

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

May 2025



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 SENIOR MINISTER

Church, State and the Easter Message

"We must obey God rather than any human authority ~ Acts 5:29

One of the themes that we have noted in Luke is the stark contrast between the power of Jesus and the power of the state. Jesus' power consists of healing, casting out demons, and other miracles of empathy and compassion personally performed by Jesus for those in his social circles. The state's power includes Roman oppression of ordinary people through a corrupt tax system, legalistic restrictions placed on the people by religious authorities, and violence against anyone who speaks against the authorities, such as the execution of John the Baptist by Herod Antipas.

The contrast is striking. The authorities wielded the power of state institutions; Jesus did not. The authorities used the power of the state to force compliance; Jesus used the power of love to heal and offer forgiveness.

Some Christians are convinced that if we could just get the state to do what God wants, we could create a much more wonderful society. As a result, these Christians believe that God's kingdom can be brought to earth through the power of the state. But this completely misunderstands the New Testament and the revelation of God in Jesus Christ. God's love does not operate according to the power of state authorities to force compliance. God's power is love and love logically cannot force compliance with love.



Luke, writing in the book of Acts, continues this theme when telling the story of Peter and the apostles, arrested and brought before the Council. Why did they continue their practice of teaching in the Temple and persuading people to follow Christ when the authorities had jailed them and ordered them to stop? Because they must obey God rather than human authorities.

There are important differences between good and bad human authorities, but Easter did not happen through the power of any human authority. God was revealed in Jesus' teachings, his love, and his death on the cross. That is not a matter of policy; that is a matter of Spirit, a relationship of love.

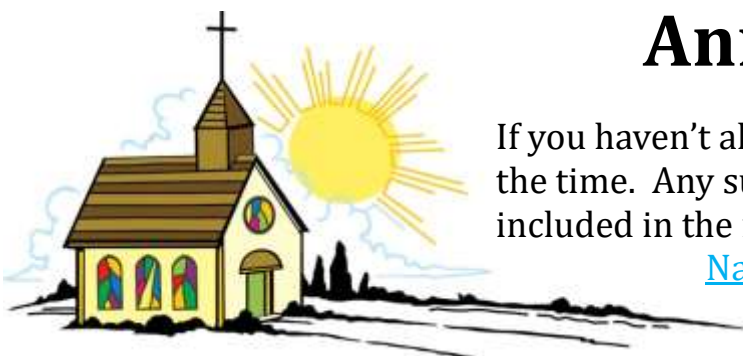
Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Sr. Minister

FROM THE CHURCH CLERK

Annual Reports Due!

If you haven't already submitted your Annual Report, now is the time. Any submissions turned in after May 5th, may not get included in the report. Please send to

Natalie@pilgrimchurchpomona.com.



MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR



Church Growth, Moving Forward!

It is an honor to serve as the Moderator of Pilgrim Congregational Church. I have also felt a great responsibility to serve at this time in the history of the church. I believe all of us have sensed the changes in the culture of our communities which have been taking place before the Covid 19 Pandemic and continuing now. We are here

because we believe that the message and the mission of the church continue to be vital. At Pilgrim we have always been looking for new and better ways to proclaim the message that new life—in the words of the Greek New Testament—"the life of the ages" is possible because of the grace of God extended to us in Jesus the Christ. Cynthia and I have not been members as long as some of you, but in the time we have been here, changes have been made in the order of worship as part of our work to proclaim the message in a better way. The church's boards and committees have planned new types of activities and programs to seek to have a greater impact on the community around us, and to let the members of the community know that here they will be welcomed, known, and loved.

This year has brought us to some significant decisions. We received the work of the Pilgrim CREW in the form of The Jubilee Directive. After more than a year of prayerful study and work the CREW recommended filling the position of Associate Minister with a Minister for Youth and Young Families. A search committee was formed and a strong candidate for this position has been identified—Rev. Heather Miner. She will be with us the weekend of Mother's Day. She will deliver the sermon Sunday, May 11. I am asking for a brief congregational meeting following the service so that we can vote on her call by written ballot, and not make her wait to learn the church's decision. I have been in her shoes, and waiting is a difficult, stressful time.

We will also consider changes to the church's Bylaws to bring them more in line with the state of the church at this time.

In all these things we are seeking the health and growth of the church. No one person or one thing will be enough. For the church to be fully healthy and grow effectively we must all be prayerfully seeking to see how God is working around us, prayerfully giving, and prayerfully working and supporting one another. If we till the soil, plant seed, and water, God will provide the growth.

I appreciate the support you have given me as moderator, and I ask that you help me support our incoming moderator, Mr. Ron Vanyo, in the coming year!

Prayerfully,
Keith Eades ~ Moderator

A graphic with a light orange background. The text "Thank you, Volunteers!" is written in a red, cursive font. The word "Thank" is on the first line, "you," is on the second line, and "Volunteers!" is on the third line.



