



PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

March 2026



**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 4:30pm
Appointments are recommended.

Worship Service:

Sundays at 10am ~ In-person or Online

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Senior Minister's Message



God Has a Question for Us

“Mortal, can these bones live?”

Ezekiel 37:3

By: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

One of the most striking images in all of the Old Testament comes from the account given of Ezekiel's spiritual trance in which he is transported to a valley full of bones. There in this valley, the Lord asks Ezekiel: “Son of Man (which the NRSV translates as ‘mortal’), can these bones live?”

While the question is directly addressed to Ezekiel, the title, “Mortal,” used here implies that it is a question for all human beings. In fact, this account served the purpose of allowing Ezekiel's fellow exiles in Babylon to see the vision through his eyes. The passage is not chiefly about a vision of God that Ezekiel had but rather about the question of what it means to see ourselves through the eyes of God.

Thus, the question is addressed to us: Given all these bones lying around in this valley, do you believe that they can be raised up to live, again? In other words, do you believe that something obviously impossible can happen. This is the question for all people; it is a question of faith in God, of perfect goodness, perfect justice, perfect love.

The question of faith is even more deeply challenging in the context of its being addressed to the Babylonian exiles. Judah had collapsed, Jerusalem was destroyed, and Ezekiel had already denounced the people for their rebellion and sin. There was no reason to hope; they might as well be dead.

And yet, this is the question that we all must address: “Can these bones live?” Can you live in the hope of the seemingly impossible when there is no reason to hope? Can you live in the hope that all people will one day live in peace and harmony? Can you live in the hope that there will be no more tears, no more crying, because death and suffering are no more?

The question of faith comes to all of us, we no less than ancient Jewish exiles: “Mortal, can these bones live?” How will you respond?

Associate Minister's Message



Challenges

Scrolling through my FB feed, I came across one of my favorite communicators named Jefferson. Jefferson sat across from another man and asked him to hold one end of a string and he held to other. He asked the other man “what is challenging about your work today?” And, as the man began to answer, Jefferson took out his phone and started to reply to a text. Of course, the string went slack.

Lent is a time to hold tight the string we have to God, our prayers, our seeking God’s word, our sitting in the Eternal One’s love.

When I pray and thoughts about my day or my yesterday intrude, I’m learning to note them as I journal, but not to follow them out. I don’t have to solve that issue or write an email because a new thought came to mind. For to follow them is like picking up the phone during a conversation. It interrupts the connection. We need time to connect with a higher love and a greater purpose...time to sit with God.

The first challenge is to find some prayer time with God where you stay with God. I journal, others talk, and still others sit in silence. Choose one to do each week, maybe each day.

The second challenge.

On Sundays, we have a time for us to collectively enter into the sanctuary to strengthen our community’s connection to God. There are Sundays when you have been asked to work—to provide the fellowship or teach. You all step into those roles beautifully.

The challenge is this...to not work once a month and instead choose to be with the church in worship. I know there are many reasons we want to keep doing what we do. You may even have a whole litany of why you don’t want to be in the sanctuary. And, yet, the intentional choice to put away the work (put away the phone) and put aside your litany to, instead, enter into worship strengthens our collective line to God. The difference will be felt both in our church and in your journey of faith.

And, an added bonus is this: Guests will get to see that we hold tight the connection to the One who gives life.

In God’s Love, Reverend Heather

Moderator's Message



RISE UP and BE LUCKY

Welcome to March Pilgrims – a Month where we observe Lent, change daylight saving, begin Spring and celebrate St. Patrick's Day. A lot going on and a lot to be thankful for. So, I started thinking about St. Patrick's Day and the "luck of the Irish." I was wondering why the Irish were considered to have special luck and why others don't. Then I started thinking about what luck is, really.

It's easy to look at someone else's life and say they're just lucky. We notice someone who lands that awesome job, the family that scores their dream home, or the friend who always wins the raffle. Sometimes, it feels like luck is some invisible force picking favorites. But if I stop for a second, maybe luck isn't as random as it seems.

Maybe luck is just those moments when things go my way and I didn't expect it. But the more I pay attention, the more I realize luck pops up when I'm open, paying attention, and willing to take a shot. Think about that time you had a great conversation just because you said hi, or when an opportunity came your way because you were brave enough to try. Luck tends to hang out with people who show up, get involved, and look for good stuff in everyday life.

When it comes to faith, it's tempting to think luck is totally separate from God's plan. But what if luck is one of the ways God surprises us? Maybe it's a little encouragement, a random act of kindness, or a reminder that grace is everywhere. If we start seeing luck as those small moments of divine favor—tiny blessings woven into our daily routine—it can change how we look at things.

