

# Spire

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A few weeks ago, on January 12, at 7:20 pm I was at home with my family when I felt the entire house shake. I learned soon after that an earthquake had occurred near Anza Borrego. I asked my 9-year-old shortly after (he had been in the backyard office at the time), what he thought of the earthquake, he replied with utter confusion, "What earthquake?"



You must understand it was impossible not to feel the rumbling of the walls and floors in our house, even for those who are more oblivious than not. Soren wasn't denying the rumbling, he just assumed it was the exploding of rocks from the local quarry (our house shakes all the time). An earthquake was not what he expected.

The beginning of 2022 for many of us has not been as expected. Even though we have been through this before—the masks, the online gatherings, the canceling of much-anticipated events—most of us wanted to believe those were relics of the past. To have to go through another round of change is not only disappointing, it is also exhausting. If you are anything like me, you are tired. But the benefit to tiredness is the invitation from God to rest. The book of Hosea which we have been unpacking in worship this year is in its essence a book about God's scandalous and relentless love for us. I don't know about you, but it is far easier for me to rest when I am in the presence of someone I trust, of someone who loves me.

So may you be encouraged this day to know, it is okay if you are tired this season and its okay to be frustrated with the rumbling of the walls of your house. In your tiredness and frustration, though, I hope you don't tire of God. Instead, may you accept God's invitation to rest.

*Pastor Karla*



**Ash Wednesday**  
**March 2**  
**Dinner 6:00 pm**  
**Service 6:45 pm**

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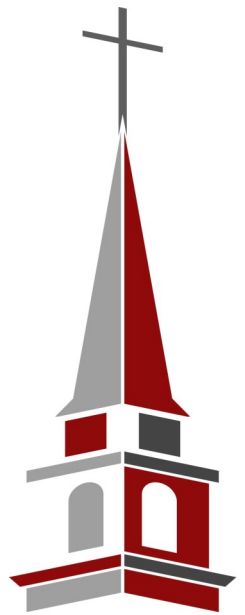
## Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church

Worship Services  
Sundays

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

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### LOOKING AHEAD

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| February 7:  | MOPS—In-person            |
| February 13: | Annual Meeting            |
| February 14: | ELEVATE Mathnasium begins |
| February 15: | MOPS—Zoom                 |
| February 20: | Dog Days of Winter        |
| February 27: | Confo Class Begins        |
| March 2:     | Ash Wednesday             |
| March 9:     | Lent Weekly Series Begins |

**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.

## Session Meeting Highlights—January 26

The first Session meeting of the year requires many organizational actions. The first was the Congregational Nominating Committee's proposal of the committee assignments for the elders of Session. The approved assignments may be found, as always, on the *Spire* back page.

In 2022 the Session has committed to restructuring its committees into five teams, and appointed a Restructuring Transition Group. The following will lead in developing and implementing the new structure:

Chair – Lynn Ziegenfuss  
C Gresham Bayne  
Chris Capen  
Claudia Grauf-Grounds  
Bob Lemke  
Cynthia Queen  
Pastor Karla Shaw

Session elected the following officers of the church:

Elder C Gresham Bayne, Chairman of the Corporation  
Elder Rob Hanna, Vice-Chairman  
Inactive Elder John Leimbach, Treasurer  
Inactive Elder Dianne Grafton, Assistant Treasurer  
Inactive Elder John Spafford, Clerk  
Inactive Elder Kathy Wright, Assistant Clerk

Session appointed the following Elders of Session to serve on the Executive Committee:

C Gresham Bayne, Chairperson  
Rob Hanna, Vice-Chairperson  
Kristin Stephany  
Stephanie Wylie  
Lynn Ziegenfuss  
Rev. Karla Shaw  
Ex Officio: Clerk John Spafford, Treasurer John Leimbach

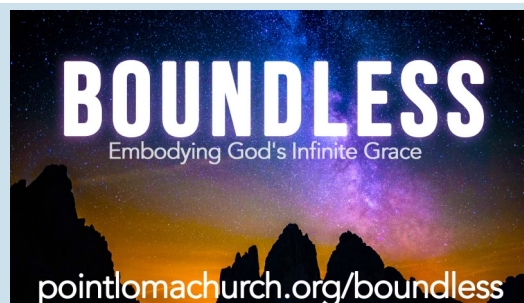
The Executive Committee meets when requested to discuss and deal with emergent concerns on behalf of the Session.

Session also approved the Service of the Lord's Supper dates and congregational meetings, and elected Em Cummins, Sue Skala, Gresham Bayne and Session Representative Katie Fulhorst as Presbytery Commissioners. Pastor Karla serves on the Presbytery Strategic Planning Committee and Real Estate Task Force.

The Session heard from Finance Chair C Gresham Bayne, who claimed "2021 was the best financial year in PLCPC history." The year closed with \$200,000 in surplus. Stewardship Chair Pam Werner noted that we are starting 2022 with 78% of the pledge goal received. The Session approved a \$1.48 million 2022 expense budget with a \$50,000 income deficit, trusting that God will abundantly provide as our members and community continue to engage in new ways.

The meeting concluded with prayers for our community, with special prayers for the families of Elder Wayne Smith, and Elder Hal Sadler, recently deceased.

