



# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

February 2024



**PILGRIM**  
CONGREGATIONAL  
**CHURCH**

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## WELCOME HOME!

**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.

**Church Office Hours:**

Monday - Friday, 9am to 4pm  
Appointments are recommended.

**Worship Service:**

Sundays at 10am ~ In-person or Online



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## MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

### God's Covenant with All

*"... remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature."  
Genesis 9:16*

Lent is a 40-day period prior to Easter that commemorates Jesus' 40 days of temptation in the wilderness. In the Christian liturgical calendar, we observe the beginning of this period on Ash Wednesday and its ending on Holy Saturday, the evening prior to Easter. That's 40 days if you don't count the six Sundays.

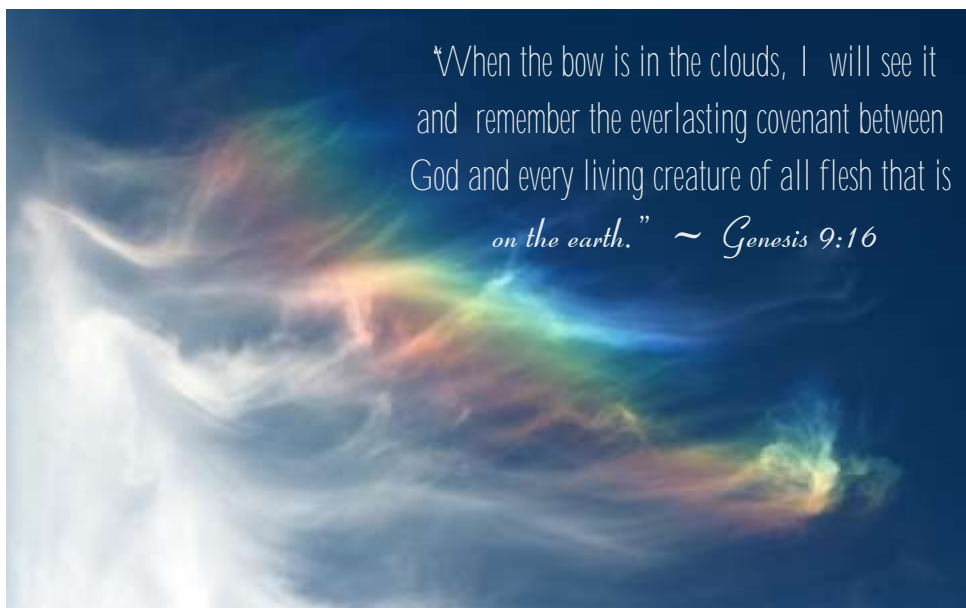
Pilgrim Congregational Church will mark these days with several events, beginning with pancake races and a dinner at 6:30 pm on Shrove Tuesday, February 13th, the day before Ash Wednesday. Shrove Tuesday is a day of self-examination, a time to consider what changes that you need to make in your life, and how those changes bear on God's covenant with you. One may decide to make a sacrifice or commitment during Lent that expresses a willingness to make needed changes.

Then, on Ash Wednesday, the next day at 6:30 pm, we will hold a service in the Pilgrim Sanctuary that will include Bible readings, prayer, quiet reflection, and a short version of communion. This will be a time to pray that God will give us strength to keep our commitments, to respond with gratitude for the covenant that God makes with us. As the period of Lent begins, we will prayerfully offer ourselves as co-participants with Christ in our faithfulness to God's covenant through loving the world as Christ does.

One way of expressing our faithfulness to God's covenant is through our attendance at church. There are so many things to do in our lives and we are pulled in many different directions. And yet we know that our relationship with God through the local church is a fundamental way in which we fulfill our commitment to God's covenant.

This year, consider making your Lent sacrifice a commitment to support Pilgrim Church through your attendance, your prayers, and your service. Consider making your presence at Pilgrim a priority, over and above all the distractions that vie for your attention.

And in this time of reflection, may the Lord bless you both now and forever. Amen.





**Join us for the  
Pilgrim Auxiliary  
Meeting, Program & Luncheon  
The 1st Tuesday of the month**

10:00am ~ Meeting  
11:30am ~ Program  
12:30pm ~ Luncheon

**Up Next: March 5th, 2024  
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Update  
Speaker: Karli Tanner**

Our March Auxiliary Program speaker will be **Karli Tanner** speaking on behalf of the **Cystic Fibrosis Foundation**. It will be an informational update following the tremendous support Pilgrim is providing through the activities Christian Education is sponsoring through the Pilgrim Youth Lent Project.

When planning to attend, please note the new times for each session. The meeting is at 10am, program at 11:30am and lunch at 12:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there and don't forget to wear green.

