



PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

May 2026



**PILGRIM
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH**

Senior Minister

Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

Associate Minister

Rev. Heather Miner

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Rev. Dr. Douglas Lobb

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Music

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Ms. Natalie Brown - Office Manager

Mrs. Megan Parnell - Librarian

Custodial Staff

Mr. James Stevenson

Mr. Laurence Holmes

Mr. Christian Campbell

Mr. Volodymyr Cherkasov

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



“The Source of Everything”

Acts 17:24-25

By: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

“The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.”

Paul is speaking to the Athenians about their altar to “an unknown God,” which is the God that he proclaims to them. He quotes one of their ancient philosophers, Epimenides, to make the point that this God is the source of everything: “the one in whom we live and move and have our being.”

One of the tricks of language is that speaking and writing and reading about God can make you begin to think of God as some sort of super being. We designate God with a pronoun (He); we speak of Him being in a special place on a throne (Heaven); we read about Him saying things in the Bible (“Thus saith the Lord”.) All of this can work to trick our minds into thinking that God is some sort of super being, causing us to forget that God is not a being but the fullness and source of all being.

Paul is proclaiming that God is not one being among all the beings in the world; God is the fullness and source of the whole of life. We must avoid the temptation to think that we can pin God down. God exceeds all our attempts to narrow him down. Even when we say God is Love, as revealed in Jesus, this love is so superabundant and unconditional as to exceed any thought we might have.

Therefore, our relationship to God is not determined by who or what we think God is but rather by how we live in response to this unconditional love which is the source of everything. Do we worship this love? Do we pray for this love? Do we participate in this unconditional love for the world? Don't be tricked by language; worship, pray, love.

Associate Minister's Message



REACHING OUT

News from Rev. Heather Miner

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Heather@PilgrimChurchPomona.com

A Congregational Church lifts up the voices of all its members, for each member is tasked with ministering to one another and our neighbors. While I've been learning how to navigate our different media outlets, creating some content, I've also appreciated all the content Pilgrims provide. I invite you to continue the work of attracting people to this amazing community of service and love. To do so, I brainstormed on this topic:

Ways to Bring People into a Relationship with Jesus through Pilgrim Congregational Church.

- #5. Share a church email, a Facebook or Instagram Post, Pews News, or our Pilgrim's Progress with another.
- #4. Contribute content to a Facebook or Instagram Post. Your voice and artistic ability are needed.
 - Monday Inspiration: A quote from Sunday or related to Sunday on an artistic background.
 - Tuesday Pilgrim or Pomona or Church History: Do you have a factoid or a story to share?
 - Wednesday Prayer or Clip of Music: Share your short prayers and/or favorite song.
 - Thursday Community Connection: Who is doing good in Pomona? Tell us about them and let us link their website.
 - Friday Invitation: To one of Pilgrim's events and Sunday Worship—help highlight what is happening at Pilgrim this weekend. Your flyers are very much appreciated...thank you!
- #3. Stay after church and spend time with someone you've not yet met. Bend down and engage a child...see what they see. If you are moving through the gym, be aware our children are often at play there and plan to engage with them.
- #2. Come to the sanctuary 10 minutes early and enjoy the music. Please help any guest who may be sitting near you find the opening hymn.
- #1. Call a friend; be a friend; invite a friend to join you for Worship or Bible Study or Mission Projects or one of our fun events like Bingo.

Let's keep on growing, keep on glowing, dear Pilgrims. What would you add to this list?

Rev. Heather Miner

LIVING FAITH BIBLE STUDY: THE BOOK OF ACTS starts May 4th, Mondays, 11:30 – 12:30.

After a highly successful study of the book *Too Busy Not to Pray*, the Monday group is welcoming new members for an 8-week study of the Book of Acts. We'll look for the eight weeks that work best for us as a group.

To accommodate people with busy schedules, the class starts and ends on time, allowing you to fit it into a longer lunch break.

If there is interest in an evening Zoom meeting on a Thursday, let me know and I'll make it happen.

The only text we are using is the Bible itself. Pick up your favorite Study Bible and let's learn together how the early Christians navigated their new faith amidst the cultural challenges they faced.

Please let me know that you'd like to participate so I can have materials ready for you.

MEDIA WELCOMED:

Do you fancy yourself a photographer? Do you like to edit videos into works of art? Our campus has amazing architecture throughout. It is perfect for creating a story or a background that can be used for our various media. The events we offer also provide ample opportunity for pictures. Please ask before you take a picture of someone. Send your pictures and your artwork to me and I will put the work onto the church's Shared Drive to be used in the future.