John Spafford  
Clerk



### Stewardship Update

If you have not yet returned your commitment card for the coming year, please do so today! Cards can be obtained from the Church Office or online at [pointlomachurch.org/boundless](http://pointlomachurch.org/boundless). Your prayerful consideration of your gift helps us to better plan for the coming year to ensure that we can continue to share the BOUNDLESS love of God with our community and beyond.

If you have already returned your commitment cards, we are so thankful for your generous support. As of January 26, we've received commitment cards covering 78% of our expected 2022 budget needs.

### SERVE at Ladle—February 13 at 1:15 pm

Are you looking for an alternative to the Super Bowl on February 13? If football is not your cup of tea, you can be a champion for those in need by SERVING at Ladle Fellowship on Sunday, February 13 from 1:15 – 4 pm. Any questions, contact [evan@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:evan@pointlomachurch.org). Ladle Fellowship is located at First Presbyterian Church, 320 Date Street.

## ADULT MINISTRY

**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](mailto:alicia@pointlomachurch.org)

**Sunday Scripture Group—Sundays at 10:30 am in the Parlor.**

Current series: *The Chosen*, is a multi-season television drama based on the life of Jesus. We're watching Season 1 of this highly popular crowd-funded series.

Contact: Bob Simoneau, [grs55@cox.net](mailto: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](mailto:evan@pointlomachurch.org)

**Women's Bible Study—Tuesday at 9:00 am online via Zoom.**

Pastor Karla leads this weekly study. The ladies are studying the book of Proverbs.

Contact: Clara Blenis, [cblenis@sdccd.edu](mailto:cblenis@sdccd.edu)

**MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)— Meeting both in-person and via Zoom this year.** See page 5 for specific programs in February.

Contact: Julia Roller, [mops@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:mops@pointlomachurch.org)

**Men@Work— Tuesdays at 8:30 am in the Library.** We've

resumed our in-person gatherings and continue to connect via ZOOM with those who cannot attend in person. New members are always welcome to join us for a time of fellowship, Bible study and work projects around campus.

Contact: Jobs or other queries Don Griffith, 619-432-2682

or [don.griffith69@gmail.com](mailto:don.griffith69@gmail.com). For the Zoom link or study info:

Em Cummins, [emcum@sdsu.edu](mailto:emcum@sdsu.edu).

**Continuing The Conversation (CTC)—4th Monday at 6 pm.** *Eyes on the Prize* Episode 2 viewing and discussion. See page 7 for more details.

Contact: Gordy Lutes, [gklutes@gmail.com](mailto:gklutes@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](mailto:cgbaynemd@gmail.com)

**Ladies Book Study (for women in their 20s, 30s and 40s) — Thursdays at 7:00 pm in February via Zoom.** Current Book is *Learning to Walk in the Dark*. [Pointlomachurch.org/register](http://Pointlomachurch.org/register) for the Zoom link.

Contact: Pastor Karla, [karla@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:karla@pointlomachurch.org)

**Red Brick Knitters and Crocheters—2nd Thursday from 10 am – noon in the Parlor.**

Contact: Judy White, [gmajudy@san.rr.com](mailto:gmajudy@san.rr.com)

**Centering Prayer—Thursdays at 6:30 pm** weekly, via Zoom.

Contact: Tom Baker, [tbakerusa@gmail.com](mailto:tbakerusa@gmail.com)

**New Covenant Choir —Thursday at 7:00 pm**

Contact: Alicia McMillan, [alicia@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:alicia@pointlomachurch.org)

**Prayer Quilt Ministry— 1st Saturday from 9 am-3 pm in the Family Life Center.**

Contact: Karen Vandenberg, [ktvandenberg@aol.com](mailto:ktvandenberg@aol.com).



**Dog Days of Winter**  
**Sundays in February**  
(Feb. 6, 20 and 27)  
**Bill Cleator Park**  
**at 12:00 pm**  
**Questions: [evan@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:evan@pointlomachurch.org)**

**What:** DOG DAYS OF WINTER

A casual dog meet up and hang out time

**When:** February 6, 20 and 27 From Noon-1pm

**Where:** Bill Cleator Park

Look for the PLCPC pop up tent

**Why:** Because Winter is kind of boring and dogs are amazing!

And we like hanging out together

**Details:** Feel free to bring a folding chair, blanket and a picnic-style lunch!

\*NOTE: To make this a safe and fun event, we'd ask that you discern if your dog is safe to be around others, including kids, for everyone's (including the pup's) sake!

## Debrief the Sermon Returns for Lent

A Lenten offering of Debrief the Sermon will meet the first five Sundays of Lent (March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3). The groups will meet collectively from 10:30-11:15 am in a hybrid model of in person and online folks. We will have a chance to unpack, discuss and personalize the Lenten sermon series, *Full to the Brim* as we focus on God's extravagant and boundless grace! Let's learn together how to be open to receiving one of God's greatest gifts, GRACE! Questions? Email Cheryl Louie at [clouie3@gmail.com](mailto:clouie3@gmail.com).

## You made a Difference!

Thank you for your continued support of the San Diego Blood Mobile. As you probably have heard, there is a nationwide blood shortage right now. Your generosity on Sunday, January 16 made a difference!



The blood Bank reported the following results: **29 units collected** which will touch the lives of **87 people** from just one morning. This is an incredible turnout!!!



