

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

April 2024



PILGRIM
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH

Senior Minister

Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

Consulting Minister

Dr. Lowell Linden

Licensed Minister

Mr. Jon Olson

Ministers Emeriti

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Bingham

Rev. Dr. Douglas Lobb

Youth Director

Mrs. Sarah Campbell

Music Dept.

Ms. Susan Winckler - Director

Mr. Bruce Jones - Organist

Ms. Nancy Rodewald - Children's Music

Office Staff

Ms. Leila Alcalá - Bookkeeper

Ms. Natalie Brown - Admin. Assist.

Mrs. Megan Parnell - Librarian

Mr. Brian Cochran - Mktg. & Media Mgr. & Events Coordinator

Custodial Staff

Mr. James Stevenson

Mr. Christian Campbell

Miss Daphne Sanders

Mr. Joe Madrigal

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

The Message Is for Everyone

*“Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture,
he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.”
~Acts 8:35*

If you were tempted to think that it was only Jesus in the Bible who preached the radical message of God’s love and acceptance of all people, you would be mistaken. The book of Acts continues the radical practice of welcoming social outcasts into the community of believers.

The first chapter of Acts sounds as if the Jesus Movement might simply be a small cohort of Jewish followers of the Way, who will continue to spread the message within the bounds of Judaism. But then Chapter 2, the story of Pentecost, makes clear that the message is being spread to every ethnic group represented in the city of Jerusalem. By the time the book comes to the story of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch in chapter 8, there can be no question that, as Peter said later in Acts 10, “God shows no partiality.”

The message we have is for everyone. That’s the point of the story of the Ethiopian eunuch. He is an outsider times two. He is a foreigner whose distance from the holy city makes it nearly impossible for him to be a faithful worshiper of God.

If that weren’t enough to make him an outsider, his sexuality, as a castrated high court official of Queen Candace of Ethiopia, would certainly have barred him from participating in the religious assembly of God. Just as there are many churches, today, that resist fellowship with people that do not fit into our categories of socially accepted sexual identification, first century religious leaders denied access to those who failed expectations of sexual orientation.

The story of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch makes it plain that sexual orientation is not a condition of baptism or fellowship. Both the message and its intended recipients are radically comprehensive: God loves the world and every individual within it. If we are followers of Jesus the Christ, then the message we tell is for every individual who we meet.

~Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn





**Join us for the
Pilgrim Auxiliary
Meeting, Program & Luncheon**

10:00am ~ Meeting
11:30am ~ Program & Luncheon

**May 7, 2024
Rummage Sale Thank You
Potluck Luncheon**

Mark your calendars for the final program
of the season on June 4th, 2024:
Annual Auxiliary Tea

RUMMAGE SALE



Rummage Sorting

Join us on Fridays , 8am—11am when weather permits.

We enjoy good fellowship while serving Pilgrim Church sorting through donations for our Rummage Sales. Please call ahead to confirm there has not been any changes to the week's schedule.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 10th: Last day to bring rummage donations.

April 13th: Sigma Chi fellows will be bringing boxes of sorted rummage to the various departments.

April 14th: Moving Day/Set-Up Day (Lunch is provided for workers.) Assistance will be provided to move any boxes delivered to wrong locations.

April 15th - April 19th: Department Set-Up & Pricing

April 20th: Sale Day, 8am to 1pm

SANCTUARY FLOWERS



Dear Pilgrim Members and Friends,

On behalf of Pilgrim’s Auxiliary, a very special “thank you” to everyone who dedicated Sunday Sanctuary Flowers and Boutonnieres this past year. You are very special people! Each and every heartwarming dedication provided an inspiring addition to our Sunday morning worship services. I sincerely hope you will join me again this next year in continuing this long standing tradition through 2024.

