

# Spire

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Saint Francis of Assisi was born in Italy around 1181 into a life of abundance. In his youth he was renowned for drinking and partying until, after being captured in battle, he spent a year in prison. During that time, he began to receive visions from God asking him to repair God's Church and to do so by living a life of poverty. Soon after his release--inspired--he abandoned his life of luxury and began to preach and live the Way of Jesus Christ. As a result of his actions, he has had a profound effect on our world. His life and legacy still ministers to us today through millions of followers around the globe, including the current Pope.

Saint Francis lived a radical life and he prayed prayers most of would not dare for fear they would be answered. **He prayed to know the deep suffering of our God (which is difficult to understand) but he also prayed to know in that suffering the overflowing abundance of God's love.**

*"My Lord Jesus Christ, two graces I beg of you before I die: the first is that in my lifetime I may feel, in my soul and in my body, as far as possible, that sorrow which you, sweet Jesus, endured in the hour of your bitter passion; the second is that I may feel in my heart, as far as possible, that abundance of love with which you, Son of God, were inflamed, so as willingly to endure so great a passion for us sinners. I beseech you, O Lord, that the fiery and sweet strength of your love may absorb my soul from all things that are under heaven, that I may die for love of your love as you deigned to die for love of my love."*

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Nov. 22  
10:00 am

Drive-In

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

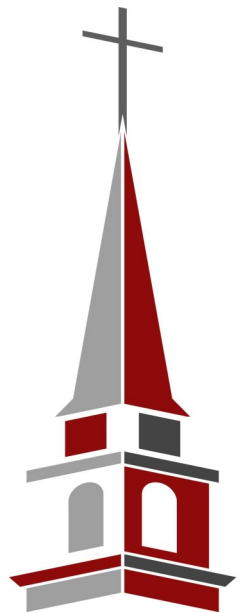
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## Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church

Worship Services Online  
Red Brick Kids Worship  
Sunday 9 am  
Sunday Worship  
9:30 and 11:00 am  
**Café Service 9:45 am  
outdoors on campus**  
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### LOOKING AHEAD

November 12:	Last day to order poinsettias
November 13:	Men's Virtual Retreat
November 22:	Drive-In Worship Service
November 29:	Pick-up Poinsettias
December 5:	MOM Toy Store
December 6:	Christmas Concert Event
December 13:	Family Outdoor Movie Night

**Our Vision:** Loving Everyone to LIFE with Everything we Have.

**Our Mission:** Through authentic community, we seek to EXPERIENCE Jesus, JOURNEY into Deeper Faith, STRENGTHEN the Church, and TRANSFORM our World.

#### Values:

1. We are a good home.
2. We are intergenerational.
3. We inspire engagement.

## CHURCH NEWS

### Session Highlights - October 28, 2020

Carol Leimbach presented the stewardship campaign brochure titled "LIVING the FLOW BETWEEN."

Session approved a proclamation honoring Art Michalek for his faithful service as elder, usher, ten years of service as a Presbytery Commissioner, and over 34 years serving as the unofficial greeter for Sunday morning worship services.

Session also considered:

- An Eagle Scout project
- The continued "pause and consider" postures of the Renovation Task Force and the Capital Campaign Committee
- Reactions to the Session's Racial Issues Statement
- Congregational meeting process and voting modifications required by COVID-19 restrictions
- Progress in right-sizing the church rolls
- Continued positive church financial forecasts

Elder C. Gresham Bayne reported on the developing proposal to continue providing on-line worship and other services to a "Virtual Church" congregation that has been attending the streaming Sunday services. The Session encouraged Bayne, along with Elders John Brand and Chris Capen, to expand their working group and explore feasibility and process planning.

John Spafford  
Clerk

### *Saint Francis, continued from page 1*

This prayer of Saint Francis' is really his attempt at "Living the Flow Between." As the flow between our suffering and hope is recognizing the abundance of God. When we view the world and its offerings as scarce and finite, we limit the power of grace and love and peace (and all other good gifts). **As the truth is, God is limitless.**

Without boundaries placed around God we are free to choose to swim in that ocean of endless beauty or put God in a box and negate God's power. Which do you do more often in your view of God? Is God boundless in your world or do you hold all that you have been given too tightly for fear of losing?

