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A Note from Pastor Karla

Hello Friends,

I was browsing the greeting card aisle in Target the other day and was reminded that it is graduation time—that time in a young person's life when we mark either moving up to the next level of education or out into the adult world. It can be a scary time for many graduates, but an exciting time as well as we celebrate movement and accomplishment. We are having our own graduation at the Red Brick Preschool this year, the first of many I

hope, as we help kids and their families transition into a new season as well. Not only do we celebrate our young people at this time, but we also celebrate the change of season, moving from spring to summer. Our days become longer and our nights get shorter. This time of year is all about change and transition.

T.S. Eliot once wrote “And to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from.” Every life transition has an end, a middle, and a beginning. It matters how we end things. In order to make space for what is new, we must relinquish the old.

This idea from Elliott is applicable to all of our lives, as we mature, not just physically, but emotionally and spiritually as well. The end AND the beginning are necessary for true change, for true transformation. The problem is transition can't

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Beginning June 24, Pastor Karla's Summer series will explore all the ways in which we can **Love Our Neighbor**. Representatives from several of our Mission Partners will be featured during the summer services. We hope you will join us!



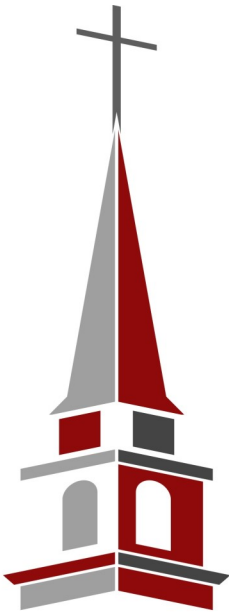
Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church

Sunday Classic Worship
8:30 and 10:45 am
Sanctuary

Café Service
9:45 am
Chapel

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LOOKING AHEAD

June 2	Day SERVE trip to Rancho Genesis
June 4	Golf4Good—PUM
June 7	Preschool Graduation
June 10	Confirmation Sunday
June 25-29	Vacation Bible School
July 1	Pancake Breakfast— Benefitting Rancho Genesis Trip
July 15-21	Intergenerational Mission Trip to Rancho Genesis, Mexico
July 22-26	Campus by the Sea
Aug 5-11	High School Houseboats
Aug 19	Courtyard Concert— Bryan Verhoye & Friends
Sept 9	Fall Fest
Oct 12-14	Family Camp

Session Meeting Highlights

John Spafford, Clerk
May 23, 2018

Session Personnel Committee Chairman Dwight Kellogg presented to Session a completed PLCPC Employee Handbook for approval. The editing process included referrals to civil regulations and consultations with experts. The Session thanked staff and church members for their efforts as they approved the document. Next month Session will review the Preschool Employee Handbook that includes additional regulatory provisions.

Session gratefully accepted Rev. Dr. Chris Lenocker's offer to serve as official Parish Associate for PLCPC.

Planning Chair Samantha Przywitowski led a follow-up discussion of topics the Session addressed at the May 12 retreat.

Session adopted three Values that help define PLCPC and provide touchstones for program and event development:

- We are a Good Home
- We are Intergenerational
- We Inspire Engagement

Renovation Committee Chairman Douglas Buser presented an update of surveys conducted to date of renovation projects and Pastor Karla Shaw laid out an overview of a renovation process. The Session approved the formation of an ad hoc Renovation Task Force that will conduct church-wide surveys and interviews focused on the Christian Education Wing and Family Life Center, gathering needs, wishes and visions. The Task Force will ally with the existing Education Task Force, prioritize projects and provide cost estimates. The Task Force will be nominated by Rev. Shaw and Mr. Buser and approved by Session. Mr. Buser will serve as Session Representative to this Task Force.

John Spafford, Clerk

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT—PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

A prayer quilt is a gift of love and prayer for someone in special need. It is a statement of our faith in God and His power to comfort, strengthen and heal. The "Three Commandments" of Prayers & Squares are:

- 1) Remember the Prayers & Squares motto: "It's not about the quilt, it's all about the prayer." The purpose of our ministry is to provide prayers, not to make and give away quilts.
- 2) ASK PERMISSION before you give the gift of a prayer quilt to someone in need. Before tying a prayer quilt for an individual, the person must agree to accept the gift of prayer in the form of a quilt.

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take place in our lives if we are unwilling to let go and "come to the end" of something. None of us would ever suggest remaining in the third grade forever to a child, nor would we be happy if, as we aged, we continued to have the mind of a first grader. So why do we remain stagnate in other areas of our lives instead of graduating to new ideas, new ways of living, even new ways of being?

