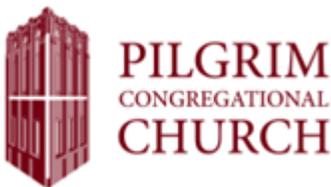




# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

October 2025



**PILGRIM  
CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH**

**Senior Minister**

Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

**Associate Minister**

Rev. Heather Miner

**Consulting Minister**

Dr. Lowell Linden

**Licensed Minister**

Mr. Jon Olson

**Ministers Emeriti**

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Bingham

Rev. Dr. Douglas Lobb

**Music Dept.**

Ms. Susan Winckler - Director

Mr. Bruce Jones - Organist

Ms. Nancy Rodewald - Children's Music

**Office Staff**

Mrs. Leila Alcala - Bookkeeper

Ms. Natalie Brown - Office Manager

Mrs. Megan Parnell - Librarian

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

**Custodial Staff**

Mr. James Stevenson

Mr. Laurence Holmes

Mr. Christian Campbell

## 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 4:30pm  
Appointments are recommended.

**Worship Service:**

Sundays at 10am ~ In-person or Online

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# Senior Minister's Message



## Apathy and Hopelessness

*“And will not God grant justice to His chosen ones  
who cry to him day and night?  
Will He delay long in helping them?”  
Luke 18:7*

**By: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn**

Jesus told the parable of a widow who relentlessly pleaded to an unjust judge about her unjust circumstances. There was very little hope that she would receive a satisfactory remedy since the judge did not really care about her or her circumstances. However, she was persistent. She kept going to see him as often as she could. Finally, she wore the judge down and he gave her justice so that he might get some peace.

Jesus told the story as an example of faith to his disciples. The point is not to wear God down. The point is to faithfully and persistently cry out to God for the help that you need.

As with most parables, there are several complicated elements to the story. The fact that the judge in the story neither fears God nor cares about any person highlights the hopelessness of the widow's plight. She had no reason to hope. And yet she persisted.

Sometimes I think our apathy is fed by our hopelessness. We look at the world. We see the violence. We see the hate. Peace, Goodness, and Justice often seem like a pipe dream, pie in the sky by and by. In the story, the judge really is an awful person. The widow had good reasons to give up her pleading and fall into apathy and hopelessness. We, also, have very good reasons not to hope.

But the way of faith is persistence. We keep praying. We keep worshipping. We keep serving. All of this we do, even when we have good reasons not to hope. Our faith is not ultimately determined by our good reasons. Our faith rests on God and comes through the Spirit of God.

When we practice our faith, God's love and mercy becomes alive in us. When faced with a hopeless world, apathy has no place in us because the source of goodness, justice, and life itself is God.

# Associate Minister's Message



## I have been led to Paul's challenge to the Corinthians

"...look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen, for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal." (2 Corinthians 4:8)

These past few months I've been doing all I can to *see what I can see* of our faith community and the city in which we are planted. A few community highlights:

- Serving up hot dogs and snacks at the National Night Out with the Kiwanis and becoming one of their adult sponsors to a local high school.
- Meeting the founders of Conceptual Art Therapy, Mia and John, who have a studio to the west of downtown Pomona.
- Meeting Christians who lead churches and other nonprofits in our city at the Faith Leaders Collective as well as meeting the Pomona Chamber of Commerce Leaders at the African American Advisory Alliance community center.

I've also been seeking to see our faith community. Church highlights include:

- One-on-ones with members and families
- Summer Family Gatherings (thank you Christine) and our adult Cedar Lake Retreat
- Pastoring those who are experiencing great personal changes in their lives; preparing others for changes that are to come.

I've made some future plans which include:

- Creating worshipful opportunities for youth to experience and connect to God.
- Starting a Bible Study for stay-at-home parents and seeking to start other "Living Faith" groups.

Still, I realize there's so much I cannot yet see.

Today, I remember, after Paul was blinded on the road to Damascus, he was led into the city where he waited three days in the dark before Ananias came to him. I remember, also, Ananias' fear—he didn't want to go to Paul, the one who had persecuted Christians like him. In that time of unknowing, God was moving, bringing these two together.

I stand with open hands ready to serve God through Pilgrim Congregational Church. I'm grateful to be here with leaders who are willing to wait on what has not yet been revealed, putting aside fear, trusting enough to do the next thing, knowing God, our Creator, is preparing us for something beautiful, something new. May God bless us with a faith of patient expectation.

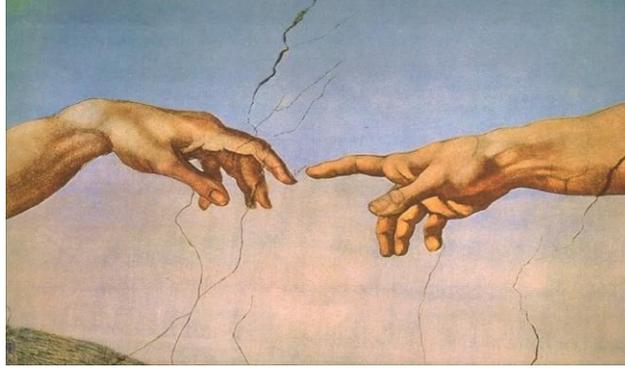
Rev. Heather Miner

Isaiah 60:1 "Rise Up

October 2025

# Moderator's Message

## Rise Up and Take Note!



I have a large replica painting of The Creation of Adam by Michelangelo hanging in the dining room at home. Some of you have visited and noticed it there. I've always loved the simple glory depicted in that painting, but it's been there for so long, I don't really notice it anymore. Recently, my youngest grandson, Keaton, pointed to the painting and asked me why it was cracked. I was so impressed that a 3-year-old would notice such a detail. I spent a lot of time thinking about his observance and how he noticed something out of the ordinary. This motivated me to rethink some observations in my church and home life.

