

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

August 2024



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CONGREGATIONAL
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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

Bread for a Hungry World

*“For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”
~Jesus (John 6:33)*

A lot of attention is given to Jesus’ miracle feeding of the 5000. It is the only miracle, apart from the Resurrection, recorded in all four Gospels. What receives much less attention is how much Jesus talks about the bread of life in contrast to the bread of the miracle, especially in his remarks in the very long chapter of John 6 (It’s 71 verses long!)

Over half the chapter concerns Jesus’ teaching about how God sends the bread of life from heaven to the world, so that anyone who eats this bread will live in God. Jesus makes clear in this chapter that he is the bread of life that has been sent by God, and that union with God will mean eating this bread.

There are many things to reflect upon in these remarks from Jesus. Clearly, they are to be understood in the context of the ritual sacrament of communion. But this has not stopped critics, both ancient and recent, from accusing Christians of some version of cannibalism.

Putting aside, in this moment, all those criticisms, consider the ways in which our world is hungry. There are, of course, still too many who are hungry with empty stomachs. But there are more still who are hungry for love; they suffer loneliness, depression, division, and a lack of any spiritual connection. Our message is that Jesus is the Bread which feeds this hungry world.

Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Senior Minister

Bread

*Hunger was loneliness, betrayed
By the pitiless candor of the stars’
Talk, in an old byre he prayed
Not for food; to pray was to know
Waking from a dark dream to find
The white loaf on the white snow;
Not for warmth, warmth brought the rain’s
Blurring of the essential point
Of ice probing his raw pain.
He prayed for love, love that would share
His rags’ secret; rising he broke
Like sun crumbling the gold air
The live bread for the starved folk.*

~R.S. Thomas

MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR



**KEEP
CALM
THE
MODERATOR'S
HERE**

Last time I summarized the first presentation of **Alan Roxburgh**, who has served as a pastor, seminary professor, and consultant to churches and denominations around the world. He says that whenever he is called in by a church or denomination, he hears the same thing: “The young people are leaving the church. What happened, and what can we do?” In his first presentation, he said that the “story” of western culture (including the church) was coming unraveled. Especially after World War II (but beginning before the war), in the west we believed that with hard work and know-how (education and technology) we could handle things and bring prosperity and peace. This certainty is unraveling. At the end of his first presentation, everyone wanted to ask, “What do we do?” His answer was that that was the wrong question, and the wrong time to ask it. Instead, in his second presentation, he told us that we need to look to our foundational stories in the Scripture, to see where Israel and the early church found God working when their worlds unraveled. He pointed us to

MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR

texts from the time of the Babylonian exile, and the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem in the Old Testament, and the narratives of Luke-Acts, reflecting the time after the destruction of Jerusalem and the Second Temple in A.D. 70 by the Roman empire.

When Israel settled in the land of Canaan, there was no centralized authority, and the place of worship—the Tabernacle was moveable. When the tribes faced a threat or crisis, God would raise up a judge who would lead and deliver the people. The people, however, wanted a king like other nations. Saul was chosen. When Saul was rejected, David was chosen. David conquered the city of Jerusalem and made it his capital. He brought the tabernacle and the ark of the covenant into Jerusalem. David's son, Solomon, built the temple. The people came to believe that if proper worship was offered at the Jerusalem temple, and a righteous descendant of David was on the throne in Jerusalem, through offering the proper worship and through the leadership and diplomacy they would be able to have peace and prosperity, even though they were surrounded by larger empires—Egypt on one side, and Assyria, then Babylonia — on the other. This was the “story” of Deuteronomy and the books known as the Deuteronomistic History (Joshua, Judges, 1-2 Samuel, and 1-2 Kings) and related literature from the books of the prophets and Psalms. First, after the death of Solomon, the kingdom was divided. The northern tribes broke away from Jerusalem and the Davidic dynasty, eventually to be overrun and dispersed by the Assyrian empire. Assyria also threatened Jerusalem and Judah, but they retained their identity for some time. Ultimately, the Babylonian empire conquered Judah, devastated Jerusalem, destroyed the Temple, and exiled the leaders and much of the population of Jerusalem and Judah to Babylon. Their “story” had unraveled.

To illustrate the effect this had on the people's understanding, Roxburgh pointed to Psalm 137:

“By the rivers of Babylon—there we sat down and there we wept when we remembered Zion. On the willows there we hung up our harps. For there our captors asked us for songs, and our tormentors asked us for mirth, saying, ‘Sing us one of the songs of Zion!’ How could we sing the LORD’s song in a foreign land” (Ps 137:1-4)?

Their world had collapsed. Their story had come unraveled. They could not conceive of singing God's songs somewhere other than in the Jerusalem temple. In the book of Jeremiah, we read that many people, led by false prophets were looking for a quick return to Jerusalem and rebuilding of the temple to reestablish the “story” that they had lived by. Where were the people to find God? Roxburgh pointed to Jeremiah's letter to the exiles (Jeremiah 29.)