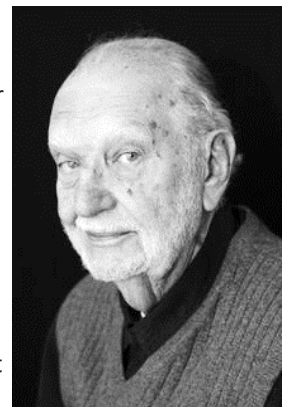
November is a time of thanksgiving, of harvest, of recalling and remembering God's work in our lives.

**May you see the God of abundance during this season and may that lead you to share all that you have and all that you are with God's world.**

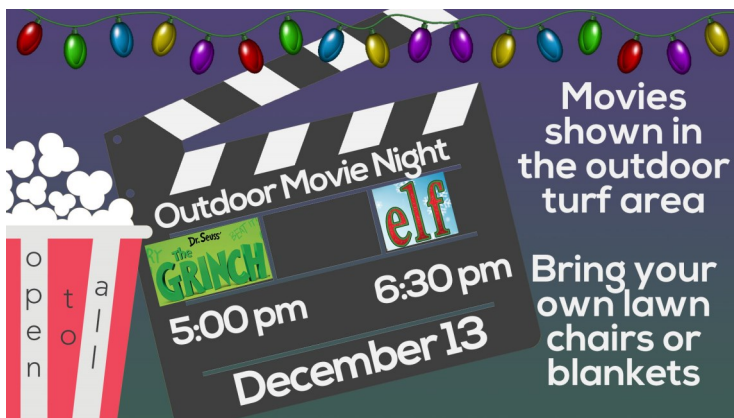
In Gratitude,  
Pastor Karla

### Thank you Art for 34 Years of Service!

This photo may be of one of the most recognizable persons at PLCPC. Elder **Art Michalek** has been our unofficial front porch greeter for going on 34 years, and has served several terms as a faithful Usher. In many cases, he knows your name and something about you and generations of your extended family. He can even tell you where someone usually sits on Sunday morning. This has been such an asset to count on having that face at the front door. At this time, Art is also to be commended for his service as a Presbytery Commissioner. Since 2011, he has been one of our elected PLCPC Elder representatives to the Presbytery of San Diego. He has contributed to that governing body and kept our Session informed of its actions, as well as helped us stay connected to the mission of the Church in the world. Thank you, Art, for your dedicated service in these important roles.



*Photo courtesy of Elaine Burrell*



Save the Date—December 13

Family Movie Night under the stars in the turf area next to the Sanctuary. Bring your own chairs/blankets, and snacks as we enjoy a double feature—The Grinch at 5 pm, followed by Elf at 6:30 pm.

Come for one or both of these great Christmas movies!

## ADULT MINISTRY

**Sunday Scripture Group—Sundays 9:45 am** We continue an 8-part series “*Jesus: His Life*,” told through the unique lenses of those closest to Him.

Contact: Bob Simoneau, grs55@cox.net for Zoom information.

**Monday Morning Men—Monday mornings 7-8:30 am** for virtual coffee via Zoom. We have different guest speakers each week.

Contact: Evan Gratz, evan@pointlomachurch.org

**Women’s Bible Study—Tuesday at 9:15am.** Pastor Karla is leading a study on the book of Deuteronomy.

Contact: Clara Blenis, clblenis@sdccd.edu

**MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)—2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7 pm** via Zoom. Topics for this month: **Nov. 3:** Bible study; **Nov. 10:**

The Work of Gratitude; **Nov. 17:** Book Club: Pachinko by Min Jin Lee; **Nov. 24:** Intentional Parenting

Contact: Julia Roller, mops@pointlomachurch.org

**Continuing The Conversation (CTC)—November 24 at 7 pm via Zoom.** Interfaith discussion group striving for a hate and racism free society.

Contact: Gordy Lutes, gklutes@gmail.com.

