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Friends,
In early May, our world lost a great theologian from the millennial generation, Rachel Held Evans. If you have not heard of her, I encourage you to look her up, as her books had a transforming impact on many young evangelicals and their commitment to the church. She was only 37 years old. And her loss is a tragedy for many. It also seems senseless—at least when looking at it through a dim lens. But, as I have been reflecting on the brevity of life, I am also in wonder at the way God uses horrible and seemingly unfair situations, like small children being left behind to grieve the passing of their mother, for God's Glory and Kingdom. It is easy to blame God for our circumstances, instead of trusting our circumstances to a God that desperately loves us. As Rachel once wrote;

"Dignified or not, believable or not, ours is a God perpetually on bended knee, doing everything it takes to convince stubborn and petulant children that they are seen and loved. It is no more beneath God to speak to us using poetry, proverb, letters, and legend than it is for a mother to read storybooks to her daughter at bedtime. This is who God is. This is what God does."

To think of God being undignified is difficult for some of us, particularly those of us who work so hard to be dignified, yet in the Scriptures we see God running as an offended father toward his son in the story of the prodigal, we see God inviting in the marginal off the streets to the banquet for his only son, and we see God being humiliated on the road to death for you and for me. So, as we enter into these summer months, may you abandon yourself to become a bit more undignified for the sake of God's Kingdom.

"This is what God does."

May we follow.
Beaming with hope,
Pastor Karla

Discover Our Community



June 2 & 9
Noon in the Library

Are you interested in learning more about what being a Presbyterian means? Do you want to get more involved in our Church community here at PLCPC? Are you interested in taking that next step to officially become a member of our church?

Join us for our Discover Our Community class on June 2 and June 9 from noon-1:30 pm in the church library. Lunch and childcare are provided. Register on our website or by calling the church office.

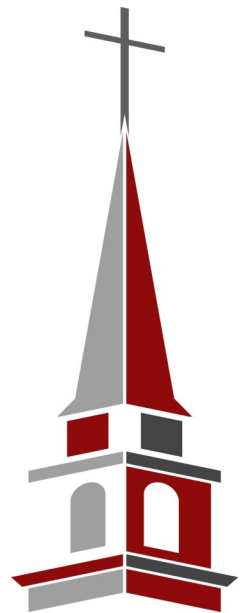
Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church

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

Café Service
9:45 am
Chapel

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June 19:	Teen Tech for Seniors
June 24-28:	VBS
June 30:	Pancake Breakfast
July 13:	Chopped at Church
July 14-20:	Rancho Genesis Mission Trip
July 23-27:	Campus by the Sea

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 - May 22, 2019 Session Meeting

The Session joyfully welcomed Jolene Wade, the new Director of Operations and Church Life, to her first Session meeting. Pastor Karla Shaw was glad to announce that with this position filled the church professional leadership is now fully staffed in all mission areas for the first time in her pastorate.

Ms. Wade led a discussion regarding recent changes in church volunteer policies that require written applications for all positions and background checks for certain positions dealing with children and youth activities. The Session will lead in this process by submitting their applications now.

The Session authorized the Clerk of Session to organize a "right-sizing" of the church active member roll. The Outreach and Church Growth Committee will supervise this process.

Associate Pastor Alex Wirth introduced a guide to assist elders with public prayer, and the meeting was closed with all elders praying for the people and missions of their committees.

Session will next meet for the annual Strategic Planning Retreat to be held on June 8 at Solana Beach Presbyterian Church.

John Spafford
Clerk

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!

June Is Endowment Month Remember the Endowment

We have deemed June as Endowment Month this year. We will be rolling out a new brochure explaining many aspects of the Endowment and you will hear about some of the programs of the Endowment. Perhaps a word of background will be helpful.

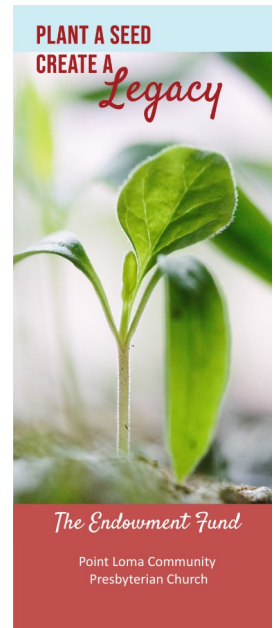
The Endowment is a group of funds that help provide for the future of the church. The Endowment works for the church in perpetuity—that is, the funding is not just for now, but continues for generations. PCLPC is fortunate that our church had the foresight to establish the Endowment years ago. So far this year, income from the funds invested in the Endowment have helped fund the new roof on the Family Life Center and the homeless outreach (Interfaith Shelter Program).