### Confirmation Class Registration Now Open!

Confirmation ("Confo") is the time when young people claim the promises that were made on their behalf in baptism. It is also an opportunity to learn the foundations of Christianity, what Presbyterians believe, and to become full-fledged members of Point Loma

Community Presbyterian Church. Students who have not been baptized will have the opportunity to do so when they are confirmed. Confirmation is open to all students currently in Grades 7-10.

**CONFIRMATION  
OPEN TO STUDENTS  
IN GRADES 7 - 10  
POINTLOMACHURCH.ORG/REGISTER**

It is important to note that Confirmation is a discipleship opportunity and a means of publicly proclaiming your faith. The program consists of 3 key elements: 1) classes (held on Sundays 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM), 2) a retreat, and 3) a mentor relationship. All are mandatory pieces of the program (attendance at all classes is required, but one miss is allowed if absolutely necessary). Confirmation is a big commitment—please consider your participation carefully!

Confirmation Class begins on Sunday, February 27. Confirmation Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, April 24. Visit [pointlomachurch.org/register](http://pointlomachurch.org/register) for more details including the projected schedule.

The cost of Confirmation is \$110, which includes lunch at weekly Sunday meetings, the Confirmation Retreat, and the Confirmation luncheon. Please do not let the cost prohibit you from this experience as scholarships are available.

If you have any questions about the program or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Lombrano at [michael@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:michael@pointlomachurch.org) or 949.296.5661.

### MOVIE NIGHT—February 25 Popcorn, Snacks, Movie and Fun!

The movie has not been set in stone. If you have any suggestions reach out to Michael at [michael@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:michael@pointlomachurch.org).

### BRICK MONDAYS on the Turf

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

High School  
Mondays 7:30-9 pm

### February series : Love Yourself!

We will talk about how to love yourself in relationships, in singleness, how to love yourself through setting boundaries, and other ways to love yourself! We would love to see you there.

### HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUP

Thursdays 7:30-9:00 pm

### New Series:

### Let's talk about that.

We'll cover a wide range of topics that our high schoolers have identified as areas they want to talk more about (dating, spiritual vs religious, how to navigate friendships with people who are not religious, what does the Bible say about being environmental stewards). This is a great series to dive deeper as we will be getting into the nitty-gritty of what the Bible says about the above and more.

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



The Red Brick Preschool is planning to celebrate Tina Hoh's 20 years of teaching with us. Her expertise and dedication to the children and school have been a true blessing. We are so grateful to have her among our staff and look forward to many more wonderful years. She not only helps prepare her students for kindergarten; but also is a mentor to our staff. Ms. Hoh is loved and admired by us all.

She will receive a leaf on our tree of life in the Family Life Center. If your child was a past student of hers please send a note, video, or picture with a favorite memory to: [preschool@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:preschool@pointlomachurch.org).





Save the Date

VBS 2022  
June 20-24

Registration  
Opens  
March 15



[pointlomachurch.org/vbs](http://pointlomachurch.org/vbs)

**New ELEVATE Session begins Feb 14**

It is not too late to sign up your child ages 5-12 for ELEVATE, our Monday afternoon children's program. Broken down into 6-week sessions, ELEVATE features community

partners who bring their knowledge and skills to our campus. For this new session, which begins February 14, we are partnering with Mathnasium for math fun! The children will enhance their math skills through games and tutoring.

Cost for the 6-week session is \$50 per child, (\$40 for the second child in the same household). For more information and to register, visit [pointlomachurch.org/elevate](http://pointlomachurch.org/elevate).

**ELEVATE**  
New Children's Program  
Kids age 5-12  
Mondays 4-6 pm

New Session Begins February 14 with

**MATHNASIUM**  
The Math Learning Center

[pointlomachurch.org/elevate](http://pointlomachurch.org/elevate)

**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 Narthex (9:00 am Sanctuary) or the Chapel (10:30 am Café). After Worship, please pick-up your children on the Preschool Playground.

Nursery care is available for those 6 months—3 years old.

Our MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) group provides support, fellowship, and education to moms of kids preschool age and younger. We continue to

meet both in person and on Zoom so please join us if you're looking for encouragement and companionship as you navigate motherhood! Contact Julia Roller at [mops@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:mops@pointlomachurch.org) for more information or to join our group.



February meetings include:

**Feb. 1 (Zoom)** 7 PM Book Club: *The School for Good Mothers* by Jessamine Chan

**Feb. 7 (in person)** 9:30 AM Mindfulness, Meditation and Movement for Mamas with Teresa Edmunds

**Feb. 15 (Zoom)** 7 PM Imperfect Friendships

**Feb. 21 (in person)** 9:30 AM Topic and Speaker TBA



At ELEVATE our children are learning Jiu Jitsu, a type of martial art which includes developing increased strength and cardio.



The Turf Area makes for the best movie viewing on campus! The kids enjoyed a movie while parents enjoyed a night out!



Elaine Burrell, Director, MSW | [elaine@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:elaine@pointlomachurch.org) 619-223-1633 x210



**Valentine Tea, Crafts & Games | Wednesday, February 2 | 1:00-3:00pm | FLC**

Let's spend an afternoon getting in the spirit of Valentine's Day! We will create a make-and-take Valentine craft, play Valentine trivia games, and listen to romantic music. Tea and cookies provided. Kindly RSVP by 1/31.