So, I was wondering how to bring more luck into my life. I'll be more grateful and notice little things. I'll keep an eye out for "lucky" moments—a parking spot right when I need it, a call from a friend that made my day, or a spark of inspiration at just the right time. Luck isn't something to chase, but something to notice and celebrate when it shows up.

My prayer for March: God, thanks for those surprise blessings that come my way. Help us to see luck as a sign you're with us, and remind us to be grateful for all the moments, big and small. Make us people who notice and appreciate the ways you surprise us every day. Amen.

Ron Vanyo, Moderator

Audio Visual Message



Dear Pilgrim,

Thank you to everyone who shared their comments and creative ideas for upgrading our A/V systems here at **Pilgrim Congregational Church**. Your input has been invaluable.

This month, our focus has been on developing the materials necessary to showcase exactly what our church needs to better serve our community. These resources are being prepared in anticipation of our **Fundraising Campaign**, officially launching in **May**.

What to Expect Next

As we move forward, keep an eye out for:

- **Data Insights:** A summary of the feedback gathered from your questionnaires.
- **Strategic Recommendations:** The committee's specific plans for system improvements.
- **Giving Opportunities:** Detailed ways you can contribute to the fundraising campaign.

This is an exciting opportunity to strengthen our worship experience and deepen our community engagement. Together, we can build an A/V system that serves our congregation, enhances our rental spaces for special events, and extends our ministry far beyond the walls of our campus.

Thank you,

Andrew Olson

The Pilgrim A/V Committee Chair
Diaconate

Bonnie Seath

Auxiliary Delegate
Pilgrim Auxiliary President
Membership Board

Dane Vose

Diaconate Delegate
Trustees

Daniel McCormick

Trustees Delegate

Auxiliary



Please mark your calendar and plan to join us

PILGRIM AUXILIARY

Program: Neon Lights

March 3, 2026

10:00am ~ Meeting

11:30am ~ Program

12:30 ~ Luncheon & Fellowship

Everyone is cordially invited to attend our March 3rd Program, being presented by our very own Sharon Willison. Following her informative presentation, we hope you will remain and join us for lunch, being hosted by Auxiliary.



Coming up: April 7, 2026

Who are we as Modern-day Congregationalists?

Presenter: Patrick Horn

Auxiliary

Thank you, Darren and Darrell Keepers who delivered a great program, describing how Beep Baseball is played, along with a fun and informative video. How Darren formed his non-profit, So Cal Beep Baseball and his team, The Panthers. They brought equipment along for people to get a hands-on idea of the sound that the ball makes and the base makes for the players to locate them. There were a lot of great questions asked, by many that attended. It was a great program. Thank you so much for supporting So Cal Beep Baseball. It was a pleasure to share with you all. We hope you can make it out to the field soon, to experience the game yourself!

Darren and Darrell



Auxiliary

2026 Easter Lily/Azalea Dedication

Dear Pilgrim Members and Friends,

Easter is coming! As is our tradition, we will decorate our Sanctuary with lilies and azaleas dedicated by you to your loved ones or memorable events. I sincerely hope you will join me again this year in beautifying our Sanctuary with these wonderful symbols of Easter. Your name and dedication will be printed in our Easter Dedication Booklet which will be provided to you before the Easter service. Lilies are **\$16** each, and Azaleas are **\$23** each. Choose either or both! Please fill out your order and drop it off at the church office, or mail it if you wish. Please have your order in by **March 15th**. Make your check payable to Pilgrim Congregational Church, and add the word "Easter Lily" to the comment line. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Seath at 909-953-2577 or email Bonniehbd@verizon.net

2026 Easter Lily/Azalea Dedication

ORDER FORM

March 15th due date

Quantity of Lilies _____ (\$16.00 Each) Will you pick up your Lilies? Yes No

Quantity of Azaleas _____ (\$23.00 Each) Will you pick up your Azaleas? Yes No

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

Please return this order form & check made payable to *Pilgrim Congregational Church* to Pilgrim Auxiliary's mailbox in the church office.

Dedication is to read: (Please print)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

From the Librarian

MARCH 2026 LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to all who came to the Library Coffee on February 1st to hear **Joe Blackstock** talk about his book *From Haven to Hell*. We had a good turnout, over 70 people, including many from the community at large. Joe sold all the copies he brought with him, but don't worry if you missed your chance to purchase, more are on the way. Our own Guadalupe Ocegueda won the raffle which was a copy of Joe's book. The reader who read the most books in 2025 was Cynthia Shultz who passed away just before Christmas. The library committee honored her memory by dedicating the altar flowers and the Library Coffee to her. Due to requests we had planned to record and post the talk but despite the best efforts of the video crew (Andrew, Bill and Dane) they were unable to resolve the technical issues.