Here's your monthly prompt: *Share a picture that shows what it means to be a "Generational Church" or a "Church for the Generations."*

Moderator's Message



RISE UP AND REMEMBER!

Hello Pilgrim Members and Friends. This May is my last official month acting as church moderator. I want to express my thanks and gratitude to all Pilgrims, Staff, Church Council and church membership for your support and encouragement during this last year. A lot of you have given me motivation and reinforced the importance of church service. It has been a rewarding experience that I will appreciate and will remember forever.

In the closing of this year as Moderator, I will take with me many memories and I hope you all will too. When I thought about what was most important, naturally I turned to my lovely wife for inspiration and, of course, Google for fact finding. Why is remembering important? Well, basically because it is what sets the foundation for our future.

"Do this in remembrance of me" are words spoken by Jesus Christ during the [Last Supper](#) (recorded in Luke 22:19 and 1 Corinthians 11:24-25.) Did you know, the word "remember" appears approximately **148 to 165 times** in the Bible, depending on the translation, with a heavy concentration in the Old Testament (over 120 times.) It is a major theme often used to encourage remembering God's covenants and actions. So, apparently "remembering" is a priority to God and so it should be to us too.

I hope all Pilgrims remember that we are brought together as a community for believers to worship God, receive instruction, and practice unconditional love, rather than operating as isolated individuals. Remember to pray for Pilgrim, our leaders, volunteers, and families. Remember and honor our past as we move into the future. Remember our purpose as we take on our next projects.

Remember the old days (Deuteronomy 32:7)

Remember the wondrous works of Jesus (1 Chronicles 16:12)

Remember his covenant (1 Chronicles 16:15)

Remember all the commandments of the Lord (Numbers 15:39-40)

And finally, as we enter into a new Church year, remember to seek inspiration when things are challenging, and recall God's Word: "We" can do all things through Christ, who strengthens us. (Philippians 4:13)

Ron Vanyo
Church Moderator

Trustees

WE NEED YOU!



Sale of Property

At the Annual Meeting on May 20th the Board of Trustees would like to present a motion to sell the property the church owns at 163 E. Pasadena – the vacant lot adjacent to the Hibbard House. The property has been vacant for a number of years and we have attempted to utilize it for something without success. The property is undeveloped and does not have functioning utilities (water, electricity, or gas), although utility lines can be brought onto the property from the street connections.

The city of Pomona has zoning and construction regulations and restrictions such that a residential structure development is required to have garage parking at the rear of the property necessitating a driveway access and the structure setback from the sidewalk. Development of the property has been deemed by the Trustees as not being a worthwhile return on the investment. At this time, we continue to pay the annual property tax assessment of approximately \$500 and the city of Pomona has an additional assessment for the space being undeveloped of approximately \$425 per year. Thus, the property continues to cost the Church just to own it.

To sell the property, our Church Bylaws require 70 members present to vote on the action. The Board of Trustees hope each of you consider attending the Annual Meeting of the congregation. Enjoy the fellowship of the dinner preceding the meeting and then join in being part of the future of Pilgrim Congregational Church.



Audio Visual Message



Dear Pilgrim,

Our AV project officially kicks off on May 3rd. It is our hope this project will strengthen worship experiences, enhance rental spaces, and extend the ministry beyond our campus walls. Here is a high-level update to our Audio/Visual Upgrade Plan.

Master Plan: Attached is an outline of the various upgrades the committee recommends in response to the many questionnaires provided by our church members. This outline is organized by the spaces that will be affected.

- Specific equipment components are now being identified. Prices and technical specifications are being compiled. These will be used to estimate project costs.
- Constructability review is underway by the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Trustees.

Fundraising: Using the equipment list being derived in the Master Plan, an overall estimated budget will be provided for the May 3rd kickoff. This will be used to identify our fundraising goals for the official launch of the fundraising campaign. The Committee will provide envelopes for in-person donations, and has Push Pay available for those who prefer to donate that way. Donations may also be made during the Offering at Sunday Worship Services. Please mark the envelope for the A/V Fundraiser.