Our Sunday bouquets will be \$40 each; our monthly boutonnieres will be \$26. Please complete the form displayed, and send it with your payment to the church office by the first of the month prior to your Dedication: Attention Leila Alcalá. If you would like to take the arrangement home after the service, please be sure to check the “WILL TAKE” box, otherwise your arrangement



Bonnie Seath, Flower Chairperson

Phone 909-953-2577 or email Bonniehbd@verizon.net

SANCTUARY FLOWERS ORDER FORM

May 2024 through August 2024

Bouquet \$40	Date _____	Number of Bouquets _____	\$ _____
Boutonnieres \$26 Month _____			\$ _____
		TOTAL	\$ _____

Return this **order form & check** to **Financial Secretary’s Office**
Dedication is to read: (Please print)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

WILL TAKE ARRANGEMENT _____ **or** **WILL NOT TAKE ARRANGEMENT** _____

Music at Pilgrim Church

Music for our Sunday service can inspire Pilgrims in different ways. Also, different types of music can inspire or not inspire. My goal is to present a variety of music genres: classical, contemporary classical, spirituals, gospel, etc., so that I can please all of the Pilgrims some of the time. My question for all Pilgrims is : “Am I reaching all of you?” If you are one who is not feeling inspired by the current anthems and hymns, feel free to contact me with suggestions. It would be helpful to have the name and composer of an anthem you request or if it is a hymn request, a copy of the music if it is not in the hymnals. I would happily make copies to insert in the Order of Worship.

Music is a major part of the worship services. It is important to me that I provide a variety of music for all Pilgrims. In turn, if you have favorite anthems we have done and would like repeated, please let me know. The same goes for your favorite hymns.



Very Sincerely,

*Your Music Director, Susan Winckler
(951)529-1415
zopranosSW@aol.com*

SAVE THE DATE!!!

**Join us for Music Sunday
June 2nd, 2024 @ 10am**

Prelude begins at 9:45am

LIBRARY NEWS



Just a brief report on the library coffee, held Sunday February 25th: there were about 50 in attendance, including about a dozen folks from the community. The author, **Michelle Dowd**, sold 20 some books so she was pleased. In fact, she sent me a nice email expressing that sentiment. Our number one reader, who read the most books in 2023, was **Judy Sanders**.

The library met in February to select new books:

Fiction:

A Rip-Roaring Good Time by Jeanne Glidewell

The 3 Body Problem by Cixin Liu

The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

The Perfect Passion Company by Alexander McCall Smith

Everyone on This Train is a Suspect by Benjamin Stevenson

Non-Fiction:

Tasting History by Max Miller

Why We Read by Shannon Reed

Come by the library and see what's new.

~Megan



Pictures from the Pilgrim Memorial Library Coffee on February 25th. We enjoyed a presentation by Chaffey College Professor and author of "Forager: Field Notes for Surviving a Family Cult," Michelle Dowd. The presentation was enlightening and the refreshments delicious.

THANK YOU NOTE



Shirley and I wish to thank the Pilgrims for all of the phone calls, cards, and prayers during my recovery from my accident. They were all an inspiration and helped us keep a good attitude. We missed being able to attend worship services and look forward to returning.

~Lowell

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES THAT SERVE THE COMMUNITY



*A big thank you to Pilgrim Members for their generous donations in support of Vineyard Little League, Twins Team and player, **Charlie McCormick**.*

The Pilgrim Church logo is proudly displayed on their banner at each game during the season. Thank you Pilgrim for helping our member community and publicly sharing the love of our church!

***Now let's share in the fun of the game
Join us Friday, April 12th, 6:30pm
At Loanmart Field at
Quake's Stadium***

*Tickets: \$16 for special seating with Charlie and his team.
Tickets are limited so email Sarah@pilgrimchurchpomona.com
ASAP if interested.*



VINEYARD LITTLE LEAGUE - 2024

MANAGER - DANIEL McCORMICK

★ COACHES ★
PHIL NAGEOTTE & BOBBY LUCIO

★ TEAM MOMS ★
**JULIE McCORMICK
LAUREN NAGEOTTE**

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
POMONA - CALIFORNIA

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THANK YOU!