That same week, as coincidence would have it, I attended a work training seminar. One topic included the importance of observing our surroundings, details, and, in this case, blueprints and architectural plans. As a test of observation, the architect included some fine print instructions that said, "The contractor who is awarded this job should purchase a fine bottle of champagne and present it to the architect." Apparently, this is a common practice to determine how well contractors are reading plans and taking note of small details in the plans.

I think we could all use a reminder to be observant, taking note of the details of many aspects of our Church life and Church family. If we quietly study and take note of some of the happenings, we might realize we can help or notice an area of need. When we observe the things going on, we are better equipped to engage in a meaningful way instead of charging ahead (like I normally do.) Maybe you will notice the symbolic cracks in an area that needs to be supported or maybe you can take note of actual repairs and maintenance needed at the church. My wife also *constantly* reminds me to stop and smell the roses. Life is going at a very fast pace and there's never time to slow down to observe details.

In any case, I'm asking that we all slow down, observe, and take note. Resist the urge to jump into situations or take action before analyzing and investigating. The world seems to be racing and whirling around us at unbelievable speeds. Now is a good time to take a breath, and to look at things decisively and slowly. Rise up and Take Note of all our Blessings. .



*Ron Vanyo*  
Church Moderator

# Diaconate Message

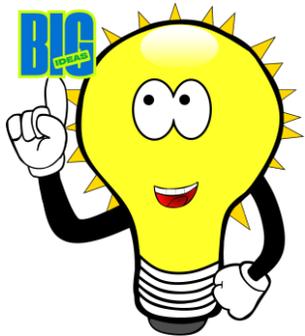
## World Communion Day!



"Please join us for communion on World Communion Day, October 5, 2025. The Diaconate Board will serve communion during the 10:00 a.m. service in our sanctuary. We also welcome our youth who will be joining us. The Diaconate Board collects an offering during the last hymn which is used for outreach and our church at large. Come and affirm your relationship with God during this special time."

## Trustees Message

### Got ideas for 2026?



### Reminder:

### Budget Request Submissions Due 10/31

This is a friendly reminder that the deadline for submitting budget requests is October 31st. Please ensure that all requests are submitted to the Trustees mailbox in the church office. Alternatively, you may send your submissions via email to Tim Mengle at

[\[tmengle@msn.com\]](mailto:tmengle@msn.com) or Jenni Whyte at [\[sandjwhyte@aol.com\]](mailto:sandjwhyte@aol.com).

As always, the Budget Committee is available to help board chairs and treasurers in this task. If you are stuck or need an answer to a question, reach out to Tim, Jenni, or Steve Whyte.

### Reminder: Consecration Sunday

We would also like to remind you that Consecration Sunday is on November 2nd. Pledge cards and related communications have been sent out from our Stewardship Committee. We kindly ask you to prayerfully consider your tithe this year. Help Pilgrim "Rise and Shine!" Your generous gifts help illuminate the light of Jesus in our community and beyond.

Following our worship service, where we will bless our 2026 pledges, please join us for a celebration lunch, put on by Sherry Glab and the Board of Trustees.

Jenni Whyte, Chair of Trustees



**Save  
The  
Date!**

*Board of Trustee's  
Annual  
Church Auction and Dinner*

***Saturday, November 15, 2025***

***Doors open at 4:45pm***

***Beer and Wine Bar opens at 5:00pm***

***Silent Auction opens at 4:45pm and closes at 6:30pm***

***Dinner begins at 6:00pm***

***Voice Auction begins at 7:00pm***

***Tickets \$40 per person    \$5 for Children under 12***

***Dinner Entrée: Chicken Marsala***

***(Vegetarian Meal Available)***

***Drop off your completed reservation form and check in the Church Auction  
Mailbox located in the church office on or before November 3rd, 2025..***

# Auxiliary

Dear Pilgrim Church Members and Friends,

Once again, on behalf of Pilgrim 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 longstanding tradition.

Sunday bouquets will be \$45 each; our monthly boutonnieres will be \$30. 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 Bonnie Seath. 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.

Continued Blessings,

**Bonnie Seath, Flower Chairperson**

Phone 909-953-2577 or email



## SANCTUARY FLOWERS ORDER FORM

September 2025 through August 2026

Bouquet \$45	Date _____	Number of Bouquets _____	\$ _____
Boutonnieres \$30	Month _____		\$ _____
		TOTAL	\$ _____

Return this **order form & check** to **Bonnie Seath, Pilgrim Auxiliary**

(mailbox in church office)

Dedication is to read: (Please print)

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**WILL TAKE ARRANGEMENT** \_\_\_\_\_ **or WILL NOT TAKE ARRANGEMENT** \_\_\_\_\_



# Auxiliary



Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for the

## **PILGRIM AUXILIARY Meeting, Program & Luncheon**

**October 7, 2025**

10:00am ~ Meeting

11:30am ~ Program

12:30 ~ Luncheon & Fellowship

Everyone is cordially invited to attend our October program, being presented by Newcomers Access Center.

We will have the opportunity to learn of the many wonderful and worthwhile programs and activities the Newcomers Access Center manages for our Community. Following the presentation, please plan to remain and join us for a delicious luncheon being provided by Auxiliary.



