth Retreat in February.

Picture to the right: Isabella sitting on the balcony at the Pilgrim Youth Retreat in snowy Cedar Lake Camp. The theme was "This Little Light of Mine..." Bella is definitely one of Pilgrim's shining lights .

Next time you see Isabella, be sure to say "Hello."




MUSICAL EVENTS COMING UP



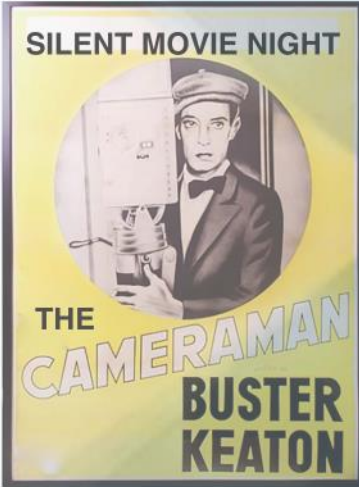
Palm Sunday Brunch

Sunday, April 2nd - 11am
Suggested Donation \$20

- Fine Entertainment
- Brunch by Andrew Olson
- Impressive Entertainment
- Silent & Live Auctions
- Hilarious Entertainment



PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
600 N.Garey Ave., Pomona




SILENT MOVIE NIGHT
THE CAMERAMAN
BUSTER KEATON

Friday, MAY 12, 2023

\$20 suggested donation
Age 8-18: \$10
7 and under free

6:45pm: Root beer floats
7:30pm: Silent Movie in Pilgrim Church Sanctuary.



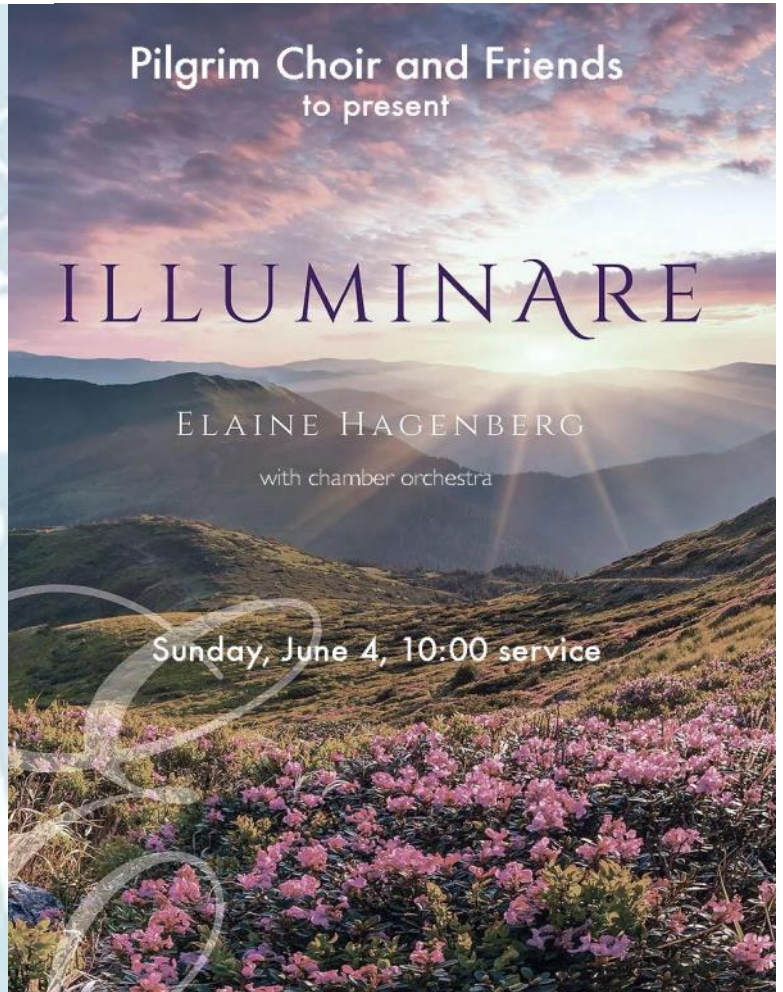
Accompaniment by Greg Rister on Pilgrim Church's majestic, historic Mueller pipe organ.

