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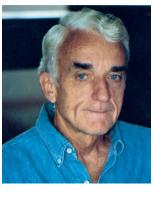
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#### A note from Pastor Karla...

This fall in worship we are exploring the boundlessness of our God. Namely how God's Spirit is revealed throughout the Old Testament which is long before many of us as Christians acknowledge God at work. It is remarkable, though, to consider the often weird ways that God's Spirit moves. Maybe it's obvious, maybe not, but God does not just work in the spiritual lives of people, God works in the physical and emotional lives of people as well. If we allow God to work and yield to God's Spirit there is no telling what God might accomplish in us and through us!

#### But, herein lies the problem, we often have a hard time creating space for God's Spirit to be let loose. And we do that mostly by denying that we have a side of shadows.

Brennan Manning, former Catholic priest who is now deceased, was a brilliant author and selfprofessing alcoholic--and I am not talking about a recovering one either. Sure, there were years of recovering, but there were also years of sloppy drunkenness and uncontrolled binging and lying in literal gutters. It is one thing for any number of us to struggle with such a disease, but a Catholic priest! Surely that is far worse, isn't it? Don't we expect more from those who lead us in ministry? But what is inspiring about Manning is he never



tried to hide his struggle. He once said, "In a futile attempt to erase our past, we deprive the community of our healing gift. If we conceal our wounds out of fear and shame, our inner darkness can neither be illuminated nor

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### Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church Worship Services Sundays ry Service 9:00 am

Sanctuary Service 9:00 am Online Service 9:30 am Café Service 10:30 am in the Chapel

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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.

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Thank you from the Deacons

This year PLCPC members provided 59 backpacks and \$2200 for supplies and bus passes for New Day to disburse to school children in need. Thank you for your generosity!



year if only you'd let Him.

**Choral Ensemble—Rehearsals Sundays at 8 am.** Open to all adults and high school students who want to sing once a month in worship.

Contact: Alicia McMillan, alicia@pointlomachurch.org Sunday Scripture Group—Sundays at 10:30 am in the Parlor. Lost Legacy Reclaimed is an 8-part docu-drama about the early Christian Church in North Africa, then a part of the Roman Empire, its great leaders, teachers and martyrs.

Contact: Bob Simoneau, grs55@cox.net

Monday Morning Men—Monday mornings from 8:00-9:00 am. Virtual coffee via Zoom. Different guest speakers each week. Contact: Evan Gratz, evan@pointlomachurch.org

Women's Bible Study—Tuesday at 9:00 am in the Chapel and online via Zoom. Pastor Karla leads this weekly study. We are looking at different heresies throughout our church history that are still having impacts on the Church today.

Contact: Clara Blenis, cblenis@sdccd.edu

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)— Meeting both in-person and via Zoom this fall. See page 5 for meeting dates and locations. Contact: Julia Roller, mops@pointlomachurch.org

**Continuing The Conversation (CTC)—4th Tuesday at 7 pm**. All are invited to join us for an inter-faith discussion designed to promote a *hate and racism-free society through transformed hearts and minds*. Contact: Gordy Lutes, gklutes@gmail.com **Journeymen— Wednesdays at 7 am in the Chapel.** 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 at 8:30 am in the Library.** A time for fellowship and brief Bible study followed by work projects at the church. All abilities are welcome.

Contact: Don Griffith, 619-432-2682 or don.griffith69@gmail.com Wednesday Men's Bible Study at 5pm in the Parlor. We will continue to offer a Zoom connection for those who cannot attend, using the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6192231623 and Meeting ID: 619 223 1623.

Contact: Gresham Bayne cgbaynemd@gmail.com Ladies Book Study (for women in their 30s and 40s )—Thursdays at 7:00 pm Beginning October 7 via Zoom. October book is *Still: Notes on a Mid-Faith Crisis* by Lauren F. Winner. Led by Pastor Karla. Contact: Pastor Karla, karla@pointlomachurch.org Red Brick Knitters and Crocheters—2nd Thursday from 10 am – noon in the Parlor.