Timeline:

- **May:** The fundraising phase begins, with various ways to give
- **June – August:** Commence implementation of improvements
- **September – November:** Finalize installations and develop operational manuals and training

By moving forward with this project, it is our goal to create a more meaningful worship experience, strengthen our facilities, and extend our ministry into the surrounding community. We are deeply grateful for the faithful generosity and continued support of our church congregation. Please continue to chat with the committee members about our progress, and bring them any questions you may have.

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

Ron Vanyo
Buildings and Grounds Committee
Trustees

Audio Visual Message (con't)



PILGRIM
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
AUDIO VISUAL COMMITTEE

AV Upgrades Master Plan

Category / Location	Equipment & System Details	Notes & Implementation	
Sanctuary Control Center	Sound Controls	Monitor speakers for choir loft	Sound control board / mixer
		Microphones	Expanded wireless capabilities
	Camera Control	New Camera angles	Camera Controller
	Control Computer	Step #1 for enhanced AV experience in the Sanctuary	
	Control Booth	Secure and permanent control location inside sanctuary with matching aesthetic	
	Hidden Cables	Cables are out of sight from all parts of the sanctuary	
Pilgrim Hall AV ready	Updated Sound Equipment	Wireless Microphone system	Eliminate unused equipment
	Live-Stream Ready	Network Access	Permanent Camera installation
		Camera / Livestream control	
Conference Room Upgrade	Zoom Meeting Ready	Installation of professional meeting camera	Improved Network access
		Wall mounted large screen	Ceiling mounted speakers
Campus-Wide	Portable Screen	Touch-screen	Meeting / presentation ready
		Secure Storage location	
	Portable Speakers	Bluetooth capable	Indoor/outdoor use
	Projector	Mobile projector suitable for use in the Sanctuary	
	Gear	Updated wireless microphone selection	Extra cables for special events
Handheld cameras for special use			

Auxiliary



Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for the

PILGRIM AUXILIARY

Meeting And Rummage Sale Thank You Luncheon

May 5, 2026

10:00am ~ Meeting

11:30am ~ Catered Luncheon

Everyone, especially all who volunteered their time and energies to our recent Rummage Sale, is cordially invited to our free catered luncheon. We hope you will join us for delicious food and a wonderful time of fellowship.



Coming up: June 2, 2026

Annual Catered Tea and Installation

Devotions by: Megan Parnell

Auxiliary

**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.

Please make every effort to attend so we can reach the required quorum of 70 members to vote on the sale of the vacant lot.

May 20, 2026

6pm ~ Dinner & 7pm ~ Meeting
Dinner is FREE, served buffet style

**Menu: Honey Orange Chicken
Dessert and Beverages Included**

Please reserve your plate **TODAY** by returning your reservation slip below and place it in the Pilgrim Auxiliary mailbox in the church office.



Annual Dinner & Meeting Reservation

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

of Adults _____ # of children (12 and under) _____

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

Allergies: _____

From the Librarian

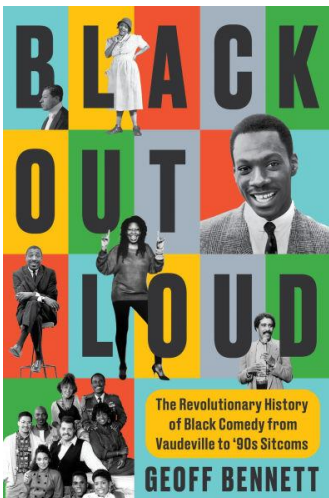
MAY 2026 LIBRARY NEWS

Due to the Spring Rummage Sale, the Library Committee postponed their April meeting to the 29th, much too late for the Pilgrim's Progress deadline. Trust us, we selected books we were sure our readers would enjoy.

Cozy mysteries are always popular with our readers and we have started a new series by **T.A. Williams**. So far we have *Murder in Tuscany*, *Murder in Chianti*, *Murder in Florence*, and *Murder in Siena*. There are 12 more titles in the **Armstrong** and **Oscar** series, **Oscar** being a very delightful black Labrador Retriever. We hope to eventually have all of them on our shelves. The author based **Oscar's** character on that of his beloved dog **Merlin**. The author was born in England to a Scottish father and a Welsh mother, but his wife is Italian and he is very fond of visiting Italy where his mysteries are set.



Our recent purchase *Black Out Loud: The Revolutionary History of Black Comedy from Vaudeville to '90s Sitcoms* by [Geoff Bennett](#) was featured on the March 29th episode of CBS Sunday Morning. You can read about all your favorite comedy shows and relive some laughs!