# Sunday Sanctuary Flowers



**Bonnie Seath**  
*Flower Chair*

**Yes, Easter is coming!** As is our continuing tradition, we will decorate our Sanctuary with lilies and azaleas dedicated by you to your loved ones or memorable events. I sincerely hope you will join me again this year in beautifying our Sanctuary with these wonderful symbols of Easter. Your name and dedication will be printed in our Easter Dedication Booklet which will be provided to you before our Easter service. Lilies are **\$13** each, and Azaleas are **\$20** each. Choose either or both! Please fill out your order and drop it off at the church office, or mail it if you wish. Please have your order in by **March 10th**. Make your check payable to Pilgrim Congregational Church, and add the word "Easter Lily" to the comment line. If you have any questions, please contact me at 909-953-2577 or email

[Bonniehbd@verizon.net](mailto:Bonniehbd@verizon.net)

***Continued Blessings!***

## 2024 Easter Lily/Azalea Dedication March 10th due date



Quantity of Lily/Lilies \_\_\_\_\_ (\$13.00 Each) Will you pick up your Lily/Lilies? Yes  No

Quantity of Azalea(s) \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20.00 Each) Will you pick up your Azalea(s)? Yes  No

Please make check payable to Pilgrim Congregational Church for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this order form & check made payable to *Pilgrim Congregational Church* to our Financial Secretary's Office.**

Dedication is to read: (Please print)

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



## FROM THE CHOIR

# MUSIC News



The popular annual fundraiser for Harmonia, the **Soup Supper Social**, was again hosted beautifully by **Sherry Glab** in her lovely home. Many thanks to the Souper Chef, Sherry and her wonderful kitchen helpers, **Janet, Andrew, Sharon and John**. A delicious array of soups were enjoyed by all. A fun raffle was a part of this fun event with prizes being beautiful creations by music director **Susan Winckler**! Below you will see a picture of the lucky winners with the talented artist.



## HARMONIA PRESENTS *Soup Supper Social*

Artist and Choir Director, Susan (3rd from left) donated hand made items that were won by (from the left) Jan, Melody and Karen.

## Palm Sunday Brunch 2024

March 24 after Worship Service

Fine entertainment  
Brunch by Andrew Olson  
Impressive entertainment  
Live and silent auction  
Hilarious entertainment

*Save the Date*

Sponsored by Harmonia  
Tickets on sale soon



## PILGRIM TESTIMONIAL PROFILE



Because February is so well known for the celebration of St. Valentine's Day it seemed appropriate to feature member **Aneeka Gray Rivero**, a recent newlywed, married here at Pilgrim. The following is primarily in her own words.

I was brought to Pilgrim by my grandma, Andrea Gray. My first-time attending was when I was younger than 10 years old with my father, Bill Gray, for an Easter service. I remember there being a lot of people in a huge building, but most of all I remember that he insisted that I wear a dress, and I wasn't a dress kind of gal. Fast forward to 2018: I was 25, I had moved back home to live with my grandmother. I was going through a hard time, and I was in graduate school to become a Marriage and Family Therapist. Grandma invited me to go to church with her and I needed the support from her, so I went. The cookies and lemonade were yummy. Grad school was hard. I was grasping for any peace I could find. I tried to make sense of all the information I was getting at the time. I compared what I was learning in graduate school about how to help people with the sermons of Dr. Bingham for how we could help ourselves. I just listened to both and compared. I found a lot of similarities! Just a different type of language. And Dr. Bingham's jokes and stories were entertaining. Besides the cookies and the jokes though, I didn't believe in God. It was very uncomfortable.

Then I went to Church Camp. (Because Grandma invited me. Why not, right? I had nothing better to do. May as well get some fresh air, and maybe there will be cookies.) We studied the Book of Joy that year (a book that changed my life and one that I reference and share with others frequently.) The Book of Joy made a lot of things in my life make so much more sense and I started to feel more open to what was going on in my life. But then, there was all this Jesus talk and God talk and I got so frustrated I wanted to explode. I confided in Olympia Kunneset that I didn't believe in God, and told her to prove me wrong, and she did. Twenty years of frustration and confusion and feeling isolated from others started to be picked away, lesson by lesson. I met with Olympia a lot during that time, learning piece by piece, and challenging her freely, debating with her, because I knew I could trust her. She hung in there with me through all my argumentation and debate, gave me so much of her time, and I don't think she ever judged me for feeling confused or angry. That was a huge growing point in my testimony, and once I saw it I couldn't unsee it. For the record I also remember having the support of my grandmother in growing my testimony during that vulnerable time, and I am sure there have been others too. (Thank you all for the support you have given and continue to give to me. There truly aren't enough words for me to express my gratitude for all that the people of Pilgrim, and Pilgrim, has done for me.) After Olympia and everyone helped me build my testimony, Pilgrim was my home. It was a safe place for me, unlike any other. The people of Pilgrim are my extended family.

I became a member probably around 2019. I live 2 hours away now, but I watch the services online and I attend in person about 4 times a year. Pilgrim has a very special place in my heart that I don't know can be filled by any other church. I love our Pilgrim culture.

My understanding is that my grandma's mother was also a congregationalist. My Grandma and Grandpa, Andrea and Tom Gray got married and raised their children at Pilgrim Congregational Church in the 70's or so. My grandparents have both served as moderators and other various positions at Pilgrim. My cousin Kodie is active in the youth group and Pilgrim Band.

As for me, I am now a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, working in Private Practice. While in school I volunteered for the City of Chino as an MFT trainee, and I worked with elementary aged children in the

## PILGRIM PROFILES

school setting, with some adult individuals and couples. After I graduated with my master's in psychology from Cal Poly Pomona, I worked at the Indio Adult Outpatient Clinic with folks who met requirements for higher level of care but not inpatient. I really enjoyed an opportunity to run a group there for adults with stabilized symptoms of psychosis for a year. I learned a ton! Then I returned to working with kids and teens in the foster system, meeting with them individually and trying to provide support to the foster parents as well. In August of 2023 I got my MFT license and ventured into private practice, mostly meeting with individual adults, some couples' work, and some teens.

