

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, REDDING, CA

# APRIL NEWSLETTER

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## *Holy Week 2021*

On **Maundy Thursday** at 12:30 PDT, join pastors from across the nation on the UCC website. The web address for registering is in the Connecting events calendar later in this newsletter.

A **Maundy Thursday** service will be held by First Christian Church on Thursday, April 1, at 6:30 pm at 3590 Placer Street. This service will be available to watch online through their Facebook page, or reservations are required to attend in person. The phone number is 530/242-1589. Please come masked and socially distance if you attend in person.

On **Good Friday**, April 2, Pilgrim will have a silent time from noon to 1 in our

Sanctuary. Please come masked and socially distance as well.

**Easter Sunday**, we **WILL** be having outdoor services (so dress warmly) at 6:45 am and 10 am, and we will all be masked and socially distanced. The 6:45 Sunrise Service will be by the creek, so bring a camp chair. The 10 am Traditional Service will be held in the upper parking lot, and parking will be at a premium. If you are able, please park in the lower parking lot or along the street. Please save the upper parking lot for those who need to park closer. This is a perfect time to invite family and friends to join us here at Pilgrim for a meaningful worship service.

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### *Minister's Missive*

I'm a little nervous about getting us all together again for worship. Not that I'm worried about Covid infections; we're following all the guidelines and I think we should be quite safe. In addition, many of us have been fully vaccinated. I'm nervous because there are so many details to be considered. From seating to sound, from site preparation to sermon preparation, there are just a million steps to successfully gathering outside for worship. I keep telling myself, however, that after I give it my very best planning effort, I can just relax and let love, laughter and joy take over. I am SO looking forward to seeing you all again.

I do know that not everyone will make it to Easter Sunday worship. For some, it will still feel risky. For some, it will be too cold. For some, it will involve too many questions: Where will I park? How far must I walk? How will I hear? I respect those reservations and we'll be sure to make the service available online. I do hope, however, that most Pilgrims will be able to gather, smile and celebrate our own form of resurrection on Easter morning. It's been a long time coming.

If Easter works out well, we hope to gather for worship again the first Sunday of May,

and the first Sunday of June. According to County Covid guidelines, we'll either meet inside or outside (and we'll give you lots of notice). It's a wonderful thing to be returning to our church and to being together.

Beyond worship, I hope you notice how much ministry is happening at and through your church. Your youth are meeting, your interfaith relationships are being nurtured, your mission activities are being supported, your fellow Pilgrims are being cared for, and your fellowship times and book studies are enriching your hearts and your minds. Pilgrim is alive and well. We can all give grateful thanks to God.

Last but not least, take a moment to welcome our new Office Manager, Sherri Lawrence, on board. She's in the church office every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 till 4:00, and will be adding hours as more activities return to our building. Sherri is a pleasure to know and to have as a colleague. We've been blessed again!

Your Bridge Pastor,  
Rev. Heather Hennessey

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## *Polishing Up the Church*

Fresh paint, clean floors, a mowed lawn, a new walkway, weed whacking and leaf blowing...it's been a busy month of sprucing up Pilgrim Congregational Church. Stop on by and get your smile on!



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## *News from the Conference*

There was a virtual Northern California UCC Conference business meeting on March 13, 2021. Sue Crandell, Sara Hoxie and Mimi Wert attended as delegates from Pilgrim. There were 143 delegates present. The main business of the Conference Council was to address the sustainability of Camp Cazadero in Sonoma County.

Currently the camp is in debt and has been in a budget deficit since 2013. A decision needs to be made about how to proceed. At present, there are two options: to pursue a letter of interest from a potential buyer, or to create a 501(c)(3) organization and hire a consultant to help plan a way to restore the camp. The goal of creating a 501(c)(3) is to survive, revive and thrive; sustain, adapt and launch. Mimi visited the camp recently and reports that it is in serious

disrepair.

The NCNC UCC has called a (virtual) special meeting of the Conference for Saturday, May 22, to hear an update and maybe take action on recommendations related to the Camp Cazadero property. Each local church is entitled to a minimum of two delegates, plus one additional delegate aged 30 or under. Registration is required. If you are interested in being a delegate, please let Sue Crandell, Pam Crowe or Sara Hoxie know, or contact us for further information. Sue Crandell

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A recruitment poster for Camp Tamarack. The background is a photograph of a forest with tall pine trees and a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the image in various boxes and colors. The main title 'Welcome Home to Camp Tam!' is in large, bold, red font at the top. Below it, a box contains the 2021 camp dates for Jr. Camp, Jr. High, and Sr. High. To the right, another box states that the camp is seeking staff for all camps and lists the needed roles: Directors, Chaplains, Health Supervisors, and Counselors. Below that, it provides the website for staff applications and mentions that siblings are welcome. At the bottom, a box notes that COVID-19 precautions will be implemented.

