



May 2018

Reflections

Dr. Beth Bingham ~ Senior Minister

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May is the month, I have realized, that tugs at our hearts.

It begins with May Day. When I was a child, it was the day we would fill construction paper baskets with candy. In the early evening we would sneak up to the door of someone in the neighborhood who was special, hang the basket on the knob, ring the bell and run away. Part of the joy was deciding who would get a basket—often it was the sweet Mrs. Wagner who didn't have children of her own but was the surrogate mom for all of us. She organized circuses and took us on pancake picnics and listened to the stories that children can only tell to a grown up who isn't a parent. She knew we were hiding behind the bushes to see her reaction, so she made sure we could see surprise on her face. But I'm not sure she knew we also could see tears in her eyes.

Then, of course, is Mother's Day when our expressions of love could be lavish bouquets or boxes of chocolate or simple handwritten cards and long phone calls of love and appreciation. As much as we shudder that the day has become "too commercial" it is a time when we all, ready or not, spend times with our mothers if only in memory. It is a day sometimes with sadness and regret, but also with appreciation for the women who did their best to give us what we needed to become who God created us to be.

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Memorial Day is the hard day, when we pause in awe and silence at the sacrifice that men and women made in the service of their country. For me it is always a day which begins at the Pomona cemetery where the fallen are honored .

The band plays the music of our nation. Graves of veterans are decorated with flags placed by Boy Scouts. Elected officials and veterans' organizations speak words of thanks and gratitude.. And the service ends as a lone bagpiper plays Amazing Grace in the sacred silence of remembrance.

May is indeed a month that tugs at our hearts: Love of Friend... Love of Mother...Love of Country... Love of God...Who could ask for anything more?

SESSION TWO OF "WORLD RELIGIONS" COURSE:

Christian Approaches to Other Religions

Sunday, April 29 12:00 to 1:00

We will have the second in our series on World Religions this Sunday, April 29 from noon to 1 p.m. (light lunch refreshments will be served) After Dr. Ellwood's global vision of the religions of the world Dr. Patrick Horn will talk about the particular Christian approaches to other faith traditions. This is an important conversation in today's world and we encourage all of you to join us. Future classes will examine each world religion more specifically and we will also incorporate visits to other places of worship.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY TEA

Tuesday, May 1, at Noon

Tuesday, May 1 Women's Auxiliary Tea at Noon Tickets are available after church, \$15.00 each, please see Sherry Glab. Please join us.

10:30 Board Meeting

12:00 Luncheon

11:30 Business Meeting

1:00 Program

PILGRIM HOSTS CALWEST MEETING; May 6 at 2 p.m.

Pilgrim is delighted to host the spring meeting of the Cal West Congregational Association on Sunday, May 6 beginning at 2 p.m. The gathering will include planning for the National Association Annual meeting in San Diego, information from two churches about their ministry to the homeless, and a worship service featuring our own choir when Dr. Bingham will preach. Jon Olson is also cooking dinner!

The sign up list for the meeting is available in the church hallway, or you can email pilgrimchurch@pilgrimchurchpomona.com. Dinner reservations should be made by April 30th and the cost of the dinner is \$12. Please join us in welcoming our friends from our sister churches.

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ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER: Wednesday, May 16

Dinner: 6:30 p.m. Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

This is the official call to Pilgrim Congregational Church's annual meeting to be held in Pilgrim Hall on Wednesday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. At the meeting boards and committees will present reports, and board members and officers for the 2018—2019 year will be elected.

But also join us for dinner! We will have one of Gayle's delicious catered meals for only \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 5. The dinner begins at 6:30 and reservations need to be in the church office by 4 p.m. on Monday, May 14.

CAREGIVERS GROUP: MONDAY, MAY 21 7 – 8 P.M.

If you are caring for another, or responsible for the care of another, join us in the conference room for our monthly gathering. We share resources, ideas, and offer one another support. And we would love to welcome others in our community who might find this helpful.