Endowment Month is a reminder of our obligations to those who established and made the Endowment possible—and to those who will come after us.

We fulfill our obligations to the past by carefully investing Endowment funds, spending the income wisely, and never invading its principal. (The principal is the original gift to the Endowment, plus some appreciation; the income is the interest and dividends the principal earns. Thus, spending the principal would be killing the goose that is actually laying the golden eggs of income.)

Our generation also has an obligation to future generations to continue to grow the principal of the Endowment. The brochure will explain that gifts of any size are welcome. It may be a celebration of an event (anniversary, important birthday, a special friend), a gift of thanks to the church, remembering a friend, or just a heartfelt gift to the work of the church. Many members of PLCPC include the endowment in their estate plan—an especially nice legacy for the church.

You will hear more about the Endowment during June. I hope you will take the opportunity to Remember the Endowment.



ADULT MINISTRY

Sunday Scripture Group—9:45 am in the Parlor. We are viewing and discussing the movie, “A.D.” On June 16, we’ll begin a new series on the mystical prophecy of Isaiah.

Contact: Bob Simoneau, grs55@cox.net

Monday Morning Men—7:00-8:30 am at Peet’s Coffee (955 Catalina Blvd.) We’re on-break for summer. Resuming September 9. Contact: Evan Gratz, evan@pointlomachurch.org.

Continuing the Conversation— Last Monday of the month, at 7 pm in the Parlor. 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 on June 17 meeting for our annual potluck luncheon at 11:00. Bring your favorite dish to share. We will be on vacation July and August. Enjoy the summer.

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

Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible Study—9 am, in the Parlor. We are on break for the summer. Join us September 10. 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. Last regular meeting is June 5. We’re “on-call” for summer projects. All abilities are welcome.

Contact: Don Griffith don.griffith69@gmail.com

Wednesday Moms’ Bible Study—9:15-10:30 am, in the Parlor. Moms of kids elementary age and younger are invited. Childcare provided. We are on break for summer. We’ll resume on September 11. 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. 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

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⇒ **AARP SAFE DRIVING COURSE | Monday, June 3 & Monday, June 10 | 9am—1:00pm | Church Library**

Taught by Certified AARP Instructor, Herbie Stern

Refresh your knowledge of the rules of the road, learn defensive driving techniques, and how to operate your vehicle more safely in today’s increasingly challenging driving environment. RSVP required to Elaine, space is limited! Pay at the class – \$15 AARP Members; \$20 Non-Members

⇒ **LUAU LUNCHEON WITH STEEL THE BAND - STEEL DRUMMER | Tuesday, June 11 | Doors Open at 10, Entertainment at 11, Lunch at Noon (\$6) | Blood Pressure Check by a SHARP Nurse 9:30-11:00am | Family Life Center**
WEAR YOUR HAWAIIAN SHIRT OR MUUMUU. Menu: Pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, tropical fruit and dessert. RSVP to Elaine. *Please join us as we will be remembering those we have lost this past year.*

⇒ **CURRENT EVENT DISCUSSION GROUP | Tuesday, June 18 | 10-11:30am | 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. All are welcome!

⇒ **TEEN TECH 4 SENIORS | Wednesday, June 19 | 12-2:00 pm | Family Life Center**

Need help figuring out your cellphone, laptop, tablet, or digital camera? Bring them in and have one of our tech-savvy teens help you figure it out! Contact Elaine by June 17 and tell her what device you will be bringing.

⇒ **FOREVER FIT GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS** In Partnership with the Peninsula Family YMCA Every Wednesday | 9-9:50am*
 Family Life Center. FREE!

**Coffee Social following Forever Fit on 6/19*

**NO Forever Fit on 6/26 due to Vacation Bible School*

*****SENIOR ACTIVITIES
 CLOSED DURING JULY
 EXCEPT FOREVER FIT*****

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.

High School Summer Camp WAITLIST ONLY!

High School Houseboats is currently full, but, if you are interested, you can sign-up for the waitlist. If we have enough people signed up on the waitlist, we can get another boat! It is important for you to register for the waitlist so we can get an accurate accounting. Please contact RO for the registration link.

