



November 2017

Reflection

Dr. Beth Bingham ~ Senior Minister

Sometimes it is called the “Stewardship Drive,” sometimes a “Pledge Drive.” It is the time in the life of the church when we are asked to decide how much we can give to the church in the coming year.

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But for some years now at Pilgrim we instead have “Consecration Sunday.” I like that, for it means that we are asked to prayerfully consider not only our financial gifts, but also our times of time and service and love to the church. We are asked to prayerfully consider the blessings that we have received and to make our gifts as gestures of gratitude and thanks. In those moments we also, I think, measure our faith in the God who has so richly given to each of us

November is such a perfect time for us to consecrate ourselves and our gifts. For it was in November of 1620 that the Pilgrims, our spiritual ancestors, landed in the new world. And lives and faith of those Pilgrims might inspire us –the pilgrims of Pilgrim Congregational Church.

We know their story well. They crossed the Atlantic Ocean in the midst of the wild autumn weather which meant that they were enough off course that they landed on Cape Cod instead of in Virginia. After choosing what is now Plymouth as the place where they would settle had to live on the ship while their first buildings were constructed. The winter was so long and harsh that half of them had died by spring.

But none of them took up the captain’s offer to ride the Mayflower back home to England. They had left because they needed the freedom to



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know God and worship God as they felt the Scriptures revealed to them. They built homes with the knowledge and help of the natives; they learned how to plant and harvest. And despite the hardships their faith never flagged. They knew that God was with them through even the roughest moments of their journey and in the daily struggles of surviving in a unfamiliar land.

So it is that sometimes in these days it seems as if we too are negotiating rough waters. We too have daily struggles surviving in or living in a world often feels unfamiliar. Yet God is closest to us when we open our hearts and let God into our lives. God is nearest to us, when we share our faith in God with others who are also looking for light in the shadows of their lives. God is dearest to us when we feel the closeness and affection and deep care of those who gather around us as we worship together, as we pray together, and yes even as we play together.

So let our Thanksgiving celebrations begin today and continue tomorrow and for all the days ahead. Let us join those brave Pilgrims who landed 397 years ago who lived by the words of Pastor John Robinson who sent them on their way to a new life in a new world: "The Lord hath more truth and light to break forth out of His Holy Word."

CAREGIVERS' SUPPORT GROUP: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Our Caregiver Support Group meets on Monday, November 20 from 7-8 p.m. in the Conference Room. In an informal and confidential gathering we share resources and support with one another. Please join us and invite others who might benefit from such a group. The holiday season can be particularly difficult and having a place to share can be especially helpful.

We are thrilled to welcome Mary Prendergast as the new director of Pilgrim's Band of Prayer. You may direct prayer requests to her and they will be communicated by phone or email to the Band of Prayer. Be assured that all requests are utterly confidential. If you would like to join the group of those who receive the requests and include them in your prayers you may also contact Mary at 909-973-6709 or email maryprendy17@gmail.com.

BAND

OF Prayer

Philippians 4:6

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." (NIV)





REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 5

On All Saints Sunday, November 5 we will be remembering all the members of Pilgrim who have passed away in the last year with a special rose ceremony during worship. As we consecrate our own lives that Sunday so we will be honoring and consecrating our beloved friends who now rest in the arms of God. Your presence will be appreciated by family and friends.

POMONA EXPRESS CHRISTMAS PARADE

Pilgrims are making a float for the Pomona Christmas Parade, and we need your help! On Saturday, December 9th from 6:00-8:00pm, in downtown Pomona, we will be showing our Pilgrim Pride and promoting our December Events! More information will be provided soon about making our float, but put December 9th on your calendar and be ready to wave! Talk to Mary Prendergast or Melissa Eriksen for more details

OFFERING ENVELOPES - 2018

If you would like to be added to the list of those who receive their annual packet of weekly or monthly offering envelopes; please contact the church office. If you currently receive envelopes there is no need to contact the church. They will be available on Consecration Sunday, November 5 in Pilgrim Hall.
Thank you

When worry knocks at your door, just invite Jesus to answer it as quickly as you can.



Stand on God's promises, read Matthew 6:25

DO NOT WORRY

²⁵“Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?”



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WOMEN'S AUXILIARY MEETING

The Women's Auxiliary November meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 7th.

Our program will be given by our own Dr. Bingham speaking on "Pilgrims Progress". Devotions will be given by Leola Greer and our lunch will be provided by Don Sanders.

EVERYONE is invited to attend. Please join us.