What is it you need to graduate from in your life? Asked a different way, what do you need to let go of to move forward, more specifically, in your relationship with Christ? The session and staff have been pondering these very questions for the life of our church. As we continue to move into unfamiliar territory, in a world that is rapidly changing, some of our old ways of being and doing will need to shift so we can share Christ with the next generations. But letting go is hard, particularly when the future remains fuzzy.

I ask you this summer to commit to praying about what God wants you to release in your own life, so you might "graduate" to the next level of intimacy with Christ. While doing so, I also ask that you pray that same prayer for our church, that we might become who God is calling us to be in this place in 2018.

I am glad we are in this together!

Pastor Karla

Life Events

Baptisms:

- Liliana Marie Munoz was baptized by Pastor Karla on May 13. Parents are Alexander and Lisa Blenis Munoz, Grandparents are Larry and Clara Blenis.
- Dylan James Bagley was baptized by Pastor Karla on May 13 during the Café Service. Parents are David and Abby Bagley.

Wedding:

Pastor Karla presided at the wedding of Merrie Frieberg and Bob Shinn on May 25, at the San Diego Yacht Club.

Deaths:

- Mike Skiles passed away on May 1, 2018. A memorial service is scheduled for June 2 at 2 pm in the Sanctuary.
- Joan Goddard passed away on May 5, 2018. No services are planned.
- Jim Lester passed away on May 7, 2018. A memorial service is scheduled for June 2 at 11 am in the Sanctuary.

ADULT MINISTRY

Sunday Scripture Group—9:45 am, Parlor

We are viewing and discussing Dr. Ken Bailey's video series on 1 Corinthians. Contact: Bob Simoneau, grs55@cox.net

Continuing the Conversation— We will be touring Donovan Prison on June 8. The regular meeting is the 4th Monday at 7 pm in the Parlor. Next meeting is June 25th. Participants share experiences, ask questions and develop friendships. Our goal is a racism-free society through transformed hearts and minds.

Contact: Gordy Lutes, gklutes@gmail.com

Rachel Circle—3rd Mondays at 9:30 am in the Parlor. We will have our annual potluck lunch on June 18 at 11 am. Bring your favorite dish to share. We will be on hiatus July and August.

Contact: Marge Grant, (619) 296-2720.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study—9 am, Parlor.

Enjoy your summer, please join us when we resume with the fall session beginning **Sept 11** with a study of the letters of John and Peter. Contact: Clara Blenis, (619) 223-5950.

Men@Work—We are on hiatus for the summer, but are available for projects as needed around the church. Regular meeting resume in September.

Contact: Don Griffith, don-pete@cox.net

Wednesday Moms' Bible Study—9:15-10:30 am, Chapel. Enjoy your summer, please join us when we resume with the fall session beginning **Sept 12** with a study of the letters of John and Peter. Contact: Julia Roller, juliaroller@yahoo.com

Wednesday Men's Bible Study—5 pm in the Parlor. We are studying the book of Acts, with Dr. Gresham Bayne leading our discussion. We will continue to meet during the summer.

Contact: Jerry Heidt, gheidt@ghhco.com

Wednesday Refresh—7-8:30 pm on 1st and 3rd Weds. Home of Jim Grisolia and Carla Stayboldt. 2868 Dove St. 92103. We're reviewing galley proofs of Marc Shaw's *Wanderer's Way*.

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SENIOR
ADULT
MINISTRY
PROGRAMS

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RED BRICK SENIOR CENTER | FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Join us every Tuesday for lunch and entertainment in a friendly environment.

Coffee & snacks at 10 am, Entertainment at 11 am, Lunch at Noon. \$8

SENIOR ACTIVITIES CLOSED FOR JULY, EXCEPT FOR FOREVER FIT

June 05 | OSCAR ARIAS SMOOTH JAZZ—Melted ham & Swiss cheese sandwich, cream of mushroom soup, fruit cup & dessert

June 12 | COWBOY JACK JOHNSON—Pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw & corn bread muffins, dessert

June 19 | STEEL THE BAND—Caribbean spiced chicken w/cilantro rice & mango/pineapple relish; tropical dessert. (*Final luncheon of the season*)

GERANIUM HORTICULTURE TALK | Wednesday, June 13 | 12:00-1:30 pm

Jim Zemcik is a Native of San Diego and an internationally known geranium breeder. He currently breeds smaller geraniums called Angels, each named after a cartoon character in Suzy's Zoo. He will talk to us about the most recent advances in plant breeding, planting and care. And of course his emphasis will be on geraniums. Join us for this special presentation and see his newest flower: 'Duckport' Felicia Fripp, named and released in May 2018. Bring a brown bag lunch.



MAXIMIZING BRAIN HEALTH | Wednesday, June 20 | 12-1:30 pm

Learn about the latest research on brain health, and the lifestyle change that may reduce your risk of developing dementia. Presented by Alzheimers San Diego. Bring a brown bag lunch and your questions.



