

# Pilgrim's Progress

## NEWSLETTER/PILGRIM CHURCH

### February 2020

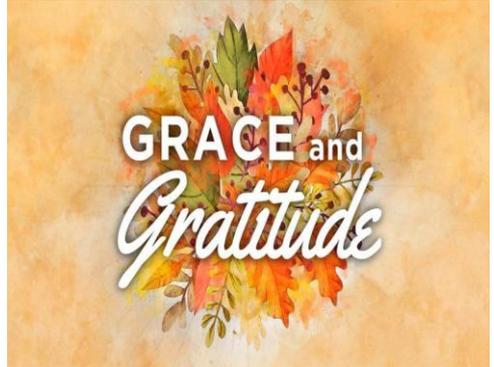
Words from Gail:

Thank you for the lovely dinner, gift of wine and coasters! Also, for the wonderful send off on Sunday worship and fellowship time.

I do not deserve the accolades but I do appreciate them ;-)

My only other parting words to you are that there is some closure in regards to specific separation ethics and requirements that come with this work.

Please do not be offended that I will un-friend any of you who are linked to me on social media for the foreseeable future. It is too difficult to pick and choose and I find that following one another can make the boundaries blurry. The specific "rule" is usually that the interim or previous pastor does not make contact with church or parish members for a year. After that, I will not do any ministry related activities unless at the invitation of the current pastor.



I have seen (and ministered through) some folks and situations where that was badly abused, and so I take those boundaries and guidelines very seriously. To that end, I won't reach out to any of you one to one. I will let you know through Teresa and Glenn, my whereabouts and address when we get settled. A note or a cup of coffee if you find yourself in Wichita, KS (!) would be fine, but no calls to talk about Pilgrim, Church business or your new pastor. It is the time for you to turn toward him and your work to continue to live out your ministry and mission into the community and the world.

Best to you all,  
Gail

## Welcome Pastor Allen O'Brien

February 2nd marks our first Sunday with our new minister, Pastor Allen O'Brien. This is very exciting as we welcome him into our Pilgrim congregation and our Redding community. Pastor O'Brien is an ordained UCC minister. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies from the Master's College in Santa Clarita, California and a Masters of Arts from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. He has been selected by the National United Church of Christ as part of the Next Generation Leadership Initiative. This is a prestigious post that prepares him as a leader in the future UCC. Pastor O'Brien was able to help grow the church in Elk Grove, where he energized the youth program. He also initiated a program called Intersections, consisting of intentional spiritual conversations in public spaces. Furthermore, Pastor O'Brien works closely with other UCC clergy to host a podcast known as Irenicast. This podcast has many followers and is focused on helping individuals who have left fundamentalist churches find a new direction in their spiritual lives.

Words from Pastor O'Brien, "I get excited when I hear about the ways Pilgrim is present within the wider community, seeking justice and serving the most vulnerable, participating across faiths and strengthening ecumenical relationships. I cherish your regular reading groups and weekly meals. And as a nourishing, progressive spiritual home, I can't help but think of the unique way Pilgrim is positioned to minister to those facing spiritual transitions in Redding."

As Pastor O'Brien learns more about our area and Pilgrim we will also learn and grow together.  
Pilgrims

# Connecting Co-Co Report

## January 2020

Warm thanks go to Andrea Gibbens and her team and also to Jessica French and her ACES students. Each group assembled twenty-one dinner boxes, one set for Thanksgiving dinners and one for Christmas. Twenty of each were given to POP and one was sent each time to our FaithWorks family. Many thanks also go to the congregation for giving turkeys and a total of \$447 in donations for both events. (There was just \$500 for each event in the budget and that no longer covers the cost.) Thanks also to Grocery Outlet Bargain Market on Eureka Way that donated \$25 to our effort when we purchased our Christmas basket food there.

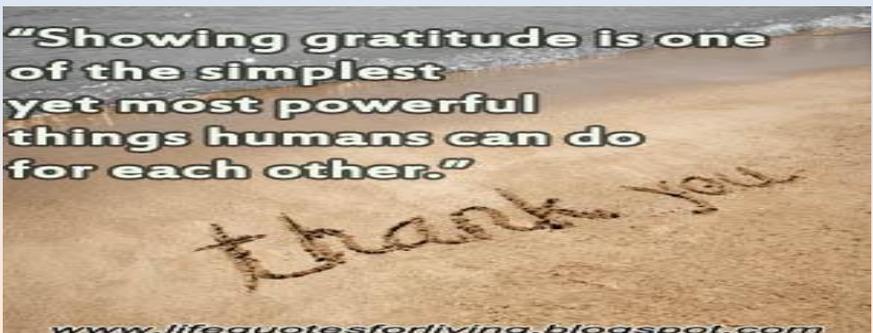
Thanks to Glenn and team for providing a warm breakfast and bag lunches for HOPE Van guests.

