



A Note from Pastor Ed

My five-year old grandson Noah, while walking on the sidewalk, recently started saying, "Don't step on the cracks, or you'll break your mother's back." We've all said this ditty for generations. The cracks in the sidewalks are transitions from one slab of pavement to another. Even the lore of children

recognizes that transitions are hazardous places.

The "cracks"—the times of transition—in our individual lives bring out strong emotions:

Putting the kindergartner on the school bus for the first time.

Watching the graduate march down the aisle in cap and gown.

The mother crying at a wedding.

The once-healthy person suddenly becoming a patient.

And then there is the greatest transition of all, the transition between death and our new life in glory.

Transitions are fearsome...emotion-laden...beautiful at times...always accompanied by anxiety. Such are the times of transition.

The singer and poet Leonard Cohen has written these words about times of transition:

*"Ring the bells that still can ring,
Forget your perfect offering.
There is a crack in everything.
That's how the light gets in."* Anthem, 1993

These words have been posted on a bulletin board in my home for over a decade. They remind me that the cracks in our lives—the times of transition—are disturbing, but they're often the way the light gets in to our souls.

This is a time of transition in our life together as a congregation. It is a season of pastoral transition from one installed pastor, to an interim pastor, then to a future installed pastor. Transitions cannot be rushed. They cannot be hurried. They are part of the difficult pain of living.

In midlife, William Bridges threw himself into a demanding transition. He quit his job as an English professor

Sunday Classic Worship Services
8:30 and 10:15 am in the Sanctuary
10:15 Café Service in the Family Life Center

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and began an entirely new pursuit: the study of the nature of transitions, personal and organizational. His first book detailed his initial learning. *Transitions: Making Sense of Life's Changes* provided strategies for coping with the "difficult, painful, confusing times in life."

While Bridges wrote *Transitions* for individuals, it quickly developed an enormous following among leaders, who found Bridges' notions of the three stages of transitions a practical and useful way of understanding the complex dynamics of change. The first stage of transition is "endings" and requires saying goodbye to what has been. In our enthusiasm for what is to come, we often give this stage insufficient attention.

Bridges called the second stage of transition the "neutral zone", a time which often has the feel of 40 years in the wilderness. It is a time of confusion, uncertainty, and lack of direction. Even when the vision is clear, the direction unquestioned and the goal crisp, nonetheless it is a time of "feeling lost." But it is also the time of greatest gestation for innovation and creativity.

Bridges would tell us that we cannot make this stage go faster than it will. We must become comfortable living and leading in this unsettled space, and using the uncertainty as a way to help ourselves break out of our usual ways of thinking.

Bridges calls the final transition stage "making a new beginning." We must realize that while we may feel we have arrived in the promised land, we are only in the final stages of the transition. These three stages are what he calls a "natural process of disorientation and reorientation that marks the turning points of the path of growth."

As we move through this season of transition, let us remember that God often moves in mysterious ways through the cracks of our lives so His light can get in.

Pastor Ed



The **Tree of Life** in the Family Life Center provides an opportunity for an enduring record of persons and events in the life of our church, its families and friends. Since Beverly Smith's design and the crafting by John L. Spafford in 1990, the two trees in the display have sprouted hundreds of leaves documenting the rich history of our community.

In Loving Memory of ALEX STAYBOLDT BOZZETTE
 "Everyone, everywhere deserves to be healthy." 1990-2016.

Tree of Life funds are dedicated to new church growth.
 To order a leaf, please complete the Tree of Life form in the church office.

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SERVE: loving our neighbors

- ◆ **WOMEN BUILD**—Seven members of our **Women's Bible Studies** worked on the massive **Habitat for Humanity Women Build Program**. Due to rain, instead of doing the outdoor work that was scheduled they built and painted a playhouse like the one in our Library patio. They had a wonderful day of bonding along with chocolate covered strawberries, champagne and neck massages. The women are really energized and ready to build more playhouses for our big November 5 event.