Join us for the
PILGRIM AUXILIARY

**Meeting, Program & Rummage Sale
Thank You Banquet
May 6th, 2025**

**10:00am ~ Meeting
11:30am ~ Catered Luncheon and Program**

Everyone is cordially invited to attend our May program being presented by Judy Sanders & Jan Manildi, which includes lunch and a wonderful time of fellowship.

COMING UP

June 3rd, 2025

Annual Tea

Devotions by: Megan Parnell

Catered Luncheon



**Calling ALL
Pilgrim Church
Members!!!**



Join us for a lovely evening of food and fellowship at the Annual Dinner & Meeting

A delicious and FREE dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Following the dinner we will hear annual reports, and new board members will be announced and voted in. We need a quorum to complete the vote, so please consider attending even if you cannot come to dinner.

All members are encouraged to attend so we can ensure a quorum for voting.

May 21st, 2025

6pm ~ Dinner & 7pm ~ Meeting

Dinner is FREE, served buffet style

Menu: Chicken Parmesan with Rice Pilaf and Steamed Vegetables

Dessert and Beverages Included

Please reserve your plate **TODAY** by calling the church office at 909-622-1373 M-F, 9am to 4pm or turn in your reservation slip below to be placed in the Pilgrim Auxiliary mailbox.

Annual Dinner & Meeting Reservation

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

of Adults _____

of kids _____

High Chairs (how many) _____ Vegetarian Meals (how many) _____

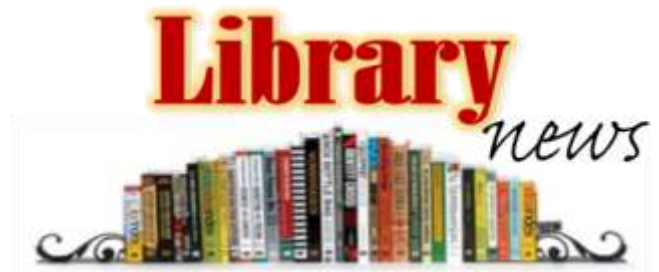
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MAY LIBRARY NEWS

April flowers bring May flowers and Mayflowers bring Pilgrims...to Pilgrim Memorial Library! Come to the library and select new books for your reading pleasure;

Fiction:

- ♦ Death of a Smuggler by **M.C. Beaton**
- ♦ Queens of Crime by **Marie Benedict**
- ♦ Last Twilight in Paris by **Pam Jenof**
- ♦ Patchwork Quilt Murder by **Leslie Meier**
- ♦ Bridal Shower Murder by **Leslie Meier**
- ♦ The Fury by **Alex Michaelides**
- ♦ Buried Secrets by **Robert B. Parker**
- ♦ Presumed Guilty by **Scott Turow**
- ♦ Three Days in June by **Anne Tyler**



Non-Fiction:

Band of Sisters; Madeline Paulic, the Women of the Blue Squadron, and Their Daring Rescue Missions in the Last Days of WWII by **Philippe Maynial**.

Megan



MUSIC NOTES



Silent Movie Night

Saturday, May 3rd, 2025

600 N. Garey Avenue, Pomona



Alfred Hitchcock's First Suspense Movie, 1929
A story of the London Fog of 1926

The movie will be shown in the sanctuary
and accompanied by Greg Rister on
Pilgrim's magnificent pipe organ

Get tickets at the door.
Suggested donation: \$20
Children 7 and under: FREE

Root Beer Floats
at 6:30pm
Movie starts at
7:15pm



SEARCH COMMITTEE

From the Associate Minister Search Committee

Dear Fellow Pilgrims:

As you have likely heard, the Associate Minister Search Committee, in concert with “The Year of Jubilee: A Membership Revitalization Directive,” is unanimously and enthusiastically recommending that the congregation call Reverend Heather Miner to serve as the Youth and Family Pastor. The committee was thoroughly impressed with her professional qualifications, her personal warmth, and her commitment to a ministerial calling. As a way of further introducing herself, she has written the attached letter, which we encourage you to read.

On Sunday, May 4th, the Search Committee will be available after the called business meeting to vote on proposed bylaw changes, which will follow the worship service, to answer questions that you may have about Rev. Miner’s candidacy.

Heather will deliver the sermon for the worship service on May 11th, after which the Moderator will convene a churchwide business meeting to vote on the Search Committee’s recommendation to call Heather to the position of Associate Minister.

1 Corinthians: 12:27 – “Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it”

Andrew Olson, Chair	Keith Eades, Moderator	Dr. Patrick Horn, Sr. Minister
Jennifer Bartnett	Kodie Grey	Susan Shedd
Ron Vanyo	Nancy Rodewald	



LETTER OF INTRODUCTION FROM REV. HEATHER MINER



Hello, Pilgrim Congregational Church!

I'm excited to meet you and give my candidacy sermon on Mother's Day.

I'm in Boise, Idaho with my partner, Linda; but we are not Idahoans. I am a native Californian, born and raised in Riverside where I attended the First Congregational Church. I also am a descendant from the Mayflower Pilgrims--Congregationalism is in my DNA. Linda has Baptist roots and grew up in Desert Hot Springs. She led the choir of two independent churches in Long Beach in the 80s and 90s and early 2000s. She directed choir and Congregational song at North Long Beach Christian Church, where I pastored for 12 years. Songs of faith speak deeply to both of our souls.

