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*The Christian Experience is born in the
Easter Experience--Marcus Borg*

How true that statement is. The post-Easter Jesus has already been through the suffering, He has already conquered death, and He has already granted the whole world God's grace as a result of these actions. Our responsibility as His followers, as His family, is to now go and live grace-filled lives.

To live in grace is not to ignore our sin, but rather to turn from it and recognize its lack of mastery. To live in grace means to give others the benefit of the doubt and to love with all that we have. To live in grace means we remain obedient to God even if the result is suffering. Why do we do this? Because living a grace-filled life is so radically different from the alternative. The problem is most of don't know the alternative--as we have only known the post-Easter Jesus.

Seasons like Lent give birth to new life and new perspective. The church, if we are doing our job right, provides a space for that joy to be expressed. Entering into May this year, with this post-Easter Jesus, we celebrate that death has been defeated and we rejoice in being alive in the wake! So, what's a good way to celebrate? With a season of letting loose and enjoying the freedom Christ's death and resurrection have given us. In other words, we party!!!!

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Neighborhood Block Party!

Friday, May 31, 5-7pm

Join us for our 2nd Annual Block Party! This is a fun event reaching out to our friends and neighbors here in Pt. Loma, as we shut down 3 blocks of Udall St in front of the church.

Come and enjoy food trucks, a live band, a 28-person video game truck, sports demonstrations and more!

All ages, and everyone welcome!

Invite others to this great time of connecting.

If you'd like to help serve at this event with setup/cleanup or other, please contact Evan - evan@pointlomachurch.org

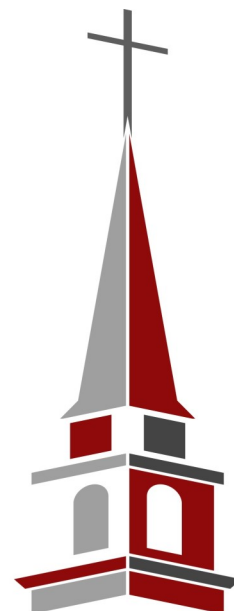
Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church

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

Café Service
9:45 am
Chapel

Rev. Karla Shaw
Senior Pastor

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LOOKING AHEAD

May 1:	Women Connecting Dinner
May 2:	Life After Loss
May 4:	Unity Summit
May 5:	SERVE at Ladle
May 16:	Life After Loss
May 17-19:	Men's Retreat
May 19:	Children's Musical
May 23:	Prayers & Pints
May 31:	Block Party
June 2:	Discover Our Community
June 9:	Discover Our Community

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 Highlights April 24, 2019 Session Meeting

The April Session meeting was held in Education Classroom 8 where Session received an update from John Brand, Chair of the Renovation Task Force, including some discussion on the kinds of improvements needed in the education wing. Brand intends to provide Session, in June, with a presentation of the recommendations proposed by domusstudio architecture.

Session welcomed Rev. Daniel So, leader of Cyclical San Diego, a Presbytery initiative facilitating the planting of new congregations. Rev. So highlighted several of the new, innovative projects now growing and thriving in many locations around the city. Session will consider ways to “step into the stream” of new church generation at the June Session retreat.

John Spafford
Clerk

A note from Pastor Karla, from page 1

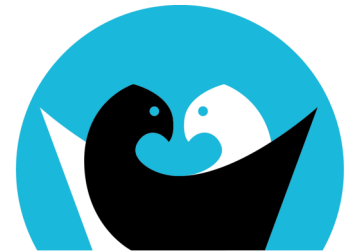
So I hope you join us this month in the celebration! Whether it be at one of our small group brunches, the Neighborhood Block Party, our Women Connecting Dinner, or Men's Retreat or in smaller ways as we celebrate a new roof on the Family Life Center and an overflow of registrations for Vacation Bible School. Come and be a part of the celebration! Be a part of the Church!

Grateful to be in this together,
Pastor Karla

FLC Roof Completed!

This year's rainy weather has wreaked a bit of havoc on the Family Life Center. We've suffered damage due to numerous leaks and other issues. As a result, a new roof was absolutely necessary this spring.

We are so grateful to the Endowment Committee for providing a portion of the funds that were necessary to complete the new roof. We appreciate everyone's patience, as well, throughout the process as many groups and events had to shift to other locations.



CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

Unity Summit

The May 4 Unity Summit brings together community and religious leaders in panel discussions with audience participation to educate, unite and ignite the San Diego faith community to action on addressing hate crimes and racism.

Pastor Karla will be part of a Panel Discussion along with other local faith leaders. Pastor Miles McPherson from the Rock Church San Diego is the keynote speaker. Presented by Continuing the Conversation, all are invited to attend this FREE event on May 4 from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm at the Rock Church City Heights, 4001 El Cajon Blvd. Register online at <http://www.talkrace.org/signup>



Farewell Reception for
Melissa Mullins!