I like to hang out with my husband, dog, kitties, visit and spend time with family and friends, watch TV shows and movies, read books, spend time in nature such as walking or swimming, go places, try and learn new things, do literary research, and play & watch online video games.

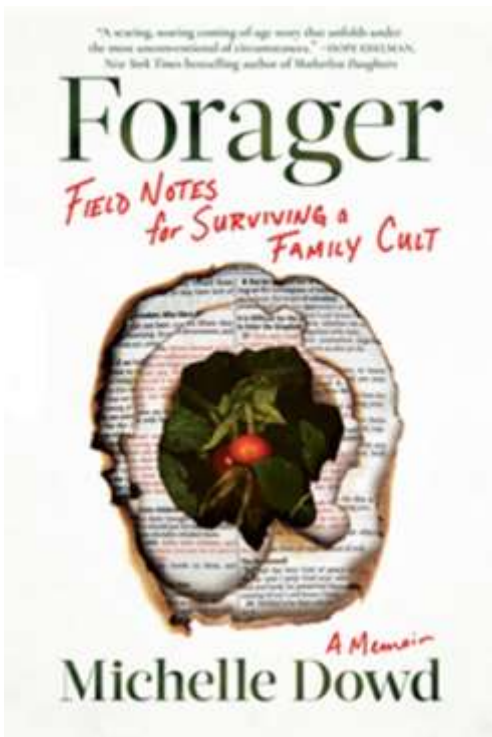
On top of everything else I have mentioned, Dr. Horn and Faye have been huge supports to me as well. I love the loving, inspiring, scholarly, well thought out messages and sermons by Dr. Horn and Faye. It is Dr. Horn and Dr Ellwood, as well as the group of people and leadership that make Pilgrim unique and special to me. Ooh, and I love music too!!! I also had my wedding at Pilgrim in September of last year as well! My husband works as a security guard at a casino. He cooks really yummy food, and he is wonderful to me. His family is wonderful as well.

We are so blessed to have Pilgrim!! Thank you so much to everyone for making Pilgrim what it is today!

## LIBRARY NEWS

Please join us after church on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> hear Chaffey College professor **Michelle Dowd** discussing her book, **Forager** about her life in her grandfather's cult in the San Gabriel Mountains. She learned very important survival skill which led to the title of her book. As usual the library committee will be serving gourmet refreshments, starting at 12:30pm, followed by the author. This is a free event, open to the public so please invite your friends and neighbors to join us. We have a copy in the library for you to check out. We also have new books on the shelves for you to enjoy.

~Megan, Librarian



### *You are invited to Pilgrim Memorial Library's Annual Coffee*

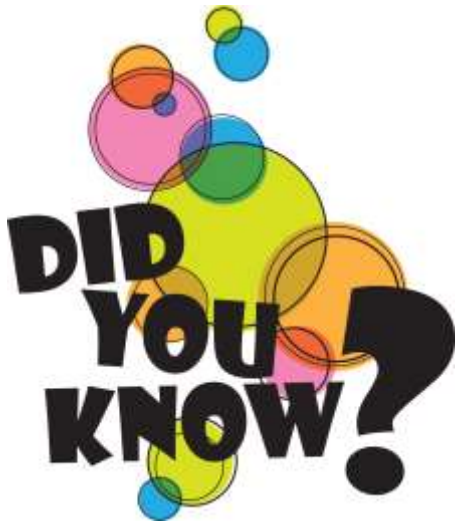
**Sunday February 25, 2024 at 12:30pm**

**Special Guest:  
Chaffey College Professor: Michell Dowd  
will be speaking about her book,  
Forager: Field Notes for Surviving a Family Cult.**

**Refreshments will be served.  
This is a free event, open to the public**

Pilgrim Congregational Church  
600 N. Garey Avenue, Pomona, CA. 91767  
909-622-1373

## DIACONATE



Our tall wooden candle holders, placed at the ends of the pews for weddings and Christmas Eve, are approximately 60 years old, and were starting to deteriorate.

Sue Shedd reports they were hand made for Pilgrim by her great uncle, **Lucius William Case**. “Uncle Lu” was the brother of Sue’s grandma, Florence Case St. Clair Dunham. Uncle Lu was a missionary doctor, and when he lost his hearing, he returned to the Pomona area as a pathologist for then Pomona Valley Hospital. Uncle Lu loved woodworking and made these holders to fit our pews. Sue recalls helping light the pew candles years ago while growing up.

**The Diaconate Board’s Andrew Olson** and **Lisa Keepers** have located all these historic candle holders (many) and are working to clean, sand and restore them. Over the course of 2023, Andrew has now completed about half of them! You may have seen the restored ones in our sanctuary on Christmas Eve. Andrew hopes to have all our holders restored by next Christmas! Thank you so much Andrew Olson and Lisa Keepers, and thanks to **Dane Vose** and **Jon Olson** for their work to set the holders in place for Pilgrim’s 2023 Christmas season.

~Sue Selters, Diaconate Chair

## PATIENCE GUILD

### AND DID YOU KNOW???

**The Patience Guild** donates some things for our Sunday morning Gather & Greet before Worship Service and Fellowship Hour after. Patience Guild supplies the juices, the little coffee creamers, and the plates and napkins.

If you have any questions about dwindling supplies or any replacement supplies, please contact **Sue Selters, Megan Parnell or Susan Newton**. We are here to help you track “use by” dates or other concerns as well.

Thank you.