“Thus says the LORD of hosts the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare” (Jer 29:4-7.)

Jeremiah's letter indicates that they will find God at work in their situation. It says that the Lord sent them into exile, and that they are to pray, not to go back where they were, but to pray for the welfare of the place where they were. The following verses say that they are not to believe the false prophets who tell them that they will soon be going back to the way things were.

The “story” that Israel and Judah had used to understand who they were and how they were to live had come unraveled, but God was still at work. If they looked and listened, they would find God at work where they were.

Next time, we will look at what Luke-Acts tells us about where the early church found God at work after the destruction of the Second Temple in A.D. 70.

Keith Eades
Moderator



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 Alcala. 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.



Bonnie Seath, Flower Chairperson

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

SANCTUARY FLOWERS ORDER FORM

July 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_____

HARMONIA



Pilgrim's Harmonia Presents

Profectus Chambers Singers
Saturday, August 24th
6:30pm @ Pilgrim Church
Tickets: Donation

Profectus Chambers Choir is a professional choral ensemble based in La Verne.

Harmonia is the financial support organization for Pilgrim's music department. Harmonia provides additional financing for the enhancement of Sunday Worship Services, special holidays (Christmas, Easter, etc.) and much more.

One of the main events presented by Harmonia is Christmas by Candlelight, a formal four course dinner celebration of the season filled with song and good cheer. This year our chef will be Andrew Olson. Choralescence will entertain. **This special event will be Saturday, December 7th at 6pm in Pilgrim Hall** which will be decorated for the season.

HARMONIA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION RESERVATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT 2024

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

DONATION: \$ _____

10% of your donation will be applied as a discount of the total price of your Christmas by Candlelight tickets.

MAKE YOUR HARMONIA DONATION AND CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT PURCHASE

General Admission: \$40 No. _____ Total \$ _____

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

Total Due \$ _____

RSVP for meal preference: Circle one

Pork or Beef

Chicken

Vegetarian

AMOUNT PAID TODAY: \$ _____



LIBRARY NEWS



After a summer hiatus the library committee will be meeting again in August to select new books. Some of our favorite authors are releasing new titles so we should have some great reads for you.

Interesting news:

Brett Battles is taking on the Stone Barrington series created by the late Stuart Woods. He certainly has good credentials, having written 40 books, some of them best sellers.

Be sure to come by and see what's new. ~Megan

PILGRIM PROFILES



This month's profile features our long time friend and newest member, **Dulce Ruiz**, who officially joined Pilgrim Congregational Church in July. Her mother, Guadalupe Ocegueda, invited her to visit "this beautiful church, Pilgrim" in the summer of 2017. That was the start for Dulce and her son Emmanuel, who adopted us as their church.

Dulce studied child development and loves to work with young children. She is part of a non-profit organization as a mentor for children and teenagers. She has also worked in real estate. Furthermore, Dulce is a part of an after-school program for children and young adults with disabilities. Her passion is to advocate for children with special needs.

Last but not least, Dulce loves her two precious grandchildren and, of course, her two beautiful children. She adds, "I have the blessing to have a beautiful Mom near to my son and myself whom I love dearly."

To sum up her feelings about Pilgrim she said, "Pilgrim is important because it is God's house and a sacred place to come and honor our creator."

OUR PILGRIM FAMILY



Pictured Left: **Christopher Blackwell**, son of Pilgrim Choir member, **Patrick Blackwell**, is holding his newborn son, **Jordon Joel Blackwell**. This is Patrick's 2nd grandson.

Pictured Right: Great minds think alike. **Tom Gray, Sylvia Osborn & Sherry Glab** wearing their Sunday Blues while serving at Fellowship Hour.





Pilgrim Congregational Church's
the BIG SHOW

Sunday, September 22nd
Lunch following worship service.

Noon: SHOWTIME

Join us for a
Chicken Croissant Lunch
following Worship Service.
After lunch we will enjoy an
afternoon of music, theater and more.
Sign up today & share your talent as a
singer, musician, actor, poet, & more or
just come to enjoy the show.

There will be a cupcake dessert following the show.
If you are joining us on stage or just coming for the show,
you don't want to miss out on this day of fun & fellowship.
We are requesting donations for the lunch to help with expenses,
otherwise the show is FREE.

Please submit your act to Bill Parnell ASAP.
Please RSVP for the lunch by Wed. Sept. 18th at 909-626-0336
or email PilgrimOffice@pilgrimchurchpomona.com

Please let us know of diet needs such as vegetarian or allergies.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



Are you interested in joining Pilgrim Congregational Church?