Contact: Judy White, gmajudy@san.rr.com **Centering Prayer—Thursdays at 6:30 pm** weekly, via Zoom. Contact: Tom Baker, tbakerusa@gmail.com **New Covenant Choir—Thursday at 7:00 pm** Contact: Alicia McMillan, alicia@pointlomachurch.org **Prayer Quilt Ministry— 1st Saturday from 9 am-3 pm in the Family Life Center.** 

Contact: Karen Vandenberg, ktvandenberg@aol.com.

# **Mission Beyond Update**

Each year the Session of PLCPC budgets a portion of general funds for support of PLCPC's mission partners. It is truly a privilege and inspiration for our Mission Beyond Committee members to maintain relationships with our mission partners throughout the year and to recommend the distribution of these funds to Session. Every year the fund requests exceed the budgeted amount. Our Mission Beyond annual budget in 2021 is \$69,500. Thank you to this church community for your heart for mission!

In August and September, we completed the process of considering all grant applications received, individually reviewing the details of each request, and carefully discerning and praying about our decisions.

Our local and regional mission partners:

- Feed the hungry
- Provide food, household goods and counseling to young military families
- Tutor school children
- Support middle school faith groups
- Help homeless transitioning into housing
- Help those in need of CA ID's, counseling and social services
- Serve seniors
- Provide shelter and care for medically fragile orphans

 Provide food, ministry, VBS, tutoring, medical services, evangelism to orphans and migrant families

Our international mission partners:

- Teach agronomy skills, economic tools and spiritual renewal to rural poor in Dominican Republic
- Train pastors, teach and connect with Iranian and Afghan Christian leaders in diaspora
- Educate and support Syrian refugees in Lebanon
- Teach Christians and lead interfaith programs in Indonesia

The past year has been difficult for all of our mission partners while grappling with huge challenges because of the pandemic.

Our PLCPC members have been generous in giving beyond what could be funded through our general budget. Included among those we have assisted are:

- Haiti Earthquake Relief
- Madagascar Mission Relief
- Interfaith Shelter Meals
- Beirut Port Explosion Relief

Our total PLCPC mission giving in 2021 is \$82,650. Thank you for your consistent and faithful generosity!



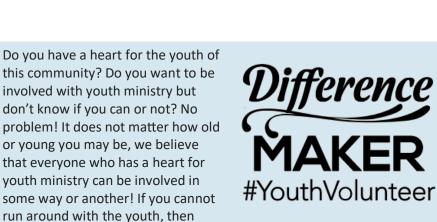
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Classics

# **BRICK Mondays are Back in Full Swing!**

We are kicking off a new series called "*The Classics*" that takes a look at some of the classic Bible stories (think the story of creation, David and Goliath, the story of Esther) and we evaluate their relevance in today's world.

Spoiler alert, they are still relevant. Each week, we play games followed by Bible study based on our current series and wrap up with small group discussions. All youth are invited to join!



consider being a part of the youth prayer team. We have students who are open to meeting one-on-one with members of our community who have more life experiences.

We have a need for male and female volunteers to walk through life with students as they grow in their faith. We are looking for adults who love Jesus and desire to see the youth of this community to grow. Please reach out to Michael (michael@pointlomachurch.org) if you are interested in learning more about our youth ministry and potential ways to serve OR if you know anyone who might want to serve.



Junior High 6th-8th grade 6:00-7:15 pm

> High School Mondays 7:30-9 pm

# HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUP

Thursdays 7:30-9:00 pm This is an opportunity to dive a little bit more into our faith and have some great conversations along the way. Contact michael@pointlomachurch.org for location

# YOUTH SUNDAY SMALL GROUP

Sundays 10:30 am A time to forge friendships and dig deeper into the Bible. Start in Café Worship. Students will be dismissed to Small Group. Now open to all in 6th-12th grade.



Awesome Youth Ministry Associate Needed!

The youth ministry is looking to hire a youth associate to serve the students of our community. We are looking for a female (collegeage or older) who loves Jesus and who wants to see the students grow in their faith and in themselves as people. If you are interested in this position or know anyone who may be interested or if you have questions, please reach out to Michael at michael@pointlomachurch.org or 619-223-1633 Ext. 216.



# Calling All 4th-5th Grade Students!



BRICK Journey has begun every Monday afternoon from 4- 5 pm outdoors on the Turf Area. Our theme is Faith and Fitness.