**Journeymen— Wednesdays, 7 am** All men are invited to join this group of guys who chat about life and discuss relative topics all

while digging into what Scripture says about them.

Contact: Evan Gratz, evan@pointlomachurch.org

**Men@Work— Wednesdays 8:30 am** The Men@Work guys continue their weekly meetings with camaraderie and bible study under the leadership of Em Cummins via Zoom mostly. We are completing small tasks on campus as needed. If you’re curious about us, please feel free to join us.

Contact: Don Griffith at 619-432-2682 or don.griffith69@gmail.com.

**Wednesday Men’s Bible Study—5pm,** via Zoom. Fellowship and study time. We continue meetings virtually through Zoom as we study the Book of Hebrews. All are welcome  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6192231623>

Contact: Jerry Heidt, gheidt@ghhco.com

**Moms Small Group—1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:45 pm.** Led by Pastor Karla, we continue a study on the book of John.

Contact: Pastor Karla, karla@pointlomachurch.org

**Centering Prayer—Thursdays weekly,** via Zoom.

Contact: Pastor Alex, alex@pointlomachurch.org

**Prayer Quilt Ministry— 1st Saturday, 9am-3pm,** Family Life Center. Contact: Karen Vandenberg, ktvandenberg@aol.com.



SENIOR  
ADULT  
MINISTRY  
PROGRAMS

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**In Loving Memory.** On October 17, our dear friend, Bob Hull, died peacefully at 96 years old. Bob was a faithful member of our senior luncheons and was a leader in greeting and welcoming others and leading us in prayer before meals. Bob’s cheerful nature was a joy for all of us, and his youthful spirit belied his many years. May we remember Bob with joy and friendship as he goes to be with our Lord. Our deepest sympathies are extended to dear Betty, Bob’s loving and attentive companion. A private graveside service is planned and a Celebration of Life will take place next summer.



Bob Hull & Betty Kern



**David Baldwin Gift.** Senior Adult Ministry recently received an extraordinarily generous gift from the estate of David Baldwin, a faithful attendee of the Red Brick Senior

Luncheons. David started attending the luncheons several years ago as a suggestion from a friend, after the death of his beloved wife. David made friends at the luncheon, enjoyed the music and entertainment, and had great appreciation for the fellowship and love he found there. David’s generous bequest will be used to sustain senior programs for years to come. With deepest gratitude to David and his thoughtful and generous gift. Pictured at left, David Baldwin (Left) and friends Ben & his father, Vince .

### The Peninsula Shepherd Center - Connection Through Technology Program

The Peninsula Shepherd Center, a Mission Partner of PLCPC, recently was awarded a grant from the Mission Beyond Committee which will be used to purchase and distribute electronic tablets to seniors. Each participant will be trained on how to use the tablet, and the functions of the device will be simplified for ease of use and customized for each senior. Ongoing technical support and training is provided. Participants must be members of the Peninsula Shepherd Center in order to participate in this loaner program. It’s easy to join! Call the PSC office at 619-223-1640 or [email lisa@sdpsc.org](mailto:lisa@sdpsc.org) to get started. Learn more about the Peninsula Shepherd Center and all the ways it is serving the senior members of our community at [www.sdpsc.org](http://www.sdpsc.org).



PENINSULA  
SHEPHERD  
CENTER

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**Brick Youth is back on campus on the turf!\***

We are meeting on campus on Monday nights for fun, faith and fellowship. We continue our new series, **Love to the Tenth**, examining the Ten Commandments with a new perspective. Junior high (6th—8th grade) meets from 6-7:30 pm. High School meets from 7:30-9 pm. We play games, have Bible study and wrap-up with small group discussions. All youth are invited to join us!

**Brick Youth Open Door On Wednesdays from 3-5 pm\***

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to Open Door on Wednesdays from 3-5pm, It's a time to simply "hang out" together in the Youth Center. There is no set program or agenda, and kids can come and go as they please. Bring a little money as we usually head over to the donut shop for some goodies!