While we will miss having the Boise River practically across the street from us, we are both happy to be returning "home" where we can be

near family and our mountains once again. God willing, we plan to move into Lake Los Serranos Mobile Home Park in Chino Hills where we found a home that works well for us and our two small dogs. I have a King Charles Cavalier (Micah) and Linda has a 6 mos. old Chiweenie (Chewbacca) with some kind of leggy breed mixed in.

We enjoy supporting our local sports teams, attending musical and theatrical events, finding treasures at thrift stores, and putting together puzzles while listening to audio books. Linda is more like a "Hobbit" who likes being home, talking with friends, and playing her computer games. I enjoy walking in the hills, group exercise, and discovering new delights (food, places/travel, activities, and people.)

If I have one message to preach it is for you to seek to make room for your story to be part of God's story. I believe the many voices and stories of scripture invite us to add our own. We need to hear the widows as well as the prophets; the blind and the leper; the mentally challenged as well as the night roaming Pharisee. Just as we need each of these, we need to hear the stories of one another.

The corollary to making room for your story to find its way into God's story is to pursue with equal vehemence seeing God's story unfold in others, especially those with whom we disagree. Biblically, scripture is unusual in that it does not silence voices of dissent. Look in the OT and you find voices for those who wanted prophets to lead the nation and other voices who wanted kings to lead the nation. They found a faithful warrior king, the quintessential leader, in David. He is the one who is said to have had God's heart. But the Bible tells the story of David and Bathsheba and Uriah (the man David had sent to the front line of war so he would be killed.) David was not only imperfect, he arranged for a man to be killed. And, yet we, as a worshiping community, recite many of his songs found in Psalms to strengthen and testify to our faith.

And so our faith is told through the stories of imperfect human beings who are redeemed by God.

May we have the humility to confess both our strengths and beauty as well as our imperfections making room for God to be seen in all our being. And, may we allow the same space for others.

Dear church...I will see you on May 11th!

In God's Love,

Reverend Heather Miner



FROM THE DIACONATE BOARD

Introducing Bob Wheeler Our Newest Usher

Growing up in Massachusetts, Bob belonged to the First Congregational Church of Christ in Boxborough where he was very active including serving as an usher.

In 1970, Bob joined the Navy but only served for a short time due to a medical discharge. But as fate would have it, if he'd been in the Navy for longer, he never would have had the opportunity to meet his wife, Linda. They met on a blind date and were married on September 23, 1972.

Within a year the newlyweds moved to Pomona, California and bought their first home in 1974.

Bob and Linda have one daughter and two grandsons and are very active in their lives.

Before Bob retired he owned his own Machine Onsite Repair service. His company did industrial and machinery repairs. Bob also designed and built fabrication machines. He has done woodworking, plumbing and electrical. A handy man to have around the house! And for fun Bob and Linda collect art.

We welcome Bob to the Ushers and say THANK YOU very much for your service.



**Thank you
to all our ushers for serving at
Pilgrim Congregational Church.**

We still need more ushers. If you are interested in joining our team please contact Sue Shedd at saintshedd@roadrunner.com or call the church office at 909-622-1373.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

How does our pledging campaign for the church work?

The Board of Trustees is made up of several committees. One of them is the Budget Committee. It is the responsibility of the Budget Committee to assemble and assess the financial numbers of the church, whether from pledges or other resources, and each year present to the congregation a proposed budget for the following year explaining how we can best use our monies to support the church and its programs. The financial needs of our church is an on-going and a constant concern.

The Stewardship Committee, another committee of the Board of Trustees, is responsible for the yearly pledge drive. This committee typically begins thinking about the pledge drive process in the summer and more actively in October with members of the church sharing a few moments of reflection on what supporting Pilgrim Church means to them. This focus hopes to encourage each of us to consider and translate what Pilgrim Church means and how we, individually, can best support our church home through our own generosity. For some, that means what money they can give to meet the expenses of the church (building maintenance, the utilities costs, payroll needs, etc.), for others, it may be assisting with the events (such as the rummage sales, coffee and fellowship hours, singing in the choir, etc.), or maybe it is teaching Sunday school, ushering or sending a greeting card to a member who hasn't been to church in sometime. Whatever it is, our church community wants to involve everyone, and everyone can contribute in some way to make this a place that supplies more than just our spiritual need for one hour on Sunday mornings.

The Stewardship Committee's pledge drive culminates and interfaces with the Budget Committee on Consecration Sunday in November when we as members thoughtfully and prayerfully declare how much of our own personal money we can pledge to give in the upcoming year. When the pledge amounts are tallied and the dollar amount is reported to the Budget Committee, the committee can create an action plan idea how each Board can best use their allocated portion. To do everything a particular Board may want to accomplish in the upcoming year, they may also need to have a specific fundraising event to assist financially. The proposed budget is presented to the congregation, and the congregation votes to adopt, amend, or even reject the proposed budget. This is done in late January or very early February. And the cycle repeats. Just like in our own homes, the financial needs are continuous, and we need to give it constant attention. Working together as a church community our combined efforts make Pilgrim Congregational Church a home where everyone is welcomed, known, and loved for who we are.