~Sue Selters





## OUTREACH: HAND IN HAND



We completed another successful Hand in Hand Christmas distribution! There were lots of happy faces as cars were loaded and moms were able to shop in our “Gift Boutique”.. Special Thanks to **Nancy Todd** and **Susan Newton** for helping to gather items, setting up, packing up, and helping moms shop in the Gift Boutique. Grateful thanks to **Amy Newell, Janet McBride,** and **Patty Schelling**, for the shopping, transporting, moving, and preparing the distribution room. A HUGE Thank you to everyone who bought food or gift cards or made a donation or adopted a person or kids or a mom or a whole family and made our 36th year happen.

Our Pilgrim Family has supported Hand in Hand for the Holidays by providing food, clothing, and other needs for Christmas. This program started back in 1987 with Don & Judy Sanders and the Diaconate Board. 36 years later, It continues, now sponsored by the Outreach Board, *but it couldn't continue without all of you.*

This year brought some changes to our process. We took advantage of the sales on food staples and purchased all the food for our 8 families in early November and created our *No Heavy Lifting Grocery Store*. We printed cards with the price of each item and asked that people wanting to contribute towards food for the families choose the items from our “store”. This is a reasonably inexpensive opportunity for everyone to participate in the Hand in Hand program. We had apple juice and pasta for \$1 thanks to Von's 10 for \$10 sale and we took advantage of shopping at Sam's Club and Costco bulk packs. We also provided shampoo, soap, toothpaste, and body lotion for each family. We purchased Target gift cards so families could buy fresh food; then offered them for people to buy for the families without going to a store. We were trying to make it convenient to participate. We were fortunate to have so many adopt a family or a person. We also had several gently used items contributed to help with the larger of more expensive items that were on the wish lists. We want to make participation as easy as possible to keep this program going. Please pass any ideas you might have to make participation easier and more fun to participate, please let me know.. Thanks again to all who made it possible!

*~Nancy Newell on behalf of the Outreach Board*



### Other ways to help:

⇒ We will purchase the Gift Cards for food this year, but **you** can help by making a *tax-deductible* donation to Pilgrim Church and writing “Hand in Hand” in the memo section of your check. You may also contribute through Pushpay by choosing “Other” and put Hand in Hand in the notes or select Hand in Hand from the drop -down list.

⇒ There's a list of items that are needed by a family, but they are not included in the adoption list. If you have one of these items or would like to contribute to purchase it, please let us know.

## YOUTH LENT PROJECT 2024

Each year for Lent the Pilgrim Youth participate in a special service project. This year's Youth Lent Project is going to benefit the:



What is Cystic Fibrosis? The simple answer is that cystic fibrosis (CF) is a progressive, genetic disease that affects the lungs, pancreas, and other organs resulting in many hospitalizing infections and a shortened life span. Another cruel aspect to Cystic Fibrosis is that the genetic mutations causing the condition vary greatly from patient to patient making treatment and finding a cure very complicated. You can learn more about Cystic Fibrosis Foundation by visiting the website at <https://www.cff.org/>.

The Pilgrim Youth Lent Project includes 3 vital elements:

**65 Roses Campaign:** Fundraising Campaign to fund the Cystic Fibrosis Foundations Research, Patient Care and Community Education endeavors.

**Hospital Care Boxes:** Service Project making care packages for CF patients during hospitalizations

**Informative Interactions:** Fun and informative events going on each Sunday that promote the Youth Lent Project while educating our community about Cystic Fibrosis.



65 Roses refers to the story of a mom and her 3 boys who all had cystic fibrosis. Back in 1965, Mary G. Weiss joined the fight at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation after learning that her 3 boys had CF. Mary's job at CF was to make many calls seeking financial support for CF research. One day her 4 year old son, Ricky told his mom (after listening closely to each call), "I know what you are working for... you are working for 65 Roses." Since the rose is a symbol of love that has come to represent the CF community. The Pilgrim Youth Lent Project includes the **65 Roses Campaign**. Every Sunday a board with 65 roses will be up. Each rose has a monetary amount from \$1-\$65. Participants pick a rose or roses with a number or numbers that are meaningful to them (b-dates, anniversaries, etc.) and donate that amount. For example I may pick 22 for how many years I have been married. There are also blank roses for an amount of your choosing. If each of the 65 roses is purchased the youth will raise \$2,145 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

The Youth Lent Project includes a physical service project putting together **hospital care packages**. Cystic Fibrosis patients are vulnerable to infections that result in at least 1 to 2 hospital stays a year. These stays can last from 2 or 3 days to 2 or 3 weeks. These Care Boxes will go to hospitals specifically set up to treat patients with CF. They store them and hand them out when a patient is admitted. We will be making 20 unisex boxes for patients 8 to 12 years old. How you can help is by sponsoring in part the contents of the boxes. We are purchasing items in bulk to keep cost low as well as insuring requirements are met and quality is consistent for each box. Much like the Hand in Hand set up, we will have cards with the value of a particular item purchased for the boxes. Also, fliers will be available with directions to make boxes on your own if you are so inspired. These boxes can be gender specific or for a different age group as they have patients from infants to adults. If you turn it in by Sunday March 3rd we can submit them for you with the youth-made boxes. All boxes will be presented to a special guest on March 3rd.



# YOUTH LENT PROJECT 2024

## Informative Interactions

Each year during the Youth Lent Project we have activities that relate to the cause of the year. For example, when we did the Heifer Project we had animal ambassadors that represented how Heifer helped impoverished areas of the world. This year we will have an event each Sunday that gets the youth along with all church members and visitors involved with either learning or helping with the project. Below is a calendar of events for each Sunday during Lent.