\* **Masks must be worn and RO must have a current waiver on file to attend.**

**BRICK MONDAYS**

Junior High // Mondays 6-7:30 pm  
High School // Mondays 7:30-9 pm  
in the new Turf Area

**BRICK THURSDAYS**

High School // 7:30-9:00 pm  
in the former Three Tree Courtyard

For more information, email  
[ro@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:ro@pointlomachurch.org)

Our youth and adult leaders are learning just how hard it is to Double Dutch! We have a group of 15 students who are learning to Double Dutch with Adam and Gordy on Friday nights!



**Scout Christmas Wreaths Available November 29**

In continuing their tradition of providing beautiful greenery for your home, the Scouts will have wreaths available for purchase in the Church parking lot on Sunday, November 29 between 10 am and 1 pm. They have 28" wreaths in all styles and 36" wreaths in all styles. You can purchase directly on-site or if you'd like to pre-order, please reach out to Pam Wenhe 619-892-3300 [pam.wenhe@gmail.com](mailto:pam.wenhe@gmail.com).



**Nicole Hage, Director | [preschool@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:preschool@pointlomachurch.org) 619-223-3327 | [www.redbrickpreschool.org](http://www.redbrickpreschool.org)**



Please support our church Preschool while decorating your home with beautiful, vibrant, red holiday poinsettias. Simply order online at [www.pointlomachurch.org/register](http://www.pointlomachurch.org/register) ( or email [preschool@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:preschool@pointlomachurch.org)) by November 12 and pre-order 6" pots at \$15 or 8" pots at \$25 each. Pay online or write a check made out to PLCPC with poinsettia in the memo Your poinsettias will be available for pick up on Sunday, November 29 between 10 am and 1 pm at the library parking lot drive through.

The Preschool is grateful for your support!





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### Sunday Programs

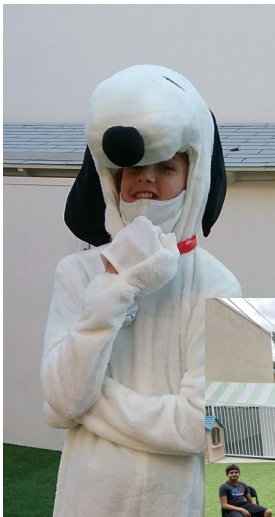
Join us every Sunday online at 9 am for the Red Brick Kids Worship Service. Simply visit pointlomachurch.org and click on the Worship graphic.

### Children's Ministry Blog

We are sharing boredom busters, inspiring videos, activities and more! Check is out today by visiting pointlomachurch.org. Click on the Ministries tab, then scroll to Children and click on the Children's Ministry Blog link on the right.

Our outdoor spaces like the Turf Area, are getting all kinds of interesting usage during the week. Red Brick Robotics, Journey Halloween celebration and more have all utilized this wonderful new space recently!

## Children's Ministry In Action!



**MOPS** (Mothers of Preschoolers) In our MOPS group, which is for any mom with kids school age or younger, we support and encourage each other and learn from inspiring speakers. We would love to have you at our Zoom meetings, every Tuesday at 7 pm. To join us, please register at [mops.org/join](https://mops.org/join) and use the code ZBV9 to be placed in our group or email Julia Roller at [mops@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:mops@pointlomachurch.org) for more information November meeting include:



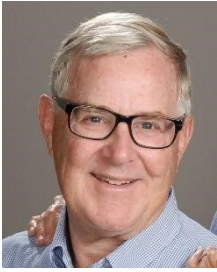
- Nov. 3: Bible study
- Nov. 10: The Work of Gratitude
- Nov. 17: Book Club: Pachinko by Min Jin Lee
- Nov. 24: Intentional Parenting

Trunk or Treat was a fantastic event! Thank you to the many volunteers who hosted trunks and helped with set-up and clean up.

And thank you to the hundreds of community members who joined us for the fun!