The 2025 Stewardship Committee: Andrea Gray, Susan Shedd, Jon Olson



Saturday, May 17th, 5pm - 8pm

~Food ~ Fun ~ Fellowship ~

Tickets: \$35 Adults ~ \$15 12 yrs. Under

- * Spaghetti Dinner by Chef D.J. Campbell
- * Fun Bingo hosted by Bill Parnell
- * Fellowship with our Pilgrim Family
- * 50/50 Drawing & Raffle for Prizes

Please RSVP by May 14th:

by email to MembershipBoard@pilgrimchurchpomona.com or visit our online calendar and click on the event for details and to RSVP. You can also call the Pilgrim office at 909-622-1373.

Thank you,
Cynthia Eades ~ Chair, Membership

COOKING CLASS FOLLOW UP



Cooking Class with Chef D.J. Campbell

“That’s What I do... I Cook and I Know Things”

On March 25th, 2025, Chef D.J. Campbell hosted an amazing cooking class where students learned how to prepare an authentic Italian dish, Stuffed Shells and then enjoyed the fruits of their labor along with fun fellowship. Check out pictures from the evening. You will also find the recipe to make the dish on your own. If you missed out on the fun or has so much fun you would like to do it again, keep an eye on the newsletter for the next class.



Christian & Charlie are ready for class.



Damyria & Natalie are ready to start.



Nathaniel & Cynthia preparing the meat for their stuffed shells.



Sylvia & Sharon enjoying the fellowship of the evening.



Jan & Judy begin chopping the veggies for the salad.



Keith carefully stuffs the shells.



Joe & Nancy are enjoying the cooking class.



Thank you to **Chef D.J. Campbell** for sharing his time and talent with us at Pilgrim.

Chef D.J. wants to give a very **BIG THANK YOU** to the students that helped clean up in the kitchen following class. It was not part of the class and you helped out anyway. **THANK YOU!!!**

COOKING CLASS FOLLOW UP (CON'T)



Italian Stuffed Shells

Antipasto Salad & Seasoned Veggies

Preheat oven at 350 degrees
Leave out * ingredients for vegetarian dishes

Italian Dressing

Mix the following in a small bowl:

1/4 cup Seasoned Olive Oil
1 cup of Red Wine Vinegar
1 tsp of Dijon Mustard
Pinch of Dried Oregano
Pinch of Black Pepper

You can adjust measurements to taste preference.

Antipasto Salad

Chop the following ingredients & mix in a medium bowl:

Romane Lettuce	Green & Black Olives
Pepperoncinis	Tomatoes
*Dry Salami	Parmesan Cheese

Pour on Italian Dressing & mix all together.

Italian Vegetables

Ingredients:

1 Zucchini
1 Yellow Squash
2-3 Sweet Red Peppers
1/2 Yellow Onion

Chop Veggies:

Cut Zucchini and yellow squash into bite size pieces.
Dice Red Peppers and Yellow Onion in to small pieces.

Cooking Directions:

Heat a non-stick skillet with a tbsp of olive oil.

Mix your chopped veggies and pour them into the skillet. Saute until squash is soft adding Italian Seasoning, garlic salt and black pepper to taste preference.

Stuffed Shells

1. Cook 12 Jumbo Shells in boiling water for 12 minutes. Shells will be slightly undercooked to make them easier to handle. Don't worry, they will cook more when baking in the oven.
2. Mix in large bowl, 1 cup part-skim Ricotta Cheese, 1/2 cup Mozzarella Cheese, and 1/4 cup Parmesan Cheese.
3. *Cook 8 oz. of Pork Sausage until browned and add to cheese mixture.
4. Add the following to cheese mixture: 1 tsp Italian Seasoning, Pinch of Black Pepper and Salt to taste preference.
5. Stuff the Jumbo Shells with cheese filling until full.
6. Pour a thin layer of your favorite marinara sauce on the bottom of a small baking dish. Lay your shells in the pan next and drizzle more sauce over the top of the shells.
7. Bake the Stuffed Shells at 350 degrees for 30 minutes and enjoy.

The CE Connection

Hello Pilgrim Family, Friends and Youth!

The Pilgrim Youth and Board of Christian Education are excited to announce our upcoming events! Mark your calendars and don't miss out on the fun.