- ◆ **URBAN FARM**—30 members of **PLCPC's Youth** worked with BJ Carter of Urban Life and eight high school student interns at the **S.E. San Diego Urban Life Farm** in maintaining the farm that our church helped establish at last year's Day of Service. After their hard work was finished, Rev. Deb Mitchell gave them all Communion to end the youth's 30-Hour Fast. Well done Brandon and all the youth participants!
- ◆ **DAY TRIP TO MEXICO**—Nine members of PLCPC went down to **Rancho Genesis**, south of Ensenada, to help Greg and the Rancho Genesis staff replace a couple of tarp roofs that were destroyed in the wind storms this winter and repair and move bunk beds, make wood blocks for summer crafts, and generally get camps "Hope" and "Love" ready for the summer camps for orphans starting in mid-June. The group had lunch at the ranch and then stopped for a delicious dinner overlooking the ocean at La Mission on the way back. Many thanks to Mark Olcott for driving everyone down and back in the new church van and to all the workers for all the help they gave PLCPC's mission partner, Rancho Genesis.
- ◆ **SENIOR PROJECT**—On July 12, **Red Brick Seniors** along with **PLCPC Children's Summer School** will be assembling bags of bean soup mix to be given to the **Alliance for African Assistance**. Alliance helps African Refugees in the San Diego area to get established. The project will be from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm with lunch provided. If you would like to join in with the Seniors and children in making the soup packages or want more information contact Leslie Hanna at leslie@pointlomachurch.org or (619) 223-1633 x 210.
 - ◆ **REMINDER:** We changed the date for our big SERVE event from October 22 to **November 5**. Please mark your calendars!

Loaves and Fishes

Loaves and Fishes is a local food bank in Ocean Beach supported by many churches here in the peninsula that provides emergency groceries to feed the hungry. Our church supports this local ministry with our mission grants, and we have volunteers from our congregation that regularly work there. Located at 2083 Sunset Cliffs Blvd in The Episcopal Center, we are open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:15-10:45. We have been serving the hungry in our community for over 35 years now, and Rev. Lou Vick was a past president of the board for many years.



God continues to bless and provide for this ministry. If you would like to learn more about this ministry, or would like to donate or volunteer, please contact Lynn Reed at (619) 987-1621 or lynnsreed@cox.net. There is no commitment required. We would be happy to have you visit or serve!

Children's and Youth Ministries

Karen Connor, Director of Children's Discipleship—karen@pointlomachurch.org - (619) 223-1633 x215



Summer Sunday School "Trusting and Serving God"

Join us for Summer Sunday School!
8:30 am and 10:15 am.

*Childcare in the Nursery - ages 8 mo.-3 yrs.

Ages 4 yrs-Kindergarten - Rm 2

Grades 1-6 together in Rm 6

Children will be awarded points for attendance and will be able to "shop" for store prizes at the end of summer.

Come and learn God's Word!



Cave Quest VBS is here! June 27-July 1, 9am-12pm

Preschool Session for ages 3 years (by 9/1/16) to 4 years. Must be potty trained. Program is limited to (50) children.

Elementary Session for ages 5 years (by 9/1/16) to 6th grade.

Cost: \$60 (1) child, \$110 (2) children
\$150 (3) children, \$180 (4) children.

Registration has closed, but there is a waiting list. Contact Karen Connor for information.

VBS would not be possible without volunteers! We look forward to talking with you about how YOU can help!

Contact: karen@pointlomachurch.org
(619) 223-1633 x215

Red Brick Church Summer Camp for ages 3-5 years Weekly in July from 9 am to 12 pm

PLCPC is offering 4 weeks of summer camp for children ages 3-5 years of age. Each week will have a different theme and biblical message. The children will have the opportunity to explore and play in a nurturing Christian environment. Daily snack is provided. Extended day for lunch from 12-1:00. Children must be toilet trained.

