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These last weeks, as we have been discussing the gifts we have gained through this pandemic in our Sunday morning sermon series, I have felt God's presence most profoundly. As not unlike some of you, when I am surrounded by negative messaging, as much of our media seems to be seeped in right now, the face of hopelessness begins to rear its ugly head.

Not that long ago, when I was having a particularly difficult day, I heard God's voice speak to me, "do not forget, I am always with you, and I am not one to waste pain." With that comforting voice, my perspective shifted and God brought to my mind all the good things coming out of this time. As it is easy to find the fault in any given situation or person, but fault-finding does not help us to grow. As Minister Norman Vincent Peale once said, "Become a possibilitarian. No matter how dark things seem to be or actually are, raise your sights and see possibilities -- always see them, for they're always there."

And Peale is not speaking fluff, the Apostle Paul spoke something very similar in his letter to the Philippians, "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." As the old saying "you are what you eat" also applies to our thought patterns, "you are what you think."

As we enter into a month that is traditionally a time for travel, long days at the beach, and fun celebrations we continue to be confronted with a change in our normal rhythms. But our open calendars are not a cause for despair, they are an invitation to mine deeper treasures that are found beneath the surface of this time. May God continue to gently lead us into these still waters and may we have the courage to follow.

Reopening of PLCPC Campus

While our Sunday morning worship continues to remain online, as well as the majority of our adult ministry groups, the PLCPC campus is not expected to be very quiet this fall! The Session approved a plan to reopen both the outdoor and indoor parts of our campus to programs ministering to those under the age of 18 beginning August 10. During this next phase, we are already hosting a music summer camp and school-year music program, collaborating on after school programs to meet the social and emotional needs of children and youth whose school programs have been shut down, and in conversation about providing daily tutoring for online students. These new ministries to children and youth are in addition to our preschool which will be opening at full capacity in September. The church continues to covet your prayers as we seek to serve the community well.

Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church

Worship Services Online Red Brick Kids Worship Sunday 9 am Sunday Worship 9:30 and 11:00 am www.pointlomachurch.org

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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.

CHURCH NEWS

Session Highlights - June 17, 2020

The June Session meeting via teleconference started with recent racial unrest and issues in our world. The Session a review and approval of plans for the next phase of church campus reopening, subject to governmental restrictions.

The Session then heard elders' reports on the examination of the recent new member inquiring class and the youth confirmation class, and joyfully accepted these 12 new members and 8 youth confirmands into the congregation.

is moved to respond with a statement, and appointed a committee to write a draft.

Rev. Shaw called for an unscheduled Session meeting on July 22 to hear the report of the statement committee, and to review plans for further opening of church facilities and operations.

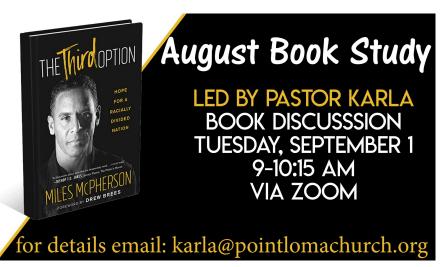
John Spafford Clerk

Rev. Karla Shaw led a wide-ranging discussion considering

Racism Conversations

In the months of June and July, Pastor Karla led a class on Racism and the African American Experience. The class held on Zoom included 75 participants, additionally nearly 250 others watched or listened to the recorded sessions. Participants included, not only those from PLCPC, but from several other local Presbyterian churches, as well as, people from out of state. Due to all that is going on in our world, many from the class wanted to continue learning and so we engaged in a book discussion of White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo in the month of July.

Many are continuing to learn by reading *The Third Option* by Miles McPherson in the month of August. With new insight, the hope of the group is that learning will help us, as a church, find a way to contribute actively and positively to race relations in our world. If you missed the class, but are interested in participating, it can be found on our website at pointlomachurch.org/ ministries/race-relations and on our podcast which can be accessed through our website at pointlomachurch.org/connect/ podcast.



Endowment FAQs— Top Three Questions

During the last few months, the Endowment has received several questions from members and friends of the church. They are completing or updating estate plans and are interested in including the Endowment. It is a good thing to update an estate plan from time to time because people's circumstances change as does the law.

Here are the three most frequently asked questions which may represent questions other members have too.

I. How do I give to the Endowment?

It is easy to arrange gifts to the Endowment at any time by contacting the church office. As part of an estate plan, the trustee (or executor) should be instructed to make the gift to the church "For the Endowment." It is always important to be sure that the gift is specified "For the Endowment." Only gifts specified that way are included in the Endowment. It is also possible to designate the gift for a special area in the Endowment. For example, a gift "for the music fund in the Endowment" works. Without the "Endowment" designation, it will not go to the **Endowment fund!**

II. What can I give the Endowment?

Although cash is the most common gift to the Endowment, almost any kind of property may be used as a gift to the Endowment. For example, over the years, gifts have been made that include stock and bonds, life insurance policies, and real estate. (We have yet to receive an original Rembrandt, but would welcome that too.)