Date	Event	Location
May 4, 2025 11:00 a.m.	CE "Social Sunday" – CE will host an ice cream Sunday in appreciation for the support of our Pilgrim Family throughout this year!	Pilgrim Church Gym (Coffee Hour)
May 11, 2025 11:00 a.m.	Muffins With Mom – Celebrating our Mothers, Grandmothers & "other" Moms with a photo booth & muffins.	Pilgrim Church Gym (Coffee Hour)
May 18, 2025 10:00 a.m.	CE Sunday – The Pilgrim Youth will lead the Worship Service. We will honor and introduce our CE Team.	Pilgrim Church Sanctuary
June 8, 2025 10:00 a.m.	Graduation Sunday – Let's recognize and honor our Pilgrim Grads and student school milestones.	Pilgrim Church Sanctuary
June 8, 2025 12:30 p.m.	Youth Graduation Swim Party and Cookout (See flyer in Pilgrim's Progress)	Eriksen Home
June 15, 2025	Donuts with Dad – Honor and Recognize Our Dads, Granddads and VIP Guys	Pilgrim Church, Sanctuary, & Gym
June 21 to 25, 2025	NAPF/Hope	Off Campus
July 11, 2025	Youth & Family Beach Trip	Off Campus
July 20 to 26, 2025	Cedar Lake Camp	Cedar Lake Camp, Big Bear
September 7, 2025 11:00 a.m.	Grandparents Recognition	Pilgrim Church Sanctuary
September 14, 2025	Rally Sunday and Burger Bash	All Campus

For questions or more information about these events, please contact CE Chair Christine Vanyo at 909-919-4621 or connect with a CE Board Member. If you are interested in hosting, sponsoring or participating in our events, please let us know! We love the support of our Pilgrim Family!

CHRISTIAN ED. & PILGRIM YOUTH NEWS (CONT)



In honor and recognition of the support of our Church,
the Board of Christian Education Cordially Invites you to the
"CE Ice Cream Social"
on Sunday, May 4, 2024 at 11:15 a.m.

The Pilgrim Youth and CE Board will express our thanks and
gratitude for your support by serving delicious frozen
treats and present some of our highlights of our year!

Mark your calendar to attend this fun & frosty event.

Mother's Day Celebration



Muffins with Mom for Mother's Day

The CE Board and Pilgrim Youth invite you to share in a Mother's Day celebration on Sunday, May 11, 2025. We will celebrate our Mothers, Grandmothers and "other" Moms during worship service with a youth presentation. Following worship, the festivities will continue with a photo op and delicious muffins to share with our mothers. Please join us for this special and meaningful celebration of all the Moms!



CE YOUTH SUNDAY - MAY 18, 2025

Please join us for Christian Education Sunday on May 18th.
The Pilgrim Youth and Children will lead the Worship
Service, introduce the teachers and Board members; and
present awards and honor those who have dedicated their
time and efforts to our youth & children's programs.

All are welcomed to attend and participate. Mark your
calendar for this important and meaningful experience!



Celebrate our Students!

Please join us on Sunday, June 8, 2025 as we honor our Pilgrim Grads and recognize other student milestones. We'll have a special presentation of our youth academic and athletic accomplishments, as well as special awards for leadership and service. Any family wishing to recognize their student's achievements should submit requests and student information no later than May 30th via email to:

educationboard@pilgrimchurchpomona.com



Pilgrim Youth Graduation Celebration Swim Party

All Pilgrim Youth are invited to a Swim Party Celebration and burger bash at the home of Madelyn & McKenzie Eriksen!

Date: Sunday, June 8, 2025
Time: 12:30 p.m.
Location: 7634 Legacy Place
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

Join us for a day of food, fun, swimming and celebrations.

Bring your swimsuit, towel and sunscreen.

Pick up your permission slip from the CE office now.

We will have carpool and ride share available.

This event is open to Pilgrim Youth of all ages.

**(Guests under age 6 years must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.)

Please RSVP asap by calling Christine at 909-919-4621.

LET'S GET READY TO HAVE SOME FUN IN THE SUN!!

Youth & Family Beach Day

Mark your calendar and save the date for Saturday, July 12, 2025 for our annual Summer Beach Day. This is church-wide event sponsored by the Board of Christian Education. Following a fun-filled day in the sun and sand, the High School students will remain for an sunset campfire, fellowship and devotion. *Volunteers are needed to carpool and small group events.* Please contact any CE Board member or call CE Chair, Christine Vanyo at 909-919-4621. Details and location information to follow.



We're Getting Ready for Cedar Lake Camp

SAVE THE DATE for our fun-filled week at Cedar Lake Camp in beautiful Big Bear, California. This year camp runs from July 20 to July 26, 2025. Registration is now open and applications are being accepted for camperships. You will want to be part of this wonderful tradition, making memories and growing in God while experiencing the beauty of the camp life and the splendor of the mountains. Call the church office today at 909-622-1373 for reservations, applications and more information. Check out the Camp website at: <http://www.campcedarlake.com/>



We Want to Hear From You!!!

Ideas, Thoughts, Suggestions, & Recommendations

Do you have a great idea, suggestion or wish for a Youth activity or Event, special outing or any other youth and family function? Would you like to host, donate, or support a kid undertaking, adventure or project? Do you have a special skill you'd like to share or contribute? Then we want to hear from you! Please send a note, or text to the CE Board, drop us an email, or put an idea in the CE mailbox. We would LOVE to hear ideas from our creative Pilgrims to expand and enrich programs for our kids and young people! Contact any CE Board member or email us at:

Educationboard@pilgrimchurchpomona.com



Volunteers Needed!