Please call (619) 223-3327 for more information.

Cynthia Hernandez

New Children's Ministry Assistant

Cynthia Hernandez is a woman after God's own heart. She received the Lord into her heart when she was 15 years old and her fire for Him has grown inside her stronger and brighter since. She is a proud wife of 16 years to Senior Chief Jose Hernandez who has been actively serving in the U.S. Navy for 17 years. They have three girls, Chloe (14), Naomi (11), and Abigail (7).

Cynthia has worked at Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church for the last nine years as a Childcare Provider and Children's Ministry Coordinator. Aside from being a busy working wife and mother, she leads a Women's Military Life group that meets weekly where she spiritually encourages other strong women of God through fellowship and prayer.

Cynthia loves spending quality time with her family by going to the beach, hiking, and other outside activities while taking in all the beauty the Lord has surrounded her with. She is excited to accept the position of Children's Ministry Assistant and looks forward to blessing the church community as the Lord guides her.

Her favorite scripture is from Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you a hope and a future."



Please welcome Cynthia to our PLCPC staff.

BRICK Youth Ministry

The month of May brought several unique opportunities for our group to serve. Our 30-Hour Fast event was a huge success. The students fasted in an effort to take the focus off of themselves and put the focus back on God. We volunteered with Urban Farm and Southeast Presbyterian Church, and the event was very powerful. Shortly after, we took a day trip to Mexico to serve with Rancho Genesis. This is always a highlight, and something we hope to continue with our missions committee.

June is just around the corner, and we are excited to kick off our summer volunteering with VBS! As a thank you to our youth volunteers as well as a fun way to start our summer, we have post-VBS activities planned each day. Our summer will consist of various pool parties, youth center gatherings, houseboats, and a camping trip with our Junior High to Rancho Viva.

As always, if you would like to offer any volunteer help with any of these events, please do not hesitate to reach out. We are so grateful to this church and our community for all of the various ways you support the youth ministry.

Sincerely,

Brandon Aguillard
Director of Youth Discipleship
brandon@pointlomachurch.org

Adult Ministries

Sunday Scripture Group—10 am, Parlor.

6/ 5 Ken Bailey-The Shepherd Songs
 6/12 Ken Bailey-The Evangelists Interpretations
 6/19 Discovery-Judea part 1
 6/26 Discovery-Judea part 2
 7/3 thru 8/7 Ken Bailey-Women in the New Testament
 We'll be dark the remainder of August.
 All are welcome to join us.
 Contact: Bob Simoneau grs55@cox.net.

Moms' Bible Study—Mondays, 9:15-10:30 am, Parlor.
 For moms of kids elementary age and younger. Pastor Karla is leading our study through June 13. For free childcare at church (9-11 am), contact Cynthia Hernandez at cynthia@pointlomachurch.org.

Rachel Circle—3rd Mondays, 9:30 am, Library. Our next meeting is June 20 at **10:30** when our speaker is Mayor Kevin Faulconer. All are welcome and bring a friend. Then join us for our annual pot luck salad luncheon. Contact Marge Grant at (619) 296-2720.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study—9:00 am in the Parlor. Women of all ages are invited. We're completed our current study and will resume on September 13. Contact: Clara Blenis (619) 223-5950.

Men@Work—Wednesdays at 8:30 am in the Library with our usual kibitzing, and study time. Rev. Mike Mudgett will be our leader as we continue in the study of John. We'll then make church repairs as needed. Contact: Don Griffith at don-pete@cox.net.

Wednesday Men's Bible Study—We meet at 5:00 in the Parlor with Rev. Mike Mudgett leading us in the Book of Acts. Contact: Gerry Heidt gheidt@ghhco.com.

Wednesday Refresh—7 to 8:30 pm on 1st and 3rd Weds. Home of Bob & Ginny Edwards, 2125 Locust St., 92106 (619) 222-4262. We are studying Romans. Singles, couples, all are welcome. Contact: jamesgrisolia@gmail.com.

