



PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

October 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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Pilgrim Congregational Church

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Senior Minister's Message



Are We Perfect Yet?

“Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal....”

Philippians 3:12

By: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

It feels a bit silly to even suggest the idea of our achieving perfection in this life. We know all too well the shortcomings that plague our day-to-day existence. And, yet, we do have Jesus saying in his Sermon on the Mount, “Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly father is perfect” (Matt. 5:48). This was the same sermon in which he taught his followers to love their enemies.

Later in Matthew, the disciples recognized the problem. They complained to Jesus. They said, “That’s impossible.” Jesus replied, “with God all things are possible.” And to prove his point, he redeemed and welcomed a tax collector into the fellowship of his followers.

This makes me wonder if we give up too easily. I’m not suggesting that you wake up in the morning by proclaiming, “I’m gonna be perfect, today!” It’s a pretty sure sign that someone is not perfect if they claim to be perfect. But I do think that divine perfection may work as an unattainable goal for us. In fact, I think that when we are united with God in Eternity, when we are fully with Christ, this is what happens. We attain divine perfection.

And, for Paul, writing to the Philippians, this redemption into divine perfection has already begun. We are already moving in the direction of divine perfection. We are not there. And we won’t get there in this life (though Finnian’s dog, Echo, might have already achieved divine perfection). We are on the way.

That’s why Paul continues the verse I started above with these words, “but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me.” We are not perfect, yet. But we have a pretty good picture of what perfection looks like. And so, we move on with our lives in the direction of perfection that Christ has established for us.

Let us embrace Paul’s message and move toward the perfection which Christ has already begun in us.

Associate Minister's Message



What makes the youth of our church extraordinary?

- ❖ They show up.
- ❖ They want to serve.
- ❖ They want to learn about scripture.
- ❖ They treat one another kindly, understanding each has different needs.
- ❖ They stand tall in the midst of challenges.
- ❖ They are patient with one another and with their parents.

It is a HUGE privilege to be called to serve the young people of Pilgrim.

And their parents.

- ❖ Who continue to bring them to church.
- ❖ Who stay with them in our younger classes and help Ms. Jan guide them through Christian Formation.
- ❖ Who volunteer to cook hamburgers, create backpack blessing packets, volunteer for fundraisers, and invite their children to work with them on mission projects.

What an honor to work with parents on the spiritual work of Christian Formation.

And Pilgrim Church.

- ❖ Who has set aside rooms and resources for the youth.
- ❖ Whose seniors show up to help teach the youth upstairs.
- ❖ Who seeks ways to include the youth in all her activities.
- ❖ Who sets aside time in every service for the youth to hear a word just for them.

Because of your faithfulness, our young people have a chance to grow in faith, service, and love. If someone asks, I hope you will tell them how extraordinary our church is in giving young people a community of caring adults willing to welcome them in as they are.

Reverend Heather Miner

Moderator's Message



⁵ By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

Do you feel God in your life? Why is that? Is at least one reason because you know He answered a prayer? I know this is a very complex topic to suggest, and fortunately as Congregationalists we will all have different answers. But we deeply agree we give thanks by recognizing those times God has been there in our lives - we know that he is the source of everything, including the opportunity to affirm our devotion to faith.

Exciting times for us ahead! After this month's Rummage Sale and Trunk-or-Treat-ing the Boards also have the exciting task of finalizing their budgets for the Trustees to process for the 2027 budget.

Please remember that Consecration Sunday is on November 1st, and the Church Auction later in the month; tickets should be on sale soon!

The First Sunday in Advent on the 29th will include an opportunity to help decorate Pilgrim Hall after we serve Communion during our Worship Service. December also will offer some exciting opportunities for fellowship with Christmas By Candlelight and the Youth Christmas Program and Dinner.

And finally, Hand-in-Hand is sponsoring 9 families this year – please make sure you check their schedule so you can donate when they need it.

- Andrew Olson

Audio Visual Message



Dear Pilgrim,

The Committee has been digging deep into research for the upgrades in the Sanctuary and there is a reasonable level of comfort building with our group with what we're doing. One of the goals for this committee is to establish a level of infrastructure that will be adaptable for the future – we don't want to lock ourselves into a system that can't be changed. We're also continuing to fine-tune the gear for the PA system and Conference Room, which has already been used by both the Congregation and Renters with many compliments. Thank you all for your continued support! Work has also started in Pilgrim Hall by evaluating needs and removing obsolete equipment.