Pilgrim's Adopt-a-Block block was cleaned in December and notice was sent to the City to verify and confirm we are on it.

Piyush is currently trying to connect with Katie Schwarts from Redding Recovery Team to help them with low-cost housing for volunteers. Pilgrim Church had pledged \$3600 towards that goal, so we can help them further with low-cost housing as soon as we connect.

Best wishes to us all for an active New Year!

Piyush Dhanuka & Pam Crowe, Co-Cos



# JOYS AND CONCERNS

## Joys:

A "pop-up" Nativity scene was presented by the worshipers who attended the service on Dec. 22nd. Costumes were provided for all who entered into the scene at the appropriate time in the reading of the scripture. It was truly a festive experience in which guests from Montreal (the Swanson's grandchildren) and other visitors participated. Perfect in their roles as Mary, Joseph and Jesus were Elizabeth and Tyler Cifu Shuster and baby Story.

We want to express many thanks to the Egolf family for shopping and preparing the Thanksgiving baskets for 20 families. In December, Jessica French and her foreign students, shopped and prepared the Christmas baskets for 20 families. Bill Justice helped with both projects. This wouldn't be possible without the contributions from many Pilgrims.

Do you ever read the Enjoy Magazine? If so, then you saw in the November issue, that our own Tara Swanson was featured sharing news about the AAUW organization and the house tour which raises money for college scholarships for women. Tara is our moderator and also President of the Redding chapter of AAUW.

Another Enjoy article in the January issue discussed the YMCA Diabetes Prevention Program. Pauline Asbill, daughter-in-law of Sue Asbill, Community Integrative Health Manager and coordinator of the Diabetes Prevention Program at the YMCA. The featured photograph was of Randy Haynes, recent graduate of the Program.

Karen Lawrence is one of those Pilgrims who quietly goes about helping our church. Recently she purchased First Aid Kits which are available in three locations in the church: in the kitchen, in the pre-school children's room and downstairs in the children's room. So if you ever are in need, you know where to look.



Randy Haynes and Heather Hennessey had a few days in Hawaii in January. They brought their 9 year old grandson with them. He was impressed with being at Pearl Harbor and wrote about his experience there for his 4th grade class. What a wonderful way for him to experience a part of history which we never will forget.

A fond farewell to Gail Doering, our Interim Minister, on Sunday January 12th when the fellowship hour was devoted to giving her our thanks and love as she moves to her next challenge working and living in Wichita, Kansas. This was organized by the Pastoral Relations committee.

Tara Swanson arranged for a "send off" dinner for Gail with the council at Karline's Restaurant on January 7th.

Having Ken Steele attend church recently was a treat for all of us. Ken was able to stay for the coffee hour when we had our good-byes to Gail who had been a regular visitor to Ken at his Care facility.



Our own Elizabeth Betancourt organized the annual Women's March held in Redding on January 18th. Many from Pilgrim Church participated.

Donna and Leon Nelson are the proud grandparents of Daniel Lapp (Karina and Ron's son) who will be married in Southern California in January.

What a Sunday of singing folk songs on Sunday Jan 19th led by Sara Hoxie! Sara is such a talented singer and musician. Sara was joined by Tim Hemeon while leading us in song. Thank you, Sara!



## Concerns

The Pilgrim Congregation is saddened by the news of the death of Rosemary Thomas in December. Rosemary was a long time dedicated member of the church. For many years she provided flowers from her garden for our altar. The first Sunday of each month she prepared the communion until she was unable to attend church. Through all the years she has always been a cheerful, loving part of our congregation. Our sympathy is extended to her family.

David Modesto recently learned that his sister, Annette Scharff, has been diagnosed with lymphoma. The doctors are still working on a plan of treatment. Prayers have been asked for her and the family.

Prayers are also asked for Ken Steele who was hospitalized on Sunday, January 19th.

Several members are unable to attend worship service but continue to appreciate prayers, cards and calls: Joanne Nelson, Ken Steele, Claudine Couples, Caroline Kennedy, Paul Frye, Linda Lack and Deanie Coon.

Please let your Serving CoCos, Peggie Linville and Barbara Cross, know if you or someone you know has special needs or cares with which we can help.

## Welcome

Ladies Luncheon on Friday,  
February 14<sup>th</sup> at noon in the  
Fellowship Hall and  
continuing every second  
Friday of the month until  
further notice.



## Happy Birthday

### *February Celebrations*

**6<sup>th</sup> – Larry Solberg**

**12<sup>th</sup> - Sonny Stupek**

**14<sup>th</sup> - Diane Langan**

**20<sup>th</sup> - Barbara Davis**

If you aren't on the list, Happy  
Birthday to you! Email the  
office so we can celebrate you  
too!