Do you want to learn more about the "Congregational Way?"

Join us for a
**Membership Class
& Lunch**
**Sunday, August 4th
at Noon**

Please reserve your seat
TODAY!

Call 909-622-1373
M-F, 9am to 4pm



**Watercolor Class &
Chili Luncheon**
**Sunday, October 6th
Noon**

Leading the class will be professional artist & teacher:

Heather Bonds

of the Hilliard-Bonds Experience

The class will follow a homecooked Chili luncheon.

Watercolor Class: \$30 (supplies included)

Chili Lunch: Donation

RSVP by Wednesday, October 2nd.

Call: 909-626-0336 or Email: PilgrimOffice@pilgrimchurchpomona.com



Knit & Crochet Workshop

**Sunday, January 12th
Noon**

Leading the class will be

Megan Parnell



Join us for an Introduction to Knitting and Crochet Workshop. The class will include supplies, basics for beginners, step-by-step instructions and tips for the more advanced. Light refreshments will be served. More information coming soon, meanwhile, **SAVE THE DATE.**

TRUSTEES

SEPT.
29
4pm

Pilgrim Congregational Church

WINE *Tasting*

Tickets: \$30

Join us at the home of Sherry Glab
Mail in RSVP to Beth Brooks:
PO Box 7787, La Verne, CA. 91750
with name, contact number & check made
payable to Pilgrim Congregational Church
Questions? Call Beth: 909-229-5921



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PILGRIM'S ANNUAL AUCTION



Sat., Nov. 16th

Doors Open: 5pm

Dinner @ 6pm

Tickets: \$40

\$5 for 12yrs and younger

RSVP with check payable to
Pilgrim Congregational Church
sent to Beth Brooks
PO Box 7787, La Verne, CA. 91750

Auction donations are being accepted.
If you have items for the auction please
contact Jan Manildi or Judy Sanders.
Consider collecting gift cards from your
favorite restaurants. Beth Brooks has a
non-profit organization letter to pre-
sent with your request.

Questions? Call Beth Brooks
909-229-5921

Upcoming Trustees Meetings:

Sundays @ 11:30am

Aug. 25th Sept. 22th Oct. 27th

Nov. 24th Dec. 22nd

Consecration Sunday Luncheon
Sunday, November 3rd

Pilgrim's Christmas Marketplace
Sunday, December 15th



COMMUNITY SERVICE



PILGRIM
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BACK TO SCHOOL

SUPPLY DRIVE

July 15th to September 1st

Pilgrim Youth are collecting school supplies for children in need as they prepare to return to school. We are also accepting cash or checks made out to Pilgrim Congregational Church. (Memo: School Supply Drive) Monetary Donations are due by Aug. 25th. All donations will be included in the Blessing of the Backpacks on Rally Sunday, 9/8 before being given to Hope Partners.

Questions: Christine Vanyo

Items Needed:

Greatest needs in bold.
Red & Blue Pens, Lead Pencils,
Notebooks, Folders, **3' Ring**
Binders, Colored Pencils, Crayons,
Calculators, Highlighters,
Backpacks, Copy Paper, Index
Cards, **Lined Paper, Rulers,**
Scissors, Glue (sticks & bottles),
Erasers, & **Pencil Pouches.**



PILGRIM CHURCH'S HOMECOMING

you're invited to

RALLY SUNDAY

**Sept.
8th**



*Come on over to Pilgrim Congregational Church for Faith, Fellowship, Fun & Food
And beautiful music with the return of the choir.*

9am ~ Sunday School & Volunteer Registration

10am ~ Worship Service
Blessing of the Backpacks & Acolyte Recognition

11am ~ Christian Education Banquet
Hawaiian BBQ with special presentations

*The banquet is presented with thanks from the CE Board & Youth for all of your
support of Christian Education Programs at Pilgrim!*

**RSVP by September 1st to office at 909-622-1373
or email pilgrimoffice@pilgrimchurchpomona.com**

PILGRIM CHURCH'S HOMECOMING

New date for Youth Car Wash is here:

CAR WASH

Saturday, September 7th

9am to Noon

\$10 donation

Snack Bar will be available for
buying snacks & drinks while you wait.

(All tickets from presale from the cancelled July Car Wash are accepted.)



Pilgrim Congregational Church ~ South Lot
600 N. Garey Ave., Pomona

FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR

Dear Pilgrim Family,

As many of you know, my tenure as Youth Director at Pilgrim Congregational Church will end as of July 31st. Though I am sad that this chapter has ended, I am looking forward to what God has in store for me next. First, I want to assure you that the Christian Education Program is in the good hands of Pilgrim's Board of Christian Education which is fully staffed for the first time in years with many very talented volunteers. That being said, they can always use more help when it comes to their many events and programs, help setting up events, chaperoning youth, teaching Sunday School, and more. If you think you can help in this area please reach out to Christine Vanyo, the new C.E. Chair.