Master Plan: Outlines of the various upgrades the committee recommends are printed and available for your review, they can be found in Pilgrim Hall on Sunday mornings.

Fundraising: Our fundraising efforts will continue while we commence the implementation of improvements. The Committee has 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:

- **September – January 2027:** Finalize equipment list with installation and construction plans, schedule installations, and develop operational manuals and training
- **Ongoing:** Continue to evaluate the needs and implement changes to accommodate accordingly

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
Moderator
Diaconate

Dane Vose

Diaconate Delegate
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Technical Consultant

Bonnie Seath

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Pilgrim Auxiliary President
Membership Board
Trustees

Ron Vanyo

Trustees Delegate
Buildings and Grounds Committee
Member-at-Large

Audio Visual Message (con't)



PILGRIM
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AUDIO VISUAL COMMITTEE

AV Upgrades Master Plan

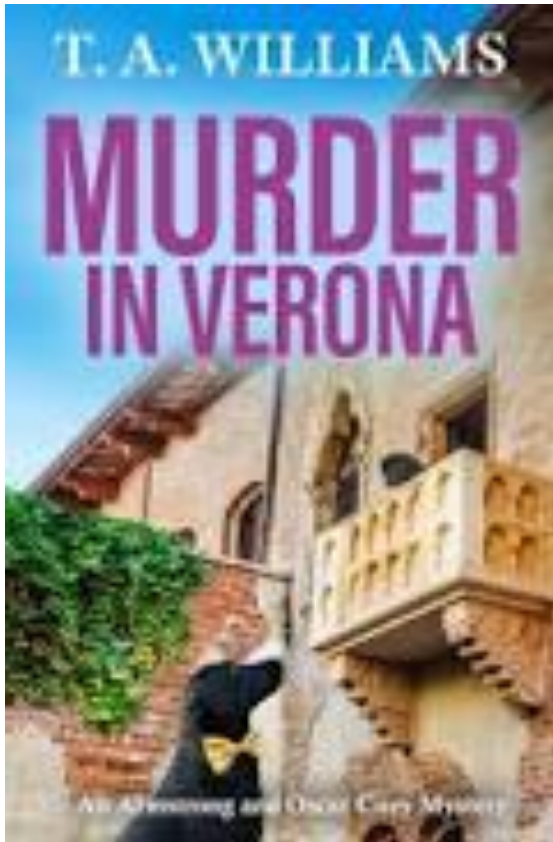
Category / Location	Equipment & System Details	Notes & Implementation	
Sanctuary Control Center	Sound Controls	Monitor speakers for choir loft	Sound control board / mixer
		Microphones	Expanded wireless capabilities
	Camera Control	New Camera angles	Camera Controller
	Control Computer	Step #1 for enhanced 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	
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	

From the Librarian

OCTOBER 2026 LIBRARY NEWS

The library committee was on hiatus for July, August and September. We met at the start of October, after the deadline for Pilgrim's Progress but I can assure you, we will have lots of new books to check out.

We now have 8 titles in the Armstrong and Oscar cozy mystery series set in Italy. This has been a hit with our readers, and we plan to order more in the series.



There are interesting non-fiction titles, as well:

Nolan: The Singular Life of an American Original by **Tim Brown** (about the Angels' Pitcher)

Book Shop Cats by **Daphne DuMoewier** (very cute pictures)

American Rambler by **Isaac Fitzgerald** (about Johnny Appleseed)

First Lady Next Door by **Eliza Reid** (former First Lady of Iceland)

Be sure to stop by the library and check them out!

Megan
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Auxiliary



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Mark your calendar and plan to join us

Pilgrim Auxiliary

Tuesday, Oct 6, 2026

10:00 a.m. ~ Meeting

11:30 a.m. ~ Program

12:30 ~ Luncheon & Fellowship

Our Program will be presented by Project Sisters Family Service. This worthwhile non-profit for over (50) years has been dedicated to supporting survivors of sexual assault in the Pomona/Claremont area.

Following the presentation, we hope you will join us for lunch and fellowship.



Coming up: Nov. 3, 2026
Presenter: Maggie Byrne
"Women in Aviation"

Walking in the Light Together

But if we walk in the light,
as he is in the light,
WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP
with one another...