***Friday Morning Men's Breakfast Group
& Membership Board for sponsoring this opportunity!***

Come cheer on
Pilgrim's Trivia Buffs,
Karen Loehr, Megan & Bill Parnell
who 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

Tickets: \$50
Reserve your seat TODAY:
Call Beth Brooks at 909-229-5921

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



MEMBERSHIP



Let's Go to Bingo!! Saturday, May 4, 2024

Join us for Bingo night at Pilgrim Church on Saturday, May 4, 2024, 5:00-8:30 pm. Admission is \$30 for adults, and \$15 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 kids' corner will be held in Pilgrim Hall with dinner, games, activities and crafts for children under 12.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased through the Membership Board at the ticket table set up during coffee hour. For questions or more information, contact Cynthia Eades, Membership Chair.

RSVP BY APRIL 26, 2024

LOOKING FORWARD TO FUN, FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & PRIZES

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

BINGO TICKET ORDER FORM
SATURDAY, May 4, 2024 - 5:00pm to 8:30pm

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

No.	Guest Name(s)	Quantity		Veggie*	Meat	Total
		Adult \$30	Child \$15			

*Vegetarian must be ordered in advance!

TOTAL PAID	
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Save the date!
Christian Education
C.E. Sunday & Banquet
Sunday, May 19th, 2024

Youth lead Worship Service with Communion for Pentecost followed by a Banquet in Pilgrim Hall

What is Christian Education Sunday?
This is when the adults take a seat and the Pilgrim Children & Youth show off what they learned in Sunday School by leading Worship Service.

What to expect:
Communion led by 2024 Confirmation Students.
Pilgrim Youth Music:
Joyful Noise will be playing and leading hymns

Following service everyone is invited to the Christian Education Banquet as a Thank You from the Pilgrim Youth & C.E. Board for your support of the child and youth programs at Pilgrim Congregational Church.

At the banquet you will enjoy:
Delicious Hawaiian BBQ Lunch
Special Presentations
and more.

**Please RSVP for Lunch by
Wednesday, May 15th
at sarah@pilgrimchurchpomona.com
or through online calendar.**

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Join us for the
Celebration of Life

OF

*Marjorie Sanford
Gittinger*



April 6, 2024 • 1:00 p.m.
Pilgrim Congregational Church
600 North Garey Avenue
Pomona, CA 91766

Reception Immediately Following in Pilgrim Hall

Kindly let us know if you will attend.

Tel: 909-919-4621

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/>

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 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



Visit our link

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

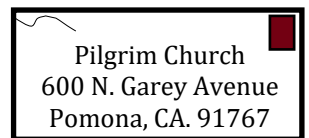
MOBILE



Text

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

April 7th, 2024

**Second Sunday in Easter
(Confirmation Sunday)**

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Worship Assistant: Ms. Sherry Glab
Lesson One: Psalm 133
Lesson Two: Acts 4:32-35
Theme: Meeting Needs in Our Community
Sermon: Wealth and the Resurrection
Color: White
Anthem: Hallelujah, Amen - G.F. Handel
Offertory: Leeza Yorke & Jeremy
Fellowship Host: Membership
Ushers: Meggen Olson, Christine & Ron Vanyo & Dulce Ruiz
Acolytes: Preston & Charlie

This morning's flowers are lovingly provided with by:
Ben and Sue Selters, "Happy Birthday, Elizabeth Selters!"