I also want my Pilgrim family to know that this change does not mean good-bye. My office assistant duties will continue including the newsletter and eblasts until December 31st. Also, you will still see me around church as an active member on Church Council as clerk and on the Membership Board.

It has been a joy to work with the youth in one form and another for the last 20 years and an honor to watch many of our youth including my own children grow from the nursery to preparing for college. I love and am proud of each of them. I am also excited for Pilgrim as we have 25 youth between the ages of Nursery through High School and that doesn't include our growing young adult group (HOPE.) With your support of youth programs, the future of Pilgrim Congregational Church looks bright.

*With Faith, Hope & Love,
Sarah Campbell*

NAPF/HOPE SURVIVOR SPOKANE CHARACTER ROMANS 5:3-5 2024 REPORT



NAPF/HOPE '24 Planning Team: Kacy (Hope Rep.) & Libby (L.I.T), Samie & Christian (tag-a-longs), Nathan (L.I.T) & adult members, Hunter & Patrick. Not pictured, because she is taking the picture, Sarah.

To say the California delegates for the youth conference NAPF/HOPE had fun is an understatement and it is very difficult to fully explain the awesome, faith building, service performing, friendship making and of course outrageous fun experience had by everyone. If you were able to attend the Homecoming Reception you were able to hear from the attendees themselves about their adventure in Washington/Idaho and see a slideshow from the trip. For those who were unable to attend the Homecoming we hope to give you a peek into their experience. Let us start from the beginning.

Youth Director, Sarah Campbell has been serving on the NACCC's NAPF/HOPE Planning Committee since 2019 and this would be her final year. Helping with transportation of supplies and needing to arrive a couple days ahead she would be driving up to Spokane, WA. Her kids would tag-a-long including Nathaniel who also was elected

onto the Planning Team last year as a Leader-In-Training. They arrived Thursday 6/20 and helped set up the dorms, and prep materials for those arriving on Saturday.

Friday afternoon, the rest of the travelers took off on a plane for Spokane to meet up with everyone. By Saturday morning the California Crew were all together. Attending to NAPF was Kodie Gray, Damyria King, Berlyne Stillions, Nathaniel & Samantha Campbell. HOPE attendees included Stephen Bonds & Christian Campbell. Sarah was very grateful to the chaperones, Tim Stillions and Heather Bonds who also helped the planning team. Tim served as a photographer and helped with technology and first aide. Heather served as a conference speaker presenting a hands on session.

Saturday was a gather together, set up can and get to know one another day. Everyone arrived at Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington



Stephen, Heather, Berlyne, Tim, Kodie & Damyria are seen off by Damyrias mom, Johnetta & grandma, Natalie.

NAPF/HOPE 2024



Back row from the left: Tim, Sarah, Hunter, Heather, Riss, Mallory, Damyria, Savannah, Kytelyn, Stephen, Berlyne, Nathaniel, Chris, Lynn, Christian, Austin, Shelly, Kodie, Libby, Ryder, Charlie, Brenden, Jadelyn, Grant, Ethan, Mindy, Samie, Matty. Front row from left: Patrick, Claire, Melanie, Kacy, Big Dog Claude, Daniel & Edward.

where we would call home for the next week. Sunday would begin bright and early with us loading up to travel to the adult conference for Sunday Worship and to work on a mission project with the adults. Together we put together 100's of Blessing Bags to be dispersed by a local church. Spokane is very similar to Pomona in that they have many who suffer with housing and food insecurities. Monday night was an opportunity for more fun with the adults as we headed back to the NACCC conference for Karaoke Night. It was fun watching everyone perform, even some of our youth who don't get on a stage easily.



From Left: Matty, Samie, Savannah, Mallory & Tim riding the skyride at Riverfront Park.

During the afternoon, we headed over to Riverfront Park for lunch and fun activities. Riverfront Park was a beautiful place that hosted the 1974 World's Fair and had many exhibits commemorating the 50 year anniversary of the event. They had a beautiful picnic area with the bonus of a free Jazz Festival and Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Truck. Everyone enjoyed their lunch and sang and danced along to the music. There was more to explore than just the beautiful scenery and fun music. Many rented scooters or peddle-cars to get around the park. Kodie, Samie, Nathaniel, Christian and Heather went roller skating, some trying it for the first time. Everyone went on the SkyTram that carried us across the park, over a waterfall and under a bridge and back.

Later that evening we were inspired by our first speaker, Daniel Livingston from Michigan. He led sessions Sunday and Monday speaking on the theme "Survivor, Spokane" and how faith and perseverance can help us through the really difficult times and even learn how to appreciate them for building character as we hope for the future. Tuesday evening's session was led by Heather and she spoke on character, who we are and who we want to be through art. Then she put the brush in their hands to create self portraits with water colors. After sessions everyone broke up into small groups and discussed the session and how it may apply to them, their faith and their lives.