1 John 1:7, NIV



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Coming in November

Pilgrim Auxiliary

Invites everyone to join us on

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10:00 a.m. ~ Meeting

11:30 a.m. ~ Program

12:30 ~ Luncheon & Fellowship

Our Program will be: "Women in Aviation" presented by Maggie Byrne (Ret.) who will share her inspiring experience as a woman in aviation. Following our program, we hope you will remain with us for lunch and fellowship.



Coming up: Dec. 1, 2026
"Christmas Melodies"
Presented by:
Susan Winckler and
Choralescence



October Rummage Sale

The BIGGEST Rummage Sale in The Valley

It's so large they hold it twice a year!

October 17th
8 am to 1 pm

For more than a century, Pomona's Pilgrim Congregational Church has held huge rummage sales - offering many quality items to residents at a fraction of their cost elsewhere.



There will be thousands of quality women's, men's and children's items of clothing, toys, kitchen glass, pots & pans, bedding and linens, furniture, small appliances, shoes, books and CDs, even record albums. The popular Treasure Chest will have china, silver, crystal, quilts and collectibles.

And for educators, the popular Learning Materials Giveaway Room has a wide selection of books and educational materials contributed from retiring teachers free for all.

Pilgrim Congregational Church

600 N. Garey Ave., Pomona - 909-622-1373

Education Materials Giveaway Room



Pilgrim's long-running and highly successful Rummage Sale will return Oct. 17, filling the church's many rooms with goods for sale for hundreds of community visitors from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The earliest notice we can find of a Pilgrim rummage sale was in November 1923, with sales being a regular event since then. And, of course, with such a load of donations that come in, they are now held twice a year.

Judy Sanders, Jan Manildi and Susan Newton are directing the sale as usual. Volunteers have been working most Wednesday mornings since last April's sale sorting into boxes the loads of donated material that arrives each week.

Oct. 10 will be Moving Saturday with a large number of fraternity members from Cal Poly Pomona helping to transfer all the sorted boxes stored in the garages to the rooms designated for sale of each individual set of goods, from clothing to books to household goods to bedding to holiday goods, and others.

During the next few days, those boxes will be unpacked and their goods displayed on tables in anticipation of the sale on the 17th.

Obviously all this requires a great deal of hands-on work by volunteers. Judy, Jan and Susan would be pleased to hear from you to assist during preparation work or helping during the sale itself.

One minor change this year is our popular Teachers' Room, which has been renamed the Education Materials Giveaway Room, starting with this sale. Directed by Sue Villa, the room will again have a large array of donated educational materials – from reading books, posters, games, paper and other materials – available free to teachers as well as parents or anyone involved in education. The activities of the room received great publicity in April when a Los Angeles television film crew did a feature on the program.

As usual, during the sale, there will be a tour of the historic church campus by Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn.

An important role for Pilgrim members – beyond the hands-on work of the sale – is to help tell the community of the sale itself. It has been a popular and well-known event for so many years that the Oct. 17 date is the single-most important bit of information to get out. Please send the date – by word of mouth, letter or social media – to all your friends and associates, letting them know that the doors will be open at 8 a.m. on the 17th.

Trustees



**Save
The
Date!**

*Board of Trustee's
Annual
Church Auction and Dinner*
Saturday, November 14, 2026

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

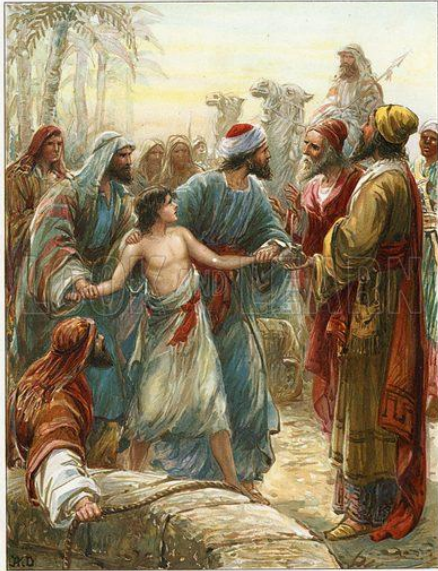
Tickets \$40 per person \$5 for Children under 12