Pilgrim Choir and Friends
to present

ILLUMINARE

ELAINE HAGENBERG
with chamber orchestra

Sunday, June 4, 10:00 service



MEMBERSHIP

Let's Go to



Join us for Bingo night at Pilgrim Church on Saturday, May 6, 2023, 5:00-8:30 pm. Admission is \$25 for adults, and \$10 for children 12 and under. All ages are welcome and guests are encouraged. This event includes a Spaghetti dinner, salad, bread, drinks, & dessert, 10 bingo cards, the chance to win non-cash prizes, a 50/50 drawing for gifts and prizes and much more. Additional cards can be purchased for \$2 each. A special kid's corner will be held in Pilgrim Hall with dinner, games, activities and crafts for children under 10.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased through the Membership Board at the ticket table set up during coffee hour. Make checks payable to "Pilgrim Church" or, if paying online, please note the payment is for "Bingo Night."

For questions or more information, contact Cynthia Eades, Membership Chair. RSVP BY APRIL 24, 2023

LOOKING FORWARD TO FUN, FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & PRIZES



BINGO TICKET ORDER FORM May 6, 2023 - 5:00pm to 8:30pm

Name of Attendees:

Number of Tickets:

Adults		@ \$25 =	
Children		@ \$10 =	
TOTAL			

**Make checks payable to "Pilgrim Congregational Church" and write "Bingo" in the memo.
For online payments, please note the payment is for "Bingo Night."**

Fill out & submit payment to Membership Board of drop off at the Church Office.

MEMBERSHIP: WORKSHOP

WORKSHOP Basic knitting & Crochet



SAVE THE DATE: June 10th, 10am

Mark your calendar for June 10, 2023 @ 10am
The Membership Board is hosting an
Introduction to Knitting and Crochet Workshop
taught by our own Megan Parnell.

The class will include:
supplies, basics for beginners, step-by-step instructions and
tips for the more advanced.

Additional details will be provided along with information for sign-ups.
In the meantime, SAVE THE DATE!

MUSIC NOTES

Harmonia's Super Soup Supper on March 19th at the beautiful home of Sherry Glab was a fantastic success. We enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Andrew Olson assisted by Janet McBride and Anna. Two items from Susan Winckler's Ceramics and two items from LizBeth Lucca's Jewelry were raffled off, and a delicious fresh and still warm apple pie made by Nancy Rodewald was the prize of a silent auction. Thank you for all who helped out, donated, and participated in this music fundraiser.



Event Crew from left: Jon, Sherry,
Andrew, Anna & Janet



From Left: Judy (winner of pie), LizBeth,
Patty, Deborah, Betsy (raffle winners), Sue,
Nancy & Jan (raffle winner.)

DIACONATE

Behind the Scenes

The Diaconate Board is charged with the responsibility, along with the Senior Minister, for the worship services and the spiritual health of the church. In the time that I have been a member of Pilgrim Congregational Church, some changes which the Diaconate Board have instituted have been easily noticeable, such as small changes in the order of worship for Sunday Mornings, or changes in the communion services. Members and committees from the Diaconate Board also work to organize Greeters, and work with the Ushers and Acolytes.

Other things that Diaconate Board members are involved in take place behind the scenes. For communion services, members come early to prepare the elements, and clean up afterwards. Recently, Lisa Keepers and Sylvia Osborn worked to clean the cross we see on the communion table and the candelabras. We are aware that work needs to be done on the pew candle holders used for special occasions, and we are considering options, including the possible purchase of new or additional oil burning candles, in order to prevent wax drips. Dr. Fay Ellwood ordered new cards for indicating the Hymn Numbers in the holders you see to the right and left of the chancel.



The tool that has been used for years to raise and lower the banners which hang to the right and left of the chancel, and which are changed with the liturgical seasons of the church year was showing signs of age. It had seen several repairs, and some of the banners showed signs of potential damage from the tool. A new tool has been constructed to place and remove the banners without damaging the cloth. Andrew Olson can be seen using the new tool in the pictures.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Eades
Secretary, Diaconate Board

Diaconate Board Invites Youth to the Maundy Thursday Service



For the Maundy Thursday service on the evening of April 6, some of our youth will be helping the Diaconate Board set up the communion elements prior to the service. The Diaconate Board would like to invite youth to attend the service and share in this very meaningful evening and Jesus' message of the cross.