Every morning began with a Morning Celebration & ended with vespers that included a praise music and a devotional led by different youth who either volunteered or led with their travel group. Pomona led Wednesday morning's celebration with each sharing a bible verse that was special to them and why they chose it.



Top: Heather leading Tuesday evening session. Bottom: Grant, Stephen & Christian working on their "self reflection."

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1st ~ Re-Store: (top) Lynn, Sarah, Claire, Libby, Tim, Savannah, Riss, Brendon, Matty, Samie, Damyria, Kacey, Mallery, Nathaniel, Shelly & Grant. (bottom) Berlyne, Big Dog Claude, Edward, Mindy & Chris.
2nd ~ 2nd Harvest: Austin, Charlie, Melanie, Jadelyn, Riker, Kodie, Kytelyn, Chris, Ethan, Heather & Christian.

Monday & Tuesday were mission project days. During the morning of both days everyone headed to “Our Place.” “Our Place” is a resource for those with home and food insecurities. There we painted the outside of their buildings and landscaped their facilities to help make the place more welcoming to their clients. Tuesday afternoon, the group split up with some going to Second Harvest and others to a Habitat for Humanity ReStore. Second Harvest is an organization that collects food donations to be distributed to food banks around Spokane, Washington. Fun fact: one of those food banks is Our Place. As Second Harvest they packed thousands of loaves of bread until the directors said they didn’t have any more for them to do. At the Habitat for Humanity ReStore they moved and sorted through inventory and helped with clean up and maintenance around the shop. There they were praised for getting tasks completed that they were sure were never going to get done because they just don’t have the volunteers to get to it all. It always feels good to help out the community that hosts us for conference each year. If you would like to learn more about the organizations we served visit the links below.

Our Place: <https://www.ourplacespokane.org/>
2nd Harvest: <https://2-harvest.org/>
Habitat for Humanity ReStore:
<https://www.habitat.org/restores>

Wednesday was FUNday. The morning and early evening was spent at Wonderland Arcade where everyone enjoyed playing together at Lazer Tag, Mini Golf, Rock Climbing, Go-Carts, and more. Later that day we would all load up and head to a sister church that donated their facilities for the Closing Banquet and Ceremonies. We enjoyed a delicious catered BBQ dinner. Following the meal was a ceremony to transition the retiring Planning Team members and install the new. We also shared in communion and prayer. Then it was time to head back to campus for closing circle and pack up to head out the next day. But wait, some unplanned shenanigans occurred when the Michigan & Iowa travelers started the Macarena right in the parking lot. Well California and Massachusetts were not going to be outdone and began a dance off with The Wobble and soon it was a full on dance party in the parking lot until almost sunset.



Front/Center: Samie racing with Chris (behind her) and others on the Go-Kart track.



The “Survivor” theme played out at Silverwood. The day began grim with dark clouds and rain. However California decided to persevere, bought some ponchos and trekked on. They were rewarded with a rainbow of hope and a day full of fun.

Though everyone headed out for home after conference on Thursday, California had one more day of fun planned. They headed over to Idaho to Silverwood Theme Park. The trip was almost cancelled due to rain, until they decided they wouldn’t melt and headed out for what turned out to be a fun day. On top of a beautiful drive through the Idaho countryside, they had fun riding rollercoasters and running around in the rain.

NAPF/HOPE 2024

Friday did mean it was time to go home but the memories made at NAPF/HOPE will last a lifetime. We are already looking forward to next year's conference in St. Louis, Missouri. Below are some more pictures from the trip to show the fun they had during NAPF/HOPE 2024:



Before they even made it to conference, the Cali Bus came to a church youth rummage sale and of course had to stop by to show their support and share in a prayer. Pictured here with the church members is Heather, Kodie, Berlyne, Stephen & Damyria.



More fun at Riverfront Park in Spokane, WA.: Stephen & Heather enjoying the surprise Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream truck. Nathaniel & Damyria peddling around the park. Nathaniel and Kodie skating around.



Pilgrim should be proud of how hard our kids worked and with good spirits too. Samie, Nathaniel, Berlyne & Damyria painting, sometimes needing to fit into small spaces to get the job done. Heather, Kodie, Stephen (with Chris) & Christian working on landscaping. The last picture is Nathaniel with Kacey & Edward working on inventory at the Habitat for Humanity Re-Store.

Thank you to all of the Pilgrim's who supported our youth attending NAPF/HOPE 2024, especially Pilgrim Auxiliary. The positive and lasting effect you had on these kids is unmeasurable and so is our gratitude.