- February 18th:** **Church Wide Youth Lent Project Kick-Off.** There was a preview for those who attended the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner & Races. On this day, the youth will lead a presentation explaining the Youth Lent Project and how everyone can participate. This will also be the official beginning of the 65 Roses Campaign & Hospital Care Box Sponsorships.
- February 25th:** **Service Project Day.** Pilgrim Youth will put together Hospital Care Boxes.
- March 3rd:** **Quinn's Lemonade Stand & Presentation.** Quinn, a little girl living with cystic fibrosis is going to run her Lemonade Stand during Fellowship Hour as well as share with us what life is like with cystic fibrosis. She has visited Pilgrim before with her family for a presentation at Pilgrim Auxiliary. This presentation will also serve as an update on her and the progress the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has made since she last visited. All Shoebox Floats are DUE today.
- March 10th:** **Movie Day, for ALL ages.** Showing: Five Feet Apart (PG13)  
Five Feet Apart is a romantic drama about two young patients with cystic fibrosis who meet in the hospital and fall in love. They try to have a relationship despite being forced to stay six feet apart from each other. This will be a great movie to enjoy by the youth & congregation as well as get a good picture of the challenges that come with cystic fibrosis. **Please note** a special 30 minute movie experience for our younger Pilgrims (10 and younger) will be set up for them as well in a classroom where they will be watching Hermie and Friends a (G) rated Christian animated movie.
- March 17th:** **Last Day of the Campaign & It Isn't Easy Being Green Party.** Join us as we celebrate the end of the Youth Lent Project and St. Patrick's Day with a very green Fellowship Hour.

## **Pilgrim Youth's Lent Project Goals**

### **65 Roses Campaign:**

Main Goal: If all 65 roses are purchased Pilgrim will have raised \$2,145 for the Cystic Fibrosis foundation.

Bonus: Our youth learn that when many come together to help in little ways, big things can happen.

### **Hospital Care Packages**

Main Goal: To assemble 20 boxes for children with CF who are missing family time, school and playdates while stuck in the hospital being treated for yet another infection thanks to the disease.

Bonus: Provide an opportunity to put "their feet to the pavement" to the purpose of helping others through service

### **Informative Interactions**

Main Goal: Opportunities for the congregation to come together to learn the what, whys and hows of the Youth Lent Project through fun, interactive and intergenerational activities.

Bonus: Interactive, Intergenerational, educational and fun fellowship.

We know that nobody can do everything, but hopefully there is something for everyone.

Every little bit is appreciated.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



# Walk with Jesus

Saturday  
March 23rd

10am - 3pm

Join us for an interactive experience following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ throughout the events of Holy Week.

- ◆ Tours include immersive and inspirational activities fun for all ages.
- ◆ 2 Easter Egg Hunts with picture opportunities with the Easter Bunny & Ms. Peeps
- ◆ Spring reception with refreshments, crafts & games.



## Save the date! Christian Education **C.E. Sunday & Banquet**

Sunday, May 19th, 2024

Youth lead Worship Service with  
Communion for Pentecost.

Special Presentations  
at Banquet

Delicious Hawaiian  
BBQ Lunch

**RSVP for Lunch by  
May 15th**



Stay tuned for more details for these events to come.

If you have questions or would like to help  
please contact Sarah at 909-622-1373 or email [sarah@pilgrimchurchpomona.com](mailto:sarah@pilgrimchurchpomona.com)

## TRUSTEES

Pilgrim's Auction, sponsored by the **Board of Trustees**, was a financial success! Over **\$9,200.00** was raised **for the church's general fund**. Thank you to everyone who helped make this annual event one that all wanted to attend!

Silent and Choice Auction items filled Pilgrim Hall. Organized and packaged by **Judy Sanders** and her crew, there was something for everyone to bid on. Dinner guests were, once again, able to play the "Table Game" organized by **Megan and Bill Parnell**. A delicious chicken dinner was provided by Gayle's Catering. **Susan Newton** organized the 50/50 drawing and **Patty Schelling** went home the happy winner. Adult beverages were donated by **Lisa and Darrell Keepers**. **Ron Vanyo**, as MC, kept the evening rolling along and **Ron Vandermolten** added to the Live Auction fun as auctioneer. A special thank you goes to **Karli Tanner** for offering her expertise!

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.

~Beth Brooks & Sharon Willison



**Pilgrim's Annual Auction**  
**Saturday, November 16, 2024**  
At Pilgrim Congregational Church

**Wine-Tasting Party**  
**Sunday, September 29th at 4:00pm**  
Home of Sherry Glab



**Pilgrim's Christmas Marketplace**  
**Sunday, December 15th**

If interested in assisting, please contact  
Susan Newton at 909-263-6006

More details on  
these events  
coming soon!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

# Family GAME Night



Come Play

**Saturday**  
**March 16th @ 3pm**

Fun for ALL ages!  
Pizza Dinner Included

RSVP/Questions/Ideas? Contact  
Beth Brooks at 909-229-5921  
Or Ron Vanyo at 951-318-3318



*Please join us for fellowship & fun at this church wide event.*

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Come cheer on  
Pilgrim's Trivia Buffs,  
Karen Loehr, Megan & Bill Parnell  
will be competing at the

**Friends of the Pomona Public Library's**

# Annual Trivia Bee

**April 12th, 2024**

6:30pm ~ Social Mixer  
7pm ~ Dinner & Competition

Reserve your seat TODAY:  
Call Beth Brooks at 909-229-5921

The Fuego Event Center  
205 E. 2nd Street, Pomona



## HISTORIAN'S CORNER



### PILGRIM'S CARL H. LORBEER , CAPTAIN OF POMONA'S BOYS BRIGADE

The following article is sourced from the 1920 edition of "The History of Pomona Valley, With Biographical Sketches of Its Leading Men and Women."

