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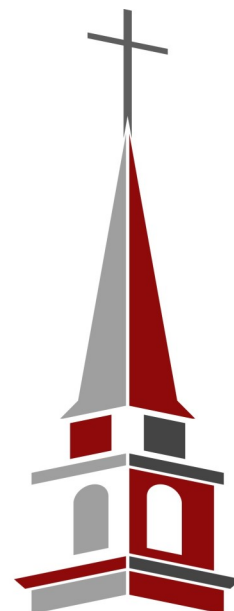
Point Loma
Community
Presbyterian
Church

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

Café Service
9:45 am
Chapel

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A Note from Pastor Karla

God bless you, my friends,
A season of pause before the celebration. A season of reflection so we appreciate the light. A season of repentance so we recognize the Christ. This is the season of Advent. Let us remember to not rush ahead to the gift, but let us see the value in waiting and hoping. And let us remember that this season is not just for children, but for all of us as God's kids. I hope to see you at many of our Advent events this month, but in

the meantime, here is a poem by David Redding for us all to reflect on as we enter into this season together.

Adult Advent Announcement

O Lord,
Let Advent begin again
In us,
Not merely in commercials;
For that first Christmas was not
Simply for children,
But for the
Wise and the strong.
It was
Crowded around that cradle,
With kings kneeling.
Speak to us
Who seek an adult seat this year.

Help us to realize,
As we fill stockings,
Christmas is mainly
For the old folks —
Bent backs
And tired eyes
Need relief and light
A little more.
No wonder
It was grown-ups
Who were the first
To notice
Such a star.

In a Spirit of Wonder,
Pastor Karla

THE SENSES OF CHRISTMAS

An Advent Series

Sunday Mornings
December 2, 9, 16, 23
8:30, 9:45, 10:45

December 2

Christmas Concert, 5 pm
Pre-Concert Reception, 3:45 pm
Christmas Concert, 7 pm
Pre-Concert Reception, 5:45 pm

December 9

Red Brick Christmas, 2-4 pm

December 16

Kids Night Out, 4-7 pm

December 21

Blue Christmas Service, 6 pm Chapel

December 24

Café Style Christmas, 10 am Chapel
Children's Musical, 4 pm
A Flicker of Hope, Worship, 7 pm
A Flicker of Hope, Worship, 9 pm

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LOOKING AHEAD

Dec. 2	Christmas Concert
Dec. 8	SERVE at Urban Life Farms
Dec. 9	Red Brick Christmas
Dec. 16	Kids Night Out
Dec. 21	Blue Christmas Service
Dec. 24	Café Style Christmas
Dec. 24	Children's Musical
Dec. 24	A Flicker of Hope Christmas Eve Worship
Dec. 25 & 26:	Office Closed
Jan. 1:	Office Closed

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.

Renovation Task Force (RTF) Update

The RTF held two Town Hall meetings on Saturday, November 10, and Sunday, November 11 to gather additional insight from our congregation on our church facilities. The Saturday meeting was held in the Family Life Center and attracted approximately 75 attendees. The Sunday meeting was held in the Chapel directly after the Café Service and approximately 30 people participated.

In each setting, participants were assigned into small groups with a facilitator and asked the following four questions:

1. **WHAT IS ON YOUR MIND NOW ABOUT OUR CHURCH'S FACILITY NEEDS?**
2. **ON SUNDAYS BETWEEN SERVICES, HOW COULD OUR SPACE HELP BRING OUR CHURCH FAMILY (ALL GENERATIONS) MORE TOGETHER?**
3. **HOW CAN OUR FACILITIES ENHANCE OUR MINISTRIES?**
4. **WHAT DOES THE FUTURE OF "THE CHURCH" (CHRISTENDOM) LOOK LIKE?**

We are in the process of creating a "landing page" on the PLCPC website to continually update the congregation on the RTF activities and provide additional opportunities for you to provide your input.

The RTF members include John Brand-Chair, Douglas Buser, Susan Cramer, Will Hage, Bob Holst, and Melissa Mullins.



December 24

Cafè Style Christmas, 10 am, Chapel

A casual worship experience with songs, a message, and goodies*

Children's Musical, 4 pm, Sanctuary

A musical celebration for all ages led by our children*

A Flicker of Hope, 7 pm and 9 pm, Sanctuary

A dramatic retelling of the Christmas story through the gift of light

* childcare provided for those under 4.