NAT'L DAY OF VOLUNTEER YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING



**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

September 28, 2024

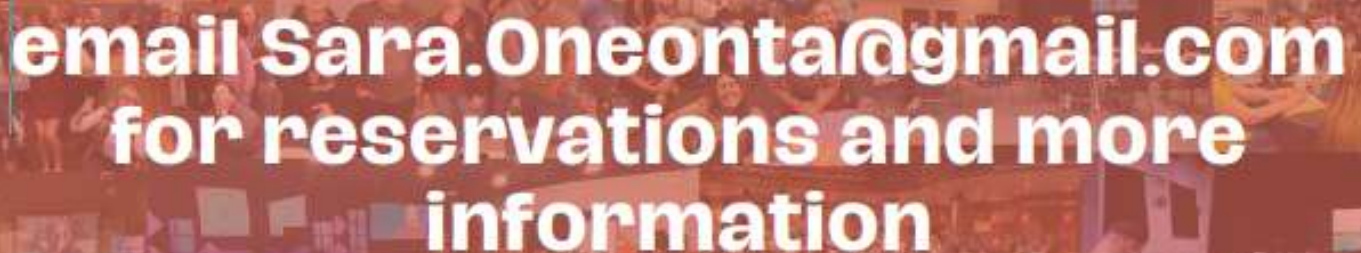
9:00am - 12:00pm

Oneonta Congregational Church

1515 Garfield Ave.

South Pasadena, CA 91030

Get Your Entire Volunteer Team Trained for Free!

A background image showing a church event with people, signs, and a "BREAK" sign. The text is overlaid on this image.

**email Sara.Oneonta@gmail.com
for reservations and more
information**

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.

THINKING OF 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



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SUNDAY SERVICE NOTES

August 4

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Worship Assistant: Mrs. Sue Shedd
Lesson 1: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
Lesson 2: John 6:24-35
Theme: God's Gift of Bread
Sermon: The Bread of Heaven
Color: Green
Fellowship Host: Members-At-Large
Ushers: Susan Shedd, Sharon Willison,
Lisa Keepers & Michael Lawing
Acolytes: Isabella & Jasmine Marcellano

This morning's flowers are lovingly provided by:
Bonnie Seath,

"In joyful celebration of Cousin Ruth's 83rd Birthday; Sister Betsy and brother-in-law Jim's 41st Wedding Anniversary. Nephew Ryan and wife Kathryn's 3rd Wedding Anniversary. We have many blessings to be thankful for."

August 11th

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Worship Assistant: Rev. Keith Eades
Lesson 1: 1 Kings 19:4-8
Lesson 2: John 6:35, 41-51
Theme: Sacrifice as Life Giving
Sermon: The Bread of Flesh
Color: Green
Fellowship Host: Outreach
Ushers: Sylvia Osborn, Guadalupe Ocegueda,
Jenni Whyte, Lorraine Rogers
Acolytes: Samantha Campbell
& Armondo Piercy

This morning's flowers are lovingly provided by:
The Mengle Family,

"Given in memory of Dr. H.R. Mengle."

August 18th

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Worship Assistant: Emmanuel Rickards-Ruiz
Lessons 1: Proverbs 9:1-6
Lesson 2: John 6:51-58
Theme: Life in God
Sermon: The Bread of Life
Color: Green
Fellowship Host: Friendship Guild
Ushers: Ben & Sue Selters, Janet McBride
& Axford Manness
Acolytes: Kodie Gray &
Emmanuel Rickards-Ruiz

This morning's flowers are provided with heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all of our Church Members and Friends who have so generously supported our Sunday Sanctuary Flower Program again this year. The colorful arrangements, boutonnieres, and heartwarming dedications have provided an inspiring addition to our Sunday worship service.

August 25th

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Worship Assistant: Mrs. Jenni Whyte
Lesson 1: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
Lesson 2: John 6:56-69
Theme: Life in the Spirit
Sermon: The Bread of the Spirit
Color: Green
Fellowship Host: Music
Ushers: Meggen Olson, Dulce Ruiz
Christine & Ron Vanyo
Acolytes: Preston Dague &
Charlie McCormick

This morning's flowers are lovingly provided by:
Janet Beech,

"Pilgrim Church has been my second family for 46 years! How lucky we are!"

Boutonnieres for **August** are anonymously and thoughtfully provided:

"We are most fortunate for the blessed opportunity to worship at Pilgrim Church each and every Sunday."

Liturgical Notes by Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn:

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.