*Dinner Entrée: Chicken Parmesan, Pasta with Marinara Sauce
and Grilled Vegetables
(Vegetarian Meal Available)*

*Drop off your completed reservation form and check in the Church Auction
Mailbox located in the church office, Monday through Friday or
on Sunday mornings in Pilgrim Hall on or before November 1, 2026.*

Christian Education

In August, during our Youth Sunday School, we talked about “Jacob’s Choice.” He could have chosen to go back to the way it was with his brother Esau or he could choose the new way God was making for him. I shared with the Youth that when I was in Junior High, I had to leave behind someone I thought was my best friend when it became clear to me that she wasn’t treating me as a friend. I still remember the day when I chose to have lunch with someone I had just met in class. Her name was Tammy and we were good friends all the way through High School. It turns out some of our youth have faced their own Jacob’s choices. I bet you have too. – Pastor Heather



September ends and October begins with stories about Joseph, Jacob’s son. It is a mini-series filled with challenges. The greatest challenge of all—to forgive. The word we are teaching our Youth is RECONCILIATION.

(Pic: Joseph being sold into Egypt by his brothers)

DATES	SCRIPTURE/TOPIC	CLASSES
October 4	World Communion Sunday	Altogether creating a Communion Cloth in Room 12.
October 11	Heather Preaching	Younger Older—please either plan to help with the younger ones or stay in worship.
October 18	Genesis 41: 1 - 57	Younger Older
October 25	Genesis 42: 1 – 46: 34	Younger Older

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

The Youth will meet in room 12 after the children’s message to create a Sunday School Communion Cloth. Creativity is encouraged and all abilities are celebrated.



Christian Education (con't)

November 7th, 12 – 4 p.m. Picnic, play, and hike.



Join us for a picnic and a 2 mile round trip, level, walk together to a Redwood Grove in nearby Carbon Canyon Regional Park. We'll bring the hot dogs, buns, and condiments; you bring anything else you'd like to share. Those who don't want to do the hike, bring your favorite table game...what I'll call "Domino" Train



or "Star" Checkers



or anything else that can withstand a breeze. Dogs on leash are welcome. Cost is \$5/carload or you can use a County Regional and Wilderness Parks Pass.

**WALKING
TACOS ARE
BACK at our
RUMMAGE SALE
on October 17th!**



GAME ROOM SUNDAYS: 11 – 1 p.m.

October 26, November 22, December 27. Time for youth to hang out after church in our game room with adults who care.

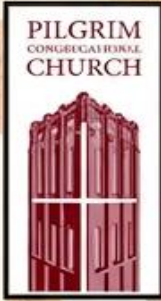


This is good for Pilgrim, for you, and your family. Retreats allow deeper relationships to form. Plus, when you choose to invest time in your faith, your faith grows.

Loch Leven is next to Forest Falls at the bottom of the curvy Big Bear Road on highway 38. It is 3900 feet. There's a stream, a hike to sunset point, and a cool swinging bridge. The cabin has many sleeping options.

Please express your willingness to be a part of this spiritual adventure by emailing Heather@pilgrimchurchpomona.com.

Membership



PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

FAITH • PEOPLE • COMMUNITY • FOR 140 YEARS

All Are Welcome! ♥

TRUNK or TREAT

Games & Activities
Hot Dog, Chips & Drink
Country Store
Lots of Candy!!!

**Saturday
October 31st**
3:30pm to 7:30pm

Pilgrim Congregational Church
600 N. Garey Ave., Pomona



Pilgrim's Updates



*Please join us for
a Church Wide*

Baby Shower

Honoring

Isabella Marceleno & Matthew Cristerna

SUNDAY

Pilgrim Hall
600 N. Garey Ave.
Pomona, CA 91767

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OCTOBER

AT 11:30 AM

Registered at
Amazon & Target



Bring a box of Diapers for the
Diaper Raffle for a chance to win a PRIZE!

We appreciate your presence



A green leaf with water droplets on a dark, pebbly surface.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Join Dr. Horn for a light lunch and a class on the basics of membership at Pilgrim Congregational Church. The class will address the guiding principles and structure of Pilgrim Congregational Church. New members are especially encouraged to attend but all are welcome to participate.