Come to the library and check us out!

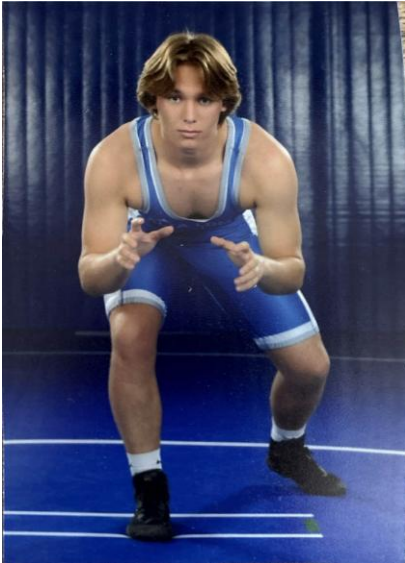
Megan

Christian Education

CE Happenings!

A STAR ATHLETE

Congratulations to our Super Star wrestler, Kodi Gray, on earning a Letter in the Varsity Wrestling Team. Kodi continues to maintain a spot on the honor role, participate as a youth leader in Pilgrim and NAPF/HOPE, as well as serve as the Youth Representative on the Board of Christian Education. Join us in a big round of applause for Kodi on all his wonderful accomplishments!



ALTA LOMA HIGH SCHOOL

Kodie Gray

This is to certify that the above named student has been awarded a letter and has earned the right to wear the athletic emblem of this school

Wrestling
Sport

2025-26
Date



Coach

Principal



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 10, 2026. 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!



Please join us on Sunday, **June 7, 2026** 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: christine.swartz@yahoo.com

Christian Education

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL PARK!

The Pilgrim Youth and Families enjoyed a wonderful evening at the Quakes Baseball Game for Family Night on April 17, 2026. We had 18 Pilgrims who all enjoyed \$2 hotdogs and \$1 sodas! We had wonderful time of fun and fellowship.



Natalie & Christine enjoy snacks.



McCormick boys cheer the team!



Hernandez Family has a great view!



Fafa (Ron) & Remi are keeping score!



A beautiful Evening!



BIG ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY LITTLE GUYS

Congratulations to Charlie and Harrison McCormick for their recent school award in citizenship and athletics. The boys were grateful to have a Grandpa as a special visitor at school during the awards presentation. Proud of our Pilgrim Kids!



Charlie McCormick



Harrison & Grandpa



Harrison McCormick

Christian Education

A TERRIFIC TIME AT BULLWINKLES

The Pilgrim Youth and their families enjoyed a time of fellowship, games, go-carts and delicious food for their Lent celebration field trip. Ms. Brandis planned a wonderful celebration that brought our families together friendship and companionship.



A VISIT FROM THE EASTER BUNNY AND MS. PEEP

A wonderful time was had by all Pilgrim youth on Palm Sunday during our annual Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Bunny visited along with Ms. Peep and brought toys, joys and candies. We are so very grateful to our sponsors, Megan and Bill Parnell for their dedication and support of the Pilgrim youth and families.



Christian Education

A BIG SCORE!

Be sure to congratulate Preston on receiving the Score Award for exceeding his reading goal. This is a very impressive accomplishment as he progressed from the beginning of the year to excel in his reading skills. Great job Preston on a superior Score!

BIG! SCORE



#YOUAREWELCOMEHERE



SCHOLARSHIP

Families in need of financial assistance and scholarships/camperships for either NAPF/HOPE (June 26 – July 2, 2026) or Cedar Lake Camp (July 19-25) should submit a confidential written request to Rev. Patrick Horn by email at patrick@pilgrimchurchpomona.com or submit a letter to the Church Office. The deadline for financial aid applications and scholarships is 5/15/25 for NAPF/HOPE and 6/15/25 for Cedar Lake Camperships.



We Want to Hear From You!!

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 Brandis or Christine.

THANK YOU!

Christian Education

Congratulations Ms. Jan!

BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED

Ms. Jan Manildi was recently honored at the Delta Kappa Gama Society's Women of Distinction Award. The DKG Society promotes personal and professional growth of women educators and excellence in education. Jan has served in her DKG community for many years as President, Vice Present, Nominations Committee Chairwoman and numerous DKG committees.

Throughout her 40 years as mostly a kindergarten and 1st grade teacher in the Ontario Montclair School District, Jan placed a tremendous value on early childhood reading. She and her teaching partner presented to teachers on ways to make reading more enjoyable in the classroom.