The Board meets at 10:30 A.M., the General Business Meeting is at 11:30, Luncheon at 12:00 and Program at 1:00. For a ride or child care, please contact the church office.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY'S "HIDDEN TREASURES"

Each month Women's Auxiliary has been highlighting Pilgrim women who have special talents. In October we showed the wonderful artwork of Robin Wilson. She displayed nutcrackers, tole painting, and several bird paintings. The amazing thing about her bird paintings is that they are painted on the BACK of the glass! And she didn't start painting until her children were grown! We all enjoyed seeing her artwork ... and learning more about her.

RUMMAGE SALE THANK YOU

Our Rummage Sale was a success and we would like to thank:

- Everyone who contributed rummage.
- Everyone who encouraged friends and neighbors to contribute.
- Everyone who helped sort rummage.
- Everyone who helped set up for the sale.
- Everyone who bought rummage
- Everyone who encouraged friends and neighbors to buy.
- Everyone who helped at the sale.
- Everyone who fed us during the week.
- Everyone who counted all that money.
- Everyone who helped clean up after the sale.

It takes all of us working together to make a successful sale.

We look forward to your help again for the Spring Sale on April 21st.

Thank you!
Judy & Jan



CASA SANCHEZ MEXICAN RESTAURANT

2264 S. Mountain Ave.

Ontario

(909) 983-2826

(on the West side of Mountain Ave. between Philadelphia and the 60 Freeway – next to Vista Paints)

Wednesday, November 8th

5 pm to 10 pm

25% of proceeds go to Pilgrim Youth.

This is a family owned restaurant that has been serving great food for over 30 years. It has consistently been named Best Mexican Restaurant by the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin.

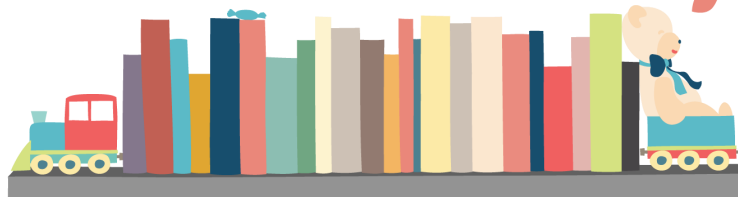
Please come enjoy a nice meal and help raise money for our Youth programs.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We are going to begin meeting in the Children's Library at the end of class each Sunday to practice music with Nancy Rodewald. You may pick your child up at the Library at 11:20.

Children may also check out books at this time. (Some adults have been finding books to read, too.) We have two children who have turned in their forms for reading 10 books from our library. (And one of our adults is working on earning a brick, too.) As soon as we have enough completed forms, we will paint their bricks in the library, publish their names ... and Dr. Bingham will make a cake!

Children's Library





ANNUAL AUCTION

Sunday, November 12@ 5p.m.

Doubletree Hotel in Claremont

Prepare for a great buffet dinner, tons of fun and lots and lots of priceless silent and voice auction items. There will be tickets and treasures, trips (hopefully) and trinkets. Do your Christmas shopping early!

The tickets are \$40 per person.

We are still looking for great items to auction and we can always use volunteers for the event. Please contact Dr. Bingham if you are available to help or if you have something to donate. (909) 622-1373 or pilgrimoffice@verizon.net Donation forms are available through the church office or during coffee hour.



AUCTION DONATION FORM

We are looking for anything that is in good condition and that is likely to be somebody else's treasure. Consider not only things you have but things you can do from cooking to baking to wrapping Christmas presents to fixing sprinkler systems to changing light bulbs!

Always popular too are tickets to events, services and we would love to have any accumulated frequent flyer miles that can be shared. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Bingham through the church at 909-622-1373.

DONOR NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____ **PHONE** _____

ITEM _____

ESTIMATED VALUE _____

Unless other arrangements are made, items should be at Pilgrim by Sunday, November 8. The committee reserves the decision to put items in voice or silent auction depending upon the item, its value and/or where it is apt to attract the most interest and (of course!) money.

Feel free to send your tax-deductible donation to
Pilgrim Congregational Church
Attn: Auction Committee
600 N. Garey Avenue
Pomona, CA 91016





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SANCTUARY FLOWERS

My Fellow Pilgrims,



I write you with mixed emotions, in 2009 I inherited the Sanctuary Flower Ministry. I've been blessed to work with several families as they expressed their love through the Sanctuary Flowers for Easter, Christmas and monthly dedications.

It is time that someone else takes up the torch and leads this ministry to a different level. It would be fantastic if someone began now so that way I can show you the process for the 2018/2019 flower season.

It's been my pleasure to serve my church and community with the beauty of the flowers. Please contact me at 909-984-3227 or email me at CYNsLOU@aol.com to discuss your interest. I thank you all for your support and love throughout the years.

Warmly,
Cynthia Shoultz
Flower Chair 2017/2018



The following flower dates are needed for 2018:
February 18, April 29, May 27, July 1, 15, 22, 29,
August 5 and 26.



