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#### A Note from Pastor Ed

Do you remember the lyrics to the opening song on the TV show All in the Family?

Boy, the way Glenn Miller played Songs that made the hit parade. Guys like us we had it made, Those were the days.

And you knew who you were then, Girls were girls and men were men. Mister, we could use a man, Like Herbert Hoover again.

Didn't need no welfare state, Everybody pulled his weight. Gee, our old La Salle ran great. Those were the days.

The first episode of All in the Family aired in January 1971 and ran for 210 episodes. It received Emmy Awards for Outstanding Comedy Series, Lead Actor, and Lead Actress. It also received the Golden Globe for Best Television Series.

Archie Bunker was a bigoted working-class family man who held his views of the world. His viewpoints clashed weekly with everyone he came in contact with—his wife Edith, his daughter Gloria, his son-in-law Mike. So, why did All in the Family prove such an enduring mirror of American culture in the '70s and '80s? Because it revealed the rich diversity of our fabric as the American family.

One of my early impressions of Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church is how truly diverse we are as a family of faith. There are Archie Bunkers and Edith Bunkers, Glorias and Mikes all among us. There are arch conservatives, middle-of-the-road moderates, and progressive liberals in our midst. Yet, we are all part of the family of faith here at the Red Brick Church.

My other impression is that many of us could sing with Archie and Edith "Those were the days." We miss the days when "you knew who you were then." We long for the stability of the past, the security of knowing what to expect from yourself and from others. This new world we live in, this new century which has rocked the very foundations of American life, has left us reeling, wishing we could go back to the comfort of the past. Sunday Classic Worship Services 8:30 and 10:15 am in the Sanctuary 10:15 Café Service in the Chapel

Rev. Ed Girod, Interim Senior Pastor Rev. Karla Shaw, Associate Pastor

This is not a new experience for God's people, as the people of Israel learned when they left Egypt in the Exodus. Although they had just been freed as slaves in order to discover their new identity as God's people, they longed to return to Egypt within a month when faced with the prospects of hunger and thirst. Their challenge was to believe that God could provide for all their needs out in the wilderness, in the in-between space from Egypt (in the past) to the promised land (in the future). Their task was to come to terms with their past so that they could discover their new identity as the people of God.

This is also the first developmental task of the interim season between installed pastors: to come to terms with the past. There are wonderful memories we celebrate in the past, triumphs of faith and fortitude which demonstrate God's faithfulness. There are ideals and values we cherish which we want to hold on to forever. But, there are also some attitudes and actions which have enslaved us, which we need to let go in order to discover our new identity as God's people in this new season of our life together.

Let me suggest a few questions we might explore:

- Are we a "small tent" people or a "big tent" people? Do we want to invite people into our community of faith who are just like us, or will we include people who are different from us?
- Can we engage in dialogue with people of faith who see things differently than we see them? Can we respect their point of view as equally valid as our own and treat them with grace?
- Can we see Christ in our neighbor when that person does not have the same ethnic background, the same color of skin, or the same educational and cultural opportunities that we have had?

In other words, how big is our God? And how big is our heart? These are times when we need to enlarge our understanding of God's grace, when we need to expand our experience of God's embrace, and when we need to pray to become more like Him.

Grace and Peace, 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.

LESLIE HANNA—In Gratitude for over a Decade of Service as Director of Senior Adults July 2016

KATHY AND CHUCK WRIGHT—Married in PLCPC Chapel August 20, 1977

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

SENIOR SERVE PROJECT—On July 12 over 50 of The Red Brick Seniors and friends, under the direction of Leslie Hanna, and children from the Summer Preschool Camp, assembled bags and backpacks full of hygiene products and school supplies and jars of bean soup mix for four needy groups in San Diego—The Alliance for African Assistance, a women's shelter in the Point Loma area, MOM's to distribute to enlisted Navy families, and a homeless shelter in downtown San Diego. Over 150 kits were assembled in just 40 minutes. Then the seniors and friends participated in luncheon fellowship followed by a thank you celebration for Leslie's retirement after leading this wonderful group for over 10 years.



Mildred Clack (on right) thanking Leslie Hanna for her 10 years of service leading the Red Brick Seniors.