# Auxiliary

## Pilgrim rummage sale offers some special help for teachers

It's pretty clear that the people teaching children in classrooms everywhere can always use a little help, and a group of retired Pomona Unified teachers who are Pilgrim members have hatched a plan to do just that.

They are among members who have set up a program to collect books and other educational materials donated by retired teachers and make them available, without cost, to any current teacher who can use them.

The materials will be in a special Teachers' Room, part of the twice-annual Pilgrim rummage sale on Oct. 18 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

During the sale, the Teachers' Room will be open to any teacher to come by and grab what they can use in their classrooms. The room will be loaded with children's books, teacher resource books, learning games, flashcards, manipulatives, instructional and motivational posters, art supplies, educational equipment and many other learning materials. All items are free of charge.

"Our goal is to get these learning materials back into the classroom," explained Sue Villa, a retired Pomona Unified teacher who, in conjunction with Judy Sanders and Jan Manildi, directors of the rummage sale, has helped organize the church's campaign to collect and disburse educational tools to current teachers.

"Retired teachers may have stored these materials at their homes for some time or recently used them in their classrooms, but when we get them, we work to get them back in schools helping children."

The learning materials giveaway continues to grow. With the approval of Pomona Unified, Villa and fellow retired colleagues have also for the last two years taken a load of the donated books and other learning materials to the district New Teacher Orientation. "Most of what we brought was quickly taken by grateful new PUSD teachers," recalled Villa.

(caption) Sue Villa organizes some of the many educational items to be made available to teachers at no cost in a special program held during the Pilgrim's rummage sale on Oct. 18, 2025.



## THIS IS HOW WE DO IT



# Auxiliary

## Rummage Sale Update



## Rummage Sorting

Join us on Wednesdays, 8am-10am when weather permits. We enjoy good fellowship while serving Pilgrim Church sorting through donations for our Rummage Sales. Please call ahead to confirm there have not been any changes to the week's schedule.

### Mark Your Calendars

**September 28th:** Last day to Bring Rummage Donations.

**October 12th:** Moving Day/Set-Up Day.

(Lunch is provided for workers.)

Assistance will be provided to move any boxes delivered to wrong locations.

**October 18th is Sale Day, 8am to 1pm**

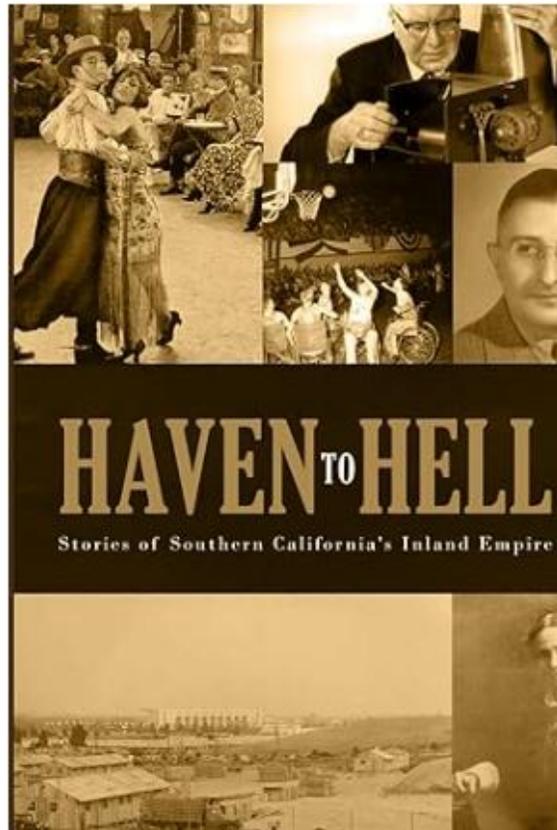
# From the Librarian

## OCTOBER LIBRARY NEWS

The library committee met at the end of September to select new books. Because it was after the deadline for this issue of the Pilgrim's Progress, I can't tell you what titles were chosen but be assured the library committee always looks for materials our readers will enjoy.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday afternoon February 1, 2026! That is the date **Joe Blackstock** has chosen to present his talk about his book ***From Haven to Hell: Stories of Southern California's Inland Empire***. As always there will be gourmet refreshments before the talk and copies to purchase afterwards. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us.

*Megan*



# Christian Education



Sign up today!  
Youth & Family Field Trip  
KNOTT'S BERRY FARM  
Sat., Oct. 11, 2025  
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

## Let's have some fun!!!

Admission is Free for all active Pilgrim Youth, 19 and under and includes a drink wristband. You will need to purchase your own lunch and souvenirs. Guests are welcome and are responsible for their own admission and meals. We will arrange volunteers to chaperone and drive. Please contact Pastor Heather at 714-594-8899 or Christine Vanyo at 909-4621 if you would like to attend as a student or participant as a volunteer chaperone or driver! Student RSVP's must be received by Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2025!



## Rummage Sale Lemonade Stand on 10/18!

Stop by the Pilgrim Youth Lemonade Stand during the Fall Rummage Sale on Saturday, October 18, 2025. Delicious drinks will be available for purchase with proceeds supporting the youth programs. For more information, contact CE Board Member Angel Gomez or the Board of Christian Education.



# Christian Education

## Friendsgiving *Save the Date 11-23*

All children and young people are invited to our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Pilgrim Friendsgiving and Tree Decorating party on Sunday, November 23, 2025 at 11:30 in Pilgrim Hall. We will share a traditional Thanksgiving meal with all the fixings, decorate the Pilgrim Hall Christmas tree (a little earlier than usual), have some fun crafts, games and a holiday movie. Kids of all ages are invited to attend. Parent helpers are welcome! Please sign up to bring a side dish or dessert. Turkey, dressing and potatoes will be provided. Please RSVP to the church office or call Christine Vanyo at 909-919-4621.