We look forward to having your 4th and

5th graders along with their friends in our program. There will be sports activities, fitness exercises, and a short bible study. Extra volunteers are need to help with this program. Contact Lem for details, lemuel@pointlomachurch.org



# Trunk or Treat is Back October 29 from 5-7 pm

It's that time of the year where we will dress up our trunks and treat our children to an exciting evening of gathering treats and seeing friends. There will be games, music, snacks and lots of laughter. Come in your best Halloween costumes for a spooktacular free community event!

# **Interested in Volunteering?**

Visit our website—pointlomachurch.org/register to sign up as a "trunk host." You can show off your creativity by decorating your car trunk, truck bed or even just a table in whatever theme you'd like. Cars need to be parked in the parking lot by 4:00 pm. If you need some help with ideas or have questions about the event, please reach out to lemuel@pointlomachurch.org.

#### Save the Date!

Need a night off from the kids to get reacquainted with your spouse? We are hosting a game night on Friday, November 5 from 6-8 pm. We're planning pizza and games for children through 6th grade. Watch for more details soon!

#### Sunday Programs

Our Kids Worship continues to meet each Sunday morning in the Children's Center upstairs. All kids in grades preschool through 5th grade are invited to join us during Worship at either 9:00 am or 10:30 am.

Please drop your children off in the Center Courtyard area (former Three Tree Courtyard). After Worship, please pick-up your children on the Preschool Playground.

Our MOPS group is meeting both in person and over Zoom this fall.

MOPS is a group for moms of children preschool age or younger to meet,



MOPS.ORG

learn from inspiring speakers, and encourage each other in our parenting. Our

October meetings include:

October 5:	Book Club on Zoom, <i>All Girls</i> by Emily Layden
October 12 :	"Sacred Rest" meeting on Zoom

October 18: In person meeting featuring parenting expert Nonie Levi

October 26: Bible study on Zoom

Contact Julia Roller at mops@pointlomachurch.org for more information or to join us.

#### Nicole Hage, Director | preschool@pointlomachurch.org 619-223-3327 | www.redbrickpreschool.org

The preschool is off to a great start this year. We have adjusted well to our new regulations. The preschool families are so happy to have their children in our program. We will have our annual vision screening the week of October 11. Our first chapel with Pastor Karla & R.O. is October 12 & 13. This year's Halloween parade will look a bit different as we will have to keep our classes separate, but it will be fun! If you would like more information about our preschool visit www.redbrickpreschool.com or email at preschool@pointlomachurch.org.





Elaine Burrell, Director, MSW | elaine@pointlomachurch.org 619-223-1633 x210



Oktoberfest Luncheon with live music by the Oompah Katz | Tuesday, Oct. 12 Doors open at 10:00 am | Music from 11:00 am - noon | Family Life Center RSVP to Elaine by October 10 | \$5 donation requested Enjoy a German-style lunch of bratwurst and sauerkraut while listening to traditional Oktoberfest-style music, including marches, waltzes, and polkas. Wear your lederhosen!



Field Trip to Meals on Wheels | Tuesday, Oct. 19 | Meet at the church at 10:00 am to ride in the church van, or meet us there at 10:30 am | 3555 India Street, San Diego, CA 92103 Enjoy a tour of Meals on Wheels San Diego County Kitchen! See how the kitchen staff gets the fresh lunches prepared for their clients. Watch how the meals are prepared, boxed, and kept fresh. Experience just what it takes to keep the organization running. Lunch will be generously provided by Meals on Wheels which we will enjoy at a nearby park. RSVP required by October 15. Contact Elaine to reserve your spot.



**Forever Fit | Wednesdays | 9:00 am | Family Life Center** Get fit at this free, gentle exercise class especially for senior adults. Weights provided; bring your own water and towel.

This class is offered in partnership with the Ryan Family YMCA and made possible through a generous gift from the David Arnold Balwdin Trust.



Fall Prevention | Wed., Oct. 20 | noon- 1:00 pm | Family Life Center | RSVP to Elaine to attend. Learn how to stay safe and prevent falls by attending this informative workshop. Taught by a SHARP Physical Therapist, you will learn the components of good balance; internal & external risk factors that contribute to falls; how to identify your potential fall risk, and how to establish a plan of action to reduce your risk.