**Carl Lorbeer** was described in "The History of Pomona Valley" as "a splendid and inspiring illustration of making a success of a business while at the same time giving time, thought and faithful attention to a movement for the improvement of society." Lorbeer, a proud California native son, was chief and assistant manager of the Pomona Valley Telephone and Telegraph Company and served on and chaired numerous Pomona boards, schools, banking and civic organizations well into the 1960's.

Lorbeer was born in Pomona in 1884 and attended Pomona schools. He graduated from Pomona College where he excelled in debate competitions and set records running track. He married at Pilgrim in 1908 and along with wife Rose, taught Sunday School and served on numerous church boards.

Lorbeer's college track and athletic activities doubtless had much to do with forming his active decades long leadership of the Boys Brigade, of which he became the first lieutenant and then Captain of the Pomona Church chapter. The Boys Brigade organized nationally and globally. The Boys Brigade proved to be a large factor in promoting a high standard of young manhood among the boys of Pomona. Our Brigade chapter was organized in the old Pilgrim Church when it was located on the corner of Third and Thomas streets. From a start up of 23 boys in the first Company, it grew rapidly until the membership had to be closed due to lack of room! The new recruits were largely from the ranks of community boys not attending any Sunday School (attendance a program component) and Pilgrim had to scurry to rapidly find additional Sunday School teachers to staff the huge increase.

During the years since its organization, the Company never lost momentum, and hundreds of boys between the ages of 12 and 18 benefited from the structured training gained. Each year it was found necessary to limit membership even though the splendid gymnasium of Pilgrim's new church facilities (1912) afforded much larger quarters and equipment more efficient and useful than at the original site.

Carl Lorbeer is further credited in the sourcebook: "Starting with a small Company of boys, the Pilgrim Boys Brigade grew in a few weeks to many times its original number. Hundreds of new boys were drawn into the Sunday School as active, earnest scholars. As Sunday School attendance was a main component of the Brigade, the result was the average attendance at weekly drill grew to 92% and a large number of boys earned medals for their efforts."

School teachers in Pomona public schools many times expressed notice of the remarkable changes in behavior and character in boys who had been thought unmanageable. High compliments were extended by Pomona's Superintendent of Schools, praising the high value of the military training and responsibility practiced in the Brigade drills. Pilgrim's Brigade continued forward through the decades, winning honors and accolades and eventually establishing a Girls Brigade. Pilgrim maintains a list of the Boys Brigade participants and their last known addresses. A display cabinet adjacent to Pilgrim Hall contains group photos and artifacts from the Program. Inquiries about our chapter still pop up.

Carl Lorbeer's Brigade leadership (and that of other Pilgrims to be named later... I have been made aware of another Brigade book!) Is yet another example of Pilgrim dedication having a profound effect on the Pomona community as well as on the lives of many generations of Pomonians!

*Respectfully Submitted  
Diana Smith, Historian*

**Pilgrim Now & Then Fact:** Carl H. Lorbeer has family who continue to be active at Pilgrim Congregational Church. Uncle Carl was Deborah Walden's great uncle, her grandfather Wendell Lorbeer being Carl's brother. Her daughter Sarah Campbell attended Lorbeer Middle School, named for her great-great uncle. The Lorbeer Family tradition at Pilgrim continues with the next generation as well, Christian, Nathaniel & Samantha.

## NEW LIL' PILGRIM



### Reagan Elizabeth Prendergast

Was born on January 11, 2024 at 8:05am. She was 8lbs and 2oz and 19 inches. She is welcomed by big brother Luke, mom, Mary, dad, Ryan and grandma, Beth Brooks. Fun Prendergast fact: Reagan was born on her mother's grandfather's (Clyde Warren) birthday and Luke was born on his father's grandfather's (Hazen Ward) birthday.



Reagan enjoys her first family dinner out with (from the left) Grandma Robyn Prendergast, big brother Luke Prendergast, dad and mom, Ryan and Mary Prendergast, Grandma Beth Brooks and Grandpa Ron Prendergast.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Beloved member of our Pilgrim family, **Roberta Fisher** celebrated her 96th birthday on February 9th.



## MLK PROJECT CELEBRATION



The MLK Jr. Project is a long-time tradition of Pilgrim Congregational Church. Last month we announced that one of Pilgrim's youth members, Jaylah Bonds was one of the 2024 scholarship winners. We were honored to be present to watch her receive her award. This is the second year that one of Pilgrim's youth has received a scholarship from the MLK Jr. Project. Last year, Jaylah's brother, Stephen was also a recipient of a scholarship award at the 2023 celebration.

Leaders of the Pomona Inland Valley Martin Luther King Jr. Project are encouraging all the youth at Pilgrim Church ages 15-19 to apply for the Social Justice Student Awards (which include a scholarship) each year. Keep an eye out for applications each fall as they are due in October.

Pictured from the left is Ms. Jaylah Bonds receiving her award. Next is Jaylah surrounded by her family, mom Heather on the left, nephew Junior and brother Stephen.