<mailto:office@pilgrimchurchred.ding.org>

### **PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH** SEEK JUSTICE / LOVE KINDNESS / WALK HUMBLLY

You are invited to attend & participate in the

## **2020 ANNUAL MEETING**

**Sunday, February 9, 2020, 11:30**  
**CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Review of 2019 & 2020 Budget  
Updated Membership & Council Reports

## Worship Report

December and January were busy months for your Worship Co-co's and, after a little rest, we expect to busy again by mid-February. Pastor Allen will have fresh ideas for liturgical seasons here at Pilgrim, so your Worship Co-co's will soon be meeting with him to plan for Lent and Easter. Stay tuned for opportunities to pray, sing and learn as we move forward into a new pastorate and a new year.



## Landscape Report

While the cold weather is still with us, it's time to prune the Crepe Myrtles dotting the church's landscape. Heather will be working on this project on Saturday, February 1, from 8:30 to noon, and she'd love some help. Come, if you can, with hand clippers and loppers. Thank you!

## PILGRIMS CONNECT IN FEBRUARY

FEB. 10- 4:30 -6:00- UNDERSTANDING ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA  
METHODIST CHURCH (RESERVATIONS REQUESTED)

FEB. 18. CO-CO MEETING

FEB. 21 HOPE VAN

FEB. 22 INTERNATIONAL DINNER  
ADOPT A BLOCK REDDING CLEAN UP

### Financial Secretary's Recap of Income First 12 Months of 2019

Description	Budget	Projected Income 12 months	Actual Income 12 Months	Income Variance 12 Months
Pledges	130,945	130,945	134,932	3,987
Loose Plate	12,900	12,900	9,042	-3,858
Sub-Total	143,845	143,845	143,973	128
Building Use	13,100	13,100	14,423	1,323
Other- Parking				
Lot Rent	*5,100	5,100	5,100	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>162,045</b>	<b>162,045</b>	<b>163,496</b>	<b>1,451</b>

\*Other Income: The parking lot rental in the amount of \$5,100 was paid on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

The pledge income for 12 months came in at \$3,987 above the projected income.

The loose plate income for 12 months is \$3,858 lower than projected.

The Building Use income for 12 months is above the projected income by \$1,323. The receipt of a \$3000 deposit from Shasta Madrigals for the performances in December gave this number a boost.

Robert Cross  
Financial Secretary

## COUNCIL OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

POSITION	NAME	TERM
Moderator	Glenn Hoxie	2020-2021
Vice Moderator	Chris Mc Neill	2020-2021
Clerk	Paula Damico	2019-2022
Treasurers	Elizabeth and Tyler Cifu-Shuster	2020-2022
Financial Secretary	Bob Cross	2020-2021
Members-at Large	Piyush Dhanuka	2020-2022
	Diane Hepburn	2020-2022
	Kit Harvey	2020-2022

## CO-COORDINATORS

Connecting	Pam Crowe Sue Crandell
Finance	Bill Justice John Crowe
Learning	Paula Kahler Scott Hepburn
Serving	Peggie Linville Kim Healey
Worship	Heather Hennessey Sara Hoxie

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE	Lori Mc Neill Sue Asbill Dee Domke Donna Nelson Bill Justice
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## WELCOMING AND HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Karen Foss  
Karen Lawrence  
Diane Hepburn  
Tara Swanson  
Paula Kahler

## PASTOR PARRISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Jim Carr  
Chris McNeil  
Sara Hoxie  
Diane Hepburn  
Kit Harvey

Council Members and Co-Coordinator of Ministries are elected by the Congregation.  
Committee Members are confirmed by the Council. The Pastor serves on all committees.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:00 Aikido 10:30 7 <sup>th</sup> Sense Poetry
2  10:00 a.m. Worship Service  2:00 UU Meeting	3  6:00 CODA Meeting	4	5  10:30 TOPS Meeting	6  6:00 CODA Meeting 7:00 Euphrates Institute	7  8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast	8  9:00 Aikido
9  10:00 a.m. Worship Service  2:00 UU Meeting	10  6:00 CODA Meeting	11	12  10:30 TOPS Meeting	13  6:00 CODA Meeting	14 8:00 Men's Breakfast Country Waffles  12:00 Ladies Luncheon PAS 7:30	15 9:00 Aikido  5:00 Private 50 <sup>th</sup> Annive rsary Celebr ation
16 Worship Service 10:00 Called to Care after worship  2:00 UU Meeting	17  6:00 CODA Meeting	18  Coco Meetingc Contact Sue Asbill for time	19  10:30 TOPS Meeting	20  6:00 CODA Meeting	21 8:00 Men's Breakfast Country Waffles 8:30 HOPE VAN	22 9:00 Aikido  5:30 Sons of Norway  Internatio nal Dinner- Contact Sue Asbill
23  Worship 10:00  2:00 UU Meeting	24  6:00 CODA Meeting	25	26  10:30 TOPS Meeting	27  6:00 CODA Meeting	28 8:00 Men's Breakfast Country Waffles	29 9:00 Aikido  12-8 Pilgrim Church Fundraiser

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