Currently Jan volunteers at the Ontario Museum of History & Art, the California Reading Association, the Yount Reader Medal Awards Program and as Sunday School Superintendent and teacher at Pilgrim Congregational Church. She plays a big role in selecting books for the California Young Reader Award by reading in various classes in OMSD and forwarding the students' top picks.

Jan enjoys visiting her daughters and their families in San Clemente and Oakhurst (near Yosemite). She has an amazing ability to hold on to friendships and an enduring reputation as the person who "invites you into any group she is part of and never lets you go." Congratulations to our own Ms. Jan as the Alpha Sigma's Woman of Distinction for a second time!



Jan with generations of students at Pilgrim!



DKG Awards

Christian Education



END OF THE YEAR SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTIES

Join the fun on Sunday, **June 14, 2026** during Sunday School at we celebrate the end of the year Sunday School classes and promotions. There will be games, food and our “moving on up” devotion and craft. Mark your calendar and be sure to join in the fun. We invite parents to volunteer and be part of the excitement as we anticipate a fun summer!



We Love Our Volunteers!

Summer Sunday School Schedule

Our Summer schedule commences on June 14, 2026 and continues through Rally Sunday on September 20, 2026. 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!!!



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 19 to July 25, 2026. 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 ARE
MORE THAN A CHURCH
WE ARE A FAMILY

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 in 2026! Contact the CE Board for Questions!

Date	Event	Location
Sun., May 3, 2026 11:30 a.m.	Postponed Until Further Notice CE Appreciation Sunday Lunch for Congregation	Postponed
Sun., May 10, 2026 11:00 a.m.	Mother's Day Recognition and Photos Muffins with Mom	Sanctuary and Pilgrim Hall
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
Sun. Sept 13, 2026 10:00 a.m.	Grandparent's Day Recognition and Picture Day	Sanctuary and Pilgrim Hall
Sun. Sept 20, 2026 9:30 a.m. to Noon	Rally Sunday & Burger Bash	Pilgrim Hall, Kitchen and Gym

Membership

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!
IT'S A WONDERFUL TIME TO FELLOWSHIP



BINGO!

May 9th, 5:00 p.m.

Spaghetti Dinner by Chef
D.J. Campbell

Fun Bingo hosted by Bill Parnell

Fellowship with our Pilgrim Family

50/50 Drawing & Raffle for Prizes

Tickets on sale throughout April

\$35.00 for adults. Kids 12 and under
are invited to sit with their family
and play for \$15.00 each.

Adult tickets include 20 Bingo cards.
Kid tickets include 10 Bingo Cards
Additional cards sold for \$2.00 each.

To RSVP, you can call the Pilgrim
office at 909-622-1373.

Thank you, Cynthia Eades
Chair, Membership

Membership

MAY MEMBERSHIP NOTES



We are planning to enter a float in the Pomona Christmas Parade on December 12, 2026 at 6pm. Pilgrim has participated several times but not recently. The parade theme is "Neon Candyland." If you have any suggestions for what to call our float and what you would like us to display, please let membership chair Cythia Eades know your ideas. We want Pilgrim Church to be represented in the community.

ANY SUGGESTIONS?

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MEMBERSHIP

All Church Talent Show Sunday,
September 27th at noon.



Pilgrim Information



Join us as we remember

James Lane

Celebration of Life

Saturday, June 6, 2026

2:00PM

Pilgrim Congregational Church
Reception to follow in
Pilgrim Hall

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

The Nominating Committee invites you to explore opportunities of service on various Church Boards. If you are interested in serving there is a variety of areas that might be a great fit for you. Please contact Christine Vanyo at 909-919-4621 for questions or more information. Thank you for your SERVICE to our Church!

CHURCH IS

A TEAM SPORT

Join The Team



Pilgrim Information

Scrip Fundraising!

Turn Everyday Shopping into Support for Pilgrim Church!

Did you know that Pilgrim Church still has an easy and convenient Scrip fundraising program? With RaiseRight, you can support Pilgrim’s ministries simply by doing the shopping you already do!

Through RaiseRight, you can purchase gift cards or reload existing ones from hundreds of popular retailers. A percentage of every purchase goes directly back to Pilgrim Church—helping fund youth group activities, capital campaigns, facility improvements, outreach ministries, and more.