New books:

Fiction

- ❖ The Case of the Unsuitable Suitor by Cathy Ace
- ❖ The King's Ransom by Janet Evanovich
- ❖ Theo of Golden by Allen Levi
- ❖ Murder on the Books by Toni LoTempio
- ❖ A Matter of Pedigree by Lesle Meier
- ❖ The Time Hop Coffee Shop by Phaedra Patrick
- ❖ Return of the Spider by James Patterson
- ❖ Murder in Tuscany by T.A. Williams



Non-Fiction

- ❖ Humor Me by Chris Duffy
- ❖ Eat Your Ice Cream by Ezekiel Emanuel
- ❖ 100 Rules for Living to 100 by Dick Van Dyke

Christian Education

PILGRIM YOUTH

Coffee Night

Join us for Coffee & Chill Night
as we continue to grow together
in God's Vision.

Pilgrim Youth Room
Saturday, March 7 @ 5-7 PM

RSVP TO
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THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND PILGRIM YOUTH PRESENT

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ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT PILGRIM YOUTH PROGRAMS & EVENTS

MARCH 1 THRU 15 SALES IN PILGRIM HALL.

Receive a custom Shamrock Greeting Card and Lucky Lollipop

CONTACT THE CE BOARD OR THE PILGRIM YOUTH FOR MORE INFORMATION!!!

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Youth Easter Offering

Bake Sale

Fundraiser

Hosted by:
The Board of Christian Education

SUNDAY MARCH 22, 2026
During Coffee Hour 11:00 to 12:00 noon

- Easter Treats
- Cookies & Candies
- Coffee & Tea
- Gourmet Strawberries
- And More!!!

To Donate Items or Participate, contact the CE Board

Brandis 909-745-0029
Christine 909-919-4621

All Proceeds to Support Cedar Lake Camperships for Mission Churches

JOIN THE FUN FOR PILGRIM CHURCH YOUTH NIGHT!!!

BULLWINKLE'S GAME NIGHT

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY

FREE ENTRY

Bowling
Mini Golf
Arcade
Go Karts
Axe Throw
Laser Tag

FREE FOOD

FRI. APRIL 3 @ 4:00 P.M.

1560 West 7th St.
UpLand, CA 91786

RSVP TO BRANDIS ASAP 909-745-0029
CARPOOL & RIDESHARE

Don't miss this!

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MARCH 2026
OFFICE 909-622-1373



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YOUTH & KID'S NEWSLETTER

IGNITE YOUR FAITH & LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE.
MATTHEW 5:16



Hey Everyone! Welcome to our Ignite Newsletter. Remember to pick up your new shirts in the Christian Ed Office. Check for Updates about upcoming events and pick up a flyer for our fundraising service projects.

Mark your calendar for the upcoming events:

March:

- March 1st - Lucky Lollipops fundraiser
- March 7th - All Church Game Night
- March 7th - Jr. High & HS Coffee Night
- March 22 - Easter Bakesale Fundraiser
- March 29 - Egg Hunt & Palm Sunday

April:

- April 3rd - All Youth Bullwinkles Night
- April 11th - Jr. & High School Coffee Night
- April 17th - Qakes Game
- April 25th - Rummage Sale

May:

- May 10th - Muffins with Moms
- May 17th - CE Sunday

WELCOME TO YOUTH VIBES!

We had some super exciting events in January and February. Thanks to all the kids and volunteers for making it all so fun! Keep up the good work!!

Congratulations to Jasmine for her stage success in the Disney+ Dare to Dream Imagineer Performance!



Everyone had an awesome time at Youth Coffee Night. Thanks Ms. Brandis for the awesome Coffees and Ms. Christine for Snacks. See you all again in March!



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CE Happenings!

January Winter Walk & Talk

In January, the CE Board hosted our 1st annual Winter Walk and Talk event at Claremont Botanical Gardens. Four families met and enjoyed a wonderful and tranquil day hike in the beautiful botanical gardens. Along with educational benefits and spiritual insights, we learned about local plants, habitats and the importance of preserving nature. We can't wait to the next time and welcome all Pilgrims to join in the fun!



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Youth Movie Night

A group of Pilgrim Youth met up for a Movie Night and enjoyed fellowship, friendship, popcorn and, of course, candy! The High school students were amazing in their interaction with all the younger kids. It really was a night of Christian Companionship! Thanks, families, for your support and participation!



Youth Coffee Night Delight!

In February, Brandis Pena led the Jr. and High School Students in a Youth Coffee night fellowship and devotion. They had amazing, hand-crafted coffee drinks, spent time together in Christian conversation, played games and ate some great food. It was such a success, another Youth Coffee night is on the books for Saturday, March 7th (after game night). Hope to see you there! Call Brandis for details.