**Sunday, October 25th at 12:30pm
in Pilgrim Hall**

RSVP – 909-622-1373 or
Pilgrimoffice@pilgrimchurchpomona.com

Pilgrim's Updates (con't)

Pilgrim Church “Brothers” Take Over Elementary School

The McCormick Brothers have been Pilgrim Church kids since they were born (and baptized at Pilgrim.) This 2026-2027 School Year, they all started school – together – at the same elementary! This is the first time in the history of the school that four brothers have attended at the same time together. Let's wish all Pilgrim kids and youth a happy and safe back to school and blessings for a fabulous year, both at church and at school.

(McCormick Brothers (L-R): Charlie, Keaton, William & Harrison. (M) Principal Mr. “T”)



Pilgrim's Updates (con't)



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YOU ARE INVITED TO

Branches & Brunch

Join us for a tree decorating party & potluck on Sunday, November 29, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. in Pilgrim Hall. All Pilgrims are invited to attend! Bring your favorite main dish, side dish or dessert, and wear your festive Christmas attire!!

SIGN UP SHEET IN PILGRIM HALL

SUNDAY
AT 11:30 A.M.

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NOVEMBER 29
PILGRIM HALL

PILGRIM CHEER IS HERE!
Christmas Carols & Fellowship!

Music

In Memoriam Matthew Carlton Miles

ORGAN RECITAL FUNDRAISER INCLUDING MOUNTAINSIDE MASTER CHORALE SOLOS AND ANTHEMS

GIVING VOICE TO VOICE

CHORAL MUSIC TRANSCRIBED FOR ORGAN
BY BRUCE JONES, COMPOSER,
ARRANGER AND ORGANIST

OCTOBER 18, 2PM

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
600 N. GAREY AVE., POMONA



Community



78th Festival
PILGRIM PLACE



NOVEMBER 13 - 14, 2026
10 AM - 4 PM

Joyful fun for all ages!

- Handcrafted items
- Shopping
- Food
- Live music
- Free children's activities

All proceeds benefit our Resident Health and Support Program



Located at 625 Mayflower Road,
Claremont, CA 91711

Visit pilgrimplace.org/festival
for more details



Pomona Inland Valley MLK Jr. Project Invites You To:
The 45th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration



Resilience

A Tough Mind and a Tender Heart

Sunday, January 17, 2027

Pilgrim Congregational Church

600 N. Garey Ave.

Pomona, CA 91767

MLK Marketplace: 4:00 PM

Ceremony: 6:00 PM

Join us for a night of honoring our Youth Social Justice Awardees, Zennie Cummings Awardees, support local vendors and celebrate the legacy and life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.!



Learn More Make a Donation Be a Sponsor Be a Vendor
Visit our website: pivmlkproject.org 501(c)3 Nonprofit Organization

From the Historian's Ipad Photo Files

Photos of Creative Pilgrim Activities from Years Past

(see pictures on the next page as shown for each category below)

1. Category 1 -Auction Baskets. 2023
2. Category 2 - WomensWear Rummage Room Prep - 2014 and 2023
3. Category 3- Parking Lot Opera - 2021
4. Category 4- Easter Basket Sales Project - 2021
5. Category 5- Pilgrim Hist. Community Open House - 2022.

From the Historian's Ipad Photo Files (con't)



PILGRIM VOLUNTEER CREWS WORK TO CREATE THEMED BASKETS THAT REALLY CATCH THE EYE!



"HOW THE ROOM LOOKS JUST BEFORE WE OPEN THE DOORS ON SALE DAY!"

DOZENS AND DOZENS OF SILENT AUCTION BID BASKETS....MANY HOLIDAY THEMED



READY FOR THE SALE!!

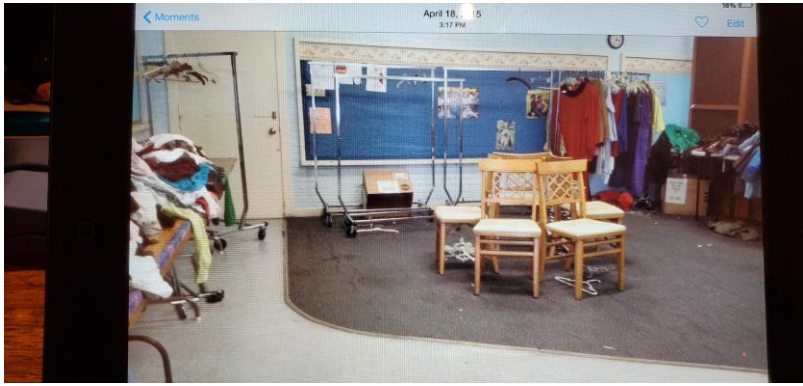


MINUTES BEFORE OPENING!