Join THE
WAIT LIST



Monday Fundays

Junior high and high school Monday Fundays will happen throughout the summer. Make sure RO has your current e-mail address so you don't get left out of the fun!

BRICK MONDAYS

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

BRICK THURSDAY

High School // 7-9 pm
Smith Family Casa
Continues through summer

BRICK ON SUNDAYS

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

BRICK Mondays End of Year BBQ & Swim party

Monday June 3, 5-7 pm
@ the SD Yacht Club
\$5



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

Our preschool students recently learned about tricycle safety with the St. Jude Trike-A-Thon. In addition to learning about safety, the children raised \$2,000 to support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The money raised is used to further the work of St. Jude in treating and caring for children who are battling cancer and other life-threatening diseases. At St. Jude, families never receive a bill for treatment, travel, housing or food - because all a family should worry about is helping their child live. Treatments invented at St. Jude have helped push the overall childhood cancer survival rate from 20% to more than 80% since it opened more than 50 years ago. St. Jude is working to drive the overall survival rate for childhood cancer to 90% and won't stop until no child dies from cancer.



The Preschool is coming to an end for this school year. Our last day of school is June 7. We had a wonderful year and our extended day program has expanded for the Fall. 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 and 7 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 any information on our Preschool please call Nicole at 619-223-3327 or email at preschool@pointlomachurch.org.



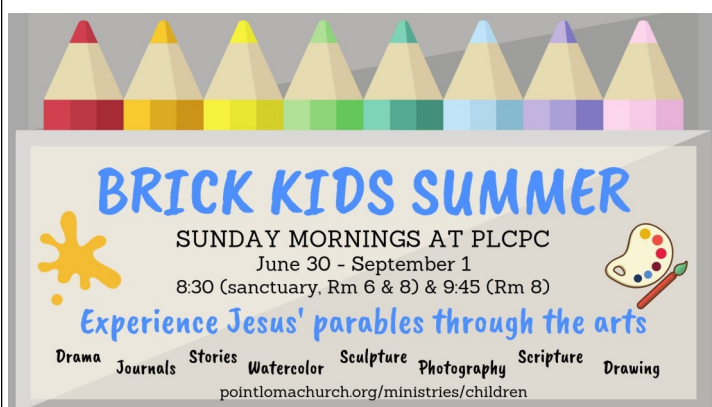
8:30 am – Traditional Sunday School thru June 23

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 thru June 23

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.



Summer Sunday School

Sunday children's programming from June 30 -September

1. Come at your regular service time - 8:30 or 9:45 for some learning and fun! Learn the parables and create works of art to show off in an art show during the Fall Fest on September 8. Incentives will be awarded to all children who complete a work of art!

*Please note: Kids Cafe will not be meeting in the FLC during the summer. All children should be dropped off in classroom 8 at 9:45 am.



End of year Party
June 3, 5-7 pm
At the SD Yacht Club. Cost: \$5.



Stay tuned for summer events!

Regular schedule will resume on September 9.

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.



Kids Club resumes September 12.

Children and Youth Choirs

Cherub Choir

Age 4 - Grade 1

Joyful Praise Choir

Grades 2 - 6



Children's Choirs resume September 12.

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

MOPS: Mothers of Preschoolers

www.meetup.com/playgroup-754

Contact: sarahbutterfield@gmail.com



MOPS.ORG

MOPS' official events are done for the year, but we have some informal summer events.

RSVP directly at <http://meetup.com/playgroup-754>

Official meetings start Sept 9, with a summer kickoff party at Liberty Station on August 23 from 9:30-11:30 am.



Attention all Church Volunteers

Thank YOU for your invaluable contribution to the life to our church! We LOVE & appreciate YOU. Volunteers lead the way in living by and for our vision and mission. Recently, the Presbytery and General Assembly have mandated that we put policies in place to safeguard the children, youth and vulnerable adults we serve. As these groups represent a large part of our church community, Session has elected to proactively extend such safeguards to all persons who are accountable to PLCPC. Therefore, the Personnel Committee has created a Volunteer Handbook and Application process. For current and longstanding volunteers, this is another opportunity to lead by example in complying with our commitment to protecting the personal interests and safety of our church family and community members.

For certain volunteer roles, a background check is required. These roles include those who supervise children, youth and vulnerable adult programs, including anyone in a leadership or management position, or those who work

with cash or church equipment. If applicable, you will be notified of this requirement and how easy it is to comply.