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A CE Birthday Celebration

In honor of CE Parent Juan Marcelano (Feb. 6) and CE Teacher Ms. Jenn (Feb. 11), the Sunday Schools had an opportunity to share in a birthday song and cake and wish Mr. Juan a very happy birthday. (Ms. Jenn was out sick but we sent her cake home!) The kids were so excited to surprise him with a cake and candles. We also wished happy birthday to all our February Pilgrims!



A Class for a Craft

With the guidance of Ms. Jan and Ms. Brandis, the older youth assisted the elementary Sunday School classes with a wonderful craft to celebrate winter and learn about God's seasons.



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Pilgrim Youth T-Shirts



IGNITE YOUTH!

Look for the Pilgrim Youth to be sporting their new style with Youth T-shirts. After a yearlong deliberation, the kids and youth decided on the 2026 theme of "IGNITE". This is a faith statement based on Matthew 5:16 to "Let our light shine before others." Our topics of devotion will be a call to reflect Christ's love and shine by displaying kindness, compassion and positivity. This Theme will be incorporated in the activities and fellowship of the youth in the coming year. Brandis Pena was the first to model! Our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the support of our youth!

Faithfully, Christine Vanyo, CE Chair

Shrove Sunday Success

The CE Board and their wonderful volunteers provided a delicious pancake lunch for the congregation and had a wonderful time in the pancake races. The cooks and crew served a fabulous meal, and the pancake races were a big hit! Thanks to the dedication of the membership, volunteers and participants for making this a truly special Sunday!



Dr. Horn, Finnian and Preston are in the race!



Everyone Wins at the Pilgrim Pancake Races!



Jenn gets things cooking!

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Andrew Olson handles the pancake flip! Juan, Adam & Hunter enjoyed a great meal!

Thanks for being “Sweet & Supportive”

Thank you to all the Pilgrims who supported the C.E. Valentine’s Day Fundraiser. We hope you enjoyed the strawberries and the pretzel mix. It was such a treat serving you all these past two Sundays. I had so much fun dipping strawberries in the kitchen with Hunter and his Daddy. I mostly dipped, and they mostly ate, but who’s keeping score? Don’t forget to stop by next year. Brandis Pena, CE Vice Chair



Cedar Lake Camp Registration Information

Cedar Lake Camp is just around the corner and will be held Sunday, July 19 through Saturday, July 25, 2025. Registration packets are available in the office and through the CE Board. The cost is \$460 per week. Camperships are available for any family requesting financial assistance. Contact the CE Board of the church office for more information.



All Youth Invitations

Be sure to check out the flyers for upcoming Youth events that include:

- Jr. High and High School Coffee Night on March 7th
- All Youth Easter Egg Hunt on March 29th
- All Youth Bullwinkle’s Fun Park Field Trip on April 3rd

For Questions for more information about upcoming Youth & Children events, contact Brandis Pena at 909-745-0029 or Christine Vanyo at 909-919-4621.

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The CE Connection

Hello Pilgrim Family, Friends and Youth! The Pilgrim Youth and Board of Christian Education are excited to announce our upcoming events in 2026! Contact the CE Board for Questions!

Date	Event	Location
Sun., Feb. 1, 2026 11:00 a.m.	CE Valentine Fundraiser Sales Chocolate Covered Strawberries & Pretzels	Gym
Sat., Feb. 7, 2026 6 – 8 p.m.	Youth Coffee Night Fellowship Snacks, Coffee Bar and Devotions	Youth Room
Sun., Feb. 15, 2026 11:30 a.m.	Shrove Sunday Pancake Lunch & Races Suggested Donation: \$10	Gym and kitchen
Sun., Mar. 1, 2026 11:00 a.m.	Youth Lucky Lollipops Shamrock Sales Fundraiser and Fellowship	Pilgrim Hall
Sat., Mar. 7, 2026 3:00 p.m.	Youth Participation in Church Game Night	Pilgrim Hall
Sun., Mar. 29, 2026 (Palm Sunday) 10:00 a.m.	Egg Hunt in Courtyards Dole Court ages 7-12 Ring Court ages 3-6 Nursery ages 0-2	Pilgrim Church Dole Court & Ring Court
Fri., Apr. 3, 2026 5:00 p.m.	All Youth Fieldtrip – Fee admission Bullwinkle’s Fund Center	Off Campus Contact: Brandis Pena
Sat., May 2, 2026 3-5 p.m.	Set up for CE Appreciation Sunday	Kitchen, Pilgrim Hall and Gym
Sun., May 3, 2026 11:30 a.m.	CE Appreciation Sunday Lunch for Congregation	Pilgrim Hall
Sun., May 10, 2026 11:00 a.m.	Mother’s Day Recognition and Photos Muffins with Mom	Sanctuary and Pilgrim Hall
Sun., May 17, 2026 10:00 a.m.	CE Youth Sunday – Youth Leading Service in Sanctuary	Sanctuary
Sun., June 7, 2026 10:00 a.m.	Grad and Student Sunday – Recognize Students and Grads in Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun., June 14, 2026 10:00 a.m.	Youth End of the Year Sunday School Parties and Promotions	Sunday School Classrooms
Sun., June 21, 2026 10:00 a.m.	Father’s Day Recognition and Photos Donuts with Dad	Sanctuary and Pilgrim Hall
June 27 to Jul. 2, 2026	NAPF/HOPE Conference	Westfield, Massachusetts
Sat. July 11, 2026 9:00 a.m.	Youth and Family Beach Trip	Off Campus
July 19 to 25, 2026	Cedar Lake Camp	Big Bear, CA
Sun., Jul. 26, 2026 11:30 a.m.	Camp Sunday Celebration & Recognition	Kitchen, Gym and Pilgrim Hall
Sun., Aug. 23, 2026 10:00 a.m.	Blessings of the Backpacks	Sanctuary