**October 25**  
**4 to 7 p.m.**  
**Pilgrim Church**



Join us for fun, games, and candy as we serve and engage with our community. Volunteers are needed for set-up, to host a trunk (or EZ up). All Boards and Committees are encouraged to join the fun. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided along with games, carnival activities and Trunk or Treating. For questions or sign up, please contact a CE Board member or email us at [EducationBoard@pilgrimchurchpomona.com](mailto:EducationBoard@pilgrimchurchpomona.com) or by calling 909-919-4621!



# Christian Education

## The CE Connection

Hello Pilgrim Family, Friends and Youth! The Pilgrim Youth and Board of Christian Education are excited to announce our upcoming events!

Date	Event	Location
Oct. 11, 2025 (Sat)	Knott's Berry Farm Youth Field Trip 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Depart campus @ 9 a.m.)	Off Campus
Oct. 18, 2025 (Sat)	Rummage Sale – Youth Assignments & Service Work	All Campus
Oct. 24, 2025	Trunk or Treat Set Up	Pilgrim Church, Gym, Parking Lot
Oct. 25, 2025	Trunk or Treat	Pilgrim Church, Gym, Parking Lot
Nov. 2, 2025	Christmas Program Rehearsals Begin	Pilgrim Hall
Nov. 9, 2025	Youth Veteran's Day Recognition	Pilgrim Church
Nov. 15, 2025	Church Auction – Youth Service Work	Pilgrim Church, Kitchen, Gym & Pilgrim Hall
Nov. 23, 2025	Youth Holiday Lunch & Tree Decorating	Pilgrim Hall
Dec. 17, 2025	Annual Church Dinner & All Youth Christmas Performance	Gym and Pilgrim Hall

For questions or information about these events, please contact Pastor Heather at 909-622-1373 x1005 or 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!

# Pilgrim's Message and Information

## For All The Saints ----

A few weeks ago the children's message was on recognizing saints in our lives and being one too. Well let me tell you we have saints among us. I recently had an estate sale and asked Judy Sanders if perhaps a few people could help box up the items that were left and get them to the church for the rummage sale. Exactly at the appointed time I walked 15 saints complete with packing materials and a fleet of vehicles. After 2-1/2 hours most of the work was done and then on Sunday five more Pilgrims showed up to finish the job. I am still overwhelmed! **Thanks to all of my saints!**

Sherry Glab



Joyful Endeavors went to Ronald Reagan Library to see the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit last week. Picture is in front of a piece of Berlin Wall



## Starbucks Sundays Are Back!

Attention all Students: Bring a friend to Sunday School and you and your guest will receive a \$5 Starbucks card. Check in with Superintendent, Jan Manildi and grab your gift card.

# Pilgrim's Message and Information

## *A Century of Hand Work Comes Full Circle at Pilgrim*

In 1952, at the age of 21, Marjorie found herself entering a new world as a Society Woman. Her husband, James (aka Jim) was now an Air Force Officer, which meant Marjorie would be required to entertain, manage an officer's home and be knowledgeable in areas of social graces such as hosting a formal dinner or bridge party. As a young bride, she had a sparse supply of the necessities to fulfill some of the requirements of etiquette. However, she was determined to succeed at hosting a proper tea party, complete with a proper set of party linens to include a tablecloth and luncheon napkins. Her only challenge was the financial means of purchasing these items. Having compassion for Marjorie's plight, her mother, Eunice, gifted her a fine linen tablecloth. This linen was originally given to Eunice by her own mother, Hattie, in 1924.

Marjorie decided to create a bridge-sized tablecloth and four fine napkins from the original piece given to her by Eunice. But the beautiful linen was just not sufficient on its own. So, Marjorie decided to embroider a delicate flower pattern on each napkin for beauty and style. She used these items regularly for many years, always took pride in her ability to serve tea with lovely table linens and she received endless compliments. No one was the wiser that they were homemade hand-me-downs.

When Marjorie passed away in 2023, these linens had been packed and preserved neatly. Two napkins found their way to her daughter, Christine. When Christine realized the rare gem of these beautiful handmade napkins, she knew just what to do. Enlisting the assistance of Megan Parnell (known for her beautiful handwork), Megan worked the napkins into an elegant and exquisite linen pillow fashioned in the just the perfect size for a baby girl. Megan then embroidered the initials of Marjorie Jean Gittinger (MJG) and Marjorie's great granddaughter, Remington McCormick (RJM). The pillow was given to Remington, daughter of Julie McCormick, for her first birthday on 9/9/2025.

The 100-year-old heirloom, hand-embroidered linen napkins have now been preserved as a pillow though the combined efforts of Pilgrim women, which speaks to our legacy and commitment to conserve and maintain the history of our church and our families. Many, many heartfelt thanks to Megan Parnell for your beautiful work and for again blessing the lives of Pilgrims and our family.