WEDNESDAY FILM FEST: MAY 23 1 P.M. PILGRIM HALL

With our terrific, upgraded technology in Pilgrim Hall we decided to have a movie matinee! The first will be on Wednesday, May 23 when we will see the movie "The Darkest Hour" which was an academy award nominee. The film centers the early days of Winston Churchill. Actor Gary Oldman won the Oscar for Best Actor. Join us—there will even be popcorn and snacks!

CEDAR LAKE CAMP IS COMING FOR KIDS AND GROWN UPS ALIKE!

Youth Camp: July 22-28

Adult Camp: July 22-25

Cedar Lake Camp is just a mile out of Big Bear and is a beautiful setting for an incredible camp. children entering 3rd grade through high school spend a week in study, worship, fun, laughter, dancing, swimming, praying, thinking and making life time friends. Adults spend three days in study, worship, fun, laughter, praying, thanking and making life time friends (maybe not the dancing!)

Registration forms for the youth camp are available in the church office hallway on the Youth Board, or on the Pilgrim Facebook page. The cost of the week is \$385.

Adult camp is held at Harriman Lodge with individual rooms with private baths. The cost is \$260 for a single room or \$210 to share a room. Brochures will be sent out in early May but more information is available from Dr. Bingham. The cost includes Sunday dinner through Wednesday breakfast as well as all study materials and activities.

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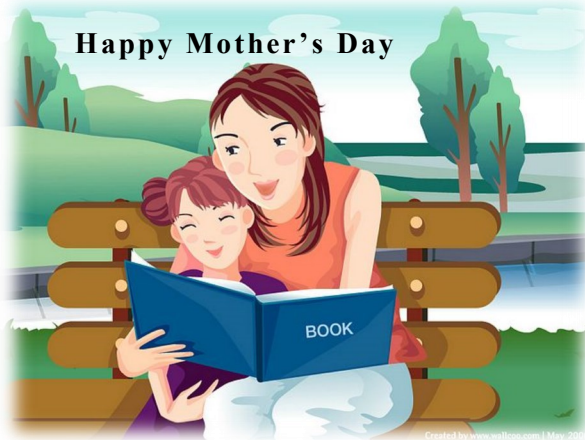
MAY LIBRARY NEWS

We have a raft of new books for your springtime reading pleasure:

In fiction: *Death of an Honest Man* by **M.C. Beaton**, *Plum Tea Crazy* by **Laura Childs**, *Duel to the Death* by **J.A. Jance**, *The Temptation of Forgiveness* by **Donna Leon**, *Tangerine* by **Christine Mangan**, *Still Life with Bread Crumbs* by **Anna Quindlen**, *No Man's Nightingale* by **Ruth Rendell**, *Miss Julia Weathers the Storm* by **Ann B. Ross**, *The Scribe of Siena* by **Melodie Winawer** and *To Die But Once* by **Jacqueline Winspear**. The **Winspear** book is number five on the New York Times best seller list!

In non-fiction: *I'll Never Change My Name* by **Valentin Chmerkovskiy** from *Dancing with the Stars*, *The Perfect Horse* by **Elizabeth Letts**, *I'll Be Gone Before Dark* by **Michelle McNamara** (true crime story), *The Bright Hour* by **Nina Riggs** and *I've Been Thinking* by **Maria Shriver**.

Please stop by your library to check out the latest in good reads!



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

SCRIP

Stop by Pilgrim Hall after service each Sunday for your Scrip Needs (Gift cards). Scrip is a perfect gift for Mother's Day lunch or to Mom's favorite store.

Orders can be emailed to pilgrimoffice@pilgrimchurchpomona.com call 909-622-1373 to make sure your order is ready.

PILGRIM VIDEOGRAPHERS

Anyone interested in learning how to run the video recording for our services, please let the office know and one of the current videographers will be happy to train you. Currently serving are : **Bill Parnell**, **Bob Smith** and **Carl Walden**. **Don Sanders** also served but has now resigned and **Amy Newell** has trained to be his replacement. Thank you **Don** for your work and thank you **Amy** for stepping up.

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THANK YOU CYNTHIA SHOULTZ



Every Sunday there are beautiful flowers. Every Sunday there is a note in the order of worship telling us who donated the flowers and who they are remembering or honoring. Every Sunday there are ushers wearing boutonnieres with a note reminding us who provided that month's carnations.