PEOPLE DO LOVE OUR SALES!!!!

From the Historian's Ipad Photo Files (con't)



NOT MUCH LEFT AT THE END OF THE SALE!



Pilgrim Congregational Church, parking lot
600 N Garey Ave, Pomona, 91767

Jonathan Keplinger at the piano.

Sit in your car or bring a chair to sit in front of your car.

No charge. Donations appreciated on PayPal
www.repoperaco.org "Keep the Music Alive" • 909-230-4949



"OPERA IN THE PARKING LOT!
DRIVE-IN THEATER STYLE.
SEVERAL PERFORMANCES."

briefly

Speaking of outdoor music in Pomona, the city's Repertory Opera Company is putting on free concerts Oct. 18 and 25 in the parking lot of Pilgrim Congregational Church, 600 N. Garey Ave., at 5 p.m. Sit inside your car or outside it, masked, as singers perform arias with live piano accompaniment. I recommend that you wait until you're absolutely certain the opera music has ended before honking your car horn in appreciation.

*David Allen writes
Wednesday, Friday and
Sunday, three bum notes.
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phone 909-483-9339, visit insidesocal.com/davidallen,
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Facebook and follow @
[davidallen909](https://twitter.com/davidallen909) on Twitter.*

From the Historian's Ipad Photo Files (con't)

"EASTER BASKETS GALORE FOR ALL AGES AND INTERESTS!" PILGRIMS YOUTH ORGANIZED SALES AND DELIVERY "SO MANY BASKETS! SO LITTLE TIME! HUGE PROJECT! "



"Everyone wanted Elmo!!"



"RARE PHOTO OF PILGRIM'S ORIGIN IN THE OLD POMONA OPERA HOUSE."



"DECADES OF PILGRIM CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORIES"



"PHOTO HISTORY OF EARLY CONGREGATIONS AND TOUR BOOKLETS OF PILGRIM BEING ON TOUR."

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

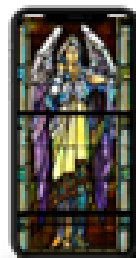
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Visit our link

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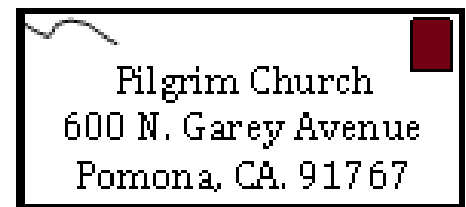
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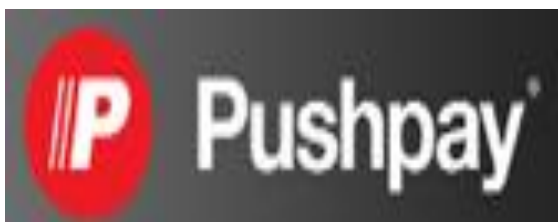
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PILGRIMCHURCH
To 833-813-9522

MAIL



Send a Check



When you text "PILGRIMCHURCH" to 833-813-9522 you will receive a one-time reply containing a link to give to PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (1msg/request). Please be aware that MSG & Data rates may apply. For full Terms & Conditions please visit <http://pushpay.com/terms>. For the Privacy Policy please visit <https://pushpay.com/privacy>. For help reply HELP or STOP to cancel. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 909-622-1373.

OCTOBER Service Notes

October 4th

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (World Communion Sunday)

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

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

Lesson 1: Psalm 19

Lesson 2: Philippians 3:4b-14

Color: Green

Theme: True maturity knows that we are not perfect

Sermon: "Are We Perfect Yet?"

Ushers: Ron Vanyo, Dulce Ruiz, Christine Vanyo, and
Guadalupe Ocegueda

Acolytes: Preston Dague and Charlie McCormick

Fellowship Host: Membership

Our flowers this morning are thoughtfully and lovingly provided
in celebration of our Church wide Baby Shower for Isabella
Marceleno and Matthew Cristerna today.