Thanks.
Sue Selters,
Chairperson, Diaconate Board

Join us for Maundy Thursday Service
April 6th, 7pm

TRUSTEES



Pilgrim's Annual Auction 2022 Report

Pilgrim's Annual Auction, sponsored by the Board of Trustees, was a financial success! **Over \$10,000 was raised for Pilgrim church's general fund.**

There were so many people in attendance that dinner was served in the gymnasium. Greeters **Christine** and **Ron Vanyo** made everyone feel welcomed as they checked in. Silent and Choice Auction items completely filled Pilgrim Hall. Organized and packaged by **Judy Sanders and her crew**, there was something for everyone to bid on.

Dinner guests were able to play the "Table Game" organized by **Megan and Bill Parnell**. **Karissa Mengle** was the winner and went home with gift certificates from Roberta's Village Inn in Downtown La Verne. A delicious chicken dinner was provided by **Gayle's Catering**. Members from **Sigma Chi** and **Pilgrim volunteers** made themselves available to provide the extra services needed for a smooth evening.

Susan Newton organized the 50/50 drawing and **Susan Shedd** went home the happy winner. Adult beverages were donated by **Lisa and Darrell Keepers**. **Jenni Whyte**, as MC kept the evening rolling along and **Ron Vander Molen** added to the Live Auction fun as auctioneer. **Andrea Gray** and team offered a smooth check-out process. A special thank you to **Karli Gordon** for offering her expertise (and hours) in making this event bigger and better!

There is no way to publicly thank everyone who assisted in making the evening a success. Pilgrims came together and donated items, set up the rooms, set the tables and clean up. You know who you are. On behalf of the members of the Board of Trustees we thank you for your continued service and devotion to Pilgrim Congregational Church.

*Thank
you*

Beth Brooks and Sharon Willison

Over \$10,000
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PILGRIM YOUTH RETREAT FOLLOW-UP

Pilgrim Youth Retreat '23 at Cedar Lake Camp, February 17th - 20th



Nestled in a sweet spot between two snow storms, teens experienced Cedar Lake Camp as a Winter Wonderland. Snow everywhere, but blue skies the whole weekend, making the camp sparkle. The youth participated in sessions led by Dr. Fay Ellwood and Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn that shared in lessons and discussion on Christianity, followed by small groups for further discussion time. Rev. Horn also led Confirmation workshops for Pilgrim's Confirmation Class of '23. They also participated in a Leadership Workshop. They did beautiful faith themed art projects each day led by professional art teacher, Mrs. Heather Hilliard Bonds. We played games like Cranium and Signs, and of course, we had to play in the snow. Delicious meals were prepared by Co-Chefs, Duane (DJ) Campbell and Tim Stillions. DJ doubled as Nurse and Tim doubled as tech guy. Natalie Brown joined us a helper counselor and soon became our Worship Leader and Photographer. Our wonderful counselors, Stephen Bonds, Christian Campbell, Scarlett Hensman, & Kaylyn Hollwedel watched over the youth and led small group discussion while still being able to join in fellowship with peers. Some of our staff had the opportunity to take a hike to Windswept to look over a frozen Big Bear Lake. We had 13 youth attend the event; Berlyne, Daivon, Darion, Dalicia, Dameria, Bella, Emmanuel, Jehaziel, Jaylah, Samantha, and Nathaniel, including members of our confirmation class, Carina and Max. Fun was had by all. We are already looking forward to next year, tentatively scheduled for February 16th -19th, 2024. There is limited spots, so save the date and keep your eye out for more info coming in the fall. Until then, enjoy a peek into our weekend through pictures below.



DJ and Tim help prepare delicious home cooked meals including taco soup and grilled cheese. Going hungry was not an option.



Natalie helped with transportation, worship/song leader and photography to document this wonderful weekend.



Berlyne showing off one of her art projects from the weekend



Heather the artist as well as teacher leading inspiring and introspective art project.