Our Summer schedule commences on June 8, 2025 and continues through Rally Sunday on September 14, 2025. This is an opportunity for our teachers and staff to rest and rejuvenate, as well as re-decorate and update the Sunday School classrooms. Summer classes consist of combined ages and smaller sessions. We need volunteers to assist so our regular teachers can enjoy some well-deserved time off. There are opportunities for nursery care, elementary, junior high and high school classes. Please contact Sunday School Superintendent Jan Manildi at 909-262-6126 or CE Chair Christine Vanyo at 909-919-4621.

Pilgrim kids appreciate your support!!!



EASTER EGG HUNT FOLLOW UP



Our Pilgrim babies and youth, enjoyed Palm Sunday by looking for Easter Eggs along with some great fellowship!

Top Left: Charlie, McKenzie, & Easter Bunny
Bottom Left: Luke, Landon, Harrison, Keaton & William



Reagan & Remington



Easter Bunny, Brandis & Hunter



From Left: Armondo, Sam, Damyria, Bella, Jasmine, Nathaniel, Preston, Charlie, Landon



Pilgrim mama's and their little chicks. Mary & Reagan, Brandis & Hunter and Julie & Remington

OUR PILGRIM FAMILY



Baptism

Please join us for the Baptism of our newest Pilgrim

Hunter Peña

Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 10am

at Pilgrim Congregational Church
600 N. Garey Avenue, Pomona, CA 91767

*"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature:
old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."*

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17



Roberta Fisher

Schedule of Services

Viewing:

Todd Memorial Chapel
Wednesday, April 30th, 5pm to 8pm

Funeral Service:

Pilgrim Congregational Church, Pomona
Thursday, May 1st, 2025, 10am

Burial:

Oak Park Cemetery, Claremont
A luncheon will follow in Pilgrim Hall

OUR PILGRIM FAMILY



Celebration of life for Elizabeth Brooks

Friday, May 9, 2025

10:00am

Pilgrim Congregational Church

600 N Garey Avenue in Pomona, CA

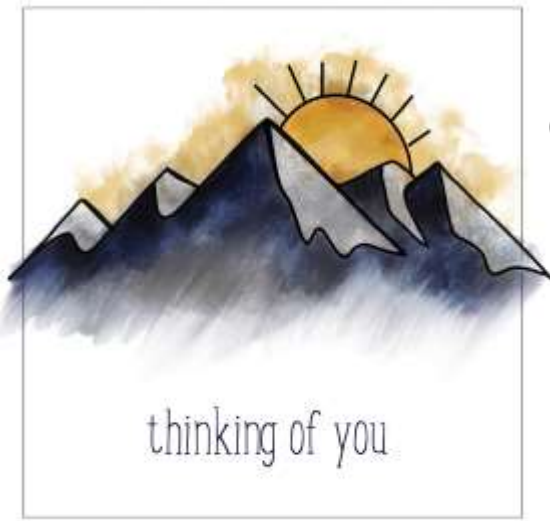
In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to
Cedar Lake Camp PO Box 1568 Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

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.

CARD CORNER



Every 3rd Sunday during Fellowship Hour, the Card Corner will be available with cards and addresses for Pilgrim members to share a friendly note with our families out of state, are home bound or we just haven't seen in awhile. Stop by and write a card to let our Pilgrims know we are thinking about them.

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

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SERVICE NOTES

May 4th

Third Sunday of Easter

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Worship Assistant: Mrs. Sue Selters
Lesson 1: Psalm 30
Lesson 2: Acts 9:1-6
Theme: "Conversation is Transformation of Service"
Color: White
Sermon: "A Conversation Like No Other"
Fellowship Host: Member at Large
Ushers: Susan Shedd, Sharon Willison, Lisa Keepers & Michael Lawing
Acolytes: Isabella & Jasmine Marceleno
This morning's flowers are lovingly provided:
1) "For our parents." Selters, Seeger, Myers & Bailey families;
2) By Bonnie Seath: "In loving celebration of Barry and Sharon's (brother and sister-in-law's), and Judy and John's (cousin and husband) Wedding Anniversaries this month! Congratulations and Blessings for many more years together!"

May 11th

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day)

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Worship Assistant: Mr. Andrew Olson & Rev. Miner
Lesson 1: Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29
Lesson 2: Luke 19:28-40
Theme: "God's Conquering Warrior Rides in Humility"
Sermon: "Conqueror on a Donkey"
Color: White
Fellowship Host: Patience Guild
Ushers: Sylvia Osborn, Guadalupe Ocegueda, Jenni Whyte & Lorraine Rogers
Acolytes: Samantha Campbell & Armondo Piercy
"Happy Mother's Day" to each and every Mother and Grandmother in our Congregation this morning! Enjoy your day with our love and admiration!"