The company we use for background checks will include verification of up to two references, address & social security number, as well as any criminal or sex offender convictions. Upon receipt of the background check results, we will address any concerns in complete confidence, with sensitivity for every individual. As a bonus, you will also have the opportunity to complete online training which addresses abuse prevention.

Our hope is that each longstanding volunteer will see the roll out of the Volunteer Handbook and Application process as another opportunity to lead and support the church. Feel free to address any questions to Jolene in the church office, jolene@pointlomachurch.org.



July 13, 5 pm
in the FLC

PLCPC is hosting this year's Chopped at Church event. An annual fundraiser for Presbyterian Urban Ministries (PUM), Chopped at Church includes teams from local churches competing in a (friendly) cooking competition utilizing ingredients typically found in charitable food bags using limited equipment. The teams are asked to create main dishes and desserts. They are judged by a panel of experts. Tickets to watch the cooking competition are \$45 in advance (\$50 at the door) and include a light meal served during the competition. For more information, contact Evan@pointlomachurch.org or visit the event website at choppedatchurch.org.



PUM Backpack & Bus Pass Drive
Donations accepted throughout July

The annual PUM backpack and bus pass drive is coming up! During the month of July, the Deacons will accept donations for bus passes, which are provided 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 for the coming school year. Bring your donations to the SERVE table on the plaza each Sunday. Your generosity is needed and greatly appreciated!



SAVE THE DATE!!! The 13th 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 is open now! Any questions may be sent to: golf4goodambassadors2019@gmail.com.

Renovation Task Force Update

The RTF continues to meet with our architects (www.domusstudios.com) on renovation options for the church campus by developing a comprehensive master plan. The RTF will provide a formal presentation at the June Session meeting.

There is a Renovation Task Force "landing page" on the PLCPC website that provides updates to the congregation on their activities and provides additional opportunities for you to provide your input.

The RTF members include John Brand-Chair, Douglas Buser-Session Rep, Susan Cramer, Will Hage, Bob Holst, and Jolene Wade.

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The kids will be out of school soon and we will all kick into summer mode, before you head off for vacation or camps or wherever, join us for an Old Fashioned Potluck on **Wednesday, June 12 at 6 pm** in the FLC. The only agenda for the evening is food and fellowship. If your last name begins with A-H, bring a dessert; if your last name is I-P, you are up with a main dish; and for those of you at the end of the alphabet Q-Z, please bring a side dish or salad to share.



Everyone Brings Something to the Table



Join us for some delicious pancakes while supporting PLCPC's outreach efforts. This summer's pancake breakfast proceeds will be used to purchase some PLCPC branded shade tents for use at various events. Come on out to support our efforts and enjoy the delicious pancakes. We will also be honoring Millie Gallaher. Mille and her husband, Bill were instrumental in starting the pancake breakfast many years ago.

Military Update



Jose Hernandez was recently promoted to the rank of Master Chief Petty Officer on May 1 on board the USS John P. Murtha (LPD-26). His wife Cynthia and three daughters Chloe, Naomi, and Abigail had the distinct honor of pinning his uniform with the new master chief anchors during the ceremony.

The church congratulates Jose on this achievement and extend our deepest gratitude to him for his service to our country. May God continue to bless and protect him and his family.

Congratulations to our Bible Memory Students!

Last month, we celebrated the graduation of our most recent Bible Memory class. Led by Judy Pritchett and Suanne Pearson, the students studied the origin of the Bible as well as memorized the books of the Old and New Testament, memorized scripture verses, the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the names of the disciples and more. They have been encouraged to grow in their understanding of the Bible and learn the value of it in their daily lives. During a reception they each received special Bibles printed with their name.

Your prayers and congratulations for the graduates are appreciated: Zibby Baker, Sarah Balfour, Oliver Bayne, Madeline Kirby, Tanner Spradling, Henry Swanston, Charles Tinsley, Luke Waterman.



Family Camp—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!**

Summer Book Club

This summer Pastor Alex and Evan Gratz will be leading a Book Club. Each month they'll promote a book for you to read on your own before meeting at the end of that month for dinner and discussion.

June's book is called, *Modern Gods: A Novel* by Nick Laird.

Please pick-up this book at your favorite bookstore, library or on your e-Reader and complete it during June at your own pace. We will meet from 5-7pm on Sunday, June 30 for dinner and discussion about it.