Fay and Patrick guiding our youth with faith building and engaging sessions.



PILGRIM SPARKS NEWS CONTINUED



Campers enjoying free time between sessions and group activities.



Sometimes the struggle to stay warm was real.



Cedar Lake Camp, where we can always be ourselves



Despite being surrounded in snow the sunshine and blue skies found the days warm enough to hang outside.



It wasn't long before the magic of Cedar Lake Camp made strangers into family.



Playing in the snow was definitely a favorite free time activity.



Cool, crisp and clear with blue skies was the weather.



A storm blew in just after we left coating the camp in a fresh thick blanket of snow.



Our fun retreat was magically timed between two storms, one giving us a beautiful coat of snow to enjoy while at Cedar Lake and another covering it in a snowy blanket after we left. (Picture to the bottom left from Cedar Lake Camp's Facebook Page is the same area where we are standing in town just days before.)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Walk With Jesus



Fun was had at the Walk with Jesus where visitors get to follow in Jesus' footsteps through the events of Holy Week. They begin with Jesus' joyous entrance into the city by listening to the Lord of the dance sang by Nancy Rodewald, Carolyn Wilson or Berlyn Stillions while Susan Winckler plays the pipe organ Pilgrim is so proud of. Then guests are guided to "The Last Supper" where Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn speaks on the history and tradition of Communion and then leads in the sharing of the breaking of the bread. Then it is off to the Garden of Gethsemane, presented by Dr. Fay Ellwood, is where guests experience self and guided prayer and meditation with an opportunity to walk the Labyrinth. Then Nathaniel Campbell demonstrates how our salvation is achieved through Jesus' sacrifice. Finally, Jan Manildi helps us decorate flowering crosses that represent the renewal that came to us with Jesus' resurrection. In between tours were fun activities such as an Easter Egg Hunt with Mr. Bunny and Mrs. Peeps and a craft table for kids. There was also a delicious – all you can eat pancake brunch prepared by Mr. Andrew Olson. If you missed it this year or would like to experience it again, mark your calendars for

next year which is tentatively set for March 23rd. We hope to see you there. Also, a very big THANK YOU to all those who volunteered and donated to make this event happen!



Luke enjoying the spoils of his Easter Egg hunt with his mom Mary.



Natalie with a friend at the end of their tour making flowering crosses.



Jan posing with 2 officers who joined us for brunch before going on the tour.



Surprise Service Field Trip



Nathaniel and Sarah Campbell went to drop off recyclables to Rachel Rop, the wonderful person who started an organization to support students in Kenya that pays for their tuition and fees so they can complete their high school education. However, Rachel wasn't at home, she was at the recycling station processing the donation from Pilgrim Congregational Church that Judy Sanders brought her earlier in the day and she invited us to come on down and join her. Nathaniel and I learned the process and helped separate and count out the recyclables. We didn't just separate cans vs. plastic vs. glass. We also separated between water bottles vs. big plastic items and clear plastic vs. colored or non-clear. Did you know Rachel

gets twice as much money because she does it this way instead of just weighing them in. It was quite rewarding to experience the process. Rachel got over \$16 from what we brought which may not seem like a lot, but that is just from one household. Imagine all the recyclables she has collected from Pilgrim alone over that last couple of years. Also, she assured us that was quite a lot for sending down to the students in Kenya. Keep saving and turning in your recyclables to church on Sunday and let Sarah know if you would like to go down and visit the recycling station and help sort and count. Thank you Rachel for providing an opportunity for our youth to help kids like them all the way on the otherside of the world and in a way that helps to whole world!

UPCOMING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EVENTS

Blessing - of the - ANIMALS

April 22nd - 10am
Lincoln Park, Pomona



Come celebrate Earth Day

with Pilgrim Congregational Church and bring your furry, feathered or slithery loved ones for a special blessing in honor of God's beautiful and wonderful gift of Nature.