III. Should I give to the Endowment?

We all should remember the church in our giving.

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ADULT MINISTRY

Sunday Scripture Group—Sundays 9:45 am Join us as we continue a 10-part series, *Following the Messiah*. The study is a visually stunning journey to explore the places Jesus lived that are mentioned in the scriptures.

Contact: Bob Simoneau, grs55@cox.net for Zoom information.

Monday Morning Men—Still meeting Monday mornings 7-8:30 am for virtual coffee via Zoom. We have different guest speakers each week. Contact: Evan Gratz, evan@pointlomachurch.org

Continuing The Conversation (CTC) —Typically meets the 4th Tuesday of the month to discus relevant issues with regards to race and shared experiences. Next meeting is August 25 with a panel discussion. Contact: Gordy Lutes, gklutes@gmail.com.

Rachel Circle - Not currently meeting. Contact: Marge Grant, 619-296-2720.

Women's Bible Study—Tuesday at 9 am. We will resume on September 15. Contact: Clara Blenis, clbenis@sdccd.edu

Journeymen — **Wednesdays, 7 am** All men are invited to join this group of guys who chat about life and discuss relative topics all

while digging into what Scripture says about them. Contact: Evan Gratz, evan@pointlomachurch.org

Men@Work— The men@work guys continue their weekly meetings with comradery and bible study under the leadership of Em Cummins via Zoom mostly. We are completing small tasks on campus as needed. If you're curious about us, please feel free to join us via Zoom at 8:30 am on Wednesdays.

Contact: Don Griffith at 619-432-2682 or

don.griffith69@gmail.com.

Wednesday Men's Bible Study — 5pm, via Zoom. Fellowship and study time. We continue meetings virtually through Zoom as we study the Book of Hebrews. All are welcome https://

us02web.zoom.us/j/6192231623

Contact: Jerry Heidt, gheidt@ghhco.com

Knitters— Not currently meeting.

Contact: Judy White, gmajudy@san.rr.com

Centering Prayer—Thursdays weekly, via Zoom.

Contact: Pastor Alex, alex@pointlomachurch.org

Prayer Quilt Ministry— We are quilting from home and have

frequent electronic communication.

Contact: Karen Vandenberg, ktvandenberg@aol.com.



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As things keep changing and shifting with regards to COVID-19 guidelines, the Senior Adult Ministry is being re:imagined. Be on the lookout next month, in September as we will launch several new programs. Stay tuned for more information on:

- Porch Visits
- Pet Visits
- Lending Library
- A redesigned newsletter
- Exercise Class on DVD
- New ways to learn, grow and stay connected while at home. And more!

In the meantime, if you would like a porch visit from Elaine, have a need or just want to chat, please call her at 619-223-1633 Ext. 210.

Monday Morning Men Guest Speakers

Our Men's Ministry meets each Monday for virtual coffee via zoom. All are invited to join us at 7 am each Monday. Email evan@pointlomachurch.org for the Zoom details.

8/10 - Rev. Andy Bales

CEO Union Rescue Mission in LA's Skid Row

8/17 - Pastor Bo Jeffares

Hope Community Church, Columbus, Mississippi

Other upcoming guests:

Egypt McKee - National Speaker from Orange County & former Dallas Cowboy

NAVY Chaplain Hylanie Chan-Williams

Jeff Bolster - VP for University Services & Former Dean of Students at PLNU

Jordy Nelson - Retired Pro-Bowl WR for the Green Bay Packers

Life Events

Deaths

- **(Frederik) Charles van Bassen** died June on 11, 2020. A Memorial of Life at NTC Park and a sunset paddle-out at Sunset Cliffs were celebrated on July 18, 2020.
- Darlene Johnson passed away on June 14, 2020. A memorial service is scheduled for September 18, 2020.
- **S. Dean McBride, Jr.,** son of S. Dean McBride Sr., our Minister from 1942 to 1967, passed away on May 12, 2020. In July of 2012, Dean Jr. was here at PLCPC and took part in our 75th Anniversary celebrations. See more about his life and remarkable career: https://www.upsem.edu/newsroom/statement-from-president-blount-on-the-passing-of-former-professor-dean-mcbride/

Milestones

• Doris Hoopes celebrated her 103rd birthday on July 21, 2020!