How does this all happen? With a lot of love and a lot of work. A lot of work! And for the past number of years Cynthia Shultz has been the one to send out letters inviting us to give flowers. She has made sure that the florists know exactly what we need. She has even found new florists when we've needed them. She gives information every week so that the donors are properly acknowledged.

If that isn't enough she has mastered the art of ordering poinsettias at Christmas and lilies and azaleas at Easter. With her band of helpers they have put the dozens and dozens of plants beautifully in the sanctuary and then made sure that those who purchased the plants will have them to take home.

Cynthia is retiring from this position and we can do nothing but thank her for her hard work, her big heart, and her sense of beauty. Please be sure and tell her how much we have appreciated this enormous gift of time and love!

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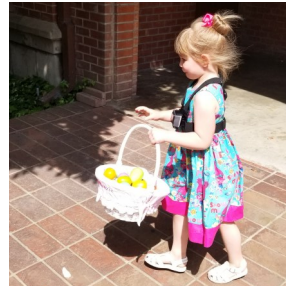
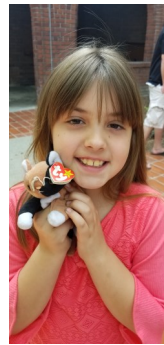
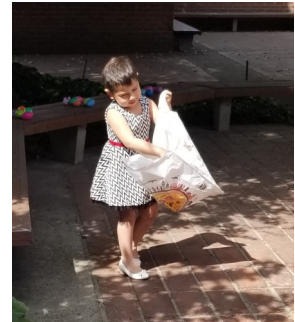


Easter Egg Hunt

Each year the Easter Bunny and his friend Peeps visit Pilgrim Congregational Church and put on an eggsellent Easter Egg Hunt for kids up to 10 years old. It is fun for the children who run around filling their baskets with candy filled eggs. It is fun for the adults, watching the joyful spirit of each child as they hunt for eggs. For a special treat they get a picture and a treasure from Peeps and the Easter Bunny. If you want to see the fun through the eyes of a 5 year old, (McKenzie went hunting with a Go-Pro) visit Pilgrim Congregational Church's Facebook Page or type the following URL into your browser:



<https://www.facebook.com/105373002833758/videos/1612157552155288/?t=15>



The Easter Bunny & Ms. Peeps would to thank Beth Brooks, Valerie Ogden and Joanne Vagnozzi for bringing candy! An egg hunt is not the same without it. THANK YOU!!!

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The Flowering Cross Ceremony



Pilgrim's Sparking Legacies, Christian, Emmanuel, Finnian, Kodie, Madelyn, Madison, McKenzie, Nathaniel, and Samantha, presented the Flowering Cross Ceremony. They shared bible verses, prayer, meditations, song and flowers with congregation as we watched the barren cross symbolizing Jesus' death transform into a beautiful flowering cross symbolizing the hope and celebration for His resurrection.

“Christ Has Risen”



Thanks to the many people who blessed our cross with flowers from their gardens. The stunning cross would not have been the same without them.



EASTER SUNDAY MORNING



Mother-daughter Easter outfits
Judy Sanders and her mom
Jean Wood



Pilgrim Bell Choir playing Easter music.



Father-son Easter ties
Clark and Ben Selters

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An Afternoon of Fun, an Evening of Faith, A Night of Champions!

On March 17th, Sarah Campbell set out with four of our youth to Azusa Pacific University's "Night



of Champions". The theme for the event was "Together: Acts 2:42-47 and together the group played and prayed. The event began with free time to run, jump, dance and bounce in a jungle of bounce houses, obstacle courses and games ranging from mountain climbing,



human hungry hippos, soccer darts and more. Everyone enjoyed an In'N'Out Dinner before walking over to the auditorium to enjoy worship music, inspirational thoughts from the spoken word artist,



Alexander James and faith building testimonials from athletes including the most decorated track and field Olympian, Allyson Felix. The evening concluded with a call to altar which was heard by many of the



youth attending, including two of our own. It was an incredible event where each of our Pilgrims received a t-shirt, bible and an incredible experience that they will remember for a life time. If you missed out this time, please join us next year as there was a unanimous vote that this event is definitely a must do again.