**Join us for the Blessing of the Animals
April 22nd at 10am
At Lincoln Park, Pomona.**

All pets are welcome as long as city leash laws are followed. If you want a blessing for your pet, but it just isn't feasible to bring down the fish tank or they are not able to travel for other reasons, bring a picture of your loved one for the blessing. You may even bring a picture of your furry friends that have crossed over the rainbow bridge and miss very much. Even if you don't have a pet, but just an appreciation for our planet and God's wonderful nature, feel free to join us as we celebrate Earth Day. Rev. Dr. Horn will be leading the blessing and there will be special treats for humans and their pets as well. There will also be a craft table for kids. Please come join in the fun. If you have any questions, contact Sarah at 909-622-1373.



Join us for Christian Education Sunday May 21st, 2023 ~ 10am

The adults will take a seat while Pilgrim Youth lead us in Worship Service. Come see how the love and support of our Pilgrim Church family has helped our youth grow in love and faith.



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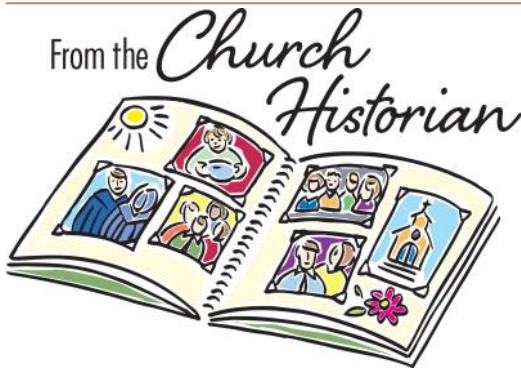
Following Worship Service
Join us for good food and great fun at the
Annual Christian Education Banquet.



All are invited to join in the fun!

The banquet includes a presentation by the youth, a slide show yearbook of the events of 22/23 and music all while you enjoy a delicious, New Orleans themed meal prepared by Chef DJ Campbell and served by the youth of Pilgrim Congregational Church.

HISTORIAN'S CORNER



In 1910, Pilgrim Church, then twenty-three years old, prepared and distributed to members, a 4" by 5 1/2" pocket manual of Church Membership Duties and Responsibilities. This handy and informative little manual was reprinted and distributed as part of Pilgrim's 125th Anniversary Celebration. The Church Manual for members was established approximately one to two years prior to the construction and dedication of our current sanctuary site. A few copies of the reprinted booklet are available for mailing to the first fifteen Pilgrims who email me a request for one at dididinah777@aol.com.

Section I of the Manual covers the Church By-Laws, describing the duties of Church Officers, the Board of Trustees, the Deacons and Deaconesses, the Church Advisory Committee, the Financial Secretary and Treasurer, and the Church Pastor (chosen by vote of the congregation.)

A following section lays out the structure of Church Meetings:

The Annual Meeting was a regular feature, Business Meetings were called to address budget matters, and "Town Meetings" were held for congregation members to review and discuss operational issues. The duty of members to participate in church focus and operations is evident early in our church roots. This structure of consensus and membership oversight continues through to today, well over a century later.

The Manual details the process of Membership Application and includes the Service of Admission of New Members we carry out today as new members are welcomed into Pilgrim Membership. The *Articles of Belief* are also included in this section as an Outline of the Important Teachings of the Scriptures. Nine Articles of Belief are spelled out.

The Manual concludes with "Brief Historical Sketch of Pilgrim Church from 1887 to 1910." At that time, three Pilgrim Ministers had served the Pomona Church: Rev. Charles B Sumner, Rev. L. H Frary, Rev. George Soper, and Rev. Albert P. Davis was appointed at the time of the "new" church construction. He conducted the closing service at the "old" site and the dedication service at the new site.

The final page of the Pocket Manual lists 22 Charter Members of Pilgrim Church in 1887, representing approximately thirteen Pilgrim families and links exist from this list to current Pilgrim membership.

It is not known if any other "Member Manuals" of by-laws, "dos and don'ts and duties" and church history were prepared during the intervening years for use by Pilgrim members. Please check your attics and pockets !!

Respectfully Submitted by,
Diana Smith, Historian



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 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!"

PILGRIM NOTES: MILES APART, TOGETHER IN FAITH

As many of you know, on Sundays for the last couple of months and moving forward at least through April, Diaconate with Deborah Walden have hosted a Card Corner. Here members can choose cards to write notes of love to the Pilgrim family members who can't join us each Sunday either because they are too far or unable to travel to visit in person. This is a great way to stay connected as a Pilgrim family. This communication highway flows back and forth. Below is a lovely message shared from much loved and missed, Mary Ann Burke.