**Valentine Luncheon with "The Frank Guy" - Frank Sinatra Style Singer | Tuesday | February 8 | Doors open at 10:00am; Music & Lunch 11am-Noon | FLC | \$5 Donation**

Menu: Personal pot pie, crispy Caesar salad, Valentine dessert. Enjoy the music of Gary Burt, who will provide a unique musical experience filled with the classic hits of Frank, Dean & Michael Bublé. RSVP to Elaine by 2/4.



**Hearing Loss and Solutions Presented by Dr. Dena Riso of Peninsula Hearing Center Wednesday, February 16 | Noon-1:30pm | Family Life Center**

Learn about the anatomy of the ear, different types of hearing loss and solutions available to you, including the latest advancements in hearing technology. A must for anyone considering the purchase of hearing aids. Note: This lecture will be LIVESTREAMED as well as offered in-person. To watch the livestream, go to [www.pointlomachurch.org](http://www.pointlomachurch.org) 5 minutes before the lecture and you can click on a banner to join the livestream. RSVP to Elaine



**Pizza & Movie Day - "Moonstruck" (1987) | Wednesday, February 23 | Noon | FLC \$5 Donation**

Let's watch a movie together! Moonstruck is a classic, humorous and sentimental love story set in Brooklyn, New York, starring Cher and Nicholas Cage. Pizza, salad and popcorn served. RSVP to Elaine.



**Forever Fit Gentle Exercise Class | Wednesdays, 9:00 – 9:50 am | Family Life Center Elke Ertle, Instructor**

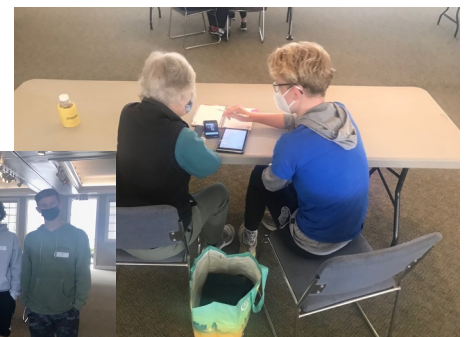
Get fit at this free, gentle exercise class especially for senior adults. Weights provided, bring your own water and towel. This class is offered in partnership with the Ryan Family YMCA and made possible through a generous gift from the David Arnold Baldwin Trust.



**You can now register for any of these events ONLINE at [www.pointlomachurch.org/register](http://www.pointlomachurch.org/register) or you can always call or email Elaine to RSVP.**

### Teen Tech 4 Seniors

We are so thankful to Teen Volunteers in Action for partnering with our senior ministry for Teen Tech 4 Seniors. The boys in grades 7-12 volunteered to spend their Martin Luther King Jr holiday helping seniors understand better how to use their cell phones, laptops, tablets and cameras.





## February Flower Donors

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 this month are given:

### February 6

- by Dimi Michalek in memory of my parents Norris and Anne Howe.
- in loving memory of Carolyn T. Meredith and Joel Calhoun by her family.

### February 13

- in loving memory of my dear Linda, by Fred Daughtery.
- by Tom and Geri Nielsen in loving memory of Tom's parents, Niel and Tove Nielsen.

### February 20

- in loving memory of Howard and Ruth Kirtland from Michael and Marie Huff.
- by Michelle Styles in loving memory of her parents Captain Fran and Major Michael J Styles USMC.

### February 27

- by John and Charlie Littrell to honor the wonderful Sunday school teachers at our church.
- in loving in memory of our parents, Ben and Peggy Woodward and John and Margaret Holman by Diana and John Holman.



## Continuing the Conversation—February 21, 6 pm

Last month PLCPC hosted the PBS series “Eyes on the Prize” with Pastor Karla as the co-moderator. This month Episode 2 will be hosted by Christian Fellowship Congregational Church. All are invited to this continuing study and discussion of the Civil Rights Movement sponsored by Continuing The Conversation.

This episode tells the story of two cases where states' rights loyalists and federal authorities collide. The first case is the 1957 battle to integrate Little Rock's Central High School. The second case is James Meredith's 1962 challenge to segregation at the University of Mississippi. In both cases, a Southern governor squares off with a U.S. president, violence erupts, and integration is carried out.

“Eyes on the Prize” tells the definitive story of the civil rights era. The story is told from the point of view of the ordinary men and women involved. Their extraordinary actions launched a movement that changed the fabric of American life. The movement embodied a struggle whose reverberations continue to be felt today. The series is the most critically acclaimed documentary on the Civil Rights Movement in America.

For additional information or to be registered for the event, contact: Gordy Lutes, [gklutes@gmail.com](mailto:gklutes@gmail.com).



## Children's Art and Drama/Music Class New Session February 17 - March 24, 2022

Registration is now open for the next session of our Thursday afternoon Children's Art and Drama/Music class for children in grades 1-6. Held each Thursday from 4-6 pm, in this session, Children will learn about Lent through dramas, poems, songs and art projects.

We will explore the concept of self-worth and create art projects based on the Japanese Kintsugi concept of embracing the beauty of human flaws. The class will conclude with a narrated art show. Class cost is \$50

Visit our website—[pointlomachurch.org/register](http://pointlomachurch.org/register) to sign-up for the class. If you have any questions, please reach out to [alicia@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:alicia@pointlomachurch.org).