FOREVER FIT | Gentle Exercise Class | Every Wednesday at 9 am, Family Life Center FREE!

In Partnership with the Peninsula Family YMCA. **EXERCISE CLASS will NOT be held on 6/27 and 7/4**
Will resume 7/11

Pick up an event flyer for more detailed information on planned summer events.



DEACON'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY July 1st | 7:30 am—Noon

Come one, come all—The Deacons are at the griddle again preparing a fabulous pancake breakfast for us in the Family Life Center. All proceeds benefit the July 15-July 21 Intergenerational Mission Trip to Rancho Genesis. The funds will be used for scholarships, art supplies and musical instruments for worship services. Cost—free-will, please give generously.



Intergenerational Mission Trip: Rancho Genesis Ensenada, Mexico , July 15-July 21, 2018

Take this unique opportunity to build a one-on-one relationship with an orphan as you share the love of Jesus through VBS and Outdoor Adventures. Contact: Carol Leimbach at cleimbach20@gmail.com

P.U.M. ANNUAL BACKPACK & BUS PASS DRIVE

Your chance to help Presbyterian Urban Ministries (P.U.M.) is coming up! During the month of July, the Deacons will be accepting donations for **bus passes**. These are given out to homeless persons who have need for transportation to medical appointments. The Deacons will also receive your gift of **backpacks** to be distributed to students in need to use for the new school year.

Bring your donations to the **SERVE** table on the plaza each Sunday. Your generosity is needed and greatly appreciated!



STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH: VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Check out the **SERVE** table on the patio each Sunday.

Discover the many volunteer opportunities available for all ages.

- We are looking for 2 additional Ushers for the 10:45 am services. Contact Fred Daugherty, frelin19@cox.net
- Volunteers are always needed to assist with Vacation Bible School. Contact Karen Connor, karen@pointlomachurch.org
- Sunday School volunteers needed. Teach, prep or host during 8:30 am or 9:45 am services. Contact Karen Connor
- Church Office Tech Volunteers: Update computers, organize and inventory equipment. Contact: Melissa Mullins



Sunday School at 8:30 & 9:45 am

Come and learn God's Word!

Age 4 -Kindergarten—Room 2

Grades 1-3—Room 8

Grades 4-6—Room 6

Childcare—ages 6 mo.- Age 3— Nursery
(across from Parlor)

Children and Youth Choirs

Resuming Sept 13

Cherub Choir

Age 4—Grade 1

Thursdays 4:00-4:50

Joyful Praise Choir

Grades 2-6

Thursdays 5:00-6:00

Brick Singers - Grades 7-12 **Resuming Sept 16**

Sundays 11:45-1:30 pm in the choir room

Contact Alicia at alicia@pointlomachurch.org



Route 56 on Mondays

5 to 7 pm, Youth Center

Dinner included (\$5 donation)

Friends are **always** welcome!

Resuming Sept 21



Kid's Club on Thursdays

Participate in bible stories, crafts, and games.

4-5:00 pm: Grade 2-6

5-5:45 pm: Age 4-Grade 1

Resuming Sept 13



MOPS:

Mothers of Preschoolers

www.meetup.com/playgroup-754

Contact: sarahbuttefield@gmail.com

No meetings at church June/July/August. Play dates and Mom's Night Out continue, see website for specifics.

12 Bible Memory Students presented their Life Verses on Sunday, May 13 at the 8:30 and 9:45 am services. Following the Café service they enjoyed a cake and lemonade reception, where they were presented with their personalized Bibles.

Thank you again to all those who guided and mentored these students throughout this milestone process.

On Sunday May 20 we enjoyed the **Spring Children's Musical** presentation. Thank you to all of the children and their families—your enthusiasm and assistance made this possible. Thank you to Ms Alicia, Ms Jill and all those helpers who made this such a fun experience.



Vacation Bible School 2018
SHIPWRECKED

June 25-29, 9am-Noon
Preschool - Grade 6

Register: pointlomachurch.org/register

It's almost that time again—VBS begins June 25-28. Our campus will be alive with 225 children and countless volunteers meeting for 5 days to celebrate and learn about Jesus.

Your prayers for a successful VBS are very much appreciated.



Preschool Graduation | June 7th, 3 pm | Sanctuary

Classes resume September 4.

The Preschool is looking for teaching staff and substitutes for our next school year starting in September. This is a great opportunity to be part of a preschool with an outstanding reputation and to share your talents with children. We follow the public-school calendar for holidays and school breaks. You must have a minimum of 12 Early Childhood Education Units to become a qualified teacher. If you are interested, please email your resume to Nicole, preschool@pointlomachurch.org or call 619-223-3327.