- On July 27 the Men's Wednesday Evening Bible Study again took over the cooking duties at Ocean Beach Community Dinners. This was their second time serving, and they did another terrific job of feeding the homeless in our area.
- NOVEMBER 5, 2016—The big SERVE day is fast approaching. During August we will ask for volunteers to lead the six teams to do the outdoor house "enhancements" projects in Logan Heights and we'll start to fill in the support staff for those leaders. (If you or you and a group of your friends would like to head a project please contact Pastor Karla, karla@pointlomachurch.org, Ed Lynds, elynds@cox.net or Byron Wear, wearstrategies@aol.com. We already have a couple of project leaders that have come forward.
- In mid-September, about six weeks before the event, we will start the sign-ups for the 120-150 people to man the six Habitat for Humanity projects and the luncheon crew, plus other volunteers for our four community projects.



and kits for children.



• FUTURE PROJECT--Northminster Presbyterian Church in Clairemont is in need of a lot of help getting their campus back in shape. Michael Mudgett, interim head of San Diego Presbytery, has asked if PLCPC could help. Don Griffith and the M@W team is meeting with their interim pastor to put together a Saturday SERVE day project for September or October. Stay tuned for further details.

Thanks to everyone who has worked on a **SERVE** project so far this year! If you didn't get a **SERVE** button at your event, please stop by the office and pick one up and wear it proudly!

# 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!



Kids Club and Children's Choirs will resume September 8.



#### Route 56 will meet September 19

Meetings on Tuesdays in the church Library—9:30 to 11:30

We'll resume in September

www.meetup.com/playgroup-754 Sarah Butterfield, Coordinator sarahbutterfield@gmail.com



Epifanio Santos holding a cacao pod.

### **Brick Ministries**

Open Door—August 3, 5-7 pm Junior High—Camping Trip—August 11-13 Open Door—August 17, 5-7 pm Fun Day—August 21 Pool Party—August 24

brandon@pointlomachurch.org

## Thank you and farewell!

We want to offer a big thank you and fond farewell to Brandon Aguillard, our Youth Director. Brandon began serving the BRICK Youth Ministry in 2011, first as a volunteer, then as an intern, then as a coordinator, and finally as our Youth Director for the last two years.



Brandon's consistency, heart for Jesus, and deep love for the students over these last five years has been a gift to our church.

Although it is with sadness that we say goodbye, we also celebrate with Brandon as he moves on to pursue his calling in Social Work.

Please join us on Sunday, August 21 on the Plaza between services to offer prayers and well-wishes. Brandon will also be preaching in the Café Service that morning. His last day is August 31.

## PLANT WITH PURPOSE (PWP)

Elder Dr. Mark Olcott, Chair of the PLCPC Mission Beyond Committee, and his daughter Lauren Olcott will travel to Los

Arroyones in early August. They will work in the field and learn firsthand how the PWP mission program has revitalized the community. They will also travel to other villages, where PWP has not yet been able to share the Lord's love through their vision of a healthy community.

Since 2006 PLCPC has sponsored Los Arroyones, a village in the rural mountains of the Dominican Republic. In years past, most of the trees surrounding the village were cut down for cooking fires and other needs. The rains then washed away the fertile soil, so villagers couldn't grow enough food or collect enough clean water. Many villagers then left Los Arroyones to seek work in Santo Domingo's slums.

Our financial support has allowed villagers to plant trees and crops and prevent soil erosion. Plant With Purpose staff have also helped the villagers develop a locally funded and managed microfinance Community Savings Account (CSA) Program. This allows villagers to pursue opportunities that were impossible just a few years ago, including business growth, or sending children to school or university.

**Save the date** October 8, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. to attend the PLANT WITH PURPOSE PLANTING HOPE GALA at the Omni La Costa Resort & Spa. Proceeds will go toward lifting rural farming families out of poverty.

# Adult Mínístríes

Sunday Scripture Group—10 am, Parlor. We'll be dark in August, and resume September 18. 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, led by Pastor Karla. We'll resume on September 12. Free childcare provided.

**Rachel Circle**—3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 9:30 am, Library. Next meeting will be September 19. Contact: Marge Grant at (619) 296-2720.

**Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study**—9:00 am in the Parlor for women of all ages. We'll resume on September 13. Contact: Clara Blenis (619) 223-5950.

**Men@Work**—Wednesdays at 9:00 am in the Library. We will continue meeting through the summer with Charlie Mac Vean leading, and then work on some projects as requested. Please note 9 am start time. Contact: Don Griffith at don-pete@cox.net.

Wednesday Men's Bible Study—We meet at 5:00 in the Parlor. We are taking August off and will resume on September 7, with Acts 23. Contact: Gerry Heidt gheidt@ghhco.com.

**Wednesday Refresh**—7 to 8:30 pm on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Home of Jane and Bryan Bennett. This group will resume in the fall. Contact Bryan Bennett at btb92107@gmail.com.