Membership



PILGRIM
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Join Us

FUN FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Free for everyone! Join us for a
fun game night with family,
friends, and neighbors.

Activities Include

CARD & BOARD GAMES,
PUZZLES, KID GAMES
PIZZA, DRINKS & DESSERT

MARCH 7, 2026

3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
600 N. GAREY AVENUE, POMONA, CA
CALL 909-622-1373 TO RSVP

Don't forget to save the date for Bingo Night!
May 9th, at 5:00 pm. Join the fun!

Free & for all ages

MOVIE Night

Enjoy a night out with
your friends and family!

Fridays | 6 PM

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MARCH 6
Bee Movie



MARCH 13
Brave



MARCH 20
Shrek



MARCH 27
The Princess & The Frog

Our Community Outreach

MARCH 6: YOUNG ADULT DINNER
6 – 8 p.m.
Outside the Box God Talk
with Nathaniel & Pastor Heather



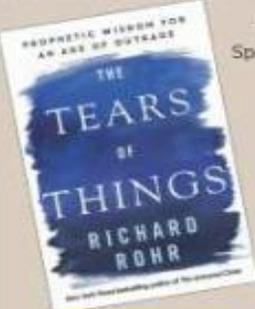
18 – 29 year-olds welcome.
Meet at 600 N. Garey in Pilgrim Hall
Dinner is Provided.

STORYTELLING NIGHT ON FEBRUARY 6TH was a wonderful sharing of creative stories, life stories, poems, and sharing around the table. People from 18 – 96 participated. Thank you for sharing.

PASTA & PROPHETS
Spiritual Studies
at Bethel Congregational Church
536 N Euclid Ave Ontario CA 91762

3rd Wednesdays
7pm in "The Porch"

Reu. Heather Miner
Special Guest Facilitator



Wednesday Feb 18
SPAGHETTI
(Bring a Beverage)

Come discuss a life transforming book. We meet monthly on the **Third Wednesday**. Ms. Donna makes us a pasta dinner. In March we will discuss chapter two of Rohr's, *The Tears of Things*. This chapter talks about Amos as a "Messenger to the Collective." For those who prefer to listen, there is an amazing podcast from the Center of Action and Contemplation. All are welcome!



Thi<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ya1w8vaF6lY>

Community



Afternoon Tea

*A Program of Four-Hand Piano Duets
to be followed by a reception of
Tea and Crumpets (scones)*

*Sunday, March 1 at 3:00 p.m.
Trinity United Methodist Church
676 N. Gibbs Street, Pomona, Ca*

Please join us for an old-fashioned Afternoon Tea featuring tea and crumpets (scones) along with pianists

Agatha Hou & Geraldine Keeling

who will present a varied and entertaining program of 4-hand piano pieces.

The program will include:

“Waltzes” Op. 39 by Brahms; “Sonnambula (“Sleepwalker”) by Liszt; “Jeux d’Enfants,” “Poupee” and “Petit Mari” by Bizet; “Slavonic Dances” Op. 72, Nos. 1 and 2, by Dvorak; “Souvenirs” No. 3, 5 and 6 by Samuel Barber; and “Carmen” by Bizet

AGATHA HOU has performed in musical venues throughout the Southland including the Nixon Library, the Pacific Asia Museum, Pasadena’s “Tuesday Musicale” group, and in private salon concerts. She is an active piano teacher and has sponsored many students in the John Child Walker Competition over the years.