Sermon Study Group—Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 pm. All are welcome to join this new group. Home of Jane and Bryan Bennett, 5155 W. Pt. Loma Bl., #5. Discussion based on the prior week's sermon. Contact Bryan Bennett at btb92107@gmail.com, (619) 222-4270.

Lawrence Welk Theater Jesus Christ Superstar

Thursday, June 2—10:15 am—4:30 pm
\$80

Includes snacks, buffet lunch, theater tickets, coach transportation and driver's gratuity.

Meet in front of the Family Life Center at 10 am.

Senior Adult Ministry

JUNE

Red Brick Senior Center

10:00 Open for snacks & coffee, Family Life Center
 11:00 Musical Program Noon Hot Lunch

- 6/7 **Oscar Arias & Candy. Lunch**—Ham and cheese sandwich, soup, salad and brownies.
- 6/14 **Blue Zone. Lunch**—Salisbury steak, potatoes, vegetables, salad, rolls and apple pie.
- 6/21 **Fiddle Girl. Lunch**—Fish tacos, beans, rice, coleslaw, and cake.
- 6/28 **Vacation Bible School**
- 7/12 **SERVE**—In lieu of a musical program, we will put together vegetable and bean soup kits for our neighbors in need. **Lunch (FREE)** Lasagna, salad, garlic bread and dessert.

There is no charge for the music, but lunch is \$6.00. Reservations are required. Please contact Leslie Hanna (619) 223-1633x210 or leslie@pointlomachurch.org.

RED BRICK SENIORS MINISTRY RESUMES SEPT. 13
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#### Upcoming Events

- June 2 Jesus Christ Superstar, Welk Theater
- June 22 Lunch & Learn—Hearing Screening
- June 24 Peninsula Shepherd Center Summer Gala
- July 12 Senior SERVE Project

Mon/Wed/Fri: **Ageless Fitness** 9 to 10 am,  
 in the Family Life Center. Cost is \$3.00 per class.  
 Contact is Fran Styles (619) 223-8204.

### Hearing Screening

Wednesday, June 22, 12 pm to 2:00 pm  
 Family Life Center

Screening available to those who do not currently wear hearing aids. Please register for an appointment time between 12 and 2 pm.

Dessert and beverages provided.

Registration required.  
 Sharp Senior Resources  
 1-800-827-4277  
 (619) 223-1633 x210, or leslie@pointlomachurch.org.

We are currently full and accepting names for our waitlist.

## May Class of New Members



Front Row, L-R: Lara Wood, Sherilyn Kallungi, Carol Buser, Douglas Buser. Middle Row: Rob Wood, Suzanne Moss, Linda Hendricks. Back Rows: Deacons Jean Wirick, Ben Adams, Amy Adams, and Elder Bob Simoneau. Not pictured: Winton Gibbons and Lori Young. The new members will be introduced in worship on Sunday, June 12.



### Volunteer Spotlight Jill Curtiss

As a volunteer, Jill Curtiss teaches Sunday School, gardens, and helps coach the children's musicals, among other things. To "meet" Jill and learn more about her, go here: <http://pointlomachurch.org/about/volunteers>

**Congratulations . . .  
to Bea Rogers—  
a vibrant woman  
living a century of wonders!**



## Dates and activities for Chapel Renovation:

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|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| June 1,2,3 | Pews are removed from Chapel                                 |
| June 6,7,8 | Old carpet is removed, floors prepared, new carpet installed |
| June 9,10  | New chairs arrive, are unboxed and set in place              |
| June 11    | Café Service personnel set up for Sunday                     |
| June 12    | Café Service in Chapel                                       |

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Don Brenneman, Business Administrator  
don@pointlomachurch.org

**Whom is God Calling?** That is the question before the PNC as we begin preparing to interview prospective pastors to shepherd us into the next chapter of our church. Our task is not simply that of "hiring" the best candidate, but to prayerfully ask God for guidance as we do His work and trust Him to help us discern whom HE is calling.