"Hi Judy. Thanks for the nice card and your remembrance of me. I miss all of you and our wonderful church, but unfortunately I am not able to attend now. My age, limited mobility and health issues keep me from going out in public. I try to keep up by watching Sunday services. Please tell everyone I think of them always and value the time I was able to attend. ~ Mary Ann"

Please consider visiting the Card Corner on Sunday to see how you can help keep our church family together when so much out there wants to separate us. Though we may be miles apart, our faith connects and holds us together as one family under God.

*God Bless our Pilgrim Family,
Deborah Walden*



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&
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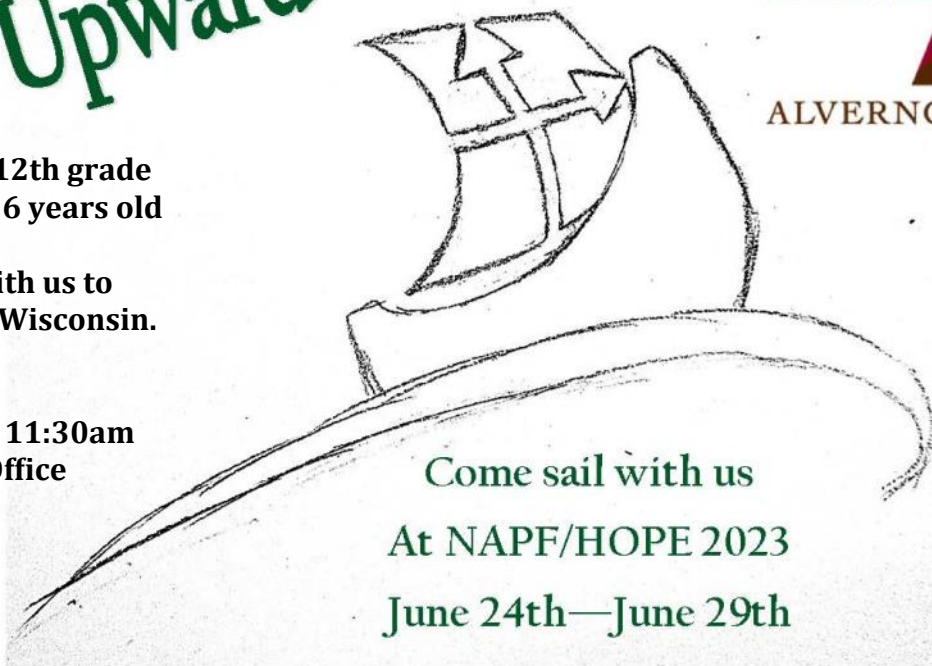


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Pilgrim CE Office**



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Artwork by Ava Bunn,
Leader In Training,
NAPF 2023

Holy Week Schedule



Sunday, April 2nd, 2022 ~ 10am

Worship Service & Palm Sunday Brunch

Join us for worship, music and good food as we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into the city.

Tuesday, April 4th - Friday, April 7th

Labyrinth

Walk in prayer and meditation through the labyrinth.
Open daily, 9:30am - 3:30 in Pilgrim Hall

Thursday, April 6th ~ 7pm

Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Share in Communion & hear the last words of Christ.

Friday, April 7th ~ 10am to 1pm

Good Friday

Sanctuary open for meditation and prayer with Senior Minister

Sunday April 9th ~ 10am

Easter Worship Service

Praise the Lord and celebrate His resurrection and our salvation!

*He is not here;
he has
Risen!*

Luke 24:6

SUNDAY SERVICE NOTES

April 2nd, 2023

Palm Sunday

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Worship Assistant: Mrs. Sue Selters
Lesson One: Psalm 31:9-16
Lesson Two: Philippians 2:5-11
Sermon Title: The Empty Self
Theme: God Takes the Form of a Slave
Color: Red
Organist: Bruce Jones & Susan Winckler
Soloist: Debbie Dey, contralto
Anthem: "Sing Unto God" (Judas Maccabeus)
Flower Dedication: This morning's flowers are lovingly provided by (1) John & Joanie Lightfoot, "in loving memory of Ed and Elbie Lightfoot." and (2) Christine Vanyo, "Happiest Birthday to Ron Vanyo - our loving father, grandfather & husband!" From the Vanyo & McCormick families.