# 2021 Annual Report



At the beginning of 2021 as the vaccine rollout began across our world, there was much excitement at PLCPC! We knew this change would allow us to reopen the church campus and invite people to resume pre-pandemic normalcy. Even though we had never stopped *Experiencing Jesus, Journeying into Deeper Faith, Strengthening the Church, and Transforming our World*, getting a hug from a dear church friend is a ministry of its own that is hard to replicate. But, returning solely to our traditions was not the vision God gave the leaders of this church, instead the Session made a bold decision in January to cease being reactive in online ministry and move to being proactive. As a result, through the ups and downs of the continued pandemic, we have been able to continue to grow in faith and in community with one another through being in-person, online, and in hybrid ministry without leaving anyone behind.

In addition to the new staff additions in the online ministry, we were also not immune to the "The Great Resignation" this pandemic has caused across all industries. While the transitions of our Associate Pastor, Children's Ministry staff, and Financial Secretary have not been easy ones for the church, we have also had the opportunity to see God at work moving us in fresh and new ways with our young people and in congregational care. The staff were not the only ones in transition, we have also seen a turnover in many of our tried and true

lay ministers, and while it has been a challenge to let go of former expectations, this has also allowed new people to step in and serve in ways they hadn't before.

We are leaving 2021 in many ways stronger than when we entered it, this is most clear through the abundant giving which has occurred through the work of your hands. It is overwhelming to consider the faithfulness of this congregation in the face of uncertainty and the way God has provided in us and through us. At a recent leadership lunch, several of our elders and staff members described one of the greatest strengths of PLCPC being "flexibility." I chuckled as I am not sure that word has ever been used to describe a Presbyterian congregation, but it certainly does describe how God has been shaping us through this season. As pandemic restrictions continue to ebb and flow and as ministries make adjustments to those changes, we continue to be a church family that remains open to God's Spirit leading us. As you read through the following pages and reflect back on what God has done in us and through us this past year, may you feel as grateful as I feel to be a part of this church family.

*Pastor Karla*

## 2021 Community By the Numbers



12 Memorial Receptions providing space for 800+ people to celebrate loved ones.



184 Prayer Chain requests sent on behalf of members and friends.



98 Prayer Quilts tied for members, family and friends.



## Director of Operations—Jolene Wade

The beginning of 2021 brought about some unexpected challenges that required us to take a deeper dive into our purpose as we re-evaluated our role and how we can impact our community any beyond. We experienced staffing changes that resulted in re:imagining of positions as well as some opportunities which assisted in keeping our finances in a positive light. Our existing relationship and association with Church West afforded valuable insight with regards to the Employer Retention Tax Credit (ERTC) and achieving forgiveness of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan which we needed in response to the pandemic.

As we transitioned to having a new Staff Accountant position, we saved money and brought staff members much appreciated Direct Deposit services through the implementation of using a payroll service in lieu of processing payroll in-house.

Adapting to outdoor services, then hybrid services, with limited volunteer presence has highlighted how flexible and cooperative we are, strengthening our bonds as a staff and leadership team. We've had many opportunities to experience the ways God provides for all of our needs. We made much-needed improvements through the campus including the resurfacing the wooden elements of the front of the church and refurbishing the wooden plaza/parlor gates, enlisting the Men at Work to complete various repair and maintenance projects (including new paint in the Bell Room), as well as improvements made to improve efficiency in the flower room. The addition of AC in the Chapel provides necessary airflow and cooling to one of our larger on-campus spaces.

As we interact with various vendors, members, visitors or guests, we have an opportunity to share the love of Jesus through a caring and helpful attitude, even if it's over the phone. Over the last year, we have grown, adapted, changed and improved our spaces and processes which has a direct impact on our community and beyond.

## Online Ministry—Melissa Mullins

Our newly created Online Ministry team represents the Session responding to the Spirit's leading to commit to an online church community. This sustainable model included two new positions in 2021, Online Ministry Director and Digital Content Producer. The Online Ministry Committee has been fully committed to discerning the priorities and activity of the ministry. The personal opportunities to grow closer and foster connection for many people, who have felt varying degrees of isolation, has been monumental in deepening the faith of those whose lives have been touched.

The installation of new equipment in the Sanctuary for filming and live-streaming services, which provides post-production efficiencies and new abilities for our services, brought about amazing opportunities to reach those who may have felt left behind because of the pandemic.

Hybrid and online options for meetings, worship services, small groups and discipleship opportunities provided excellent opportunities for the Church to thrive in a new and ever-changing world. The creation of the online ministry is also providing new volunteer opportunities and unique ways for people to serve no matter where they are geographically.



431 Views of  
Bryan Verhoye  
Concert



462 Views of  
Christmas  
Concert



338 Views on  
Easter



100+ meeting  
votes cast  
online



Each week we welcome  
worshippers from at least 5  
states outside California

*\* a view represents a single device logged in to a concert or service*

## Music Ministry – Alicia McMillan

We can each experience Jesus in our weekly worship and music that is rich, reverent, contemporary, traditional, familiar and new. From the Ringers ReJOYce! unique bell sounds, children’s choir pure voices, New Covenant Choir fuller sound, a lighter choral ensemble texture, worship band, solo, duets, organ and piano solos and duets, professional and amateur guest musicians on flute, violin, saxophone, cello, string instruments and brass, the full palette of musical offering is used for the glory of God.

This past year, the music ministry worked tirelessly to love and care for individuals with different needs and allow all to participate in music in-person and/or virtually. Choir rehearsals were held on zoom from January through the summer, including special monthly guests to engage members. Choir members prepared recordings for virtual choir anthems as well as weekly hymns and worship songs. Choirs returned to in-person singing in the Fall while rehearsals continued in person with a virtual zoom option.