Contact Mary Prendergast to submit your prayer request 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.

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OUR FRIEND MARIE SOWARD



We had a phone call Sunday April 15th from Amy Profancik and she put her Mom, Marie on the speaker phone. It was so nice to hear from her and we are sure she would like to hear from you! Not only was she a long time member here at Pilgrim, but for many years she was a faithful member of the choir and of Harmony Guild.

Let her know we are thinking of her:

Marie Soward c/o Amy Profancik
12707 La Vista Way
Poway, CA 92064

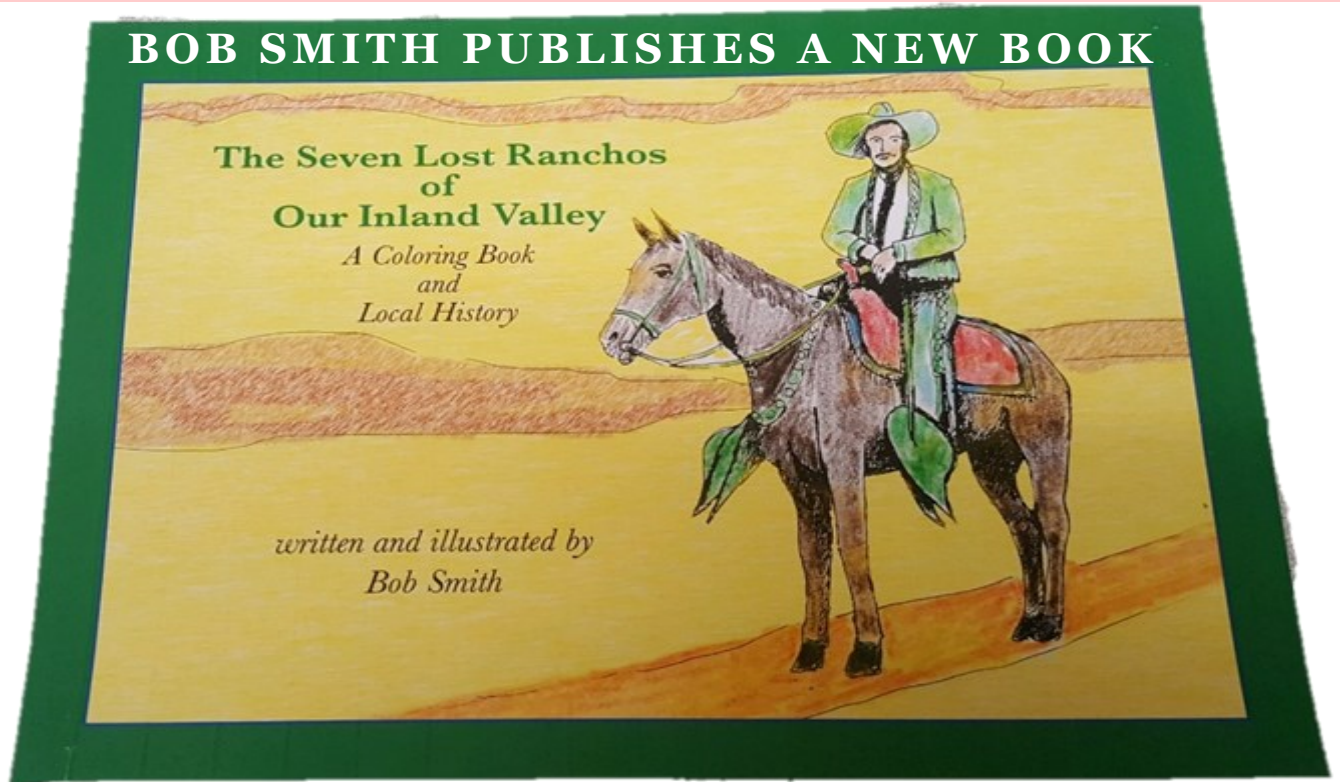
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A BIG EASTER THANK YOU

A great big Thank You to all of you who bought things at our Easter Sale. We raised over \$350 for our Pilgrim Youth. This will help kids go to Cedar Lake Camp.