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August

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
(following Children’s Message)
11am—Fellowship Hour

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
Rummage Sorting ~ 9am to Noon

EVERY 3RD SUNDAY
11:30am ~ Board Meetings

UPCOMING EVENTS

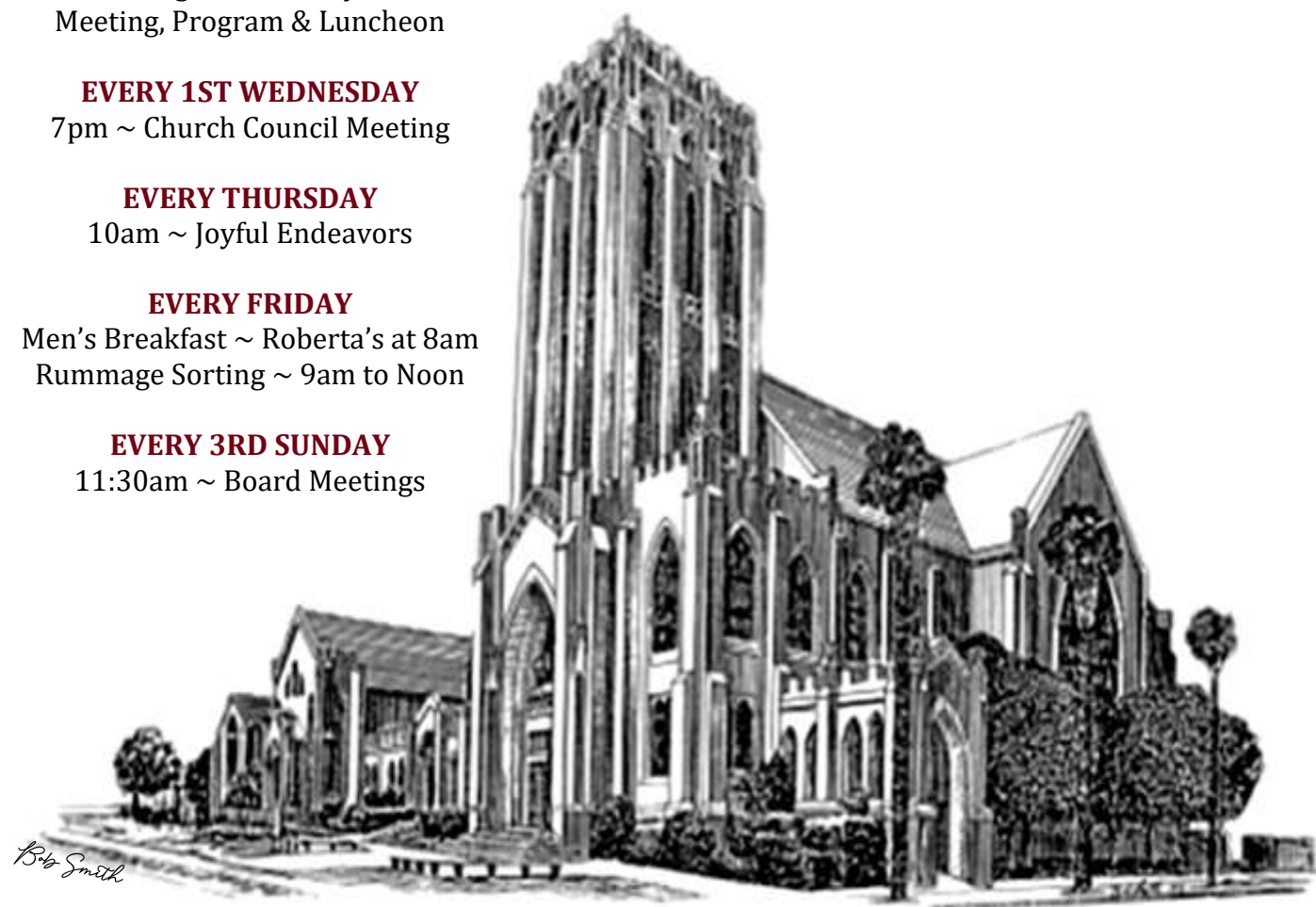
August 4th
11:45am ~ CE Meeting
Noon ~ New Members Class & Lunch