April 21st, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Easter

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Worship Assistant: Mr. Nathaniel Campbell
Lesson 1: Psalm 23
Lesson 2: Acts 4:5-12
Theme: Jesus, Savior of All
Sermon: Cornerstone Theology
Color: White
Anthem: Song of the Earth (Jubilate Deo) - Dan Forrest
Offertory: Debbie Dey
Fellowship Host: Trustees
Ushers: Sylvia Osborn, Guadalupe Ocegueda, Jenni Whyte & Lorraine Rogers
Acolytes: Samantha & Emmanuel

*This morning's flowers are provided with heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to yesterday's successful Rummage Sale! Jan Manildi and Judy Sanders, our co-chairs, worked many, many hours. We are MOST appreciative to ALL who contributed rummage; to ALL of our volunteers who sorted rummage and worked at the Sale, and to everyone who attended.
THANK YOU, ALL, very, very much!*

Boutonnieres for **April** are provided by Cedric & Lorraine Rogers:
"Dear Pilgrim Family, as Tiny Tim said in A Christmas Carol, "God Bless Us Every One."

Liturgical Notes by Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn:

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.

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.
Then enter Passcode 1887, followed #.

To View Sunday Service Online:

Visit Facebook Page or YouTube Channel at: Pilgrim Congregational Church Pomona.

April 14th, 2024

**Third Sunday in Easter
(Rummage Moving Sunday)**

Presiding Minister: Rev. Keith Eades
Worship Assistant: Mr. Andrew Olson
Lesson One: Psalm 4
Lesson Two: Acts 3:12-19
Theme: The Power of Healing in Christ
Sermon: How to Understand a Miracle
Color: White
Anthem : Omnis Terra, (Rejoice, All the Earth) from *Jubilate Deo* - Dan Forrest
Offertory: Peter Blackwell
Fellowship Host: Patience Guild (sandwich lunch)
Ushers: Susan Shedd, Sharon Willison, Lisa Keepers, & Michael Lawing
Acolytes: Isabella & Jasmine

This morning's flowers are lovingly provided by Jerry Tandy:
*"In remembrance of Melinda Leigh Donovan-Tandy,
(4/17/1952 - 11/15/022)*

April 28th, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Easter

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Worship Assistant: Mr. Jerry Whyte
Lesson One: Psalm 22:25-31
Lesson Two: Acts 8:26-40
Theme: Telling the Story of Jesus
Sermon: The Tidings We Tell
Color: White
Anthem: Wade in the Water—Moses Hogan (Patrick Blackwell, soloist)
Offertory: Steve O'Donnell
Fellowship Host: Diaconate
Ushers: Ben & Sue Selters, Janet McBride, & Axford Manness
Acolytes: Madelyn & Kodie

This morning's flowers are thankfully provided by Pilgrim Auxiliary to everyone who has served on our Board, Committees this past year. An extra special "thank you" to Deborah Walden, for her untold hours often working behind the scenes in our kitchen, being sure we have supplies and all is ready for use at the next function. Heartfelt thanks to each and every one of our Pilgrim Auxiliary volunteers.

April

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 THURSDAY
10am ~ Joyful Endeavors

EVERY FRIDAY
Men’s Breakfast ~ Roberta’s at 8am

EVERY 3RD SUNDAY
11:30am ~ Board Meetings

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2nd
Pilgrim Auxiliary
Mtg/Program/Lunch