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Please come Friday, July 13th at 10am to hear our own **Bob Smith** talk about his new book, *The Seven Lost Ranchos of Our Inland Valley: a Coloring Book and Local History*. **Bob** both wrote and illustrated this and you will be able to purchase your own copy to enjoy! There will be refreshments as well. Be sure to bring your friends.

A huge thank you to Marria Casner for again arranging for our Heifer Project during Lent. It's a wonderful time to help our children (and their parents) reflect on being thankful for all that we have and provide an opportunity to help others. Because of the generosity of all our Pilgrims we have raised \$800 for Heifer! Our kids will be deciding how to allocate the money. Last year they voted to use the bulk of the money to provide schooling for a girl for a year. Watch for an announcement ... and a cake to celebrate!

HEIFER PROJECT



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ENZO

Here is Enzo, the guide dog puppy who our Band of Prayer prayed for his recovery from meningitis, doing well in training:



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

May 16, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

If you are on the permanent list; you will need to **cancel** if you are not planning to attend.

Name: _____

Adults @ \$8.00

Children: (3-13) \$4.00

#Under 3 (FREE)

Highchair needed?

FURNISHED ROOMS

By Janet Beech

When I was six, after returning to London at War's end – my mother was now a widow but not a war widow – we moved into a government council house, two-story homes in blocks of eight. (I always wished we lived at the end, where one could easily access the back garden). We had no hot water and just a fireplace in the living room for heat. No phone, no refrigerator, no television, and an extremely limited choice in food, since rationing continued on for years.

So, consider my utter delight when we started to receive parcels from America – my one aunt, a war bride, had moved to Chicago, and another aunt emigrated to Toronto, apparently in pursuit of a Canadian lover whom she never did find. But those packages! Roy Rogers' outfits, complete with pistol, for my eight-year-old brother. Red leather/white fur Margaret O'Brien mittens for me; nylons (with seams) for my mother; cans of sliced peaches, Chiclets gum, comics with ads showing Little Lulu with Kleenex (we only used handkerchiefs), and Coca-Cola, which I always imagined tasted like chocolate. I pored over the Sears catalogues for hours, convinced mothers and daughters dressed alike. I could go on and on, but in a nutshell, to me America was a wonderland.

In January 1952, two months before my twelfth birthday, I and my stepfather boarded the Greek ship Homeric headed for Canada. At age twelve, my fare would have doubled, hence my early departure from my mother and brother while my stepfather found work. For three months, he lived with my aunt, I stayed with a young family (her friends) in a brand new suburb, a wonderful family with two little girls. I had a beautiful bedroom all to myself. During that time my life transformed, coming home from school to the smells of cooking (my mother always worked) with cheery music on the radio and a loving surrogate mother. "After your mum and Ian arrive," she'd say, "you'll be moving into your own furnished rooms." By that time, all I could imagine was red carpeting and a small, black grand piano.

Wrong! Our first home, owned by a Jewish family with a daughter my age, consisted of upstairs rooms in a shabby house in a shabbier neighborhood, a very mixed area of Italians, Hungarians, Lithuanians, Estonians – you name it. We lived in the kitchen with an icebox. An upended orange crate served as my parent's bedside table. My brother's room was a screened-in porch extension off the kitchen, and mine huddled on the third floor across the landing from another tenant, a man, and we all shared the same hall bath. On the bright side, we had hot water.

FURNISHED ROOMS

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When I first saw these “furnished rooms” I cried and cried and cried. In hindsight, though, it was a fun, typical neighborhood where we made many lasting friends.

A year later, we moved to second-floor furnished rooms in an Italian household. A wonderful family who introduced us to pizza pie (which, because of our British non-spicy palate, ended up squashed down in the trash bin.) These rooms were nicer, but still no fridge, TV, phone or washing machine. Plus, to our teenage consternation, my brother and I had to share a room, and even worse, my parents’ double bed straddled the living room. I never invited anyone in.

