

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS



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June 2017

Interim Pastor: Reverend Louis R. Paradise

Dear PACC Family –

As I write we will have our first triple digit day of heat for the valley this year, which means I am getting my article in on the 22nd of the month and it should have met the deadline of the 20th; so much for being a shining example. I wanted to do something devotional for our church family as summer sets in. So let us address, “How to stay cool in the Fresno heat.” We all know that the best way to stay cool is to not move and let the wind blow over you. My proposal then, is to spend our summer in stillness – in prayer – with the wind of God’s Spirit blowing over us. Pentecost comes June 4th and God’s Spirit is ready to blow over us, around us and through us.

“Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, in the name of Christ, by the help of God’s Spirit, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgement of God’s mercies.” That is the way we state it in the confessions (Westminster Shorter Catechism question 98). If we expect to live with God’s grace and Holy Spirit active in our lives, we must continually nourish the relationship with God through prayer. We must pray to the one true God; the God revealed in God’s living Word – Holy Scripture illuminated with God’s Spirit. We need to humble ourselves and openly confess our inadequacies in the presence of God’s majesty. We must pray knowing God hears our prayers for Christ’s sake.

Our prayers are not preconditioned, nor are they prescribed phrases in a book. Our prayers need to come from the very deepest core of our being, reaching out to the very heart of God. Our prayers should be genuine concerns we bring to share before God. The summer is a good time to let our hearts melt before

God with the deepest concerns we have in our life. Some of our prayers may be sung in joy or in anguish, in love and in hope, in fear and in celebration. All of our prayers must be passionate and with the deepest care for our lives, the lives of those we love, and the lives of those whom God loves.

One of the things you can’t count on is the pastors covering all the prayer needs. These folks are busy praying for their needs, their family’s needs, and all those special needs brought to their attention, but they will not ever get the job done completely – they need your prayers. One of the great things about our reformed tradition is the emphasis that your access to God is just as great as any pastor’s. When you pray, God enjoys your sincerity and genuineness, listens and responds just as if it were a pastor. Your pastoral love for one another is probably greater in God’s sight than the one who sits behind the desk and writes about praying.

If you need more models of prayer to feel more comfortable in style and direction, I suggest you examine the Gospel of John in Chapter 17. Here Christ prays from his deepest inner being for concerns in his own life. Christ prays for those closest to him. Christ prays for you, that you might know the fullness of life in God’s kingdom. Please join with Christ in prayer; for your own needs; for those closest to you; for those out in the world who need to come to Christ.

Be cool this summer – Pray. Let the wind of God’s Spirit blow through your life as you sit still in the presence of God and build that relationship.

In Christ,
Rev. Louis R. Paradise
Interim Pastor

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Pilgrim Church has a website, www.pilgrimchurch.com. It now is possible to download or read the “Progress” online. If you would like to receive the “Progress” via email, please contact the office at office@pilgrimchurch.com or call, 229-2915.

FINANCE CORNER

Did you ever loose your wallet? What a horrible event. No cash, no credit card, no driver's license. It just dishevels you like crazy! That's kind of the way the church feels when pledges get lost during summer time. Well, they aren't really lost; people just forget to get them paid up before they take off on vacation or whatever. Then our finances get all disheveled and frustrated. We don't know what bills to pay and what to leave unpaid. You could help by making sure your pledge is caught up through the first half of the year and maybe even paid forward to September. Disheveled, or Not Disheveled – it's up to you.

NEWS BRIEFS

RECIPE BOOK REQUEST – Pilgrim church office has been getting request for, "A Harvest of Recipes" cookbook dated 1901-2001, burgundy in color and if anyone would have one to donate to the church office it would be very much appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE! – This Fall's **HARVEST BANQUET** is set for October 14, 2017 – Put it on your calendar now.

FOUNDERS' DAY 2018 will be a special banquet at Pardini's – We have reserved space for 200 people – Come and join the memories January 27, 2018.

VISA AND/OR MASTERCARD – giving is available in the church office. We also have a **Square Card Reader**, which gives us the capability of charging to the church using a smart phone.

MEMORIALS

- A gift was given in memory of Elsie Sakojian and Sirvart Arsenian.
- A gift was given in memory of Roxy Jenanyan and all mothers.

WORSHIP For Prayer and Praise

PRAYER CHAIN. For prayer, call **Sheri Manoogian** at 412-4241 or **Helen Sadoian** at 439-3443. If you would like to be added to our prayer list, please call the church office, 229-2915.

PILGRIM CHURCH COUNSELORS. If you have any concerns and/or affirmations, please speak with or call any of our counselors, **Diana Mazman** 222-9177, **Hal Avakian** 431-1033, **Alex or Sonia Jemanjian** 579-8389, and **Joe and Johnanna Soghomonian** 834-3150.

ATTENTION ALL ACTIVE MEMBERS OF PACC
The Annual Congregational Meeting will be June 11, 2017 immediately following worship (approximately noon). Notice is hereby given in the "Pilgrim's Progress" preceding the meeting.

YOUTH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



HAPPY BIRTHDAY... to the following individuals who have a birthday in June.