POINSETTIAS 2017

Order and dedicate your poinsettias to adorn the sanctuary Sunday December 18th and on Christmas Eve. Please be prepared to take your plants with you after the Christmas Eve service.

NAME: _____ **Phone#** _____

Number of plants at \$10 each _____

I will take my plant _____

Check enclosed for total of \$ _____

DEDICATION: (please print)

Return your check & completed dedication to church office. Plants dedicated on a first come first serve basis.

Thank you Cynthia Shoultz



Invite your family and friends and come on over to
Pilgrim Congregational Church's
Harvest Festival



For all ages from 1 to 101 come on over for some great family fun!
Everyone is invited to join our Pilgrim Harvest Festival,
Sunday, November 19th from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Following church services come feast on a scrumptious lunch before visiting the Pilgrim Country Store, marching around a Cake Walk, and join in some fun games and activities such as Name that Hymn contest, Jenga, Bingo, and much, much more! Begin the holiday season right with great fun and fellowship with our Pilgrim Family! Don't forget to bring along your family, friends, and neighbors! Here at Pilgrim Church, Harvest Festival is where we count our blessings, share our gifts with others and reach out with faith and love to grow our Pilgrim Family!



We hope to see you there!

If you have any questions or are
interested in having a booth,
please contact:
Deborah Walden at 909-861-4716.



NOVEMBER LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Wednesday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday	Closed
Friday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	9:00 a.m. to noon



Happy Thanksgiving from the library committee! Although we usually do not meet in November due to the holiday, we will still have new books for your reading pleasure. The committee met in late October to select the best in new materials for the library. Favorite authors at Pilgrim with new books include **David Baldacci, Dan Brown, Michael Connelly, Clive Cussler, Janet Evanovich, Sue Grafton, John Grisham, Jan Karon, John Sanford, and Stuart Woods**. Please stop by the library and check us out.

Megan



KEEP
CALM
AND
SCRIP
ON



WE NEED YOUR HELP

We need help at the Scrip table. We need at least 2 people before (9:15 – 10) and/or after (11-11:45) church on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sunday's. 1st Sunday is covered. Thank you very much Jeanne,

Penny and Sylvia. Thank you also to MaryAnn, Nancy, Amy, Rae, Cynthia and Judy. It works best when we have one selling, one pulling the cards and on taking money and counting the cards back to the customer. Any help you can give will be appreciated.

Training is available please call me (909) 946-0055. Nancy Blackstock



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WHAT HAS CHRISTIAN CAMPBELL BEEN UP TO SINCE CONFIRMATION?

Christian Campbell, one of our Pilgrim Youth members, has been very busy this summer and isn't slowing down as he starts High School this year as an Etiwanda High School Freshman. He started the summer by committing himself to his Faith at his confirmation of membership to Pilgrim Congregational Church. This was followed by his performance as Jesus in the church musical, SAM at Christian Education Sunday. This summer he has been training with Etiwanda's Marching Eagles Regiment practicing his trombone and learning how to march and play with one of the world's leading marching bands. While doing this he has attended NAPF conferences in Georgia, Boy Scout Summer Camp where he earned 5 merit badges in a weeks' time, joined the Boy Scout Honor Society, Order of the Arrow participating in 2 Ordeals, one as a new member and one as part of the Ceremony Team, the Ontario Rotary NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) Conference and all of this while serving his Boy Scout Troop as Senior Patrol Leader since being elected in December of 2016 and re-elected in July of 2017. These experiences have helped him grow in his Faith, improve his leadership skills as well as improve his physical fitness. He has even learned about making difficult choices as he had to limit his time at his favorite annual event, Cedar Lake Camp due to mandatory band camp for high school. Fortunately, he could attend one day at Cedar Lake and looks forward to next year. As you can imagine, we are very proud parents and wanted to share with our church family our pride. Here are some fun pictures from this Summer.



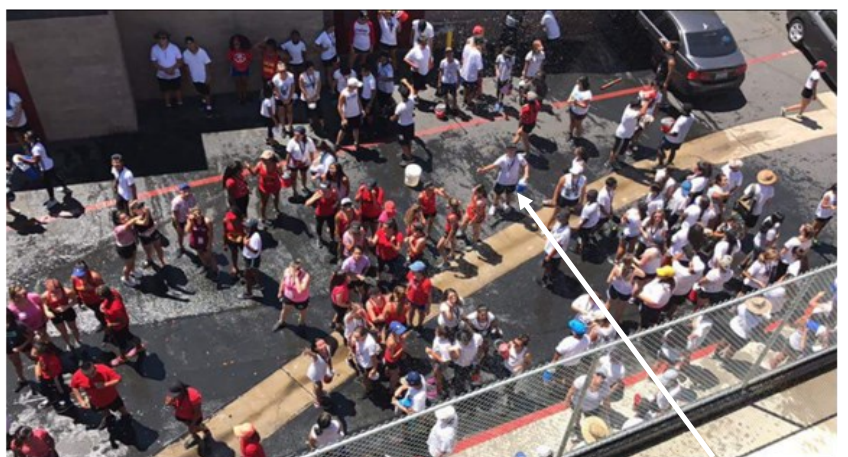
Christian playing at his first High School Pep Rally. He is the 2nd Trombone from the left in the front row.