Our fourth set of furnished rooms landed us in a proud neighborhood with well-kept homes. Upstairs again, slanted ceilings and plastic curtains, but a nice experience and great memories. We lived there until I turned eighteen (working and paying rent), but finally my parents were able to buy the house of their dreams, a little one-bath brick bungalow in the suburbs, black-currant bushes and all. One of the reasons my mother loved it so – a distant train whistle. She always loved train whistles.

Imagine my delight then, when about a year later we moved yet again. This time we had our own bedrooms, a real living room with French doors, a phone, a refrigerator, even a wringer washing machine. One major problem: cockroaches! Our rooms occupied the floor above a grocery shop and a laundromat, hence the impossibility of the landlord ridding his place of the pests. I won’t bore you with all the cockroach stories, but three months later, the day my mother found them in her washing machine – mommy and babies – my parents broke the lease.

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Pilgrim's Sparking Legacies are attending the Pomona Police Department's Open House. This is a youth event, but everyone is welcome to join us. It should be a fun opportunity to learn about the Pomona Police Department while we tour the station, watch Jax the bloodhound work in the K9 Demos as well as see the many police vehicles on display. Come on down & explore with us !

We are meeting at 9a.m. at the Memorial Fountain on Park & Mission. If you have any questions contact Sarah at 909-622-1373 or scampbell@pilgrimchurchpomona.com

Police Chief Michael Olivieri

POMONA POLICE DEPARTMENT

OPEN HOUSE

POLICE LINE DO NOT CROSS

Saturday
May 19
9 a.m.-1 p.m.



Join us for

- K9 Demos
- Police Station Tours
- Forensic Display Booth
- Safety Booths
- Helicopter Display
- Police Vehicle Displays
- Picture Opportunities

Bring the Family & Meet your Police Department!

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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.

Thank you,
Dee Hupp, Facilities Use Chair

EASTER AZALEAS



Thank you to the four members who donated their Easter azaleas for planting in the courtyard. I don't know who they all were so a general thank you is in order. Edmund planted them for us.

Thank you,
Dee

THIS IS THE LAST FULL-SIZE PILGRIMS PROGRESS FOR THIS CHURCH YEAR

Over the summer we will have a four-page update each month.
Deadlines for the summer updates:

May 18

June 15

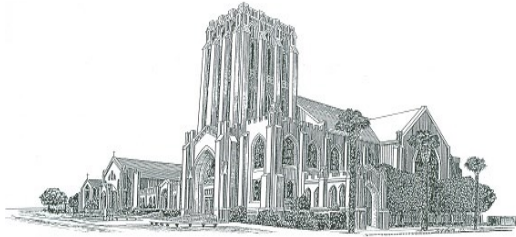
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August 18 is the submission date for the full-size September newsletter.

Thank you,
Pilgrim Office Staff

Submission deadline for the June newsletter is May 18 at noon.

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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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Come celebrate summer at
Christian Education Sunday

Appreciation Service & Special Presentation by

Pilgrim's Sparking Legacies

Followed by a Church Picnic hosted by
the Board of Christian Education

May 20th, 2018

10am—2pm

At Pilgrim Congregational Church

Delicious food & funtastic games .

Fun for everyone!

Activities Events

WEEKLY

Tuesdays

Twilight Bible Study 5:45 p.m.
**(No Bible Study on May 8, however
there will be Imagination Hour)**

Thursdays

Quilting & Art Time —10:00 a.m. to noon
Bell Rehearsal — 6:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal — 7:30 p.m.

SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday, May 1

Women's Auxiliary Tea

Board Meeting, Conference Room 10:30 a.m.
Business Meeting, Pilgrim Hall 11:30 a.m.
Luncheon Tea, Gym 12:00 p.m.
Program, Pilgrim Hall 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 2

Church Council 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 6

CalWest Meeting Pilgrim Hall 2:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, May 12

Pomona Citywide Beautification Day

Wednesday, May 16

Annual Meeting

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 20

C.E. & Communion Sunday

Meeting Sunday

Monday, May 21

Caregivers 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 23

Film-Fest Pilgrim Hall - 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 28

Office Closed in honor of Memorial Day