You are invited to join us for a
farewell reception for Melissa on
Wednesday, May 1
in the Church Library.

Drop-in anytime
between 10 and 11 am
to say goodbye.



The 3rd Annual Chopped at Church, fund raiser for PUM, will be at PLCPC Saturday July 13. We are looking for folks who would be interested in forming a cooking team of 3 to represent PLCPC. Please contact Evan at evan@pointlomachurch.org

ADULT MINISTRY

Sunday Scripture Group—9:45 am in the Parlor.

We are viewing and discussing the movie, "A.D."

Contact: Bob Simoneau, grs55@cox.net

Monday Morning Men—7:00-8:30 am at Peet's Coffee

(955 Catalina Blvd.) A casual but intentional time to connect.

Drop by for a weekly devotional, coffee and encouragement.

Contact: Evan Gratz, evan@pointlomachurch.org.

Continuing the Conversation— Due to the Memorial Day

holiday our next meeting is Wednesday, May 22 at 7 pm at

Calvary Baptist Church. Our goal is a racism-free society through

transformed hearts and minds. Contact: Gordy Lutes,

gklutes@gmail.com or 619-222-3989

Rachel Circle—3rd Mondays at 9:30 am in the Library. Join us

May 20 in the Library.

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

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

R.O. Smith will teach on April 30, May 7 and 14 on the

"Postmodern Family and the Youngest Generations." A year-end

brunch will take place on May 21. Location: TBD. Women of all

ages and stages are welcome!

Contact: Clara Blenis, (619) 223-5950.

Men@Work—Wednesday at 8:30 am in the Library. A time for fellowship and brief Bible study followed by work projects at the church. All abilities are welcome.

Contact: Don Griffith don.griffith69@gmail.com

Wednesday Moms' Bible Study—9:15-10:30 am, in the Parlor. A

study of Peter's letters, led by Pastor Karla. Moms of kids

elementary age and younger are invited. Childcare provided. An

end-of-year brunch will take place on May 22. Location: TBD

Contact: Julia Roller, juliaroller@yahoo.com

Wednesday Men's Bible Study— 5 pm in the Parlor. Gresham

Bayne leads our current study. Contact: Jerry Heidt,

gheidt@ghhco.com

Wednesday Refresh—1st and 3rd Wed., 7:00-8:30 pm at the

home of Jim Grisolia and Carla Stayboldt. 2868 Dove St. 92103.

We're working through *The Book of Forgiving*, by Desmond &

Mpho Tutu. Contact: Jim Grisolia, jamesgrisolia@gmail.com

Knitters— 2nd Thursday at 10:00 am in the Parlor. Contact: Judy

White, gmajudy@san.rr.com

Centering Prayer—Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Parlor. Contact:

Pastor Alex, alex@pointlomachurch.org



SENIOR
ADULT
MINISTRY
PROGRAMS

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⇒ **STROKE EDUCATION & SCREENING | Wednesday, May 8, 12-2:00 pm in the Family Life Center**

SHARP neurologist, Madjid Keyvani, MD, will discuss emergency treatment for stroke and ways to prevent a stroke.

Nurses from the Sharp Memorial Stroke Center will conduct a personal health interview with blood pressure and

pulse checks. Stroke screening will be offered.

Registration required by contacting Elaine or calling 1-800-82-SHARP.

⇒ **"ITALIAN RISTORANTE" LUNCHEON w/THE SAN DIEGO MANDOLIN ORCHESTRA | Tuesday, May 14, Doors Open**

at 10, Entertainment at 11, Lunch at Noon (\$6); Blood Pressure Check by a SHARP Nurse 9:30-11:00am - FLC

Enjoy the romantic sounds of the San Diego Mandolin Orchestra over a classic Italian pasta meal, garlic bread, salad

and dessert. RSVP to Elaine.

⇒ **CURRENT EVENT DISCUSSION GROUP | Tuesday, May 21, 10-11:30 am in the Family Life Center**

Keep up to date with happenings in our world. Bring a news article, magazine story, or topic of interest to discuss.

Coffee & pastries served.

⇒ **MORMON BATTALION MUSEUM TOUR & LUNCH in OLD TOWN | Wednesday, May 29, Depart church at 10:30 am**

Visit a museum like no other! Learn about the group of Latter-day Saints who joined the US Army in 1846, marching

nearly 2,000 miles across the southwestern United States. You will learn about the faith, service, and sacrifice of

the men who volunteered for that long march and the women and children who accompanied them. You will be

pleasantly surprised by this unique experience. **Guided museum tour is FREE and lasts about 45 minutes. Museum**

is fully accessible. Must be able to get in and out of the church van with minimal assistance. Ride in van or meet

us at the museum. Bring \$20 for lunch at a nearby restaurant. RSVP to Elaine.