Session Meeting Highlights November 14, 2018 Meeting

At the November meeting the Session heard the statements of faith from the elders elected by the congregation for the class of 2021. The Session enthusiastically approved Elders-elect Buck Buchanan, Max Butterfield, Mike Long, Rita Solberg and Frank Polese for service, and will welcome them along with returning elders Barbett Wood and Sam Laub in January.

Session approved the "Kid's Own Worship" teaching curriculum presented by Children's Ministry Elder Barbett Wood to be used for "Kids Café" worship services, along with an outline of the service operation.

Elder Wood also presented a request from the church-sponsored Boy Scout Troop 24 to allow girls to join the troop. The girls will function in gender-separated "patrols" while participating in all other aspects of Scouting. The Session approved the request.

John Spafford
Clerk



ADULT MINISTRY

Sunday Scripture Group—9:45 am in the Parlor. We are studying the 9-part Hillsdale College series on C.S. Lewis, reviewing the writings and significance of the greatest Christian apologist of the 20th century. Contact: Bob Simoneau, grs55@cox.net

Continuing the Conversation— 4th Monday at 7 pm in the Parlor. Our goal is a racism-free society through transformed hearts and minds. Due to Christmas we will next meet on December 10. Contact: Gordy Lutes, gklutes@gmail.com

Rachel Circle—3rd Mondays at 9:30 am in the Library. We will next meet on Monday, December 17 at 11:00 am for our annual Christmas potluck. Come join us and bring your favorite dish to share. Contact: Marge Grant, (619) 296-2720.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study—9 am, in the Parlor. A study of Peter's letters, led by Pastor Karla. Our Christmas brunch is December 18. Women of all ages and stages are welcome! Contact: Clara Blenis, (619) 223-5950.

Men@Work—Wednesday at 8:30 am in the Library. We meet over coffee to discuss life, our families, our wishes, and pray a bit. We study the Bible and discuss the meaning. Then we spend time working on projects around 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 John's letters, led by Pastor Karla. Moms of kids elementary age and younger are invited. Childcare provided. Contact: Julia Roller, juliaroller@yahoo.com

Wednesday Men's Bible Study— 5 pm in the Parlor. Gresham Bayne leads our study of Galatians. Contact: Jerry Heidt, gheidt@ghhco.com

Wednesday Refresh—1st and 3rd Weds., 7-8:30 pm at the home of Jim Grisolia and Carla Stayboldt. 2868 Dove St. 92103. We're reviewing galley proofs of Marc Shaw's *Wanderer's Way*. For December only, we are meeting Dec. 12. Contact: Jim Grisolia, jamesgrisolia@gmail.com



**SENIOR
ADULT
MINISTRY
PROGRAMS**

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT & SOCIAL RECEPTION | Sunday, December 2, 5:00pm & 7:00pm

Sanctuary | Social Receptions in Family Life Center at 3:45 & 5:45 pm

Love's Pure Light concert features the New Covenant Choir, Ringers ReJOYce! Children & Youth Choirs, Worship Band, Soloists & Members of the San Diego Symphony. Suggested donation for concert: \$20/pp; \$40/family. Complimentary reception will offer savory appetizers, festive beverages and adult fellowship prior to each concert. Join us!



MOVIE DAY: "Won't You Be My Neighbor" | Tuesday, December 4 | 11:00am | FLC

Filmmaker Morgan Neville examines the life and legacy of Fred Rogers, the beloved host of the popular children's TV show "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," in this emotional and moving documentary.



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON w/the SHARP PLAYERS | Tuesday, December 11 | Family Life Center

Doors Open @ 10:00am | Entertainment at 11:00 | Lunch at Noon (\$6)

The SHARP Players is a touring musical group of patients who suffered serious injury that share healing and joy through their music. Traditional ham dinner with all the fixings. RSVP to Elaine.



CURRENT EVENT DISCUSSION GROUP | Tuesday, December 18 | 10-11:30am | Family Life

Center | Blood Pressure Check 10-11:00am

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



FOREVER FIT | GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE YMCA

Every Wednesday at 9 am, Family Life Center. FREE!

High School Small Group

There is a small group opportunity open for HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY on Thursday nights. They meet at the Smith Family Casa from 7-9pm. We eat snack food, play some games, and have a time of study and discussion. Please contact RO Smith for more information and directions.

End of Year Ice Skating



Join us Monday, December 17 from 6-9 pm for ice skating at the Rady Children's Ice Rink at Liberty Station. All junior high and high school students are encouraged to come get their skate on with us. Cost is \$10. For more information, contact RO Smith.