## ELDER BIOS - Class of 2023



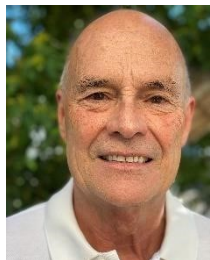
**C. Gresham Bayne, MD** - This would be my fourth tour on Session as an Elder. I have enjoyed serving in the past on Youth Committees, as Chair of Trustees, Chair of Budget, Stewardship and Finance Committees and am currently finishing three years as President/Chair of Finance/ Budget committees. I am excited about extending my duties on Session to help figure out how we can leverage the incredible work done by our staff into planting a Virtual Church that will continue and expand our ministries after COVID19 lets us go! I am mostly retired with some consulting and expert witnessing, and I remain intensely interested in mobile homecare which is finally gaining traction in this country. Love playing pickleball and working the land out at Rancho Viva.



**Susan Cramer** - I am a Buckeye by birth, an Educator by training, and a Presbyterian by the grace of God. My Stanford sweetheart husband Tyler and I raised three daughters in Point Loma, all with careers and married now, and we have two grandchildren. My career has included teaching, training and development, trust management, volunteer commitments and board positions in the community. My first introductions to PLCPC 30 years ago were TLC and the family camp known as Camp O-Ongo, which led me into decades of friendships, service, weekly Bible study and worship. In recent years, I helped restart our Family Camp and, with others on the Mission Study Group and the Renovation Task Force, I have enjoyed re-envisioning the future of our church. I like music and art, occasionally play the cello, and love the outdoors, especially gardening, swimming, hiking and supporting nature conservancies.



**Carolyn Griesemer** - I grew up in St. Louis, MO and moved to San Diego in 2003 to work in the San Diego City Attorney's Family Justice Center. My husband, Jason Guhse, and I together have four teenagers, Max, Mason, Annie & Reid and reside in Point Loma. I am the cofounder and Executive Director of Children's Legal Services and work to serve the vulnerable children in San Diego who are navigating the child welfare system. I am a member of the Mission Beyond Committee and have been for several years. I also participate in Pastor Karla's Working Mom's Bible Study. I served as a Deacon and prior to that was an Usher for two terms. My hobbies include hot yoga, cycling, and sailing, and I enjoy volunteering with my kids through Teen Volunteers In Action.



**Gary Spradling** - I grew up in Southeast Missouri. After graduation from college, was drafted and attended Officer Candidate School in Georgia and spent 13 months in Korea. While in the Army, I married my high school sweetheart, Joy. Attended law school at Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco. I am employed as a lawyer for the law firm of Duckor Spradling Metzger & Wynne, which I founded in 1978. Offices are in downtown San Diego, but since March 2020 have worked from home. I've been active with the PLCPC Fund-Raising Committee for the planned remodel. Joy and I have two sons, Bryn and Ryan. My hobbies/interests are work, fly fishing and golf.

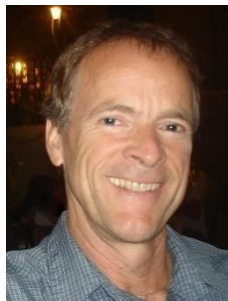


**Lynn Ziegenfuss** - I'm a native San Diegan. I'm a 40+ year veteran serving with Youth for Christ in San Diego, Los Angeles (outreach ministry to teenagers) and Denver where I served as the National Training Director/VP of Leadership Development. I moved back to San Diego in 2003, became certified as a spiritual director, and now train others to be spiritual directors. In 2012, I became a member of PLCPC where I've been serving on the Adult Ministry committee, was on the Pastor Nominating Committee and currently lead the Debrief the Sermon team on Sunday mornings. Interests are movies, watching sports, playing golf, playing games, and puzzles.



Thank you for joining our Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 25. By logging on and confirming your support of these individuals who have volunteered to lead, serve and care for the Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church community. You have made a difference in our future. Please reach out to any of these newly elected church officers if you have any needs or concerns.

## DEACON BIOS – Class of 2023



**Bob Curry** - I grew up in Louisiana, went to Georgia Tech and then moved to California in 1979 to work at the NASA Armstrong Flight Research Center. I met my wife, Bonnie, in Lancaster and attended Lancaster Presbyterian Church for roughly 40 years before moving to San Diego. During that time, I was an Elder for 13 years. At various times I served on the committees for Mission, Christian Education and Worship. I was Clerk of Session for the last two years. We have two married sons, one lives in Hilo, Hawaii, the other is close by in Point Loma. My hobbies include writing, philosophy, travel and sailing. I also enjoy volunteering with various organizations.