# Percussion Ensemble | Wednesday October 27 and December 1 |11:00 am - noon | Family Life Center

Our Percussion Ensemble continues this month with Adam Thompson, instructor. Experience playing drums with a group of people and learn other percussion instruments, fun dance steps and even some vocal chants. Let's have fun and make music together! Space is limited, RSVP to Elaine today! (Free).

# FAMILY CAMP IS BACK!!

We're going back to Camp Marston! November 12-14. Thank you for your patience as we worked hard to find a good option for our Families. Spots are limited, so please reach out to Evan ASAP to reserve your spot—evan@pointlomachurch.org.



# Prayer Quilts 101: A Monthly Series How To Request a Prayer Quilt

A Prayer Quilt cannot be a surprise. Please consult with the potential recipient to see if they will accept our prayers and secure their specific prayer request.

View our available quilts, which are all numbered, via Instagram (search redbrickprayerquilts) or our web site www.padlet.com/redbrickprayerquilts/gallery. Contact redbrickprayerquilts@gmail.com to arrange for the quilt to be tied in worship. The ministry representative will need to know the name of the recipient, the reason that prayer is needed, the specific prayer request and the number of the quilt selected. We will respond to you with the next step. We look forward to helping you with your request!





# Celebrate the Christmas Season by singing with the Christmas Concert Choir!

Community members and students (high school and college) are invited to join the Christmas Concert Choir. We will be singing the uplifting *Vivaldi Gloria* and other Christmas Carols. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7:00-8:00 pm through November.

The Christmas Concert is on December 5 at 5 and 7 pm We will have an orchestra rehearsal with members of San Diego Symphony on December 4 at 11 am.

Vaccination is required to participate. Contact Alicia at alicia@pointlomachurch.org for more details.



# **Upcoming Special Music Presentations**

October 17 Point Loma Singers from PLNU Guest Choir in Sanctuary and Cafe Worship services

October 30 at 3 pm Duo Flautas Frescas Concert in the Sanctuary

November 14 at 4 pm Bryan Verhoye Piano Recital in the Sanctuary More details coming soon!



# Flute Concert—October 30 at 3 pm in Sanctuary

Join us on October 30 at 3 pm in the Sanctuary as we welcome **Duo Flautas Frescas**. Founded by flutists Dr. Julia Barnett and Dr. Alina Windell with the intent of commissioning, performing and discovering music for two flutes, Duo Flautas Frescas will be in concert featuring special guest Adan Provencio. They will present works by Amaya, Brown, Coleman, Damase, McKennon and Ran.

The concert is free and open to the public. Masks are required.

# Wine, Women and Word Returns This Month

Join us on October 21 from 5-7 pm at the home of Stephanie and
John Wylie (520 San Elijo St) for our next Wine, Women and
Word. Please bring an appetizer or bottle of wine to share for this time of fellowship

that is open to all women and friends in the PLCPC community.

Any questions, please reach out to Beth Zedaker, bethzedaker@gmail.com or 619-602-9610.

> Our Fall Kick Off was a grand celebration of new and returning ministries. We hope you will try something new this year!







#### **October Chancel Flowers**—re:imagined

Each week, the Deacons deliver flowers in order to brighten days and bring cheer. We are so grateful to those who have donated to make this flower ministry possible. The flowers are given:

#### October 3

- by Jeanne Tefft Tarter in thanksgiving for the life of her late husband John H. Tarter and grandparents, Essie M. and Vernon E. Tefft.
- by Elizabeth, Jim, Rachel, and Sabrina Davis in loving memory of Dorothea Hosea who touched so many lives and is remembered by so many friends and especially her family.

#### October 10

- in loving memory of Janet Hill Lamott by her family, David, Jo Anna, Jenny and Sage Lamott and Jill, Kevin, Megan and Dan O'Beirne.
- by Tyler and Susan Cramer with great gratitude for Susan's loving parents, Robert and Margaret Wybel and her wise grandmother, Nan Wybel.

#### October 17

- in loving memory of Howard Wygle by his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.
- in loving memory of our parents Jane and Homer MacVean and Marion and Russell Wollemann and, our brother LT. Stephen S. MacVean, USN.