April 3rd
Church Council Meeting

April 7th
Confirmation Sunday
Choir Rehearsal

April 14th
Rummage Moving Day

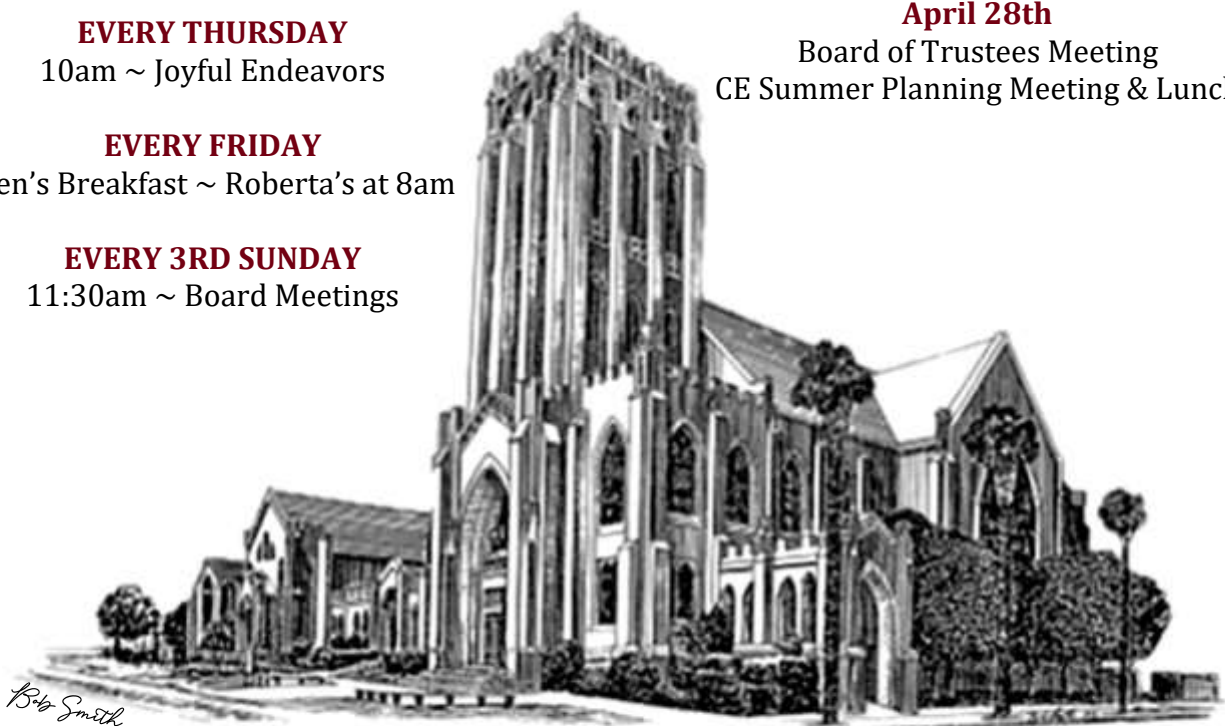
April 15th - 19th
Rummage Department Set-Up & Pricing

April 20th
Rummage Sale

April 22nd
Earth Day

April 24th
Library Committee Meeting

April 28th
Board of Trustees Meeting
CE Summer Planning Meeting & Lunch



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional 10:00am Alanon "Serenity" 6:30pm AA 7:30pm Mountainside Rehearsal</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional 10:00am Pilgrim Auxiliary Mtg/Prog./Lunch 9:30am CEA/HOW 5:45pm Twilight Bible Study 7:30pm AA</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional 6:00pm Basketball 7:30pm NA Support</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional 10:00am Joyful Endeavors 7:30pm AA Mother Group</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am Morning Devotional</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>12:00pm NA Group Meeting 1:00pm Christine Vanyo Mother's Memorial</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Confirmation Sunday 9:00am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Gather & Greet 9:45am Worship Service 10:20am Teen Sunday School 11:00am Fellowship Hour 11:30am CE Sunday Meeting 11:30am Choir Rehearsal 3:00pm Moose Meeting 3:30pm Sigma Chi Meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional 10:00am Alanon "Serenity" 6:30pm Mountainside Meeting & Rehearsal</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional 9:30am CEA/HOW 5:15pm Young Champions Cheerleaders 5:45pm Twilight Bible Study 7:30pm AA</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Last day to donate rummage 9:00am Morning Devotional 6:00pm Basketball 7:30pm NA Support</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional 10:00am Joyful Endeavors 7:30pm AA Mother Group</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am Morning Devotional</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:00am Pilgrim CREW Meeting 12:00pm NA Group Meeting 12:30pm CE Sunday Music Rehearsal 12:30pm Isan Foundation/Saba</p>
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