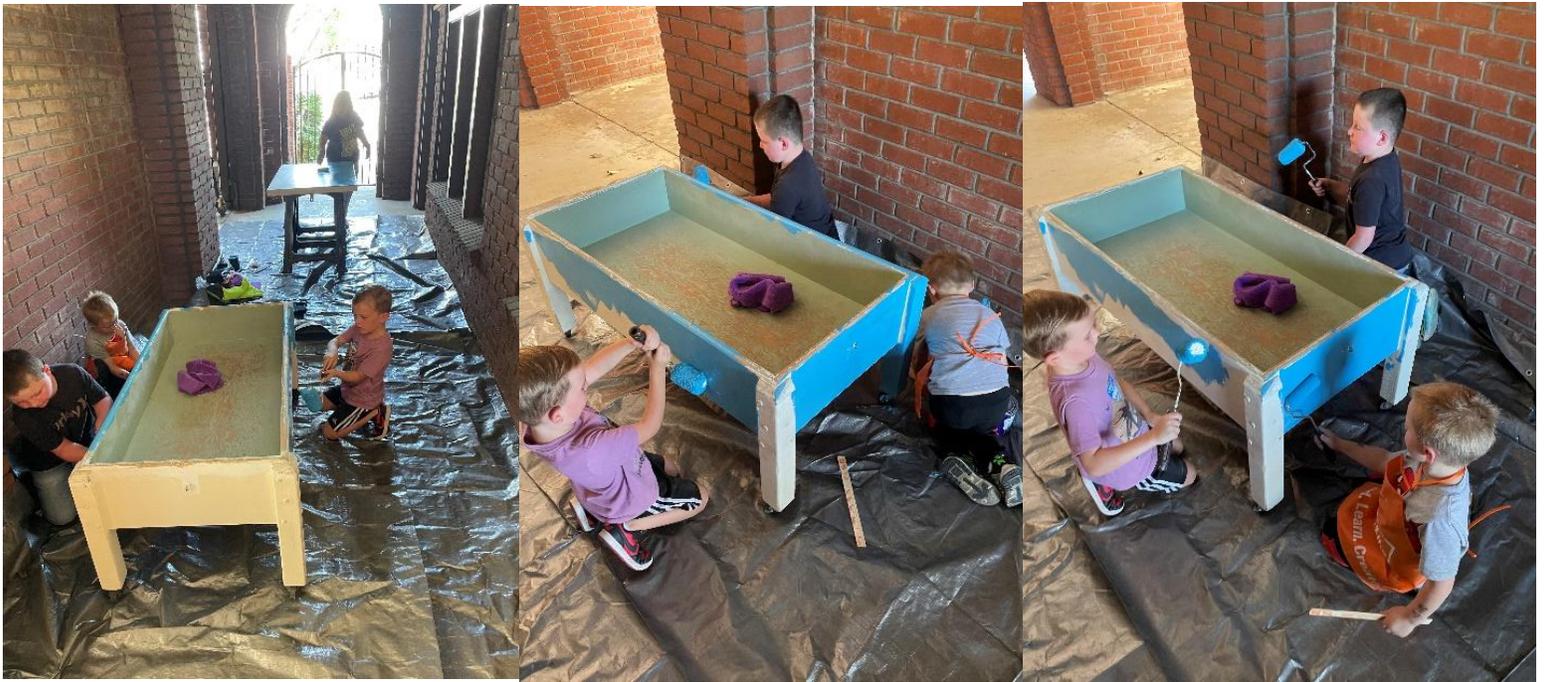
In Gratitude & Love,

Christine Vanyo, Julie McCormick & Remington McCormick



## Young Pilgrims Lend a Hand

Brian Sanders was recently tasked with the job of repainting our children's sand table. At Pilgrim, we're good at reusing and recycling useful items and all this table needed is a good new paint job. Naturally, Brian was clever and enlisted the help of our most talented Pilgrim Painters – Leigh Sanders, Landon Olson and William McCormick to get the job done and did they ever. After a few additions of blue legs and shirt splatches, the boys completed the job. Now the elementary and Kinder Pilgrims will have a refreshed sand table to enjoy. Thank you, Brian and your small but mighty Crew, for your hard work!!



♥ Thank you ♥  
VOLUNTEERS!

# Our Community Outreach

STARTS  
September  
24th

12:30  
Play/Settle

1-2  
Conversation



## Living Faith

A Spiritual Playdate

RSVP by  
Text/call  
Heather

714-594-8899

### At Home Parents Longing for Connection:

Come learn about God while your young children play in sight of you. Each week, Reverend Heather Miner\* will lead a conversation about one core chapter of the Bible to guide your reflections and living.

We meet in our large nursery that opens to a beautiful courtyard and is next to our children's library where you can check out a book for your family.