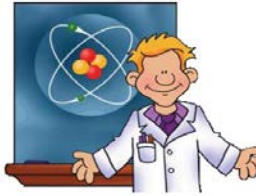
*"May you be blessed by the Lord,
the Maker of Heaven and earth."*

– Psalm 115:15

Katarina Kezirian 6/1
Samantha Petrosyan 6/10
Elen Israyelyan 6/10

Nadia Jones 6/21
Tammy Petrosyan 6/24
Emilia Overbay 6/30

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SCIENCE SUNDAY JUNE 11

PACC's SCIENCE GUY, Teacher Dale, will be doing another FANTASIC Bible SCIENCE LESSON: 9:45am, Room 6.

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KID'S T.I.M.E.

June 11 is the last Sunday of Sunday School for the 2016-2017 school year. **Kid's T.I.M.E. Summer Edition** begins on June 25 – details to follow

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School every Sunday at 9:45. Deep Blue curriculum has something special for you. The lessons about God are REALLY COOL and there's ALWAYS something fun to do



Sunday School Teachers for 2016/2017

Nursery & Toddlers.....	Room 1	Carol Jones
Preschool/Kindergarten ...	Room 2	Jill Blanks
First-Fourth	Room 6	Mardeen Jones Connie Vazquez
Fifth/Sixth.....	Room 5	Dale Overbay Sr.
Junior High.....	Room7	Karen Jarmishian Barbara Mazman
High School.....	FLC.....	Rev. Kevin Kasper

DON'T FORGET the Sunday School Hour starts at 9:45 with Praise Time in the Social Hall

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POWERED BY GOD



*We now have this light shining in our hearts,
but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars
containing this great treasure.*

*This makes it clear that our great power
is from God, not from ourselves.*

2 Corinthians 4:7



Congratulations to the 2017 Mighty Memorizers Class

Students were honored and awarded trophies during the church service on Sunday, May 21 for completing the 12 week Bible memory verse program for their grade. Congratulations for a job well done to all participants.

Pictured from left: Caleb Kasper, Remy Janigian, Eternity Jones, Hakop Petrosyan, Ani Manukyan. Missing participants are Nadia Jones, Katelynn Overbay and Emilia Overbay.



YOUTH GROUP Activities



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY



June 2017

**CALENDER OF EVENTS
PILGRIM CHURCH**

JUNE 4 Holy Communion PANTRY SUNDAY 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am WORSHIP 3:00 p.m. AGO Recital	5	6	7 7:00am Men's Forum Breakfast	JUNE 1 DORCAS GUILD 11:00am Fellowship 11:30am Luncheon/ SUMMER BREAK General Meeting – Installation of Officers 2017/2018	JUNE 2 7:00am TGIF, Fireside Room?	JUNE 3
June 4 - June 17 Associate Pastor Kevin kasper is on vacation						
JUNE 11 11:00 am WORSHIP Annual Congregational Meeting Following Worship NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	12	13 FUSD 6:30pm FLC Committee Meeting? 7:00 P.M. Deacons	14 7:15-4:15pm FUSD School Climate	15 7:15-4:15pm FUSD School Climate 7:00 pm Bible Study, Saliba's	16 Pilgrim's Progress Due	17
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JUNE 18 FATHER'S DAY 11:00 am WORSHIP SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS	19 PILGRIM'S PROGRESS ARTICLES DUE 5:30 p.m. Music Committee	20 6:30pm Trustees	21	22	23	24
JUNE 25 11:00 am WORSHIP 9:45 am Summer Sunday School	JUNE 26	JUNE 27 6:15pm Council Meeting Overflow Room (No July Meeting)	JUNE 28	JUNE 29	JUNE 30	JULY

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – JULY 24-28



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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GAGES & GIZMOS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017
Monday- Friday July 24-28 • 5:30pm to 8:30pm
Pilgrim Church Social Hall [3673 N. First Street, Fresno]

Register at: www.pilgrimchurch.com/vbs
or call (559) 229-2915

MINISTERS

THE CONGREGATION

MINISTRY STAFF

Interim Senior Pastor, Rev Louis Paradise
Associate Pastor of Youth, Rev Kevin Kasper

YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Molly Corcoran
Alexander Jaramishian
Jason Davis
Claire Jaramishian

MUSIC STAFF

Director of Music, Oscar Luna
Organist, Faye DeLong

SUPPORT STAFF

Administrative Assistant, Marlene Wood
Part-Time Custodian, Joe Fischer
Wedding Planner, Sandy Avakian
Memorial Secretary, Kathleen Melikian

CHURCH COUNCIL

Moderator, Gene Kezirian
Vice Moderator, Cristel Tufenkjian
Scribe, to be determined
Treasurer, Patrice Ruble

COUNSELORS-AT-LARGE

Diana Mazman/Hal Avakian
Joe Soghomonian/
Johanna Soghomonian
Alex Jemanjian/Sonia Jemanjian

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Chair, Karen Jaramishian

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Chair, Alex Jaramishian

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Chair, Gail Vartanian
Sunday School Superintendent,
Cathy Cholakian

DORCAS GUILD

President, Dianne Kassabian

FLC COMMITTEE

Chair, John Tufenkjian

MEN'S FORUM

President, Jerry Janigian

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Chair, Doreen Fischer

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Chair, Cristel Tufenkjian

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chair, John Eleazarian