**Eddie Dees and Kathy Zorn** – We both have been church members for nine years—Kathy a visitor for 30 years—and both previously served two terms as Deacons. For the past seven years we have organized and run the Lenten Food Drive, and are disappointed it could not happen this year due to COVID. We have been involved monthly with the Ocean Beach Community Dinners. We were Ushers for a year and are still standby Ushers for services and Memorial Services. We always try to be available for last-minute needs for odds and ends tasks around campus. Eddie is a member of the Men at Work Ministry. Both of us are retired—he from the US Navy as a Command Master Chief after 31 years, and she from United Business

Supply Service after 28 years. Between them they have four children and six grandchildren. They both love to play golf and to travel nationally in their trailer and internationally. They enjoy gardening and reaping the benefits of what they grow. They recently purchased a new home in Santee (down-sizing) and are looking forward to fixing it up and starting a new vegetable garden.



**Jean Federici** – Jean and her husband, Carl, live in Point Loma and have two grown children, Simone (25) and Nicholas (23). She is employed at O'Donnell & Smiley, CPAs in La Jolla as their Office Manager. As a Messianic Jew, she embraces her rich Jewish history and is grateful for the spirit of Christ within her. Baptized at PLCPC in 2003, she is committed to serving this church and others in need. Leadership roles have included serving as Elder of Youth Ministry, Church Liturgist, on Long-range planning, Co-Chair of our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala, ongoing member of the Women's Retreat and Interfaith Shelter. Physical fitness is a priority—running, walking, hiking and cycling. She enjoys reading, Bible study, movies, the beach, boating, and especially spending time with friends.



**Colleen DiNoto** – I came to Point Loma in the '60s to attend Cal-Western College, now PLNU, graduated and never left! Both of my grown sons, who attended our Preschool, live in Santa Cruz. Early church volunteering was with the Logos program where I excelled at dishwashing. I have served as a Deacon, Elder and Stephen Minister, and am currently serving as an Usher. Although I started working as a teacher, most of my years were spent as an executive assistant. I love to travel and enjoyed traveling with other church members to Israel, which greatly enhanced my Bible reading. Other interests include theater productions, gardening, walking, reading and baking. I am very anxious to get back to traveling, theater, and being able to welcome people into my home.



**Jen Weck** - Grew up in Glencoe, IL, came out to San Diego for college in 1995 and completed a degree in Human Development at UCSD. After college, I spent 12 years working in the fitness industry, helping to bring the BOSU Balance Trainer to market. I have remained connected to PLCPC at differing levels across 14 years of membership as Sunday School Teacher, VBS group leader, MOPS participant, Red Brick Preschool family, founded the Young Moms Bible Study, PUM volunteer, Women's Connecting Dinner speaker, attended the Women's Retreat, attended Family Camp, and most recently started singing with the choir. I have been divorced/single for 10 years. I primarily stay home with my children (13 and 11), but work as a substitute teacher at Silver Gate Elementary School while pursuing a master's degree in Social Work from USC. Interests include the beach, yoga, running, hiking, and traveling with the children.



**Tracy Wilkinson** - Tracy, a native San Diegan, attended local Point Loma schools and graduated with a BS in Finance from SDSU. Tracy and her husband, Whitney, have been married for 26 years and have three adult daughters (18, 22 and 25). Working 12 years at Sport Chalet in Point Loma, Tracy enjoys all outdoor activities especially running, tennis and golf. Being a full-time mom for the last 25 years, spending time with family and volunteering in the community have always been a priority. A highlight was serving as a Deacon with her daughter, Jamie, while Jamie was a Jr. Deacon. Tracy has been to Mexico to serve at the orphanage and help build a roof. She is looking forward to serving as a Deacon again and being more engaged in our church community and those most in need.



Our Men's Ministry is thriving during this time. If you have not joined us, our upcoming **Men's Virtual Retreat** will be a great introduction to the ministry. Make plans now to join us on **Friday, November 13 from 5-6:30 pm**. There will be some teaching/discussion, some communal grilling, some happy hour and some solid fellowship.