Starts September 24<sup>th</sup>, 12:30pm to 1:00pm; 1-2 pastor led conversation



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# Membership

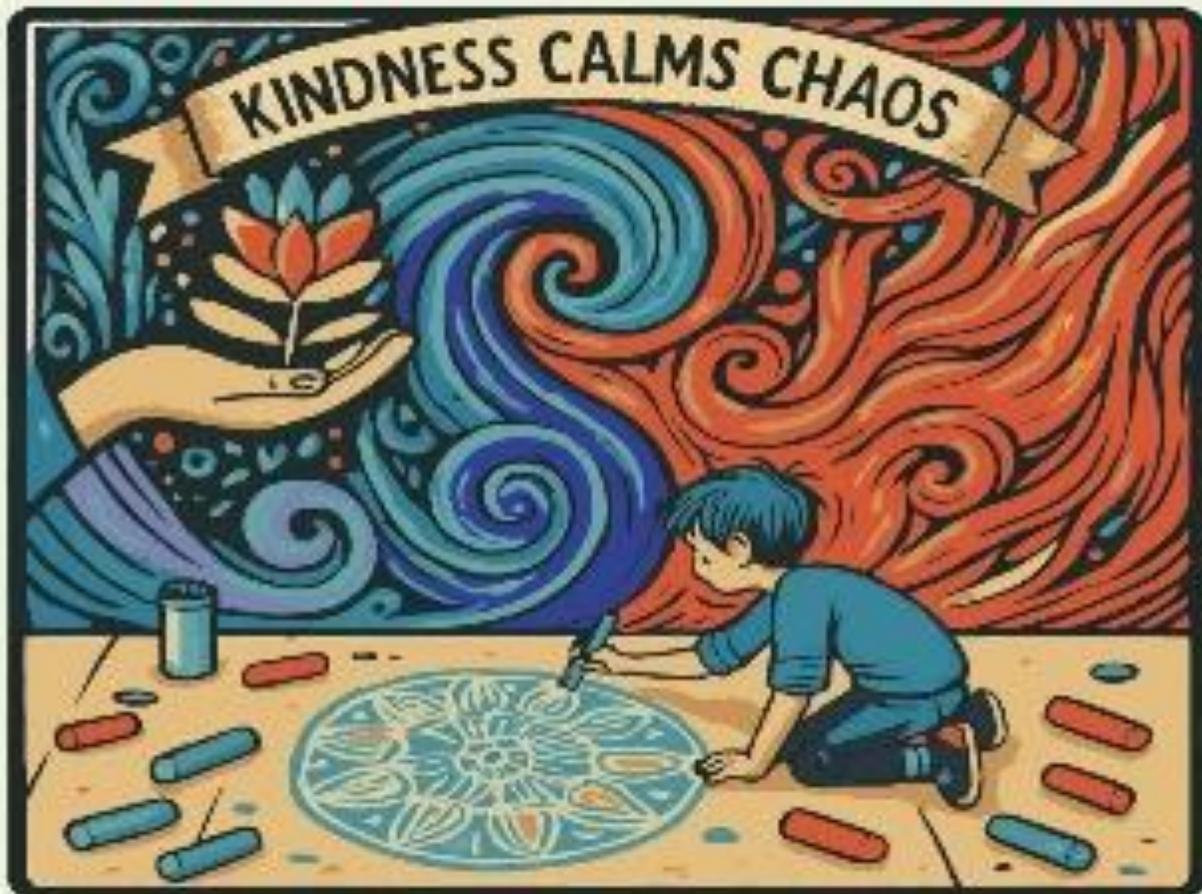
## Welcome New Members!



*On Sunday, August 31, 2025, we welcomed three new members, Robert and Linda Wheeler, who reside in Pomona, and Paula May, who comes to us from Claremont. We celebrate in their commitment to Pilgrim Congregational Church.*

# Our Community

## COMPASSIONATE POMONA PRESENTS 5TH ANNUAL **KINDNESS FESTIVAL**



SHAUN DIAMOND PLAZA, DOWNTOWN POMONA ARTS COLONY  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST, 2025 | 2PM - 5:30PM  
**FREE & OPEN TO ALL FAMILIES**

 **Live Entertainment**  **Kids Activities**  **Arts & Crafts**  **Community Resources**  **Native Access**

Join your neighbors for a joyful day of kindness, connection and celebration!  
[compassionatepomona.org](http://compassionatepomona.org)



**DOWNTOWN  
POMONA  
DISTRICT**

# Our Community

You are invited to the 30<sup>th</sup>

# CIRCLE OF CHAIRS

*Interracial Dialogue on Race*

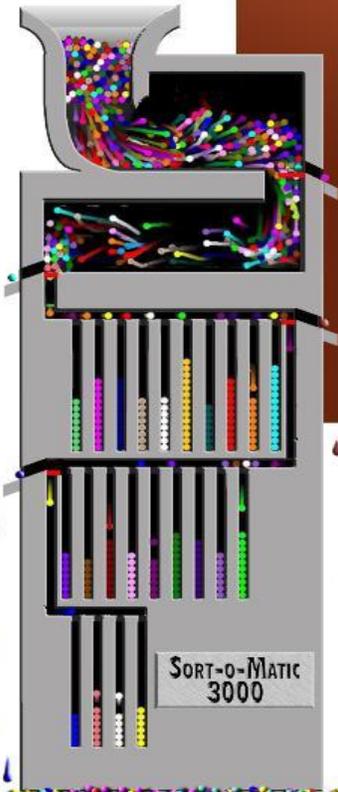
TOPIC:

## Should DEI D-I-E?

October 11, 2025, 3-5pm

Pitzer College, Gold Student Health & Wellness Center, Multipurpose Room  
1102 Pitzer Svc Rd. (500' N of 9<sup>th</sup> St.)  
Claremont, CA 91711

Use East Mesa Parking Lot



**NAACP**  
Pomona Valley Branch

**NCNW**  
Pomona Valley Section

**QUAKERS**  
Claremont Friends Meeting

**CEC**

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CENTER

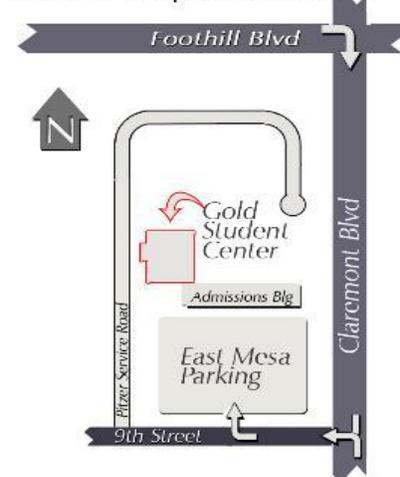
**BAHÁ'Í**  
COMMUNITY OF CLAREMONT

**PILGRIM PLACE**  
Diversity Advisory Group of Pilgrim Place

Member, Braver Network\*  
**Braver Angels**

### SPONSORS

Autos should use Claremont Blvd and enter campus at 9th St.