The community was strengthened and given hope during isolation with our in-person Drive-In services that took place in February and on Palm Sunday and outdoor Cafe services on the Turf every Sunday morning. Special in-person concerts including the return of Bryan Verhoye’s Fall Concert provided hope and inspiration as we experienced music communally.

Children’s music ministry met in person with strict Covid protocols from January to May to engage in art and drama classes. Children pre-recorded an Easter drama,

participated in a new Summer Music and Drama Camp, and resumed in-person in September. They sang in worship in November, at the Christmas Concert and the Christmas Eve 4:00p.m. hybrid Family Service, where they presented *The Wonder of Christmas* musical, our first service to be live-streamed.

It is difficult to effectively quantify the effect of music in worship and the degree to which it strengthens the church. Glimpses can be caught via tangible results, such as music donations, written notes of appreciation, emails, new member participation, comments

and emotional responses. We continue to receive frequent positive and heartfelt responses directed at all aspects of the music ministry that confirm the impact of each group and the overall ministry.

The return of the Christmas Concert, a beloved tradition that highlights the best of our music ministry and brought together multi-generational groups was a highlight which marked a new era as we presented the concert both in person and via livestream.

Worship services, musical events and the various music ministry groups help us to deal with grief, anxiety and isolation and be inspired and uplifted. By focusing on God, His love and the expression of His love, we grow as the body of Christ and change the world one person at a time.

“  
The human soul  
needs beauty  
even more than it  
needs bread.  
- D.H. Lawrence

## Red Brick Preschool—Nicole Hage

The Red Brick Preschool continues to support the mission, vision and values of PLCPC. The last 12 months have been unprecedented yet the preschool continues to thrive providing compassionate and engaging care and learning for the children and families in our community. Despite all of the challenges of the pandemic, we adjusted, changed and successfully complied with the ever-changing rules and regulations governing schools in California.

We continue to teach the children valuable skills to prepare them for kindergarten while also teaching them about the love Jesus has for them through our monthly Chapel where the children are taught a bible story and song. Preschool families are invited to all of our Children’s Ministry and family events, with many of them choosing to participate and engage with the church community.



142 Children  
Enrolled



27 staff  
members  
Employed



Approximately  
11,400 art projects  
created

## Children's Ministry—Lemuel Blackett

The Children's Ministry experiences Jesus each day through the blessing of enthusiasm and openness of our kids to learn more about God's Word. During 2021, some of our children expressed it was their first time opening the bible and reading it for themselves. This is a true Jesus moment.

We continued to re:imagine as 2021 began. We were able to engage our children and families through distribution of Easter in a Box kits, which included a Lenten Adventure Guide and some Easter surprises. In April we returned to in-person Kids Worship with an average of 15 children each week. Our Bible Memory class also returned and celebrated 9 new graduates! The campus came alive this summer as we encouraged "All Aboard" for our Rocky Railway themed VBS program, which welcomed 200 children for the 5-day adventure. For our littlest members, we hosted Hang Time in the Park, an outdoor time for songs and silliness with our preschool—1st grade children and parents.

Each week, we strive to instill within our children that they matter. With an emphasis on teaching the children about having faith in God and remaining focused on their goals, we are building confidence in our youngest members. When we engage with the children and show them that they have a place in the church, we are strengthening the church community. If the parents see that their children are developing spiritually that is an incentive for them to keep coming back to PLCPC. As the children get older they will see the value of being a part of this community and hopefully they will take the baton and carry on the work of God's church.

Our community events over the last year provided hope to a community that really struggled during the pandemic. While many organizations and groups have yet to return, we have found ways to return in a safe way with events such as Hang Time in the Park, VBS, Trunk or Treat, Movie Night, Game Night, and Red Brick Christmas. Though we have restrictions in place PLCPC still showed that the church is present and willing to do what is necessary to share the hope of God in these tumultuous times.



200 Children  
joined us for VBS



70 Easter in a  
Box kits shared



60 children attended  
Kids Worship in-person

## Youth Ministry—Michael Lombano

BRICK Youth experience Jesus through weekly gatherings and monthly events. In September, as RO Smith transitioned in to a new role, the Youth Ministry continued the established weekly gatherings and special events under new leadership. Throughout the year, the students learned about different books of the Bible and how to apply them to present day. By encouraging open communication and asking good questions, we've opened meaningful dialogues for the students who have experienced a great deal of loss, change and difficulties as a result of the pandemic.

We continue to grow the ministry by allowing students to share topics they are interested in at our small group gatherings on Monday and Thursday evenings which encourage greater retention and curiosity in their faith walks. Summer Camps to Rock-N-Water (high school) and Campus by the Sea (junior high) provided much needed "normalcy" by allowing an opportunity for students to be surrounded by their peers and grow together and individually in their faith in new and challenging environments. We also gathered for some much-needed fun at a Padres game, axe throwing and the return of the Unicorn Battle.

Our number one goal of the ministry is to facilitate student growth in their faith both at church and in their daily lives. The students are challenged to be the hands and feet of Jesus in their homes, schools, and communities outside of the church.