# Seníor Adult Mínístry

# AUGUST—NO MEETINGS

## **Red Brick Senior Center**

10:00Open for snacks & coffee, Family Life Center11:00Musical ProgramNoonHot Lunch

#### RED BRICK SENIORS' CENTER RESUMES SEPTEMBER 13

There is no charge for the program, but lunch is \$6.00.

Please see the September Spire for program details.

# 10<sup>th</sup> Annual PUM Golf Tournament

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual golf event to benefit Presbyterian Urban Ministries (PUM) will be held on **Monday, September 26**, at Admiral Baker Golf Course, 2400 Admiral Baker Rd., San Diego, CA 92120. Register by Aug. 15 for \$150!

The event, known as Golf4Good (G4G), is the major fund -raiser for PUM. Green fees, cart fees, buffet lunch, soft drinks on the course, access to the driving range and range balls, raffle, live and silent auctions, and dinner after the tournament are all included in the registration fee of \$175 per golfer. G4G is not just for golfers. PUM supporters wishing to attend only the buffet dinner, auctions, and awards ceremony may do so for \$30.

There are many opportunities to be an event or hole sponsor. All sponsorship contributions benefit PUM, a 501(c) (3) outreach of the Presbytery of San Diego. Sponsors will receive appropriate recognition on holes and in the event program. All event proceeds go to PUM to support their Christ-centered services to the poor and homeless of urban San Diego. For more information, please contact our PLCPC Ambassador **Meredith Larson** hughlarsen@att.net (619) 222-5301, assisted by **Dwight Kellogg** dwightkellogg@mac.com (914) 262-1618.



#### WOMEN'S RETREAT January 27-29, 2017 Pastor Karla Shaw and Lynn Ziegenfuss present "Transitions: Embracing Change in Our Lives"

They say that change is inevitable and even if we concede "it's for the best," why do we tend to fight it so? Even when we choose a change or transition it is uncomfortable, but it is even more so when the change is out of our control. How does God use change in your life? What's the journey to moving forward? Join us for our 2017 Women's Retreat as we explore this critical topic not only in the life of our church, but also in our life with God! This year's retreat will be at the beautiful Pala Mesa Golf Resort near Fallbrook. Registration costs are as follows:

1-person Fairway Room with two queen beds:\$400/person2-person Fairway Room with two queen beds:\$255/person2-person Executive Room with two queen beds:\$325/person2-person Executive Room with one king bed:\$300/person

Start saving your money and mark these dates for our annual retreat with our sisters from St. Peter's by the Sea Lutheran Church. Registration begins on Kickoff Sunday, September 11.

## Mission Beyond Luncheon: The Future of Christian-Muslim Relations

Please join us for a luncheon on August 28, 2016 in the Family Life Center at 11:30 a.m., when PC(USA) missionaries Bernard and Farsijana Adney-Risakotta will speak about their years as co-missionaries in the Muslim-majority country of Indonesia.



We will enjoy Indonesian food while we address the following: In light of Orlando and other terrorist attacks, what is the future of Christian-Muslim relations? Are you afraid of Muslims? How do we overcome fear? Why is the Church thriving and growing in the largest Muslim country in the world? How should we witness to Muslims about the love of God in Christ? See the listing on website calendar for more information.

So that the special menu may be adequately prepared, please **RSVP** to the church office so we'll know how many plan to attend. (619) 223-1633.

Sam Laub for Mission Beyond

## Seníor Pastor Search

## **Pastor Nominating Committee Update**

The PNC is pleased to announce that our Ministry Information Form (MIF) is now published on the PCUSA's Church Leadership Connection (CLC) and on our church website: (http://pointlomachurch.org/pastor-recruitment).

We are currently reviewing an abundance of applications, listening to sermons, and beginning conversations with pastors who share our vision for change and regeneration, and whose abilities, training, experience, gifts and talents match those outlined in our MIF and Mission Study.

If you know of any pastors who have the energy and creativity to help us attract more young adults and families, while at the same time embracing the traditions of our church, please e-mail Carol Leimbach, PNC Chair cleimbach20@gmail.com.

Although this process is confidential and we cannot discuss the merits of the candidates, we welcome your referrals. We also urge you to pray for the PNC, all of the candidates, and our church as we seek discernment regarding whom God is calling to be our new senior pastor.