October 11th

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (Rummage Moving Day)

Presiding Minister: Rev. Heather Miner

Worship Assistant: Youth

Lesson 1: Genesis 37:1-20

Lesson 2: Genesis 37:21-36

Color: Green

Theme: On our worst day, what will be our response?

Sermon: "Joseph's Bad Day"

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

Acolytes: Isabella & Jasmine Marceleno

Fellowship Host: Friendship Guild

PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY; This morning flowers are
provided: 1) In recognition of our Ministry Leaders here at
Pilgrim Congregational Church. "Thank you for the many ways
you minister, and make a difference in our Church and our
community"; 2) "Thank you, Dr. Horn, for your faithful service
and dedication to our Church family. We are grateful to have you
as our shepherd. Heartfelt thanks." The Vanyo and McCormick
Families.

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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.

October 18th

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

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

Lesson 1: Psalm 99

Lesson 2: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Color: White

Theme: Faithfulness when everything comes apart

Sermon: "Things Fall Apart"

Ushers: Sylvia Osborn, Jenni Whyte, Steve Whyte, Bob Wheeler

Fellowship Host: Trustees

Our flowers this morning are thoughtfully and lovingly provided
by Christine and Ron Vanyo: "Happy 10th Birthday to our #1
Grandson, Charlie. Ten years of laughter, big adventures, and
endless pride. Ten years of being awesome. You have a heart of
gold and a brilliant mind. May God continue to bless you as you
keep shining bright. Love Gigi and Fafa."

October 25th

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

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

Lesson 1: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Lesson 2: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Color: Green

Theme: Christian leadership is about humble, loving service

Sermon: "Gentle Leadership"

Ushers: Ben Selters, Sue Selters, Janet McBride and Julie Beech

Acolytes: Kodie Gray

Fellowship Host: Patience Guild

This morning's flowers are provided with heartfelt thanks to
EVERYONE who contributed to this month's successful
Rummage Sale!. Jan Manildi, Judy Sanders, and Susan Newton,
our 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. THANK YOU, very, very much!"

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



Calendar Notes: October 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

11:30am, Living Faith Bible Study

1:00pm, 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

October 3rd

Last day to receive Rummage

October 4th

World Communion Sunday

11:00am, Isabella & Matthew's Babyshower

October 6th

10:00am – 11:30am, Pilgrim Auxiliary

Meeting and Lunch

October 7th

9:30am, Library Committee Meeting

October 10th

Rummage Set up

October 11th thru 16th

Rummage Moving Day/Set up

October 17th

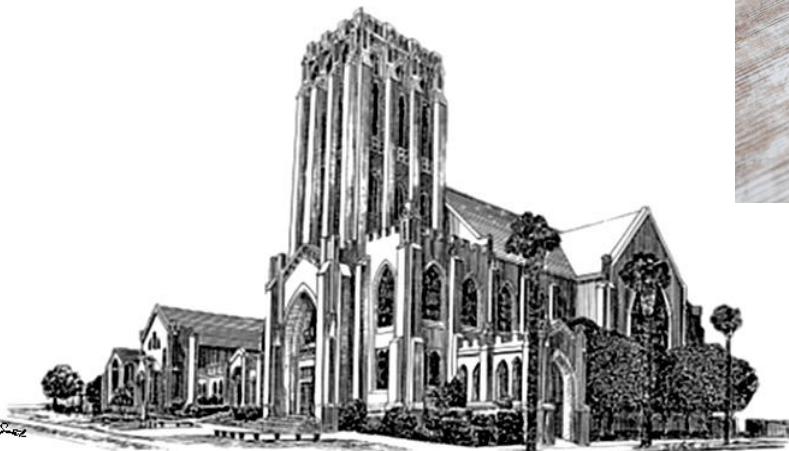
8:00am – 1:00pm, Rummage Sale

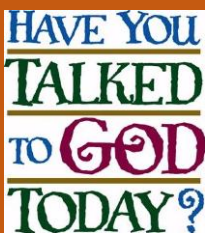
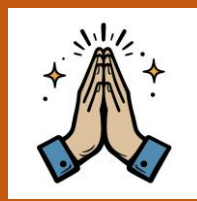
October 25th

12:30pm to 2:00pm, New Members Class

October 31st

3:30pm – 7:00pm, Trunk or Treat



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