Once you've signed up, you'll receive the Zoom log-in information.

Any questions? Contact Evan Gratz:  
 evan@pointlomachurch.org

This event is open to ANY high school graduate and older. They do not need to be a member of PLCPC, so go out and invite some buddies who could gain a lot from this unique experience!!

Keeping Us Warm This Winter

The Men@Work are making sure we stay warm our in our new outdoor Worship and event space! They recently assembled five brand new outdoor heaters for the new turf area outside the Sanctuary!



Senior Ministry, Continued from page 3



Exercise with Elke – DVDs Still Available

The 38-minute gentle exercise DVD is still available for free. Exercise in the convenience of your own home while Elke Ertle guides you through a gentle workout. Contact Elaine for your copy.



Veterans Day Celebrations This Year

Wednesday, November 11, 10:00 am

For the past 4 years, we have observed Veterans Day with a special luncheon, Honoring Our Veterans, complete with the finest entertainment and distinguished guest speakers. This year, as we are unable to gather in this way, I encourage you to participate in Veterans Week which is hosted by the Veteran Museum in Balboa Park. Programs include a webinar seminar with the theme "Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of World War II Victories!"

Sign up to participate by going to <https://www.sdveterparade.org>

Got Extra Bags?

New Day Urban Ministries is always in need of a variety of bags for different client needs. Backpacks, duffel bags, tote bags, cloth or plastic bags they will take them all! Donations may be dropped off at New Day Urban Ministries 2459 Market Street. All bag sizes are welcome!







## SERVE Needs and Opportunities

### Rev. Dr. Sasan Tavassoli –The Outreach Foundation

#### UPLIFT Immediate Need: Gently Used Men's Clothing

The San Diego Convention Center continues to shelter individual adults experiencing homelessness through December. UPLIFT is collecting Men's Clothing for Convention Center homeless clients. They are also in need of gently used baby & children's Clothing for Golden Hall & motel-based homeless families.

Donations may be left at the Church office (Mon-Thu 9-5, Friday 9-1, ring the doorbell) or for pick-up please call, text or email Monica Ball 619.708.3512 or [monica@upliftsandiego.org](mailto:monica@upliftsandiego.org)

Just as we have all had to re:imagine how we work, serve and worship, our Ministry Partners around the globe have done the same. **Rev. Dr. Sasan Tavassoli** serves as a Presbyterian missionary with The Outreach Foundation. International travel restrictions have created previously unimaginable opportunities for him to reach Iranian youth around the globe. He has begun a live weekly satellite television show entitled "Christianity Today" in which he presents a new topic, book or theologian addressing a contemporary topic of interest. He reaches both religious and non-religious university-educated Iranian youth. This live format allows for deeper interaction via phone calls, email and social media which would not have been possible prior to the pandemic. He is also now able to teach a live weekly online class for Pars Theological Center, an Iranian Bible College. This also provides opportunity for lively discussions with students who are primarily Persian speaking church leaders from Afghanistan, Turkey, the UK, Norway, Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Canada and the US. For security reasons, students in Iran do not take online classes.

Dr. Tavassoli wrote," *As we all continue to find new ways of spreading the Gospel, please pray for the current situation for believers in Iran. The crackdown on Christians and other religious minorities in Iran is worsening and the situation for human rights is deteriorating.*

*As always I want to express my deepest gratitude for every one of you for all the years you have loved, prayed for and supported us in our ministry. Nothing in my life story makes sense without you walking with me on this journey. Only in God's kingdom will we get a glimpse of how our lives were interwoven with each other on earth to make an eternal impact on thousands of Iranians and Muslims around the world. Thank you for your faithfulness. Thank you for your love. Thank you for your prayers."*

### Military Outreach Ministries—Toy Drive

It is time to go Christmas toy shopping again. San Diego Military Outreach Ministries Annual Toy Drive is underway. The need is the same, but as we continue to re:imagine, the donation process has changed. You can support the program in the following ways:

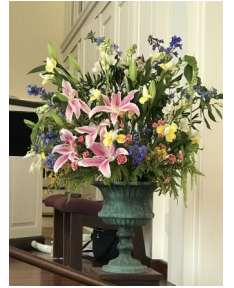
- You can drive-by to drop off toys on Sundays Nov. 15, 22, and 29 near the church/library parking lot from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- You can order the toys online and have them delivered to the church at 2128 Chatsworth Blvd., San Diego, CA 92107. They will be collected and stored until the Toy Store on December 5.
- You can make a monetary donation to help buy bicycles and toys using any of the methods available: mail a check to the church office, text a donation to 619-473-4483, or donate online at [pointlomachurch.org/give](http://pointlomachurch.org/give) and select MOM Toy Drive from the fund dropdown menu. If sending a check, make sure to note donations are for the MOM Toy Drive.

**SERVE** **TOY DRIVE** **SAN DIEGO MOM**  
Military Outreach Ministries  
new, unwrapped toys and bikes are  
needed for the M.O.M. Toy Store  
(benefitting young enlisted families)  
Donations accepted in the church parking lot  
on Sunday November 15, 22, and 29  
from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

The Toy Store will again take place in our Family Life Center on Saturday, December 5, 2020 using all of the covid-19 protocols. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer at the Toy Store on Saturday, December 5 or the Toy Store Set-up on December 4, please contact Ed Lynds at [elynds@cox.net](mailto:elynds@cox.net).

## Chancel Flowers—re:imagined

While we don't have flowers every week in the Sanctuary for Worship, the Deacons are delivering flowers (with masks and social distancing) in order to brighten days and bring cheer. We are so grateful to those who have donated to make this flower ministry possible this month. The flowers are given:



### November 1

- by Michele Marcus in memory of loved ones called Home, husband Dick Marcus; mother, Mabel Fackler and sister, Dorothy Fackler Bibeault.
- by Linda and Jim Zemcik in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary.

### November 8

- in loving memory of Ann and James Kelley by Elizabeth and James Kelley and Maureen and Eric Blackhall

### November 15

- by Lana and Roger Brenes in loving memory of their parents Clark and Beth Seagraves and Sam and Esther Brenes and their niece Megan Most.
- by John and Carol Leimbach in honor of their parents Marty and Ray Swaner; and Jack Leimbach and Diana Orr.

### November 22

- by Paula Landale in loving memory of her husband Jack.
- by Kathleen McKnight in joyful celebration of the 2nd birthday of grandson Ari McKnight.

### November 29

- by Jean Federici in loving memory of my father Norman Green

Family Camp Re:Imagined—We had so much fun at Family Camp 2020. New location. New activities. New Memories.



### Looking for a piece of History?

Bill Gallaher repurposed some components of the original Church pews into this cute little bench. Like many of us he is clearing out some furniture and belongings and is offering this piece of history to the first person who expresses interest. Reach out to Bill if you are interested in owning this piece of history, [billaher@sbcglobal.net](mailto:billaher@sbcglobal.net). It stands 34 inches high, 34 inches wide and 24 inches deep. It is a bit heavy and awkward to transport.



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### Live Events

#### Memorial Service

- A Celebration of Life for Darlene Blanchard Johnson was held in the Sanctuary on October 2, 2020. Rev. Dr. Chris Lenocker officiated.
- A Celebration of Life for Howard Wygle was held in the Sanctuary on October 30, 2020. Rev. Karla Shaw officiated.

#### Baptism

- Rhys Miguel Lazaro, son of Deanna and Philippe Lazaro, was Baptized on November 1, 2020 in our PLCPC Sanctuary. Rev. Karla Shaw officiated.

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**Advent series beginning November 29:**



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By now you should have received our stewardship materials containing information regarding plans for the coming year and how you can become a part of LIVING the FLOW BETWEEN here at PLCPC. We hope you will prayerfully consider your commitments to the Church in the coming year as you complete your pledge card.

If you have not received the information, please visit our website and click on the "Give" button. [Pointlomachurch.org/give](http://Pointlomachurch.org/give) or call the church office, provide your mailing address and we will make sure you receive the information via postal mail.