⇒ **FOREVER FIT | GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE YMCA | Every Wednesday at 9 am, FLC.**

FREE!

High School Small Group

A small group opportunity is open for HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY on Thursday nights. They meet at the Smith Family Casa from 7-9 pm for an evening of snack food, playing games, and a time of study and discussion. Please contact R.O. Smith for more information and directions.

Summer Camp Registration Now Open!

Pointlomachurch.org/register

CAMPUS BY THE SEA
(current 5th-7th graders)
Trip Days: July 23-27
Price: \$435

HOUSEBOATS
(current 8th-12th graders)
Trip Days: August 4-10
Price: \$495

BRICK MONDAYS

Junior High // Mondays 5-7 pm
High School // Mondays 7-9 pm
Youth Center

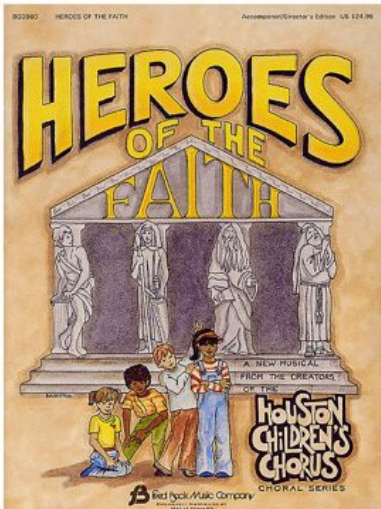
BRICK THURSDAY

High School // 7-9 pm
Smith Family Casa

BRICK ON SUNDAYS

Junior High // Sundays 9:45 am
Start in Café service

Join us!



Children's Musical Sunday May 19 at 8:30 am only

The Cherub and Joyful Praise Children's Choirs will present "Heroes of the Faith," a unique field trip where Biblical characters come to life to teach modern day children how to become heroes. The children learn lessons of faith and adventure and how ordinary people become extraordinary heroes who can change the world by following God's command.



SAVE THE DATE!!! The 12th annual Golf 4 Good (G4G) event to benefit Presbyterian Urban Ministries (PUM) is Monday September 23 at

Admiral Baker Golf Course, located at 2400 Admiral Baker Road, San Diego 92120. Golfers are invited to play in the event that includes lunch and dinner, and an opportunity to bid on great items at a raffle, and live and silent auctions. Non-golfers are invited to support PUM by participating in the raffle, live and silent auctions, and awards dinner. Registration for the event will open on May 1. Any questions may be sent to: golf4goodambassadors2019@gmail.com.

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



The Preschool is coming to an end for this school year. Our last days of school are June 6 & 7. We had a wonderful year. Enrollment is full for the Fall!

This month, we will celebrate Teacher Appreciation. I want to thank all the teaching staff for their amazing work and dedication to our preschool.

We are gearing up for a fun VBS at the end of June, followed by seven weeks of summer camps in July & August for preschool aged children. We are looking forward to another great school year starting September 3 .

If you would like more information on the Red Brick Preschool please call Nicole at 619-223-3327 or email preschool@pointlomachurch.org.



Sunday Programs

8:30 am – Traditional Sunday School

Children attend the first part of worship with their caregivers in the sanctuary and are then escorted to Sunday School to participate in age-appropriate classes following a scripture based curriculum.

9:45 am – Kids Café worship

Check-in your children at 9:40 am in the Family Life Center and pick up immediately following the Café service. Children meet as a group for songs, activities, a message, and an offering before breaking out into age-appropriate small groups.



Journey

Our group for 4th & 5th graders meets every Monday night in the Youth Center from

4-5:30 pm for games, fellowship and a lesson. \$3 donation for pizza. Friends are always welcome!

May 20 will be the last regular Journey meeting for this school year. We will NOT meet on May 27, Memorial Day.



Save the date for our end of the year Journey BBQ & Pool Party at the San Diego Yacht Club, on **June 3 from 5-7pm**. More details to come.

Kids Club on Thursdays

Kids Club is a fun & relaxed midweek program that allows kids to connect with others through crafts, active games, Bible stories, snacks and music. It is not essential, but many families pair this program with Children’s Choir.



Grades 2 - 6 meet from 4:00—5:00 pm in Room 6
Age 4 - Grade 1 meet from 5:00—5:45 pm in Room 6
* Kids Club’s last meeting of this school year is May 23.

Children and Youth Choirs

Cherub Choir

Age 4 - Grade 1
Thursdays 4:00— 4:50 pm

Joyful Praise Choir

Grades 2 - 6
Thursdays 5:00— 6:00 pm

* The Choirs’ last meeting of this school year is May 23.

Contact Alicia at alicia@pointlomachurch.org for more information.