May 18th

Fifth Sunday of Easter (C.E. Sunday)

Worship Leader: Mr. Nathaniel Campbell
Worship Assistants: Isabella, Kodi, Armondo, Charlie, Harrison, William, Landon & Jasmine
Color: White
Fellowship Host: Trustees
Ushers: Ben & Sue Selters, Janet McBride & Emmanuel Rickards-Ruiz
Acolytes: Kodie Gray & Emmanuel Rickards-Ruiz
This morning's flowers are thoughtfully and lovingly provided:
1) "In Celebration of Leola Greer's 95th Milestone Birthday! Happiest of Birthday Wishes, Leola. May the year ahead provide much happiness and good health to you!"
2) "Happy Anniversary to Tom and Andrea Gray, as they celebrate another year of love, friendship, marriage, and family!"

May 25th

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Worship Assistant: Mrs. Sue Shedd
Lesson 1: Psalm 67
Lesson 2: Acts 16:9-15
Theme: "Paul's Countercultural Gospel"
Sermon: "The Legacy of Lydia"
Color: White
Fellowship Host: C. E. Board
Ushers: Ron Vanyo, Dulce Ruiz & Bob Wheeler
Acolytes: Preston Dague & Charlie McCormick
This morning's flowers are thoughtfully and lovingly provided by Cedric and Lorraine Rogers: "In loving memory of past and present Pilgrims who made and make our church warm and welcoming. Finding an old picture directory has been helpful in remembering them all. Our church is greatly blessed with so many good and giving people. Thank you, Lord."

Boutonnieres for **May** are thoughtfully provided:
"With grace and peace, may our Lord bless this Church always."



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 and 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 #.

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WEEKLY / MONTHLY

EVERY MORNING, MON. - FRI.

Daily Devotional
9am via Facebook Live and Zoom

EVERY SUNDAY

9am – Gather & Greet
10am – Worship Service (In-person & Online)
Sunday School for 1st – 12th grade
(following the Lord's Prayer)
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

8am ~ Men's Breakfast at Roberta's Inn, La Verne
Rummage Sorting ~ 9am to 11am

EVERY 3RD SUNDAY

11:30am ~ Board Meetings

EVERY 5th SUNDAY

Sunday Funday (Sunday School)

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 1st

Memorial for Roberta Fisher

May 2nd

Whyte's Wedding

May 3rd

Harmonia Silent Movie

May 4th

Business Meeting to Change By-Laws
Pena Membership and Baptism
C.E. Ice Cream Social
Membership Board Meeting

May 5th

Newsletter Articles DUE

May 6th

Pilgrim Auxiliary Meeting and Thank You Lunch
Membership Board Meeting

May 7th

Church Council Meeting

May 9th

Memorial for Elizabeth (Beth) Brooks

May 10th

Memorial for Bruce

May 11th (Mother's Day)