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

Rancho Genesis Spring Break Mission Trip

DATES: March 25-29 COST: \$275

We are taking a group of students and leaders down to Rancho Genesis which is located about 30 minutes south of Ensenada, Mexico. We will help build the new Rancho Genesis Camp for orphans. These camps are designed to give orphans of Mexico the chance to encounter the unconditional love of Christ. There will be 3 **mandatory** team meetings beginning in January that you must attend in order to go on the trip. If you are interested in the trip or would like more information, please contact RO Smith. Online registration is open pointlomachurch.org/register.



December 8

Join us to SERVE at Urban Life Farms on Saturday, December 8, from 9 am to noon. Sign-up on the Plaza or contact evan@pointlomachurch.org.

January 19

Join us for a Rancho Genesis Day Trip on January 19. Cost: \$25 per person (covers transportation and lunch). Plan to either bring your own food for the rest of the day or money to purchase dinner at the taco stand. Bottled water and some snacks will be provided.

We will leave in the morning and return later in the evening after a full day of work at the new Rancho Genesis property in Baja, CA. Specific work projects will be determined based on needs. Advance registration is required by January 13. Contact Evan Gratz with any questions evan@pointlomachurch.org

Register online at:
pointlomachurch.org/register

Nicole Hage, Director | preschool@pointlomachurch.org
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Thank you for purchasing your beautiful poinsettias from the Preschool! We raised a little over \$1,000. We will be using this money to buy new educational toys and supplies for the preschool.

December 11 & 12 we will have Gifts to the Manger. This is where the preschoolers have the opportunity to bring in needed items for babies to be donated to M.O.M. (Military Outreach Ministries)

The Preschool classes will have their annual Christmas Programs on the December 20 & 21 at 11:30 in the sanctuary. All are welcome to listen to the children sing and just look plain cute.

Registration for next school year is right around the corner! If you are interested in getting more information, please visit our website at www.redbrickpreschool.com and go to schedule a tour. We will be mailing out registration information letters in January. We will have half day and extended day options in the fall.



Karen Connor, Director | karen@pointlomachurch.org | 619-223-1633 x215

Sunday School at 8:30 & 9:45 am

Come and learn God's Word!

*Age 4 - Kindergarten—Room 2

*Grades 1- 3—Room 8

Grade 3—Bible Memory class—Room 5
(9:45 am only)

*Grades 4 - 6—Room 6

* Children begin in the Services. Childcare available in the nursery for ages 6 mo.- Age 3 years at 8:30, 9:45 and 10:45



Mondays

4th - 6th Grade

4:00-5:30 pm in the Youth Center, dinner included (\$3 donation)

Friends are **always** welcome!

December 3, 10



December 2, SERVE opportunity

All Journey kids are invited to serve at our annual Christmas Concert Reception on Sunday, December 2, from 3:00-5:00pm in the Family Life Center. This is a unique opportunity to dress up in your Christmas finest and learn to pass appetizers, serve punch, and be an all-around host to our older adults during their social hour before the concert. Meet in the Church Library at 3:00pm for sandwiches, cookies, and training, then work at the reception from 3:45-4:45pm.

December 17, 6:00-7:30 pm End of Year celebration

We are going ice skating at the Rady Children's Ice Rink at Liberty Station. Cost is \$10. **For more information, contact Michael Lombrano (michael@pointlomachurch.org).**

Kid's Club on Thursdays

Participate in bible stories, crafts, and games in Room 8.

Grades 2 - 6 meets from 4:00 -5:00 pm

Age 4 - Grade 1 meets from 5:00 -5:45 pm



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

Brick Singers Youth Choir- Grades 7 - 12

Sundays 11:45 am - 1:30 pm

All choirs meet in the choir room

Contact Alicia at alicia@pointlomachurch.org



MOPS: Mothers of Preschoolers

www.meetup.com/playgroup-754

Contact: sarahbutterfield@gmail.com



Dec. 1 - Mom's Night Out at Fifth Avenue Kitchen and Tap, 7:30 PM

Dec. 3 - Mom's Morning Out (location TBD)

Dec. 10 - **Dr. Max Butterfield: The Secret Lives of Dads (FLC), 9:30-11:30 am**

Dec. 17 - **MOPS Christmas party! (FLC) 9:30-11:30 am**

Cost: \$10 per meeting

Forest Home Winter Camp January 25-27, 2019

Children's Winter Camp at Forest Home is an opportunity for 4th-6th graders to explore God's Word and His creation. We focus on Biblical teaching, cabin chats, and heart-felt worship. Plus we have tons of fun, winter outdoor recreation and games designed just for your children. Forest Homes rates are all-inclusive, the \$210 registration fee includes six meals, two nights lodging, transportation and all activities. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your spot. Spots are limited, so register today! Pointlomachurch.org/register



Bible Memory Class

The official kick off of this year's **Bible Memory Class** will begin on **January 6** with a class for the children at 9:45 am followed by a mandatory parent meeting. The meeting is set for **10:45 am in Classroom 5** as soon as the Café service ends. The 15-20 minute meeting, led by Judy Pritchett, will give an overview of class expectations for parents and kids, a schedule, and a booklet that shows what aspects of the Bible the kids will be expected to learn. Graduation this year is set for Sunday, April 28.