MOPS: Mothers of Preschoolers

www.meetup.com/playgroup-754

Contact: sarahbutterfield@gmail.com



MOPS.ORG

May 6: End of Year Tea (in FLC)

May 13: Playground play date at Fanuel Park 9:30 am

May 18: Mom's night out (location TBD)

*MOPS will not meet in June or July

Vacation Bible School

Save the date for “Roar” VBS the week of June 24-28. At Roar, kids explore God’s goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. Open to children from Preschool – 5th grade. Registration is open now.



We are also looking for volunteers to fill a variety of roles, check out our website for more information: <http://pointlomachurch.org/vbs-2019>

**Preschool, TK and Kinder are currently full. We are accepting waitlist registrations only for this age group.*





OPPORTUNITY
Ladle Fellowship
Sunday, May 5
1:00 pm
Sign-up on the Plaza

Can You Hear Me Now?

We recently had t-coil hearing loops installed in both the Sanctuary and Chapel. This innovative technology allows audio to be transmitted directly from the sound



Hearing Loop
 Switch hearing aid to T-coil

system to your individual t-coil-equipped hearing aid. This is wonderful for minimizing the effects of background noise and less than perfect room acoustics.

About 2/3 of all hearing aids have t-coils. Talk to your hearing provider to determine whether your aid has a t-coil and how to use it with our newly installed room loops. There are also headphones available for those who are hard of hearing, but do not have hearing aids yet.

We are grateful for the two anonymous donors who made this technology possible for our PLCPC community.



Thank you

Thank you! Your generosity during the Lenten Food (and hygiene items) Drive will make a difference for so many people. Representatives from our mission partners came together to divide the donated items for distribution. Pictured are: Ellen Mac Vean from Loaves and Fishes, Barbara Chavez and Buck Buchanan from M.O.M., Ed Lynds from PUM, and Eddie Dees and Kathy Zorn from OB Community Dinners.

Our annual Easter Fest event was a fun-filled event for all ages.

We are so appreciative to all of the many volunteers who made it such a success. From donkeys to dogs, cookies to bouncers and BINGO! to trail mix, we hope you had as much fun as we did!



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Life Events

Deaths:

- Millie Gallaher passed away on March 20, 2019. A memorial service is scheduled for May 11, 2019 at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary .
- James Wiley Kerr, Jr. passed away on March 28, 2019.

Birth:

- Leo Steven McConnell was born March 14, 2019. Parents are Patrick and Christie McConnell. Proud grandparents are Steve and Jan Sutton.

PLCPC Nominations, 2019

Please suggest names of church members to serve as an Elder or Deacon, or who are willing to participate as an Usher, member of the Choir, or in the Media Ministry. And please, nominate yourself if you are interested! We need you!

Green flyers are in the pews for this purpose. You may place the completed form in the offering or send it to Elder Mary Harker, Chair of the Nominating Committee, % the Church Office. You may also email your suggestions to harkerme24@cox.net or contact any of the following: Susie LaDow, Fred Daugherty, Jill Giesick, Will Hage, Sarah Hilton, Martha Lorch, Beth Roach or Lara Wood.

Thank you! Your suggestions are vital!

Military Update

Jason Pritchett was recently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel by the US Air Force. His promotion ceremony took place in March, and was attended by his friends and family, including his grandfather Howard Wygle, a World War II and Korean war veteran. The church congratulates Jason on this achievement and expresses our gratitude to him for his service to our country. May God continue to bless and protect you and your family in all you do.



U.S. AIR FORCE

PRAYERS & PINTS

Thursday, May 23, 5:00

Bay City Brewing Co.
(3760 Hancock Street)

evan@pointlomachurch.org for more info

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC EDUCATIONAL TRIP AUGUST 11-17

PLANT WITH PURPOSE

Register by May 15
pointlomachurch.org/register

Contact:
philippe@plantwithpurpose.org

If you are interested in going to the Dominican Republic with our mission partner, Plant With Purpose, now is the time to register! This educational trip is designed to teach you more about Plant with Purpose and their programs' impact on rural communities and how you can be a part of changing lives.

October 11-13, 2019

Come join other families from PLCPC (of all ages) for a fantastic weekend of fun, games and fellowship at the YMCA's Camp Marston in Julian. For more information, contact evan@pointlomachurch.org or visit <http://pointlomachurch.org/family-camp>



***Spots for Family Camp are limited! Register now so you don't miss out!**



Rancho Genesis Intergenerational Summer Trip July 14-20, 2019

Come SERVE with others of all ages from PLCPC for a week in Mexico, just south of Ensenada. We'll be staying and serving at the brand NEW Rancho Genesis property! **Deadline to register for this trip is Sunday, May 19.** Have any interest? Questions or Concerns? Simply want to know more about it? Contact Evan for more information, evan@pointlomachurch.org.