April 9th, 2023

Easter Sunday

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Worship Assistant: Mrs. Christine Vanyo
Lesson One: Psalm 98
Lesson Two: Romans 6:3-11
Sermon Title: Walking in Newness of Life
Theme: Easter
Color: White
Organist: Susan Winckler & Bruce Jones
Anthem: "Worthy is the Lamb" (Messiah)
Soloist: Elaine Hagenberg
Flower Dedication: The flowers are lovingly provided by Jeanne Cockrell, "Happy Birthday Madelyn". & The colorful Lilies and Azaleas beautifying our Sanctuary this morning have been dedicated by our Pilgrim Church members and friends.

April 16th, 2023

Second Sunday of Easter

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Worship Assistant: Emmanuel Ruiz-Rickards
Lesson One: Psalm 16
Lesson Two: 1 Peter 1:3-9
Sermon Title: An Indescribable & Glorious Joy
Theme: The Joy of the Present in the Hope of the Future
Color: White
Organists: Bruce Jones & Susan Winckler
Soloist: Patrick Blackwell, bass
Anthem: "Ain't Got Time to Die"
Flower Dedication: This morning's flowers are lovingly provided by (1) John Southworth, "In memory of Bill & Betty Southworth from sons John, Steve, Donald & David." & (2) Jerry

April 23rd, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Worship Assistant: Mrs. Sue Shedd
Lesson One: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
Lesson Two: I Peter 1:17-23
Sermon Title: A Pure and Fervent Love
Theme: The Part We Control
Color: White
Organists: Susan Winckler & Bruce Jones
Soloist: Leeza Yorke, mezzo-soprano
Anthem: "For the Beauty of the Earth"
Flower Dedication: This morning's flowers are lovingly provided by Bonnie Seath and Dane Vose, "In loving memory of our precious friend, Bob Menke."

April 30th, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Worship Assistant: Mr. Nathaniel Campbell
Lesson One: Psalm 23
Lesson Two: I Peter 2:19-25
Sermon Title: Our Calling
Theme: The Shepherd Calls Us.
Color: White
Organists: Susan Winckler & Bruce Jones
Soloist: Steve O'Donnell
Anthem: "Prayer of Mother Teresa"
Flower Dedication: This morning's flowers are lovingly provided by Marria Casner, "In gratitude for our wonderful church".

The flowers for Maundy Thursday Service are lovingly provided, "To the glory of God for His gift of eternal life.

The boutonnieres for April are provided, "To the glory of God for His gift of eternal life in the risen Lord."

Liturgical Notes by Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn –

Red is the color of sacrifice and is used during Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Pentecost, and the feasts of the apostles and the martyrs.

White symbolizes purity, innocence, and birth. It is associated with the brightness of the heavens during daytime and was used to symbolize the purity of heaven and the angels. It also came to be associated with joy, celebration, and peace. White is the liturgical color of Christmas, Epiphany, and Easter.



April

UPCOMING EVENTS

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
& Flashpoint

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

April 2nd

Palm Sunday Brunch
CREW Meeting

April 3rd - 7th

9:30am - 3:30pm
Labyrinth open for prayer and meditation

April 4th

Pilgrim Auxiliary:
Meeting, Program & Luncheon
Twilight Bible Study

April 5th

Church Council Meeting

April 6th

Maundy Thursday Service

April 7th ~ Good Friday

10am - 1pm
Sanctuary open for pastoral prayers

April 9th

Easter Sunday

April 17th

Easter Sunday

April 22nd ~ Earth Day

Blessing of the Animals at Lincoln Park

April 23rd

Rummage Moving Day

April 29th

Rummage Sale

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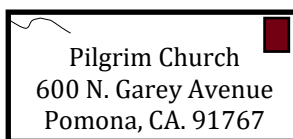
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If you have any questions please call the church office at 909-622-1373.