Even better, it’s incredibly simple. You can shop from the comfort of home using the RaiseRight website or mobile app on your phone or tablet. Whether you're buying groceries, dining out, shopping online, or picking up gifts, your everyday purchases can make a meaningful impact for our church.

Getting Started is Easy!

1. Visit <http://www.raiseright.com> or download the **RaiseRight app**.
2. Click **“Join a Program.”**
3. Enter our enrollment code: **535323LC11L99** (case sensitive).
4. Create your personal account following the prompts.
5. Once registered, **add a payment method in your Account → Payment Options** (a credit card is recommended).
6. **Start shopping!** Browse brands, place your order, and check out.

Each month, the profits from your purchases are distributed directly to Pilgrim Church. **Please note that users are responsible for any applicable transaction or shipping fees.** RaiseRight customer service is also available if you need assistance.



Community

FIRST SATURDAY SALES

April 4 July 11 *
May 2 August 1
June 6 September 5

**Rescheduled due to Fourth of July holiday*

9 am – 11 am
Pilgrim Place
625 Mayflower Road
Claremont

Start with **coffee and a donut**, then shop for **books, furniture, housewares, clothing, fine art, plants, vintage treasures, and more.**

All proceeds benefit the Resident Health and Support Program.



pilgrimplace.org/first-saturday-sales

COA# 226, DSS# 197607628 DHS#950000084



PILGRIM PLACE



COA# 226 | DSS# 197607628 | DHS#950000084

Community

NCNW
Pomona Valley Section

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FORTY AND FLOURISHING *A Legacy of Sisterhood and Service*

Saturday, May 30, 2026

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Doubletree Hotel

555 West Foothill Blvd., Claremont, CA

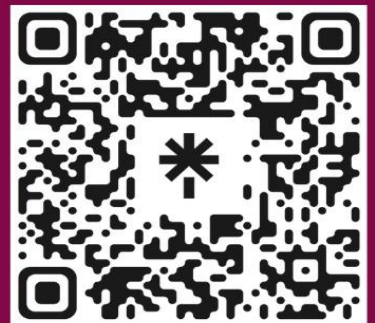
CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF IMPACT

Join us for an elegant afternoon honoring four decades of advocacy, leadership, and service from the Pomona Valley Section National Council of Negro Women.

TICKETS
\$70 per ticket
Table of 8: \$560

*Lunch included

Purchase Your
Tickets Here:



<https://linktr.ee/ncnwpvs>

Ticket sales end on May 17th

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.



Ways To Give

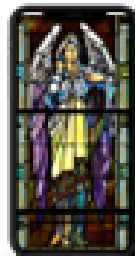
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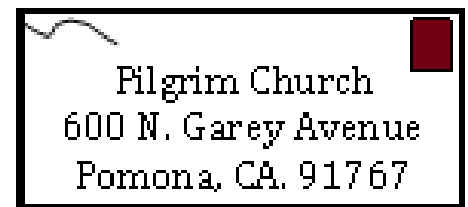
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May Service Notes

May 3rd

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

Worship Assistant: Rev. Heather Miner & Mr. Art Truman

Lesson 1: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Lesson 2: Acts 7:55-60

Color: White

Theme: Living a life of forgiveness

Sermon: "A Religion of Forgiveness"

Ushers: Sylvia Osborn, Jenni Whyte, Steve Whyte

Fellowship Host: Library Committee

Our flowers this morning are thoughtfully and lovingly provided by Bonnie Seath: "In loving celebration for Barry and Sharon's (brother and sister-in-law), and Judy and John's (cousin and husband), Wedding Anniversaries this month!" Congratulations and Blessings for many more years together!"

May 10th

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Happy Mother's Day)

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

Worship Assistant: Mr. Jon Olson

Lesson 1: Psalm 66:8-20

Lesson 2: Acts 17:22-31

Color: White

Theme: Our relationship to Transcendence

Sermon: "The Source of Everything"

Ushers: Ben Selters, Sue Selters & Janet McBride

Fellowship Host: Member At Large

"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 17th

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

Worship Assistant: Rev. Heather Miner

Lesson 1: Psalm 68:1-10

Lesson 2: Acts 1:6-14

Color: White

Theme: The life of faith is grounded in communal prayer

Sermon: "The Constantly Praying Community"

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

Acolytes: Preston Dague & Charlie McCormick

Fellowship Host: Friendship Guild

This morning's flowers are thoughtfully and lovingly provided by Andrea Gray: "To my wonderful husband Tom, as we celebrate (64) years of Love, Friendship, Marriage, and Family."