275 gallons of  
colored water tossed  
at Unicorn Battle 3



Nearly 100 students  
participated in  
off- and on-campus  
events



1,200 miles driven in the  
van to get high school  
youth to summer camp



## Adult Ministries—Gresham Bayne, MD; Evan Gratz; and Lynn Ziegenfuss

2021 was been a year like no other. But that doesn't mean that God wasn't completely at work in the lives of our adult ministries community. We've seen incredible growth and commitment from our men's, women's and senior focused ministries.

Our Adult Ministries provide authentic community through relationship as we share life together. Once groups returned in person, their sense of God increased. The broader options presented by online ministry and Zoom allowed for more access to new people, hesitant of the church. We noted that the power of the prayers of others was an integral way people experienced God throughout 2021.

Opportunities including Bible studies, the Rooted series, special classes like spiritual gifts, Debrief and quiet days were designed to engage participants in their own relationship with God while being with each other. One recurring theme this year was how much people enjoy learning from other's perspectives while in a study with others. Our Racial Justice ministry saw 16 participants travel to the deep south for a Civil Rights Pilgrimage, which many characterized as life changing. Other events including Continuing the Conversation and the Racial Justice Book Club opened much-needed dialogues which assisted in guiding many as we drew closer to God and each other resulting in a deepening of faith, especially when people were authentic and vulnerable. Another common theme noted by adult ministry participants was how safe they felt to discover, admitting what they didn't know or expressing doubt, which allowed them to learn and practice their faith. Vulnerability with one another is uniting.

Both Men's and Women's ministries hosted events meant to welcome in new people, to help them connect and find easy ways to engage (Prayers & Pints and Wine, Women & Word.) Family Camp created a connecting point for younger families. While people engaging in new classes challenged each other's faith which helps them lean into the community more fully. When our community is together it is strengthened as people learn of needs for prayer and other types of support. More unity will always make us stronger.

I've been going to church my entire life, and that's a lot of years, but I never knew exactly what I believed until now.  
- Men's Ministry participant

**What would you say?**

The Men's Bible Study has been a weekly blessing through the discipline it provides me to read and study the bible. Participants learn from the bible readings and the scholarly articles shared, but also through the group interactions in the most surprising ways. Often provocative questions are asked which correspond with the weekly readings. They are the hard questions that many might find embarrassing to answer in public. One week the question was: "If Jesus walked into this room right now and asked you what you most regret in looking back on your life, what would you say?" One 91 year old, who almost never speaks out in the group, immediately blurted out: "I wish I had told my wife that I loved her more often."



1000+ individual engagements in Adult Ministry programs

## Senior Adult Ministry—Elaine Burrell

Senior Adult Ministry provided a place for fellowship and belonging by re-opening senior luncheons outdoors in March, along with outings and opportunities to foster new friendships among senior adults. Our church was one of the first to re-open for in-person activities, and drew many new participants from the Point Loma area and beyond. Our Care Ministry Bereavement Support Group provided a much-needed in-person group for people grieving the loss of their loved one. Strong bonds were formed among group members, and participants were introduced to our church, some returning for the Blue Christmas service.

“Do you know what I feel when I come here?  
*Dignity.*  
- Senior Ministry Participant”

Several seniors were introduced to our church due to the online ministry (Sunday services online). Through the relationships we built at our in-person events, many were inspired to check out our worship services, sometimes for the first time attending church after a long absence. Remaining open and accessible for senior adults (and others) elevated people's awareness of the unique and valuable role the Church has in our society.

## Deacons—Cara Thome

The Deacons experienced Jesus this past year through service and support of the people in our community. We delivered flowers and sent cards to those who were ill or lost loved ones. We also were able to take meals to those in need. We helped with collections for programs including Mission Beyond by collecting more than 150 pounds of jarred peanut butter as well as other much-needed canned food products through the Lenten Food Drive. The annual Backpack and Bus Pass drive netted 60 backpacks and more than \$2000 in cash donations.

The Deacons helped to guide others into deeper faith through the launch and support of the new Coffee on the Porch program, which unites church attendees from the different services together for fellowship and discussion each Sunday morning. It has also allowed people to get a glimpse of various church ministries and meet those involved in these ministries.

By providing support and volunteers to the church community the Deacons strengthen the church through individual and collective interactions. Deacon volunteers helped to greet and welcome church attendees each Sunday. They serve as ushers at memorials and special events including concerts, and provided monetary support for the music ministry as well as new tablecloths for the Family Life Center.

We hope that the Deacons have helped to transform our world by being the hands and feet of our church, whether it is through something as simple as delivering flowers and checking on a church member or helping to plan and support receptions for special events and services.



Delivered approximately 150 floral bouquets and mailed more than 100 cards.



150+ pounds of peanut butter collected



30+ pounds of coffee brewed from Sept.— Dec.

## Mission Beyond—Rita Solberg

2021 has been a year of re-opening challenges for all of our PLCPC Mission Partners. We are inspired by the fresh wisdom and resolve that they bring to those they serve. As our relationships develop with each one of them, we continue learning how to humbly show and share the love of Jesus in places scattered throughout the world.

Grant requests from mission partners exceeded our annual budget allocation. Through the Mission Awareness reserve account, we were able to disburse one-time funding for missions with special needs above their annual session budget allocation.