Circle of Chairs is an alliance of diverse individuals and organizations devoted to growing The Beloved Community by training facilitators and convening interracial, intergenerational, and multi-ethnic dialogues to foster understanding and reconciliation.

\*Braver Network is a network of organizations across the political spectrum working together to bridge the partisan divide.

# Church Ministries



## Band of Prayer

If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, please send your Band of Prayer requests to Sue Shedd via email at [saintshedd@roadrunner.com](mailto:saintshedd@roadrunner.com) or leave a message at 909-622-1373.

## Card Corner

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, homebound or we just haven't seen in awhile. Stop by and write a card to let our Pilgrims know we are thinking about them.



## Ways To Give

### ONLINE



Visit our link

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

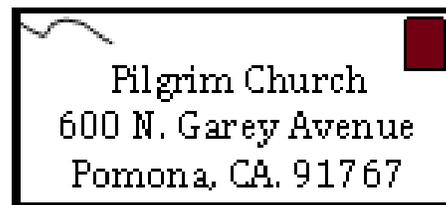
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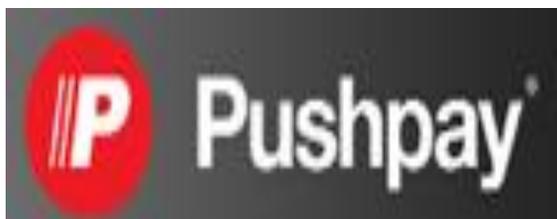
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# Service Notes

## October 5th

### Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (Worldwide Communion Sunday)

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

Worship Assistant: Mr. Andrew Olson

Lesson 1: Lamentations 3:19-26

Lesson 2: Luke 17:5-10

Color: White

Theme: God's gifts are a grace, not compensation

Sermon: "Humble Service to God"

Ushers: Ben Selters, Sue Selters, Janet McBride

Acolytes: Kodie Gray

Fellowship Host: Friendship Guild

This morning's flowers are thankfully provided to: Andrew Olson, "We are most appreciative for your weekly attention and dedication, while you provide the necessary audio visual equipment to live stream our Sunday morning worship services. Thank you, very much."

## October 12th

### Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Pastor Appreciation Day)

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

Worship Assistant: Mrs. Sue Selters

Lesson 1: Psalm 111

Lesson 2: Luke 17:11-19

Color: Green

Theme: A Life of gratitude

Sermon: "The Grateful Samaritan"

Ushers: Ron Vanyo, Dulce Ruiz, Bob Wheeler

Acolytes: Preston Dague & Charlie McCormick

Fellowship Host: Friendship Guild

1) Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Our flowers this morning are provided: "In appreciation for Reverend Patrick Horn, Reverend Heather Miner, and the ministry leaders at Pilgrim. Thank you for the many ways you make a difference in our Church and our community."

2) Exuberant Celebration of Charlie's birthday! Love, GiGi & Fafa (Christine & Ron Vanyo)

## October 19th

### Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

Worship Assistant: Ms. Carina Caballero

Lesson 1: Psalm 113

Lesson 2: Luke 18:1-8

Color: Green

Theme: God embodies both justice and compassion

Sermon: "Apathy and Hopelessness"

Ushers: Susan Shedd, Sharon Willison, Lisa Keepers, Michael Lawing

Acolytes: Isabella & Jasmine Marceleno

Fellowship Host: Outreach

This morning's flowers are with heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to yesterday's successful Rummage Sale! Jan Manildi and Judy Sanders, our wonderful 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 our Rummage Sale. "THANK YOU, very, very much!"

## October 26th

### Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

Worship Assistant: Rev. Keith Eades

Lesson 1: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Lesson 2: Luke 18:9-14

Color: Green

Theme: We experience grace by being gracious to others

Sermon: "Experiencing Grace"

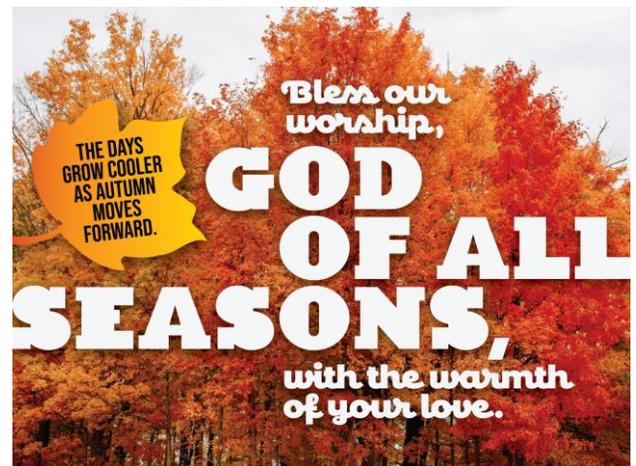
Ushers: Sylvia Osborn, Guadalupe Ocegueda, Jenni Whyte, Steve Whyte

Acolytes: Armondo Piercy

Fellowship Host: Christian Education

This morning's flowers are thoughtfully provided: "In appreciation for the blessed opportunity to worship the Lord at Pilgrim Congregational Church."

Boutonnieres for **October** are provided, "God bless our Church. May we bind closer in strength and praise of God through Christ."