The PNC has been very busy the last two months preparing the Ministry Information Form (MIF), which sets forth the leadership competencies our church is seeking in a pastor, and answers narrative questions about our congregation, its vision for ministry, and the character traits needed by a person who is open to this calling. Through this valuable time together, we have learned so much about our church, each other, and how we work together as a committee.

The MIF has been approved by Session, and will soon be approved by the Presbytery and published on our church website. We will then be accepting Personal Information Forms (PIFs) from the candidates, establishing evaluation criteria, and preparing our interview questions. We are very optimistic about the future of our beloved "Red Brick" Church and ask you to continue praying for God's wisdom and discernment as we enter into the next phase of the PNC process.

Carol Leimbach, PNC Chair



the last time you will see her.

A big **Thank You** to Megan Pittman who has been our Café Worship Leader for the past eight months! Megan has done a terrific job this past year, but will be moving on to other opportunities since her graduation from Point Loma Nazarene University. Megan's last official day will be June 12, but I am sure this is not

Please pray with us as we seek the Lord's leading for this important position. All interested candidates can find a job description on our website: <http://pointlomachurch.org/about/employment/>

**I**t is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our dear *Director of Senior Adult Ministry*, Leslie Hanna after 17 years of dedicated service to the church. Leslie began her time on staff initially with our Children's Ministry and moved into the position of Director of Senior Adult Ministry over a decade ago. She has brought vitality, creativity, and vision to our church, creating a comprehensive Senior Adult Ministry that cares for the whole person--mind, body, and soul. Being in Leslie's presence helps each person understand more fully the warmth and hospitality of Christ.



Even though Leslie will still be a member of our church family, she plans on retiring from her paid staff position on July 15 so she can spend more time with her family, in particular, her newest grandchild coming into the world at the end of June.

Join us in celebrating Leslie and her incredible ministry in-between services on July 17 on the Plaza.

## Life Events

### Birthday

Congratulations to **Alice Carroll!** On June 5, we will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with cake on the Plaza.

### Baptism

- **Rocco Victor Tronccone**, son of Scott and Kristin Nigro Tronccone, was baptized on Sunday, May 29, 2016. Rev. Karla Shaw officiated.

### Deaths

- **Phyllis McGuire** passed away on May 23, 2016. Our prayers are with her husband, Ron.
- **Jack Wartes** passed away May 26, 2016. A memorial service is scheduled for July 9, 2016 at 11am.

### *Please Wear Your Name Badge*

Pastor Ed will thank you!

Need one?

Contact [ann@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:ann@pointlomachurch.org)

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## July is Backpack Month

During July, Deacons will be collecting backpacks and all the items needed to fill them for the school children of the families PUM serves. PUM provides backpacks for children from preschool age on up. The supplies include notebook paper, pens, 1" 3-ring binders, crayons, colored markers, colored pencils, yellow highlighters, pocket calculators, rulers, index cards, single and multiple subject notebooks and sets of subject dividers.

If you don't want to shop, donations of cash or checks (payable to PLCPC and noted "backpacks") will help PUM buy these school items.

The Deacons will be out on the Plaza all five Sundays during July to cheerfully collect all your donations.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



### PRAYERS & PINTS

Thursday, July 21 at 6 p.m.

San Diego Yacht Club

Food, Fun, Fellowship

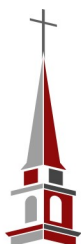


Men's Ministry

Contact: Ryan Spradling [ryan.spradling@cushwake.com](mailto:ryan.spradling@cushwake.com)

**JULY 10**  
**Church on the Lawn**  
**of the**  
**Point Loma Library**  
**10 am**

**JULY 24**  
**Bluegrass Concert**  
**4 pm**  
**Square Dance**  
**5 pm**



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