#### October 24

- by John and Carol Leimbach in honor of their parents Marty and Ray Swaner; and Jack Leimbach and Diana Orr.
- by Paula Landale in loving memory of her husband Jack.

#### October 31

- 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 58th wedding anniversary.

# Thank you for giving at the San Diego Blood Mobile on September 12. The results are in:

- $\Rightarrow$  Four people donated blood for the very first time.
- $\Rightarrow$  The Blood Mobile collected 21 units for local hospitals.
- $\Rightarrow$  This will touch the lives of 63 people from just one day.





Conversation With Friends Every Thursday at 9am On YouTube

Join us for engaging conversations about current events and how they relate to our faith. A new episode premieres every Thursday at 9 am. If you can't tune in live, check it out at your convenience. Simply visit YouTube and search for Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church.





# SERVE Day

You sanded, scrubbed, painted and picked up trash to help beautify our campus and

community. Thank you for SERVING with us!

# Assisting Afghani Neighbors in SD

World Relief is partnering with San Diego County Resettlement Agencies who need churches to help Afghani refugees resettling in San Diego. We are currently investigating how best to help. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Rocky Springstead (rocky.springstead@yahoo.com) or Rita Solberg (ritasolberg@cox.net). Many thanks!





Michael, Evan, Lem and Nicole (not pictured) represented PLCPC at the Annual PLNU Church Fair. This was a great time to share a little about PLCPC with new and returning PLNU students.



Forever Fit, in partnership with the Ryan Family YMCA is back on campus! Get fit at this free, gentle exercise class especially for senior adults. Weights provided; bring your own water and towel. They meet every Wednesday at 9 am in the Family Life Center.

# Thank You Deacons

Thanks to a generous gift from the Deacons, the church's tablecloth supply has been updated and organized. The church now has three new sets of colors for ministry and event use: 24 round and 24 rectangular each of black, white and red checkered easy-care, no-iron tablecloths. Old, stained and damaged cloths were discarded, and the existing cloths of sea foam green, lilac, royal blue, yellow, and others were organized and hung on new, matching hangers. The rack system for the cloths was reinforced and strengthened, and a new ladder for the closet was purchased, to reach the high rack of cloths. Next time you are in the FLC, take a look in the closet to admire our new items! Thank you, Deacons!



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#### Life Events

- A Memorial Service for Geraldine Martinez was held September 18, 2021. Rev. Chris Lenocker officiated.
- A Memorial Service for Kay North was held October 2, 2021. Rev. Karla Shaw officiated.
- A Memorial Service for Bud Bunyard has been scheduled for November 20, 2021 at 11:00 am. Rev. Karla Shaw will officiate.
- A Memorial Service for Julia Stradling has been scheduled for December 18, 2021 at 11 am. Rev. Karla Shaw will officiate.
- Caleb Ross Cone, son of Stephany and Jarod Cone, was baptized on August 29 at the Café Worship Service. Rev. Karla Shaw officiated.
- Holden Lee Thurston, son of Stephen & Emily Thurston, was baptized on September 19 at the Café Worship service. Rev. Karla, Shaw officiated.

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#### Civil Rights Pilgrimage—May 14-21, 2022

Pastor Karla is again leading a Civil Right Pilgrimage to the south. The trip will include stops in Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee. The purpose of the trip is to walk in the footsteps of those who participated in our Civil Rights movement. Since this was a movement that has its roots in the Christian church, the trip is designed to help us encounter God in a new way by reading Scripture through the eyes of communal suffering. We will engage in conversations with those who were a part of the movement, visit important sites, become more educated on race relations today, and hear from current authors/speakers on what we can do now.



Cost for the trip is \$2000/per person plus airfare (approx. \$500). Cost is based upon double occupancy. **Deposit of \$500** is due by October 15, 2021. For more information visit pointlomachurch.org/register.



## SERVE at Ladle Fellowship—October 10 from 1:15-4 pm

Our Mission Beyond Committee is thrilled to announce that we are resuming our once every other month SERVE opportunity at Ladle Fellowship. Located at First Presbyterian Church in downtown (320 Date Street), Ladle Fellowship serves San Diego's urban poor population through a variety of services. We typically assist with serving a meal on Sunday afternoon from 1-4 pm. For more information on what to expect and to sign-up, visit our website: pointlomachurch.org/register.