Liturgical Notes by Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn:

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

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# Calendar Notes: October 2025

## 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 WEDNESDAY**

8am to 10:30am ~ Rummage Sorting  
12:30pm, Living Faith Playdate

### **EVERY THURSDAY**

10am ~ Joyful Endeavors

### **EVERY FRIDAY**

8am ~ Men's Breakfast at Roberta's Inn, La Verne

### **EVERY 3rd SUNDAY**

11:30am ~ Meeting Sunday

### **EVERY 4th SUNDAY**

11:30am ~ Trustees Board Meetings

### **EVERY 5th SUNDAY**

Sunday Funday (Sunday School)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **October 1st**

7:00pm, Church Council Meeting

### **October 5th**

10:00am, Worldwide Communion Sunday

### **October 7th**

10:00am, Pilgrim Auxiliary Meeting and Lunch

### **October 8th**

12:30pm, Living Faith Playdate

### **October 9th & 10th**

9:00am, Rummage Set up

### **October 11th**

9:00am, Knott's Berry Farm  
(Youth Day)

### **October 12<sup>th</sup>**

11:30am, Choir Rehearsal  
Rummage Movers Lunch

### **October 12<sup>th</sup> thru 17<sup>th</sup>**

Rummage Moving Week

### **October 18th**

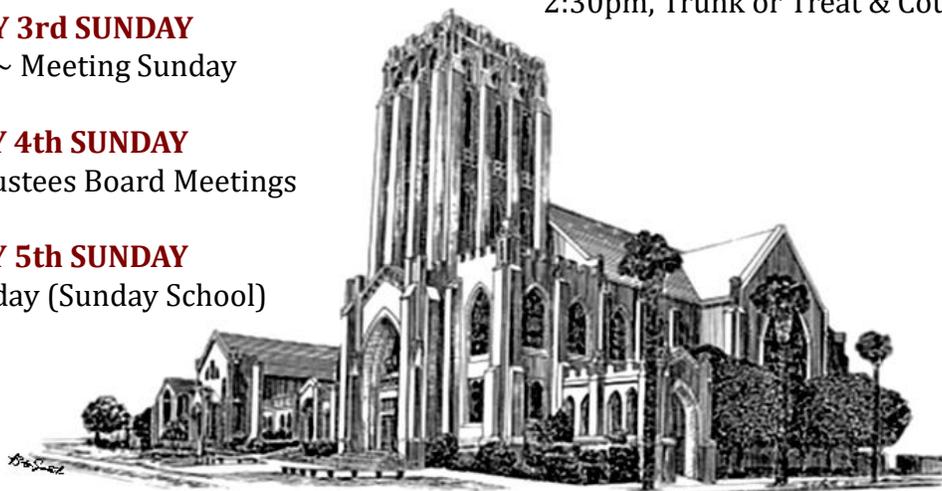
8:00am, Church Rummage Sale

### **October 19th**

11:30am, Meeting Sunday

### **October 25th**

2:30pm, Trunk or Treat & Country Store



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional 9:00am Rummage Sorting 12:30pm Playdate 6:00pm Basketball 7:00pm Church Council Meeting 7:30pm NA Support</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional 10:00am Joyful Endeavors 7:30pm AA Mother Group</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional 8:00am Men's Breakfast 12:00pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>12:00pm NA Group Meeting</p> 
<p>5</p> <p>9:00am Gather &amp; Greet 9:45am <b>Worship Service</b> 10:00am Worldwide Communion Sunday 11:00am Fellowship Hour</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional 10:00am Alanon "Serenity"</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional 9:00am Pilgrim Auxiliary Meeting and Lunch set up 9:30am CEA/HOW 10:00am</p> <p>Pilgrim Auxiliary Meeting 5:45pm Twilight Bible Study</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional 9:00am Rummage Sorting 12:30pm Playdate 7:30pm NA Support</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional Rummage Set up 10:00am Joyful Endeavors 7:30pm AA Mother Group</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional 8:00am Rummage Set up 8:00am Men's Breakfast</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:00am Rummage Set up 9:00am Knott's Berry Farm Youth Day 12:00pm NA Group Meeting</p>
<p>12</p> <p>8:00am Rummage Moving 9:00am Gather &amp; Greet 9:45am <b>Worship Service</b> 11:00am Rummage Movers Lunch by Friendship Guild 11:30am Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional Rummage Moving</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional Rummage Moving 9:30am 5:45pm Twilight Bible Study</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional Rummage Moving</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional Rummage Moving</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional Rummage Moving 8:00am Men's Breakfast</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:00am Church Rummage Sale</p> 
<p>19</p> <p>9:00am Gather &amp; Greet 9:45am <b>Worship Service</b> 11:00am Fellowship Hour 11:30am Meeting Sunday</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional 10:00am Alanon "Serenity"</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional 9:30am CEA/HOW 5:45pm Twilight Bible Study</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional 9:30am Library Committee Meeting 12:30pm Playdate 7:30pm NA Support</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional 10:00am Joyful Endeavors 7:30pm AA Mother Group</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional 8:00am Men's Breakfast 3:00pm Set up Trunk or Treat &amp; Country Store 7:00pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>12:00pm NA Group Meeting 2:30pm Trunk or Treat &amp; Country Store</p>
<p>26</p> <p>9:00am Gather &amp; Greet 9:45am <b>Worship Service</b> 11:00am Fellowship Hour 11:30am Board of Trustees Meeting 11:30am Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional 10:00am Alanon "Serenity"</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional 9:30am CEA/HOW 5:45pm Twilight Bible Study</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional 9:00am Rummage Sorting 12:30pm Playdate 6:00pm Basketball 7:30pm NA Support</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional 10:00am Joyful Endeavors 7:30pm AA Mother Group</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional 8:00am Men's Breakfast</p>	