Carol Leimbach, PNC Chair

## Annual Prayer Quilt Sunday August 14, 2016

Please join us on Sunday, August 14, to mark the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of PLCPC's Prayer Quilt Ministry and to celebrate God's love and the power of prayer.

If you have received a prayer quilt, please bring it to church on Prayer Quilt Sunday and drape it over the back of your pew or chair.

To request a prayer quilt, please call Joanne Albrecht at (619) 222-1585, or email Louise Lucas at redbrickprayerquilts@gmail.com.

If you have questions about the ministry or are interested in participating, please contact Karen Vandenberg ktvandenberg@aol.com, or (858) 569-6115.

> Bryan Verhoye and Friends



Sunday, August 14 5:00 p.m. <sub>Church Plaza</sub>

Glen Fisher, bass and David Zedaker Jr., drums

Joining Bryan, Glen and David will be dynamic vocalists Eric von Metzke and Sara Spafford Freese

Plus Shelly Marie and Molleigh Rae Verhoye and a surprise guest!

A freewill offering will be received 2128 Chatsworth Blvd. San Diego, CA 92107 619.223.1633 pointlomachurch.org

## SEPTEMBER NEW MEMBER CLASS

for those interested in church membership.

Sundays, September 11 and 25 from 11:30 am to 1:15 pm in the Library. Light lunch and free child care provided.

Join Pastor Ed to learn what membership at PLCPC is all about.

Please RSVP to ann@pointlomachurch.org (619) 223-1633 x203

# Volunteer Spotlíght



#### **Cheston Brand**

Cheston Brand is one of our youth who is about to go off to college and has been attending PLCPC for 16 years.

As a volunteer, he has done many things, including going downtown and to O.B. to distribute food and drinks to the homeless, working at

Military Outreach Ministries, building houses in Mexico, playing in the Café Worship Band, working with the Jr. High group, and much more. When he volunteers with the junior highers, he tries to give them the best memories of their lives. "I want them to have the same experience that I had when I was in that group," he says. To "meet" Cheston and learn more, go here:

http://pointlomachurch.org/about/volunteers

# Endowment

ave you ever put yourself in the place of a family member receiving a letter telling them a gift has been given to Endowment in their loved one's name? Can you imagine the happiness they would feel knowing their beloved is loved?

Ask God to nudge you when a family needs this kind of support, or a friend needs remembering on his/her birthday or special occasion. I will do the same.

Sincerely, Mary Harker for the Endowment Committee

# Lífe Events

#### Births

- Winston James Thivierge, son of Jessica and Luke Thivierge, was born on May 31, 2016. Proud grandmother is Lynn Silliman Reed.
- Olivia Grace Blentzas, daughter of Catie and Chris Blentzas, was born on July 4, 2016. Proud grandparents are Leslie and Rob Hanna, and proud great-grandmother is Grace Niles.
- Liliana Marie Munos, daughter of Lisa and Alex Munos, was born on July 21, 2016. Proud grandparents are Clara and Larry Blenis.
- **Carmen Lucia Quiroga**, daughter of Libby and Alejandro Quiroga was born July 21, 2016. Proud grandparents are Sandy and Larry Brenner.

#### Deaths

- **Richard L. Johnston** passed away June 22, 2016. A memorial service was held on July 16, 2016 in the Chapel, with Rev. Ed Girod officiating.
- **Sandy Nash**, wife of Jim Nash, passed away July 16, 2016. Her memorial service was held July 28, 2016 in the Sanctuary with Rev. Karla Shaw officiating.
- **Paul Lindskoog** passed away July 21, 2016. A memorial service will be held on August 4, 2016 at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. Rev. Ed Girod will officiate.
- The memorial service for **Mary Zemcik** who passed away June 12, 2016 will be held on August 11, 2016 at 1:00 pm in the Chapel with Rev. Ed Girod officiating.

#### Thank You

Ann and Christina Grant thank everyone for the outpouring of kindness when Roger Grant, their dear husband and dad, left for heaven.



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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — JUNE 27 thru JULY 1, 2016 170 children (Preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade) And thank you to our nearly 100 amazing volunteers!

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

Aug 14 Prayer Quilt Sunday Bryan Verhoye and Friends, 5 pm Aug 14 Aug 21 Celebrate Brandon Aguillard, 9:30 am Lunch with Indonesian Missionaries Aug 28 Sept 11 **Kick-off Sunday** Sept 11 New Member Class #1, 11:30 am Sept 25 **Election of Church Officers** Sept 25 New Member Class #2, 11:30 am Sept 27 **Deacons Meeting** Sept 28 Session Meeting w/New Members





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