Christian working on the Mission Project at NAPF, Georgia.



Graduation Day at NYLT. E.H.S. Marching Band playing in the water at a break from an 8hr. practice.



Christian asking to be squirted with more water to beat the heat.



FACILITY USE

When coming to the church, please remember to check in AND out with the office staff. This is extremely important in case of an emergency because if no one knows you are here, no one can look for you. It is also important so that you can know whether or not rooms are being rented by others. Renting our facility to others brings us much needed income. We want our guests to continue to come back to our facility, so we need to be respectful of their space. Also, if you are planning to meet at the church, please let BaLinda know so she can make sure the space you want is available. Following these procedures would be very much appreciated.

We are asking **all ministries** to contact the church office and submit a list of everyone who has keys to the church. We must keep and maintain an updated list for our insurance purposes. Please contact us right away.

	FACILITY USE	
November 3, 2017	Wedding Rehearsal	4:00 p.m.
November 4, 2017	Natalie Hutchinson/Jason Torres Wedding	4:00 p.m.
November 10, 2017	Wedding Rehearsal	3:00 p.m.
November 11, 2017	Private Wedding	4:00 p.m.
November 13, 2017	Private Event	10:00 a.m.
November 16 - 17, 2017	Kitchen used	9:00 a.m.
November 30 - December 2, 2017	Sigma Chi - Chapel	TBD

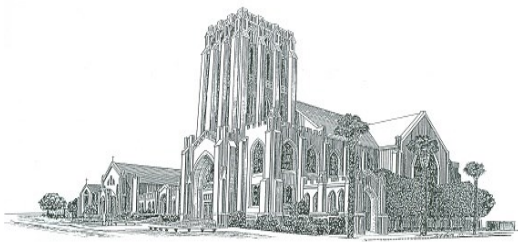
Thank you,
Dee Hupp, Facilities Use Chair



The Hutchinson and Torres families invite
the Congregation
to the wedding ceremony for
Natalie Hutchinson and Jason Torres on
November 4th at 4:00pm.
Private reception to follow.

REMEMBRANCE

If you know someone who would love to receive a card or note from the Women's Auxiliary; please call or email submitting their name, address and telephone number. We believe in no one being left out, it's always nice to receive a note "Just Because". You can contact me, Sharla Wickman, at 909-374-9220 or sharla1wick@gmail.com.



Worship Services

Sunday 10:00—11:00am
Church School 10:15— 11:15 am
Children/Youth Worship 10:00am

Tuesday

Twilight Bible Study 5:45 — 6:45pm

Church Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 9:00— 4:00pm
Friday 9:00— 3:00pm

Office Closed Daily

Lunch 12:00— 1:00pm

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**OUTREACH BOARD NEWS
FOR THE HOLIDAYS!**

Our Fall & Christmas activities are quickly coming up! The Alternative Christmas goods will be presented during the Harvest Festival on November 19 and the 26th. There will be some surprises available!

Hand in Hand will be set up for November 26, December 3 and 10. Gift items will also be accepted at the Christmas Dinner on December 13, ready for distribution on Thursday, December 14 to the families from the school district! Always an exciting time for all involved, thanks to the generous Pilgrim congregation!

Marria Casner
Outreach Board



Activities Events

WEEKLY

Tuesdays

Twilight Bible Study 5:45 p.m.

Bunko November 14 & 28 - 11:00 a.m.

Thursdays

Quilting & Art Time —10:00 a.m. to noon

Choir Rehearsal — 7:30 p.m.

SAVE THE DATES

Wednesday, November 1

Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 4

Natalie Hutchinson/Jason Torres Wedding 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 5

Consecration & Remembrance Sunday

Tuesday, November 7

Women's Auxiliary

Board Meeting, Conference Room 10:30

Business Meeting, Pilgrim Hall 11:30

Lunch, Gym 12:00

Program 1:00

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, November 8

Casa Sanchez Mexican Restaurant

Youth Fundraiser ~ 5:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.

Sunday, November 12

Auction at the Double Tree 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 19

Meeting Sunday

Harvest Festival 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Monday, November 20

Caregivers 7:00p.m.

November 22

Office closes at noon

November 23 & 24

Church Office is closed

Sunday, November 26

Hand-in-Hand Collection begins