GERALDINE (“GERRY”) KEELING is a piano teacher and former organist and Music Director of Trinity United Methodist Church, and is the founding director of the Los Angeles International Liszt Piano Competition which has run for more than 30 years.

*The program is free and open to the community and is sponsored by
The Musicians’ Club of Pomona Valley*



Community



KIRSTEN HINES

**Award-winning author,
wildlife photographer,
and conservationist**

Two-Evening Presentations

Tuesday, March 3

“Confessions of an Accidental Birder”

Influences and opportunities from being a missionary-kid in the Philippines to a career as a writer and wildlife photographer focused on environmental conservation.

Wednesday, March 4

“Nature Reflections”

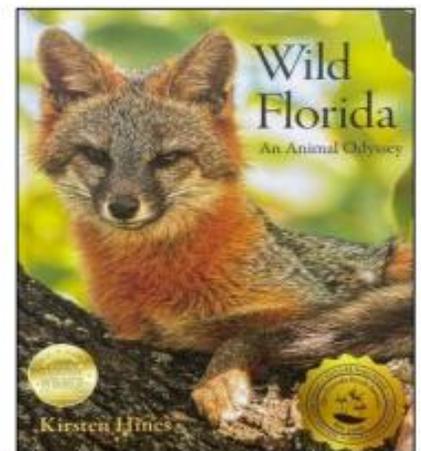
Insights from conservation projects from Florida, into the Caribbean, and destinations beyond, with an emphasis on the ways individuals can contribute to conservation efforts wherever they reside.

March 3 and 4, 2026

6:30 PM

**Pilgrim Place Decker Hall
665 Avery Road, Claremont**

Free and open to the public



Sponsored by Pilgrim Place’s Woman’s Perspective, Scooby Club, and Environmental Concerns. For more information, contact Janet Cromwell at jlcromwell8@gmail.com. Kirsten Hines photo by James A. Kushlan and book cover photo by Kirsten Hines.

Pilgrim's Information

Lunch Bunch had a nice lunch at The Iron Skillet in January.



Thank you to Jenn Barnett for putting up this great PEACE bulletin board the kids made for Martin Luther King Day.



Pilgrim's Information

In the Month of January, we had an all church clean up day and here are some of the wonderful volunteers that came out to help and beautify our church. Pilgrims were all over the facility, some in the kitchen, Pilgrim's Hall, Nursery and some class rooms. A Big Thank you to all of you!



Isaiah 60:1 "Rise Up

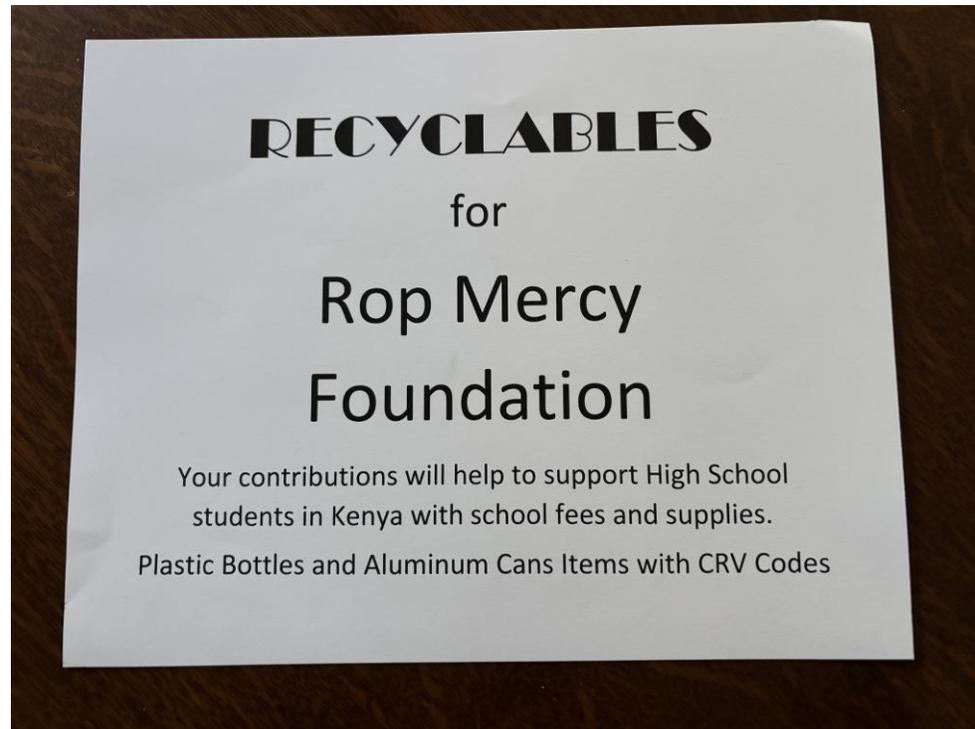
March 2026

From top left to right:
Ron, Keith, Natalie, Karen,
Second row:
Sylvia, Jason, Angelo, Susan S.,
Third Row:
Christian and Dulce
Others not shown:
Patty, Judy, Jan, Dane, Bonnie,
Linda, Sue S., Karen L, Bill, Cynthia

Pilgrim's Information (Clean up day Con't)



A Big Thank you to Ms. Jan Manildi for taking all the pictures on clean up day.