Preschool Summer Camp | July 2 – August 3 | 9 am—1 pm

PLCPC is offering 5 weeks of summer camp for children ages 3-6 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. A daily snack is provided, please pack a lunch. Children must be toilet trained. Please call 619-223-3327 for more information.

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BRICK
 Y O U T H G R O U P

Celebrate with our 8th—10th grade students who are completing their confirmation classes in our worship services on June 10.

Rylie Hage – 8th Grade
 Naomi Hernandez – 8th Grade
 Alex Perrill – 8th Grade
 Kenan Pickering – 8th Grade
 Jordyn Duby – 9th Grade
 Chloe Hernandez – 10th Grade



BRICK MIDWEEK

Junior High // Thursdays 5-7pm
 High School // Thursdays 7-9 pm
Resumes Sept 13

BRICK ON SUNDAYS

Junior High // Sundays, 9:45 am
 Start in Café service
 High School // Sundays, 5pm
 Smith Family Casa
Continuing through summer

Visit our Blog - the latest post is titled "**A New Narrative for Youth Ministry.**" Join us as we explore just what Youth Ministry is today and can be in the future. Visit the website at:
<http://pointlomachurch.org/our-blog/a-new-narrative-for-youth-ministry/>



REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER CAMPS

Campus By the Sea

July 24-28
 Grades 6 & 7

High School Houseboats

August 5-11
 Grades 8-12

pointlomachurch.org/register

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3) Don't accept payment for a quilt—it is a gift of love and prayers.

To request a Prayer Quilt for anyone in need of prayer, call Joanne Albrecht at 619-222-1585 or e-mail redbrickprayerquilts@gmail.com

The Prayer Quilt Ministry meets on the 1st Saturday of the month, from 9 am to 3 pm. We begin with a business meeting followed by a "Sit and Sew." Lunch is included. We also have a "Sit and Sew" from 1 pm to 3 pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. We welcome anyone who would like to participate in this ministry, regardless of your sewing skill level. There are tasks for all abilities.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT—PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

NEW MEMBERS

On May 6, 2018, we were introduced to our latest class of New Members. Learn more about them and welcome them to our community.



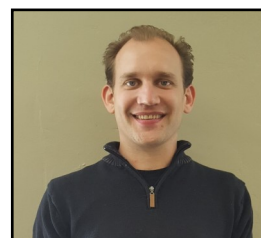
- **Chris Capen** is joining by Profession of Faith having been baptized at University Baptist Church, Coral Gables, FL. He is in the publishing business where his colleague Kristen Stephany invited him to attend PLCPC. His interests include hiking, biking, reading, politics, and sports.

- **Trina Finster** is joining by Reaffirmation of Faith. She was formerly a member of The Good Shepherd Church in Bonita. She is involved in animal rescue, loves to cook and plays the drums. She is a third-generation member of the Finster family to attend PLCPC.



- **Jarrod Morgan** is joining by Profession of Faith, requesting Baptism. He is from the San Francisco bay area and came to San Diego in 2000. After working for 15 years in biotech doing molecular research, Jarrod is now taking courses in an accelerated program for a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. He is looking forward to exploring his faith to integrate what he learns into his personal life and his new career.

- **Marc Shaw** is joining by Profession of Faith, having previously received baptism at New Life Center Foursquare Church in Washington State. He is married to our Pastor Karla and they have a son, Soren, age 5. Marc works in the world of IT Communications. He is interested in movies, music, poetry, philosophy, and sports.



Renovation Update: The staff are settling into their new offices!

We are grateful for the generosity of so many people that made this a project a reality. Sue Skala, Michael Huff and Suzy Spafford for their creative input and to the Men@Work crew who did various projects to keep the renovation moving along. Many of the contractors that we worked with gave additional discounts because they see the work that God is doing here. Their generosity is an inspiration to us all! Morgan Golf of MLG Construction, Ron Rice Painters, Zion Electric and Layer7 phone and internet systems.

This project would not have been possible without the generous gift from Ms. Engel, who left a significant portion of her estate to the church in the 1980's.

It takes many hands and generous hearts to build and strengthen the church. We feel honored to be a part of this church at this time as we honor the legacy and build for the future.

FAMILY CAMP

October 12-14, 2018

Camp Marston | Julian, CA



Before you get too involved with your summer activities, please take a moment to register for Family Camp! Spend meaningful time together as a family to play, worship and engage in age-appropriate activities. Cost includes 5 meals, lodging, climbing tower, archery, Gaga, sport court, craft house, bonfires and much more.

Register online: Pointlomachurch.org/family-camp/register

Cost: \$135/person, Maximum \$540/family. Children age 4 and under are free. (To qualify for the family maximum, all family members must live at the same address.) Non-refundable deposit due at time of registration: \$50/person or \$100/family.