**Welcome Home to Camp Tam!**

**Camp Tamarack is currently seeking staff for all all camps!**

**2021 Camp Dates:**  
**Jr. Camp: July 18 – 24**  
**Jr. High: July 25 – 31**  
**Sr. High: Aug. 1 - 7**

**We need:**

- **Directors**
- **Chaplains**
- **Health Supervisors**
- **Counselors**

**2021 Staff Application can be found at [bigredchurch.org/camptam/](https://bigredchurch.org/camptam/)**

**Our Camp Caz siblings are welcome and encouraged!**

**Questions, Comments, Concerns? Please contact Eric at [office@bigredchurch.org](mailto:office@bigredchurch.org) or 559-227-8489**

**Camp Tamarack will be implementing COVID-19 precautions and regulations based on American Camp Association and CDC guidelines.**

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## *Special Notes*

During my recent open heart surgery I received such an outpouring of prayers, cards, songs of support, and I understand a parking lot vigil of prayer on my behalf. Wow! How can I ever express my gratitude to Rev. Heather Hennessey and others who were behind this effort. My family and I also received delicious meals and offers of help, The cards and calls continue.

I am doing well under my local cardiologist's care, with only a few expected setbacks. My heartfelt thank you to all. I came through this due to the loving support of God personified in all of you. Until we meet face to face, I send my love. Peggie Linville

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Dear Friends,

Jim enjoyed being involved with the church in many ways. He especially enjoyed the choir. Use the donation where you think is most appropriate.

Thank you,  
Mary Carr

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## *SEACM*

The Connecting CoCos were asked to provide a history of SEACM to bring Pilgrims up-to-date regarding this unique North State resource. Did you know that Pilgrim Church is one of the ten original local founding churches? SEACM is an acronym for Southeast Asian Christian Ministry, founded November 1987. The mission of

SEACM is to welcome refugees and immigrants of all nationalities, and assist them in becoming healthy, comfortable, productive members of our community. Pilgrim has had a member on the SEACM board since the beginning.

This non-profit began in response to the large number of refugees coming into the North State from Southeast Asia. Volunteers assisted refugees with English and sewing classes, swimming lessons for the children, Bible study, citizenship classes, and assistance with green card applications as well as help enrolling children in school. Church World Service of New York provided support at the beginning, allowing SEACM to provide family reunification and resettlement; train teams in churches to welcome new arrivals and serve as co-sponsors; and ready housing, food, clothing, classes and interpreters for new arrivals. Beginning in the 1980s, strong local support allowed SEACM to host annual Southeast Asian Awareness Conferences for 7 years, maintain an RPD Asian Task Force, and offer broad community education.

Around 1994, the U.S. closed Asian refugee camps which ended reunifications. SEACM switched its focus to the large number of Latino families moving into the North State. That was about the time Alice McFadden became involved with SEACM. Alice's fluency in Spanish was invaluable as she assisted families seeking medical care, help with green card applications, work permits, citizenship classes, English classes, sponsorship for family members, asylum applications, and status adjustment. Today she also helps with DACA issues, address changes, petitions for alien fiancés, getting refugee travel documents, doing status adjustments, applying for financial sponsorships, processing naturalization (citizenship) applications, replacing documents, getting/renewing work permits, assisting with temporary protected status, providing advocacy and, of course, answering questions.

Alice became the director of SEACM in 2005 and has been working part-time in that capacity ever since. Currently, Alice is the only Board of Immigration Appeals accredited consultant in California north of Sacramento. She works closely with

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Here in Redding, Alice has provided services to people from 40 countries all over the world – from every continent but Antarctica. Alice takes all calls. All services are provided at no-charge. SEACM continues through donations. All contributions are tax deductible. For more information visit <https://seacm.org>.

We are proud of Pilgrim's continuing connection with, and support of, SEACM.

Pam Crowe and Sue Crandell  
Connecting CoCos

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Connecting Calendar

## April 2021

Add these events to your calendar:

Thursday 1 12:30 PDT, UCC Website, Maundy Thursday Service  
Pastors from across the nation will commemorate the day  
Christ shared a meal, prayed, and was taken to trial before  
Experience this scripture through a new lens. Register

[https://ucc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_RM34Kas1S3GHUjGJB0EISg](https://ucc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RM34Kas1S3GHUjGJB0EISg)

Way 6:30 PDT Maundy Thursday Service at First Christian; check  
for details

Saturday 3 10:30-Noon, Choir Practice for Easter service

Sunday 4 6:45 am Creek side Sunrise Service  
10:00 am Easter in Person (!), Upper Parking Lot; Easter

Thursday 8 5:00 -7:00 pm, SEJC

Fri 9 Noon, L-Club

Fri 16 8:15 am, Hope Van

Sun 18 12:30, Virtual, Organizing Mtg for a Fund Raiser Zoom link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82727757593?pwd=ZWpxMkpgQ2RHMUYvY0tEV0hSMkM4Zz09>

Thu 22 5:00-7:00 pm, SEJC Meeting  
Earth Day

Friday 23 Beginning of Earth Watershed Virtual Celebration

Adopt-a-Block: Team Foss & Hennessey are on deck.

Also: Check out the UCC website for weekly *Tuesday for Nurture* and *Thursday for the*

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