R.O. Smith, Youth Ministry Director | ro@pointlomachurch.org 619-223-1633 x216





We have gone through much transition in the Youth ministry this year. In addition to all of the COVID changes, the youth are processing the leadership changes with both Michel Lombrano and Sarah Butterfield's departure. If the opportunity for a

conversation arises, it would be helpful to talk with your youth about transitions in life, calling, and how God is our provision and a constant in life.

BRICK MONDAYS

Junior High // Mondays 5-7 pm High School // Mondays 7-9 pm Via Zoom

BRICK THURSDAYS

High School // 7:30-8:30 pm Via Zoom

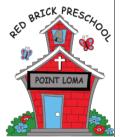
For the Zoom meeting links, or any other needs, email ro@pointlomachurch.org

VBS Express was a great success! We sang, danced and shared about being strong in the armor of God all over Point Loma and Ocean Beach. Even though it wasn't our traditional VBS program, it still took a village of volunteers to make it happen. We are



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

We are having a lot of fun during our Summer camps. We have been able to serve more than 60 families keeping their children safe while letting them enjoy their summer. We are looking forward to another great school year starting September 8. Due to new regulations I will be hiring afternoon teachers, as well as, subs. We will be holding a zoom parent orientation on September 2. The teachers will also hold zoom meetings with their classes. If you would like any information on our Preschool please call Nicole at 619-223-3327 or email at preschool@pointlomachurch.org.



& TODDLER LEARNING CENT



Karen Connor, Director of Children's Ministry | karen@pointlomachurch.org 619-223-1633 x215

Sunday Programs

Join us every Sunday online at 9 am for the Red Brick Kids Worship Service. Simply visit pointlomachurch.org and click on the Worship graphic.

Children's Ministry Blog

The Children's Ministry has a brand new blog. We are sharing boredom busters, inspiring videos, activities and more! Check is out today by visiting pointlomachurch.org. Click on the Ministries tab, then scroll to Children.



Journey

Our 4th-5th grade Journey group is on break for the summer! We look forward to seeing you all in the fall! Contact karen@pointlomachurch.org for more information.

Children's Musical

We are so proud of the kids who performed in our Children's Musical this year. They faced unprecedented challenges with rehearsals being online and not being able to perform in May as scheduled. But alas, the show must go on and it did! The children performed for their parents outside in our new grass-worship area. Watch during worship in the coming weeks for a brief video showcasing just a bit of the show.



Youth and Children's Ministries Staff Changes



Church member and longtime MOPS Coordinator, Sarah Butterfield, will be transitioning out of her coordinator role in order to pursue a graduate degree as well as homeschool her two young boys. Sarah led the MOPS program for six wonderful years and will be greatly missed by our staff and by the moms who attended the MOPS meetings and events. We thank her for her dedication and professionalism during her time on staff at PLCPC. Her friendly and welcoming personality was a gift to all those she worked with and served. Thankfully, we will still see Sarah and her family at church events since they are remaining in the area.

Sarah is also transitioning out of her role as the Youth Ministry Assistant. We are happy that Sarah and her family are staying in San Diego, staying involved at PLCPC, and we look forward to what God has for her in the future!!



Church member and Children's Ministry Assistant, Erin Shetter, has moved with her family back to New Jersey, their most recent home before San Diego. Erin served as Assistant and Journey Leader for one year. Due to the changes caused by the pandemic and the upcoming arrival of Erin and her husband, Adam's, fifth son she felt that this move was best for her family. Erin's love of the Lord and passion for teaching children to know God was evident during her time with us and we are grateful for her service. Her creativity, humor, and deep sense of community will be missed.

Please join us in wishing both of these ladies continued blessings as they move into the next chapter of their lives. We pray for good health and a sense of peace for where God is leading them next.

Prayer Quilt Ministry Celebrates 18 Years

Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

As all of PLCPC has been doing, the Prayer Quilt Ministry has re:imagined how we do what we do. Our reason for being — wrapping people in prayer and God's love through prayer quilts — is as steadfast and vibrant as ever. Join us as we celebrate the more than 1,950 quilts tied with thousands of prayers. Please tune in on August 16 at the 9:30 or 11:00 am service as we share via our exciting video presentation about the ministry and how you can participate.

If you would like to request a prayer quilt, please email Lynn Spafford at redbrickprayerquilts@gmail.com. If you have questions about the ministry or are interested in participating in it, please contact Karen Vandenberg, ktvandenberg@aol.com, or at 858-569-6115.



Chancel Flowers—Re:imagined

While we don't have flowers every week in the Sanctuary for Worship, the Deacons are delivering flowers (with masks and social distancing) in order to brighten days and bring cheer. We are so grateful to those who have donated to make this flower ministry possible this month. The flowers are given:

August 2, 2020—To celebrate and honor Charles G. Wootton, with love his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

August 2, 2020—To honor Frank and Louise Pokorny's wedding anniversary August 17, 1941 and John Pokorny's birthday August 22, love Mary Jo and Jim Pokorny.