Thanks to Patty Schelling our Recycle Bin for the Rop Mercy Foundation Project is sparkling clean! Your recyclable contributions will help to support High School students in Kenya with school fees and supplies.

Please donate your clean plastic bottles, aluminum cans and items with CRV codes to this ongoing very worthwhile project. Thank you.

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 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, 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.



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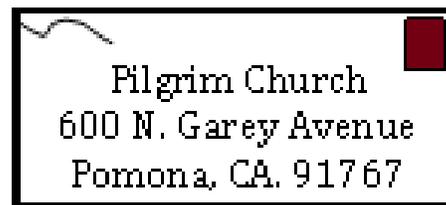
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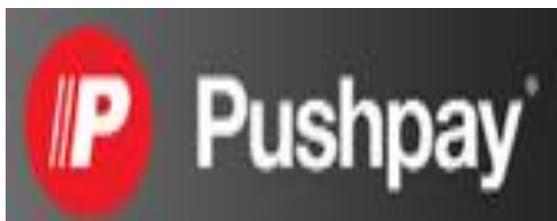
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March Service Notes

March 1st

Second Sunday in Lent

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

Worship Assistant: Rev. Heather Miner

Lesson 1: Romans 4:1-5; 13-17

Lesson 2: Genesis 12:1-4a

Color: Purple

Theme: God's Plan for the Whole World

Sermon: "All the Families of the Earth"

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

Acolytes: Isabella & Jasmine Marceleno

Fellowship Host: Library Committee

This morning's flowers are lovingly and thoughtfully provided by Janet Beech: "Pilgrim is Family. We are so lucky!!"

March 8th

Third Sunday in Lent

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

Worship Assistant: Rev. Heather Miner & Mr. Jon Olson

Lesson 1: Romans 5:1-11

Lesson 2: Exodus 17:1-7

Color: Purple

Theme: God is the only true provider of miracles

Sermon: "The One True Miracle Worker"

Ushers: : Sylvia Osborn, Jenni Whyte & Steve Whyte

Fellowship Host: Library Committee

This morning's flowers are thoughtfully and lovingly provided by Ron and Christine Vanyo: "Happy 8th Birthday to our Grandson, Harrison. From the moment you entered our lives, you have filled our hearts with so much love and happiness. Watching you grow, learn, and explore has been such a blessing. We are so proud of the kind, curious, and adventurous boy you are becoming. Your imagination inspires us all, and your smile brightens every room. Remember, you are loved beyond measure, and we will always be here to cheer you on, no matter where life takes you. Prayers for God's continued grace upon your future. Love, Fafa & Gigi (Ron & Christine Vanyo)

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.

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March 15th

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

Worship Assistant: Rev. Heather Miner

Lesson 1: Ephesians 5:8-14

Lesson 2: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Color: Purple

Theme: Grace comes in the most unexpected ways

Sermon: "What is Possible"

Ushers: Ben Selters, Sue Selters & Janet McBride

Acolytes: Kodie Gray

Fellowship Host: Friendship Guild

This morning's flowers are thoughtfully and lovingly provided by Bonnie Seath: "Happiest of Birthday Wishes to grandma Vicki, brother-in-law Jim, and "Princess" Eva! Warm hugs and another huge bushel of Love to each of You on your Special Day!"

March 22nd

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

Worship Assistant: Rev. Heather Miner & Rev. Keith Eades

Lesson 1: Romans 8:6-11

Lesson 2: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Color: Purple

Theme: Life is a question of faith

Sermon: "God Has a Question for Us"

Ushers: Ron Vanyo, Dulce Ruiz, Bob Wheeler and Guadalupe Ocegueda

Acolytes: Preston Dague & Charlie McCormick

Fellowship Host: Diaconate

Our flowers this morning are thoughtfully provided with many thanks to Susan Winckler, Bruce Jones, and our extraordinary Choir for their beautiful music every Sunday."

March 29th

Palm Sunday

Presiding Minister: Rev. Heather Miner

Worship Assistant: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

Lesson 1: Matthew 21:1-11

Lesson 2: Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

Color: Purple

Theme: God's steadfast love calls for celebration even amidst the confusion

Sermon: "A Song of Victory"

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

Acolytes: Isabella & Jasmine Marceleno

Fellowship Host: Palm Sunday Music Board

PALM SUNDAY- This morning's flowers are lovingly and thoughtfully provided: "To the Glory of God for His Gift of Eternal Life."