August 7th
Church Council Meeting

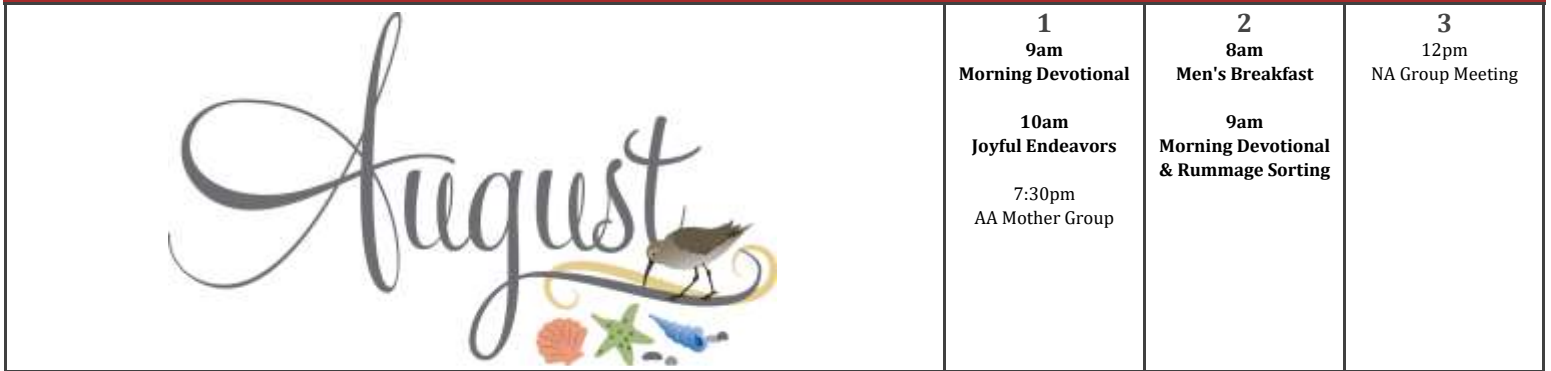
August 11th
Noon ~ CREW Meeting

August 24th
6:30pm ~ Harmonia: Profectus Concert

August 25
11:30am ~ Trustees Meeting



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday



<p>4 9am ~ Adult Sunday School Gather & Greet 9:45am Worship Service 11am Fellowship Hour 11:45am CE Board Meeting 12pm</p> 	<p>5 9am Morning Devotional 10am Alanon "Serenity" 6:30pm AA</p> 	<p>6 9am Morning Devotional 9:30am CEA/HOW 5:15pm Young Champions Cheerleaders 5:45pm Twilight Bible Study 7:30pm AA</p>	<p>7 9am Morning Devotional 6pm Basketball 7:30pm NA Support</p> 	<p>1 9am Morning Devotional 10am Joyful Endeavors 7:30pm AA Mother Group</p> <p>8 9am Morning Devotional 10am Joyful Endeavors 7:30pm AA Mother Group</p>	<p>2 8am Men's Breakfast 9am Morning Devotional & Rummage Sorting</p>	<p>3 12pm NA Group Meeting</p> <p>10 12pm NA Group Meeting</p>
<p>11 9am ~ Adult Sunday School Gather & Greet 9:45am Worship Service 11am Fellowship Hour 12pm CREW Meeting</p>	<p>12 9am Morning Devotional 10am Alanon "Serenity" 6:30pm AA</p>	<p>13 9am Morning Devotional 9:30am CEA/HOW 5:15pm Young Champions Cheerleaders 5:45pm Twilight Bible Study 7:30pm AA</p>	<p>14 9am Morning Devotional 6pm Basketball 7:30pm NA Support</p>	<p>15 9am Morning Devotional 10am Joyful Endeavors 7:30pm AA Mother Group</p>	<p>16 8am Men's Breakfast 9am Morning Devotional & Rummage Sorting</p> 	<p>17 9:30am NCNW Meeting 10am Christian Business 360 12pm NA Group Meeting</p>
<p>18 Meeting Sunday 9am ~ Adult Sunday School Gather & Greet 9:45am Worship Service 11am Fellowship Hour</p>	<p>19 9am Morning Devotional 10am Alanon "Serenity" 6:30pm AA</p>	<p>20 9am Morning Devotional 9:30am CEA/HOW 5:15pm Young Champions Cheerleaders 5:45pm Twilight Bible Study 7:30pm AA</p>	<p>21 9am Morning Devotional 6pm Basketball 7:30pm NA Support</p>	<p>22 9am Morning Devotional 10am Joyful Endeavors 7:30pm AA Mother Group</p> 	<p>23 8am Men's Breakfast 9am Morning Devotional & Rummage Sorting 6:00pm Asante and Carlos Band</p>	<p>24 12pm NA Group Meeting 6:30pm Harmonia Profectus Concert</p>
<p>25 9am ~ Adult Sunday School Gather & Greet 9:45am Worship Service 11am Fellowship Hour 11:30am Trustees Meeting</p>	<p>26 9am Morning Devotional 10am Alanon "Serenity" 6:30pm AA</p>	<p>27 9am Morning Devotional 9:30am CEA/HOW 5:15pm Young Champions Cheerleaders 5:45pm Twilight Bible Study 7:30pm AA</p>	<p>28 9am Morning Devotional 9:30am Library Committee 6:00pm Basketball 7:30pm NA Support</p> 	<p>29 9am Morning Devotional 10am Joyful Endeavors 7:30pm AA Mother Group</p>	<p>30 8am Men's Breakfast 9am Morning Devotional & Rummage Sorting</p>	<p>31 11am Private Celebration of Life 12pm NA Group Meeting</p>

John 6:32-33

Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

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