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May 24th

Pentecost Sunday

Presiding Minister: Rev. Heather Miner

Worship Assistant: Mr. Joe D. Hernandez

Lesson 1: Acts 2: 1-21

Lesson 2: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Color: Red

Theme: The Holy Spirit propels us to use our giftings to invite others into the worship and love of God.

Sermon: "Come, Holy Spirit"

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

Acolytes: Preston Dague & Charlie McCormick

Fellowship Host: Diaconate

Our flowers this morning are thoughtfully and lovingly provided by Elyse Mengle: "In celebration of my Family."

May 31st

Trinity Sunday

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

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

Lesson 1: Psalm 8

Lesson 2: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Color: White

Theme: Grace encompasses every moment of the life of faith

Sermon: "Grace for Every Situation"

Ushers: Sylvia Osborn, Jenni Whyte, Steve Whyte

Fellowship Host: Member At Large

This morning's flowers are thoughtfully and lovingly provided by Nancy Blackstock; "For the Love of my grandchildren Eliot and Daniel."

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



Cinco de Mayo

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.

Red is the color of sacrifice and is used during Palm Sunday, Holy week, Pentecost, and the feasts of the apostles and the martyrs.

Calendar Notes: May 2026

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 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

May 2nd

6:00 pm, Harmonia Movie Night

May 4th

Living Faith Bible Study Resumes

May 7th

National Day of Prayer

May 9th

5:00 pm, Bingo Night

May 10th

10:00 am, Mother's Day Recognition and Photos

May 16th

3:00 pm, Memorial Mountainside Concert

May 20th

6:00 pm, Annual Meeting & Dinner

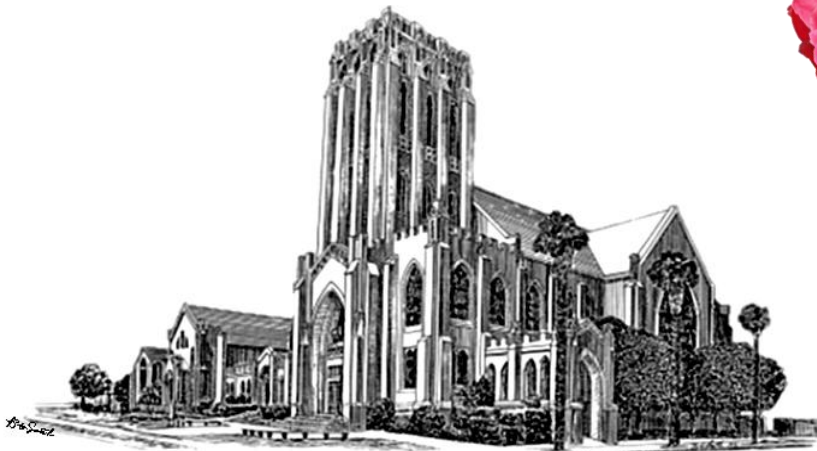
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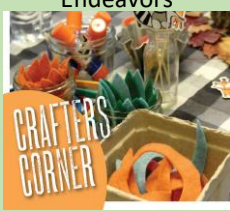


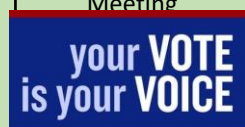




Memorial Day

Our Office will be closed

May 31st

11:30 am, CE Teacher & Board Lunch Banquet



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD TODAY?				1 9:00am Morning Devotional 8:00am Men's Breakfast	2 6:00pm Harmonia Movie Night
3 9:00am Gather & Greet 9:45am Worship Service 11:00am Fellowship 11:30am Appreciation Sunday Lunch	4 9:00am Morning Devotional 11:30am Living Faith Bible Study 7:30pm Mountainside Rehearsal	5 9:00am Morning Devotional 9:00am Pilgrim Auxiliary Meeting and Lunch set up 10:00am Pilgrim Auxiliary Meeting 5:45pm Twilight Bible Study	6 9:00am Morning Devotional 7:00pm Church Council Meeting 	7 9:00am Morning Devotional National Day of Prayer 10:00am Joyful Endeavors 	8 9:00am Morning Devotional 8:00am Men's Breakfast 1:00pm Bingo set up	9 2:00pm Bingo set up 5:00pm Bingo 
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