In addition we were able to extend the grace and compassion of this church community by responding to other emergency needs: Lebanon Port Disaster Relief, Madagascar Famine Relief, Haiti Earthquake Relief, Disaster Relief for December 2021 Midwest USA Tornadoes, and a grant for \$2,000 was provided to a family moving to independent living from Father Joe's Villages Shelter. We also collected Welcome Baskets for Afghan Refugees at our Alternative Giving Fair. And celebrated a mountain of toys that were collected to support the Military Outreach Ministries Toy Store where 47 young military families shopped for Christmas gifts, creating immeasurable memories.

At least four of our international mission partners in dangerous, traumatized areas of the world, have added trauma intervention and training to their ministries. One prays that God will use Afghan Christian communities in diaspora to impact the nation of Afghanistan in ways beyond our wildest dreams.



8 local grants totaling \$28,150



3 Regional grants totaling \$15,000



7 International grants totaling \$39,500



2021 Mission Allocation \$82,650

## Endowment Report—Steve Smith

The Endowment provides opportunities for PLCPC to contribute to the work of Jesus not just in the present, but in perpetuity. Income from the Endowment is used to expand outreach to the community, joyfully worship Jesus, and to fulfill His direction to love God and one another. During COVID, the Endowment has helped enable worship and other programs to continue in new formats, but with sustainable quality.

The concept of the Endowment is based on faith that the work of the Church is not only today, but will continue forever. The foundation of the Endowment is that long-term commitment to His work. Therefore, the Endowment is one important way that PLCPC recognizes and plans for the work of the Church continuing in perpetuity.



Endowment  
Principal is  
approximately  
\$2.3 million.  
Remember,  
only the income  
can be spent.

## Finance Report—John Leimbach

In 2020, we made a choice to retain all of our employees despite the vast unknown regarding the pandemic because we felt it was the right thing to do. We had no idea how that decision would result in rich blessings in 2021. Being fully staffed allowed our community to thrive in so many ways. Our 2021 year-end financial positivity is an amazing example of God’s abundant blessings because of your generous giving and faith. We are so grateful for each of you and your faithful and prayerful support of the PLCPC community.

|          | 2021 Budget | 2021 Actual | 2021 Difference |
|----------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Income   | \$1,298,300 | \$1,548,817 | \$250,517       |
| Expenses | \$1,295,794 | \$1,341,815 | \$(46,201)      |
| Net      | \$2,506     | \$207,002   | \$204,496       |

## Clerk’s Report—Kathy Wright

**Total Active Membership on Dec. 31, 2020**      **962**

**Gains in Membership During 2021:**

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Profession/Reaffirmation of Faith | 15        |
| Certificate of Transfer           | 6         |
| <b>Total Gains</b>                | <b>21</b> |

**Losses in Membership during 2021:**

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Certificate of Transfer                      | 1          |
| Death  | 16         |
| Deaths from previous years reported          | 3          |
| Deletions/Resignations/Cleaning of the rolls | 183        |
| <b>Total Losses</b>                          | <b>203</b> |

**Total Active Membership on Dec. 31, 2021**      **780**

**Baptisms in 2021:**

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Adult/Youth           | 2         |
| Infant/Child          | 8         |
| <b>Total Baptisms</b> | <b>10</b> |

### IN MEMORIAM

Members whose deaths occurred or were reported in 2021

|                             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Debbie Andrew               | February 10, 2021 |
| James Walter Baker          | June 10, 2017     |
| Leonard “Bud” Bunyard       | February 28, 2021 |
| Carl Kermeen Fristrom       | January 3, 2021   |
| Nettie Hagar                | April 10, 2021    |
| Marian C. Harvey            | December 25, 2020 |
| Doris Hoopes                | April 8, 2021     |
| Albert Lawrence Kirkhuff    | November 2, 2021  |
| Don McReynolds              | March 12, 2021    |
| Susan Bush Moriarty         | November 10, 2021 |
| Alice Nodes                 | December 20, 2021 |
| Kay Gillette North          | September 5, 2021 |
| Rachel Taylor Ribble        | August 11, 2021   |
| Bea Rogers                  | March 22, 2021    |
| Doris L. Bettis Smith       | June 19, 2019     |
| Mary Ehara Vaughan          | December 13, 2020 |
| Patricia Faith Middeke Vick | March 30, 2021    |
| Dorothy Norman Votaw        | March 30, 2021    |
| Albert Walter               | October 5, 2021   |
| Donald R. Worley            | February 17, 2019 |
| Charles H. Wright, Jr.      | May 31, 2021      |



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## Life Events

### Death

- We express our deepest condolences to the family of Hal Sadler who passed away on January 21, 2022.
- We express our deepest condolences to the family of Ray Gill who passed away on January 28, 2022.
- We express our deepest condolences to the family of Wayne Smith who passed away on January 30, 2022.

### Birth

- Carol and Bill Irwin are celebrating the birth of their first great-grandchild, Julius Khalil Barnickel on December 29, 2021. Julius' parents are Amber Khoury and Renny Barnickel.

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## Annual Meeting February 13 @10:30 am Sanctuary and Livestream

There will be ONE in-person Worship service  
in the Sanctuary at 9:30 am  
Join us for a BBQ lunch on the Turf after the meeting  
(and well-before the Super Bowl!)

### Purpose of the Meeting:

- Review the 2021 Clerk's Report
- Review the 2021 finances
- Vote on the Session-approved 2022 Church Budget
- Elect the Congregational Nominating Committee
- Vote on the Pastor's Terms of Call
- Receive Annual Reports