Boutonnieres for **March** are provided: "In appreciation to ALL Who so generously dedicate their time, talents, and treasures to Pilgrim Congregational Church."

Calendar Notes: March 2026

WEEKLY / MONTHLY

EVERY MORNING, MON. - FRI.

Daily Devotional

9am via Facebook Live and Zoom

EVERY SUNDAY

9am – Gather & Greet

9:30 to 9:45 am, Bible Study with Rev. Miner

10am – Worship Service (In-person & Online)

Sunday School for 1st – 12th grade

(following the Lord's Prayer)

11am - Fellowship Hour

EVERY MONDAY

11:30 am, Living Faith Bible Study

1:00 pm, Staff Meeting

EVERY TUESDAY

Twilight Bible Study

5:45pm via Facebook Live & YouTube

EVERY 1ST TUESDAY

(OCTOBER - JUNE)

Pilgrim Auxiliary

Meeting, Program & Luncheon

EVERY WEDNESDAY

9am to 10:30am ~ Rummage Sorting

EVERY 1ST WEDNESDAY

7pm ~ Church Council Meeting

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

March 1st

11:30 am, Choir Rehearsal

March 3rd

10:00 am, Pilgrim Auxiliary Meeting, Program and Lunch

March 4th

7:00 pm, Church Council Meeting

March 6th

6:00 pm, Young Adult Dinner & God Talk

March 7th

3:00 pm, All Church Game Day

5:00 pm, Youth Coffee Night

March 8th

Daylight-Saving Time Begins

March 9th

6:00 pm, CE Zoom Meeting

March 15th

11:30 am, Choir Rehearsal

11:30 am, Diaconate Board Meeting

11:30 am, Meeting Sunday

March 22nd

11:30 am, Board of Trustees Meeting

11:30 am, Choir Rehearsal

March 25th

9:30 am, Library Committee Meeting

March 29th

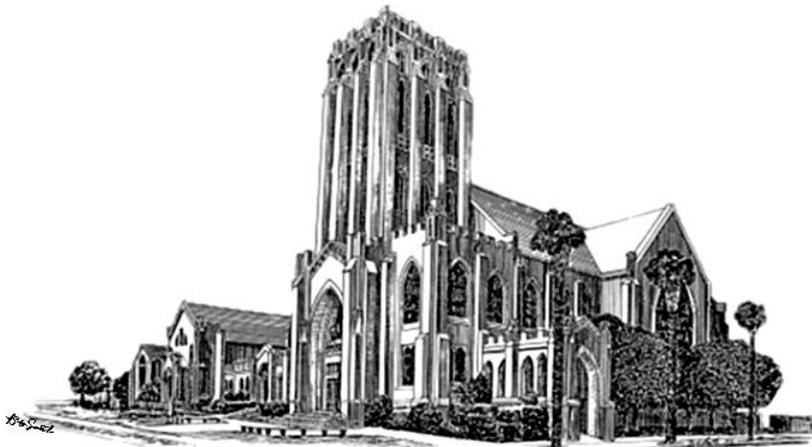
11:00 am, Palm Sunday Brunch Fellowship

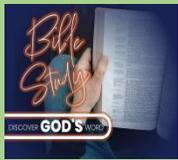
11:00 am, Easter Egg Hunt

March 7th



Spring forward in faith!
CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS and
join us on time for worship.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00am Bible Study 9:00am Gather & Greet 9:45am Worship Service 11:00am Fellowship Hour 11:30am Choir Rehearsal 1:00pm Pentecost Temple Ministries	2 9:00am Morning Devotional 10:00am Alanon "Serenity" 11:30am Living Faith Bible Study 7:30pm Mountainside Rehearsal 	3 9:00am Morning Devotional 9:00am Pilgrim Auxiliary set up 9:30am CEA/HOW 10:00am Pilgrim Auxiliary Meeting 3:30pm Pomona Moose 5:15pm Young Champions Cheerleaders 5:45pm Twilight Bible Study	4 9:00am Morning Devotional 9:00am Rummage Sorting 6:00pm Basketball 7:00pm Church Council Meeting 7:30pm NA Support	5 9:00am Morning Devotional 10:00am Joyful Endeavors 7:30pm AA Mother Group 	6 9:00am Morning Devotional 8:00am Men's Breakfast 6:00pm Young Adult Dinner & God Talk	7 12:00pm NA Group Meeting 3:00pm All Church Game Day 5:00pm Youth Coffee Night 
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