## PILGRIMS IN THEIR COMMUNITY

### Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Annual Update Banquet



A few Pilgrim's and friends headed out to Orange County for a decadent evening out at a special banquet for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CFF). The evening was informative as we learned how this terrible disease effects so many and even after well over years so many know and understand it so little. We also learned that there is much from recent research that brings hope and an improving outlook for patients every year. Karli Tanner was credited for putting together quite an elegant evening and acknowledged top supporters for the CFF. (Pictured from the left,) Sarah, Patty, Guadalupe, Vernon, M. Joyce and Natalie enjoyed a wonderful evening with delicious food, lovely fellowship and spirited competition with both 49rs and Chiefs fans in our group.

### NAMM (National Association of Music Merchants) Show



The Campbell boys, Christian & Nathaniel were honored to attend the NAMM (National Association of Music Merchants) Show in January at the invitation of Pilgrim's Children's Music Teacher and choir member, Nancy Rodewald. The boys passion for music was evident to most at Pilgrim through their participation in school bands including marching band as well as performing for many Pilgrim events. The support, encouragement and tutoring they received at Pilgrim has only fanned the flames of their musical interests. They enjoyed their time at the show that provides opportunities to try out and even play the newest editions of your favorite instruments and more. Thank you Nancy for the wonderful experience!

## PILGRIM HALL CHRISTMAS TREE



We enjoy many traditional Christmas decorations around Pilgrim Hall. Different groups go into the setting up of each room. Even I am not completely aware of how the magic just appears, all before the first day of Advent. And then retreats until the next year by Epiphany. All are wonderful and amazing, but for this article I am going to focus on the giant Christmas tree in Pilgrim Hall. Did you know that Pilgrim youth help to decorate the tree. It has been an annual tradition now for almost 5 years and it has been turned into a regular party. Thankfully the tree is put up by our wonderful custodians. Then after a pizza lunch the kids bring down boxes and boxes of ornaments and pick and choose the perfect ones for the tree meticulously choosing the best spot. Our tallest youth help by climbing the ladder or decorating from the balcony. Once they have chosen the perfect topper and adjusted the decorations at the base of the tree they light the tree, have fun with holiday crafts and games and watch a Christmas movie. It is wonderful afternoon of fun, fellowship and service. Now once the holidays are done and it is time for the tree to come down, a lot of care is needed in putting the decorations away so the oldest youth and adults are enlisted for this part. This year most of our older youth and HOPers were away on a service trip (not church related) or not yet back from their holiday travels, I was a bit worried it wouldn't get done. I should not have stressed. I want to thank our amazing Pilgrim dad's (Andrew Olson, Tim Stillions and DJ Campbell) for coming in this year to undecorate, take down and pack up not only the tree, but also the set and props from the Christmas Program.



Pictured from top right:

1. Christian reaches from the balcony to place the star.
2. Stephen climbs a ladder to decorate the top part of the tree,
3. Jaylah helps Junior reach the perfect spot for his decoration.
4. Jasmine helps decorate the tree.
5. Andrew stops to think how to fit the tree back into a box that seems too small.
6. DJ and Tim enjoy fun fellowship while packing up props until next Christmas.



## MANY APOLOGIES

To our Pilgrim Progress Readers,

I want to share with each of you a sincere apology for the delay in getting the February Pilgrim's Progress out. I have been dealing with a dental health issue that I was determined wouldn't get in the way of my work instead of asking for help. Gratefully, after oral surgery, I am on the other side of it and doing much better. I am happy to be healing quickly and I am humbled by the lesson to ask for help when I need it as well as the reminder of how supportive my Pilgrim family is. I am deeply sorry for any inconvenience this delay may have caused. I also want to assure you that all systems are back to normal and the March edition as well as those that follow it will be to your boxes on time. Thank you for your empathy and understanding. Your support is invaluable.

*Sincerely,  
Sarah Campbell*



## 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](mailto: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/>

### SPECIAL THANK YOU!



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](mailto:sarah@pilgrimchurchpomona.com) or call 909-622-1373 and ask for Sarah. These can be a notes of celebration, sympathy, get well or just thinking of you.

*It's always nice to receive a note "Just Because!"*

### WAYS TO GIVE

#### ONLINE



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

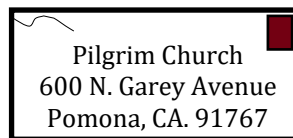
#### MOBILE



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PILGRIMCHURCH  
To 833-813-9522

#### MAIL



Send a Check



When you send "PILGRIMCHURCH" to 833-813-9522 you will receive a one-time reply containing a link to give to PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (1msg/request). Please be aware that Msg & Data rates may apply. For full Terms & Conditions please visit <http://pushpay.com/terms>. For the Privacy Policy please visit <https://pushpay.com/privacy>. For help reply HELP or STOP to cancel.  
**If you have any questions please call the church office at 909-622-1373.**

# SUNDAY SERVICE NOTES

## February 4th, 2024

### *Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn  
Worship Assistant: Mrs. Jenni Whyte  
Lesson One: Mark 1:29-39  
Lesson Two: Isaiah 40:21-31  
Theme: Renewed Strength in the Lord  
Sermon: Walking  
Color: Green  
Anthem: Living Water - Tom Trendy  
Offertory: Nancy Rodewald & Gary White  
Fellowship Host: Library Committee  
Ushers: Ben & Sue Selters & Janet McBride  
Acolytes: Madelyn & Kodie

This morning's flowers are lovingly provided by **Cedric and Lorraine Rogers**: "Dear Pilgrim Family, As Tiny Tim said in 'A Christmas Carol': "God Bless Us Every One."