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

April

1
 9:00am
Morning Devotional
 12:00pm
 NA Group Meeting

2 Palm Sunday
 9:00am Adult Sunday School
 9:00am Gather & Greet
 9:45am **Worship Service**
 11:00am Palm Sunday Brunch
 12:00pm **CREW** meeting
 3:00pm Moose Meeting
 4:30pm Sigma Chi Meetings




3
 9:00am
Morning Devotional
 10:00am
 Alanon "Serenity"
 6:30pm - AA
 7:30pm
 Mountainside rehearsal

4
 10:30am
Pilgrim Auxiliary Meeting & Program
 9:00am
Morning Devotional
 9:30am - 3:30pm
Labyrinth
 9:30am CEA/HOW
 5:45pm
Twilight Bible Study
 7:30pm AA & Al-Anon

5
 9:00am
Morning Devotional
 9:30am - 3:30pm
Labyrinth
 6:00pm Basketball

 7:30pm NA Support


6 Maundy Thursday
 9:00am
Morning Devotional
 9:30am - 3:30pm
Labyrinth
 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

 7:30pm
 AA Mother Group

7 Good Friday
 8:00am
Men's Breakfast
 9:00am
Morning Devotional
 9:30am - 1pm
Labyrinth & Sanctuary Open for Prayer
 9:00am
Rummage Sorting


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

9 Easter Sunday
 9:00am Adult Sunday School
 9:00am Gather & Greet
 9:45am **Worship Service**
 11:00am Fellowship Hour



10
 9:00am
Morning Devotional
 10:00am
 Alanon "Serenity"
 6:00pm
 Mountainside meeting
 6:30pm AA
 7:30pm
 Mountainside rehearsal

11
 9:00am
Morning Devotional
 9:30am CEA/HOW
 5:45pm
Twilight Bible Study
 7:30pm AA & Al-Anon

12
 9:00am
Morning Devotional
 6:00pm Basketball
 7:30pm NA Support

13
 9:00am
Morning Devotional
 7:30pm AA Mother Group

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

15
 9:00am
Morning Devotional
 9:30am NCNW Meeting
 10:00am
 Christian Business 360
 12:00pm NA Group
 7:00pm
 Church Open house
 "Got Talent"

16
 9:00am Adult Sunday School
 9:00am Gather & Greet
 9:45am **Worship Service**
 11:00am Fellowship Hour
 11:30am Meeting Sunday
 3:00pm Moose Meeting
 4:30pm Sigma Chi Meetings

17
 9:00am Blood drive
 9:00am
Morning Devotional
 10:00am
 Alanon "Serenity"
 6:30pm AA
 7:30pm
 Mountainside rehearsal

18
 9:00am
Morning Devotional
 9:30am CEA/HOW
 5:45pm
Twilight Bible Study
 7pm
Trustees Meeting
 7:30pm AA & Al-Anon

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


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

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

22 Earth Day
 9:00am
Morning Devotional
 10:00am
Blessing of the Animals

 12:00pm NA Group

23 Rummage Moving Sunday
 9:00am Adult Sunday School
 9:00am Gather & Greet
 9:45am **Worship Service**
 11:00am Fellowship Hour
 4:30pm Sigma Chi Meetings

24 Rummage Week
 9:00am
Morning Devotional
 10:00am
 Alanon "Serenity"
 6:30pm AA
 7:30pm
 Mountainside rehearsal


25 Rummage Week
 9:00am
Morning Devotional
 9:30am CEA/HOW
 5:45pm
Twilight Bible Study
 7pm
Trustees Meeting
 7:30pm AA & Al-Anon

26 Rummage Week
 9:00am
Morning Devotional
 6:00pm Basketball
 7:30pm NA Support

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

28 Rummage Week
 8:00am
Men's Breakfast
 9:00am
Morning Devotional
 6:30pm
 Mountainside rehearsal

29
 8am - 1pm
Rummage Sale
 9:00am
Morning Devotional
 12:00pm NA Group

30
 9:00am Adult Sunday School
 9:00am Gather & Greet
 9:45am **Worship Service**
 11:00am Fellowship Hour
 3:30pm Mountainside Spring Concert
 4:30pm Sigma Chi Meetings