Mother Recognition
Choir Rehearsal

May 17th

Family Bingo Night

May 18th

CE Sunday
Meeting Sunday

May 21st

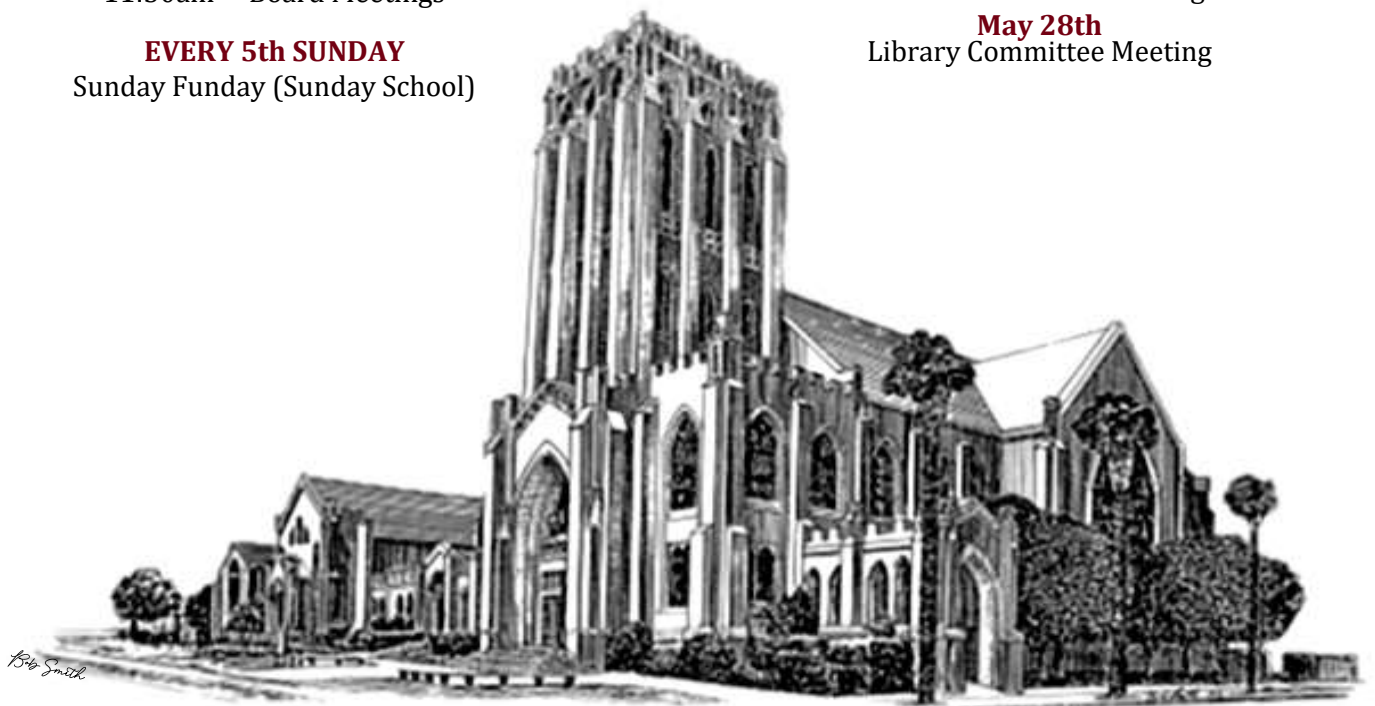
Annual Business Meeting and Dinner

May 25th

Board of Trustees Meeting

May 28th

Library Committee Meeting



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9am Morning Devotional 10am Joyful Endeavors 10am Roberta Fisher Memorial 7:30pm AA Mother Group	2 9am Morning Devotional 8am Men's Breakfast 9am Rummage Sorting NOON Whyte Wedding	3 NOON NA Group Meeting 6pm Harmonia Silent Movie 
4 9am Gather & Greet 9:45am Worship Service 11am By-Laws Vote & Pena Reception 11:15am C.E. Ice Cream Social Noon Membership Meeting 3pm Pomona Moose Meeting	5 9am Morning Devotional 10am Alanon "Serenity" 7:30pm Mountainside Rehearsal 	6 9am Morning Devotional 10am Pilgrim Auxiliary Meeting & Program 9:30am CEA/HOW 5:15pm Young Champions Cheerleaders 5:45pm Twilight Bible Study	7 9am Morning Devotional 6pm Basketball 7pm  7:30pm NA Support	8 9am Morning Devotional 10am Joyful Endeavors 7:30pm AA Mother Group	9 9am Morning Devotional 8am Men's Breakfast 9am Rummage Sorting 10am Brooks Memorial Service	10 10am Bruce Memorial Service NOON NA Group Mtg.
11 9am Gather & Greet 9:15am Muffins w/ Mom 9:45am Worship Service 11am Fellowship Hour 11:30am Choir Rehearsal 	12 9am Morning Devotional 10am Alanon "Serenity" 6:30pm Mountainside Meeting & Rehearsal	13 9am Morning Devotional 9:30am CEA/HOW 5:15pm Young Champions Cheerleaders 5:45pm Twilight Bible Study	14 9am Morning Devotional 6pm Basketball 7:30pm NA Support	15 9am Morning Devotional 10am Joyful Endeavors NOON Lions Club Lunch Meeting 7:30pm AA Mother Group	16 9am Morning Devotional 8am Men's Breakfast 9am Rummage Sorting 7pm Mountainside Dress Rehearsal	17 10am Christian Business 360 Mtg NOON NA Group Mtg. 5pm Bingo Night 
18 CE SUNDAY 9am Gather & Greet 9:45am Worship Service 11am Fellowship Hour 3pm Mountainside Spring Concert 3pm Pomona Moose Mtg. 	19 9am Morning Devotional 10am Alanon "Serenity"	20 9am Morning Devotional 9:30am CEA/HOW 5:15pm Young Champions Cheerleaders 5:45pm Twilight Bible Study	21 9am Morning Devotional 6pm  7:30pm NA Support	22 9am Morning Devotional 10am Joyful Endeavors 7:30pm AA Mother Group	23 9am Morning Devotional 8am Men's Breakfast 9am Rummage Sorting	24 NOON NA Group Mtg.
25 9am Gather & Greet 9:45am Worship Service 11am Fellowship Hour 11:30am Trustees Mtg. 11:30am Choir Rehearsal 12:30pm Insan Foundation	26 Office Closed 9am Morning Devotional 10am Alanon "Serenity" 	27 9am Morning Devotional 9:30am CEA/HOW 5:45pm Twilight Bible Study	28 9am Morning Devotional 9:30am Library Committee 6pm Basketball 7:30pm NA Support 	29 9am Morning Devotional 10am Joyful Endeavors 7:30pm AA Mother Group	30 9am Morning Devotional 8am Men's Breakfast 9am Rummage Sorting	31 NOON NA Group Mtg.

Calling All Pilgrim Members! We Need You!!!

We have some very important dates coming up
that require a quorum to conduct business
so mark your calendar to save the dates.



Sunday, May 4th at 11am
In Sanctuary following
Worship Service

Congregational Vote
for the updated By Laws.

Sunday, May 11th
Mother's Day
Rev. Heather Miner will be
presenting the sermon.
After will be a meeting to
vote on the position of
Associate Minister.

Wednesday, May 21st
Annual Congregational
Meeting & Dinner
Dinner @ 6pm
Meeting @ 7pm
Please get your reports in
no later than May 5th.