## February 11th, 2024

### *Transfiguration Sunday*

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn  
Worship Assistant: Ms. Berlyne Stillions  
Lesson One: 1 Mark 9:2-9  
Lesson Two: 2 Kings 2:1-12  
Theme: God's Ministry Continues  
Sermon: Succession Planing  
Color: White  
Anthem: Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace -  
- Mary McDonald  
Offertory: LizBeth Lucca, soprano  
Fellowship Host: Trustees  
Ushers: Meggen Olson, Christine and Ron Vanyo  
Acolytes: Preston & Charlie

This morning's flowers are lovingly and thoughtfully provided to All who worship at Pilgrim Congregational Church: "Happy Valentine's Day!"

## February 14th, 2024

### *Ash Wednesday*

This is a time of quiet reflection in the sanctuary to begin the season of Let. There will be an Order of Worship, including scripture reading, prayers, a short version of communion and resources for individuals to use in their personal reflection.

### **Liturgical Notes by Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn:**

**Green** symbolizes growth and life, hope and anticipation. Green is used in Ordinary time, the period of the Church calendar which gives attention to the Lord's life and ministry; it reminds us that the mission of the Church is to love the world and share the hope of Christ.

**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 & Easter.

**Purple** was originally associated with royalty because it was a more expensive color to dye, and it was used to welcome the coming of a king. It also evokes pain and suffering. Purple symbolizes fasting, faith, patience, and trust. It is the liturgical color used during the seasons of penance, Advent, and Lent. For Advent, purple symbolizes the impending birth of Jesus while foreshadowing his death.

### **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.

### **To View Sunday Service Online:**

Visit Facebook Page or YouTube Channel, Pilgrim Congregational Church Pomona.

## February 18th, 2024

### *First Sunday in Lent*

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn  
Worship Assistant: Rev. Keith Eades  
Lesson 1: Mark 1:9-15  
Lesson 2: Genesis 9:8-17  
Theme: God's Covenant with All  
Sermon: The Universal Covenant  
Color: Purple  
Anthem: Every Time I Feel the Spirit - Greg Gilpin  
Offertory: Leeza Yorke, mezzo-soprano  
Fellowship Host: Patience Guild  
Ushers: Susan Shedd, Sharon Willison,  
Lisa Keepers & Michael Lawing  
Acolytes: Isabella & Jasmine

This morning's flowers are lovingly provided by **Don and Judy Sanders**: "In gratitude for all the joy shared at Pilgrim."

## February 25th, 2024

### *Second Sunday in Lent*

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn  
Worship Assistant: Ms. Sherry Glab  
Lesson One: Mark 8:31-33  
Lesson Two: Genesis 17:1-7,15-16  
Theme: A New Name for God  
Sermon: God of the Mountains  
Color: Purple  
Anthem: What Wonderful Love Is This?  
- Mary McDonald  
Fellowship Host: Diaconate  
Ushers: Sylvia Osborn, Guadalupe Ocegueda,  
Jenni Whyte, & Lorraine Rogers  
Acolytes: Samantha & Emmanuel

This morning's celebratory flowers are provided to: "Jan Manildi - Happy, Happy Birthday! Wishing you another year of good health and much happiness."

Boutonnieres for **February** are provided by **Sharon Willison**: "God Bless our Brothers and Sisters in Christ."



# February

## WEEKLY / MONTHLY

### **EVERY MORNING, MON. - FRI.**

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  
Teen Sunday School—1st/3rd Sundays  
(following Children’s Message)  
11am—Fellowship Hour  
& Flashpoint

### **EVERY TUESDAY**

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

### **EVERY 1ST TUESDAY (OCTOBER - JUNE)**

Pilgrim Auxiliary  
Meeting, Program & Luncheon

### **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

### **February 1st**

Choir Rehearsal

### **February 4th**

Christian Education Workshop

### **February 6th**

Pilgrim Auxiliary  
Meeting/Program/Lunch

### **February 7th**

Church Council Meeting

### **February 9th**

Facilities Use Meeting

### **February 10th**

Soup Supper Social

### **February 11th**

Transfiguration Sunday  
CREW Meeting

### **February 13th**

Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Dinner & Races

### **February 14th**

Ash Wednesday Service  
Valentine’s Day

### **February 18th**

Meeting Sunday

### **February 21st**

Library Committee Meeting








### **February 22nd**

Christian Education Meeting

### **February 25th**

Library Coffee  
Trustees Meeting  
Choir Rehearsal



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<p>1 9:00am Morning Devotional 7:30pm AA Mother Group 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>2 8:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am Morning Devotional</p> 	<p>3 12:00pm NA Group Meeting</p>
				<p>4 9:00am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Gather &amp; Greet 9:45am Worship Service 10:20am Teen Sunday School 11:00am Fellowship Hour 11:30am CE Board Workshop 3:00pm Moose Meeting 3:30pm Sigma Chi Meeting</p>	<p>5 9:00am Morning Devotional 10:00am Alanon "Serenity" 6:30pm AA</p>	<p>6 10:00am Pilgrim Auxiliary Program 9:00am Morning Devotional 9:30am CEA/HOW 5:15pm Young Champions Cheerleaders 5:45pm Twilight Bible Study 7:30pm AA</p>
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