August 9, 2002—In loving memory of Ray and Marie Knotsman by Mary Lou and Dan Fox.

August 9, 2020—In loving memory of Jim Grant by Marge, Jim and Susan.

August 16, 2020—In memory of my parents Thurston and Ruth powers and my sister Joan Miller by Barbara J. Smith.

August 16, 2020 – In honor of the Prayer Quilt Ministry by Maureen and Eric Blackhall.

August 23, 2020—In loving memory of John L. and Betty Spafford by their children, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren.

August 30, 2020—In loving memory of Loren McKnight by Kathleen McKnight.



Endowment FAQs, continued from page 2

Whether the Endowment is the right gift depends on your intention. There are three basic types of gifts to the church:

- 1. Annual gifts that are expected to be used immediately (usually, this year) for the general needs of the church.
- 2. Gifts that may be spent immediately or a few years, usually for a specific purpose (e.g., children and youth, or building improvement).
- 3. The Endowment—a different kind of gift (either for general support of the church or a specified area). The Endowment funds provide for support of the church in perpetuity, not for short term. It does this by spending only the income each year, with the principal remaining intact. That means that the principal can never be invaded.

These are all wonderful ways of supporting the church. Which one is right depends on your prayerful sense of what the best way is to support the church.

If you have questions beyond the FAQs, please contact us. The best way to reach us is to call Jolene Wade (619-223-1633), or email Steve Smith (srs@cwsl.edu). Thank you for remembering the Endowment.

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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 of the display have sprouted hundreds of leaves documenting the rich history of our community. The most recent leaves are for:



- Thank you, Judy McEntyre, for your servant's heart. The children are blessed by your love of teaching! Jan. 2020.
- Thank you, Marti Baird, for teaching our children to know and love Jesus. They are blessed! Jan. 2020.



Mission Partner Update—Loves and Fishes

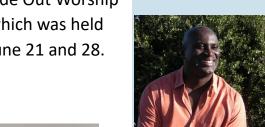
Feeding 150+ clients a week is a large and expensive task for a small agency. We are doing are best and appreciate the support we are getting from churches and the community. Unfortunately, we do not see the need going down and we are seeing more families needing food.

Marian Hart, the pantry coordinator for Loaves & Fishes, is seen here surrounded by the generous food donations from the Lenten food drive. Loaves & Fishes cannot thank you enough for donating this food to us.





Glimpses from Inside Out Worship which was held June 21 and 28.



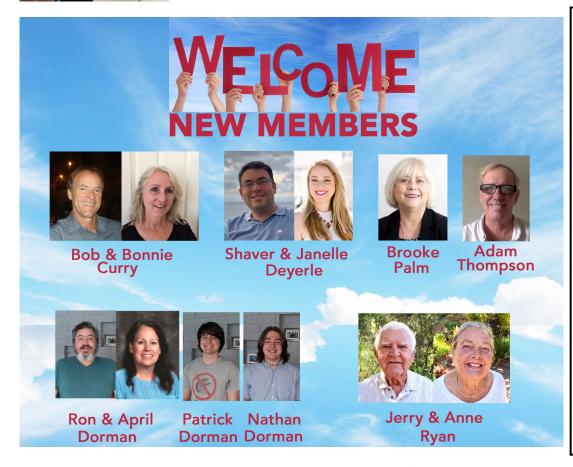
Special Event—Sept. 6 Slapjazz Danny



As we celebrate the end of summer and school starting back up, along with many of our ministries, we are welcoming a fantastic entertainer with a great story to our outdoor worship space on Sunday, September 6 at 6:00 pm. Slapjazz Danny is a body

percussionist. Using just his hands, he

creates mesmerizing rhythms that will have your toes tapping and your arms moving. In addition to his music, Slapjazz Danny will share his story. Space for this special event is limited. You must register in advance to save your family's pod space in the new grass area outside the Sanctuary. Registration information is available on our website pointlomachurch.org/register.



Dossal Cloth Swatches Available

For a limited time, mementos of our Chapel are available! Recently the Chapel dossal cloth was removed, in order for the new stained glass cross to be installed. For many, this dossal cloth holds special memories as it's been in the chapel for decades. If you are interested in a piece of this fabric as a keepsake, please contact Jolene Wade, by October 31.

We are offering sizes that might be suitable as a memento and keepsake of our Chapel and the traditional worship space it represents. The fabric could be used for framing, book marks or perhaps another creative use. Available sizes of fabric swatches are 5"x7" or 8"x10" (other sizes considered based on requests and condition)

Please note these will be available on a first come basis, until October 31. Jolene can be contacted by email at: Jolene@pointlomachurch.org.