In 2019 will you join us in living out our vision of “Loving Everyone to LIFE with Everything we Have”? Your gifts of time, talent, and money allow us to:

1. Hire a permanent *Director of Worship* for our Sanctuary services
2. Launch a new Kid’s Worship Service called **KIDS CAFÉ**
3. Expand our caring ministries to include support groups
4. Continue sharing the love of Christ with those in our neighborhood and around the world

With
Everything

LOVING EVERYONE TO LIFE WITH EVERYTHING WE HAVE

PRAY | SURRENDER | COMMIT

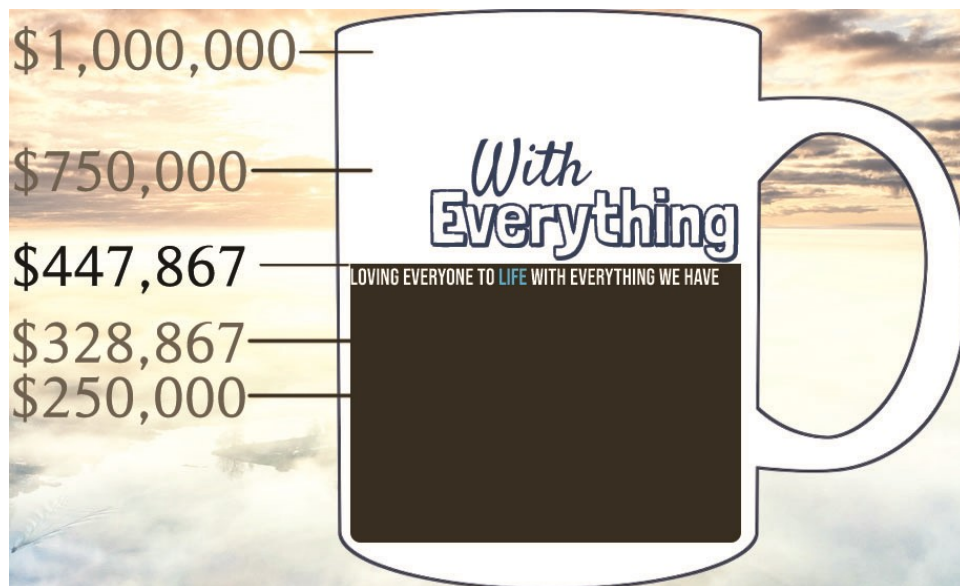
PRAY: Giving always begins and ends with prayer. What does God want to do through you at PLCPC this year?

SURRENDER: Hearing God’s call is the first step, the second is yielding to that call. Ask God to give you the courage to submit and trust Him in the process of letting go.

COMMIT: Filling out a commitment card is helpful in keeping us all accountable to God’s call. Write down what you plan to give this year with your time, talent, and money and drop-off or mail to the church office.

It is inspiring to imagine how much more we could love everyone to life if we all submitted to God’s call!

Thank you for submitting your Commitment Cards!
As of November 28, we are about 45% to our goal of \$1,000,000



Drivers Needed

Can you help one or two Sundays a month by providing a ride to church to members of our Congregation? We have some members who would love to attend worship but can’t always get a ride; some on a regular basis and some sporadic needs. Any help that you can provide would be greatly appreciated by the Deacons. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. If you are able to help or would like more information on this need, please contact Kathy Wright at ohwright@cox.net.

Kids Night Out! December 17, 4-7 pm

Parents, drop off your kids with us and enjoy a night out while they enjoy games, crafts, fellowship, pizza, snacks and a Christmas movie. Pajamas are Encouraged! Pre-registration is required by Thursday, December 13 at 5:00 pm (Pointlomachurch.org/register) Cost: 1 child—\$10, 2 children—\$15, 3+ children—\$20. Care provided for ages 1 year old—6th grade
*Nursery age children: space is limited. Food must be provided if child has allergies. Doors will open at 4 pm. Please pick-up by 7 pm. Parents must check-in all children at classroom 8 on the 2nd floor. For more information, contact Children’s Ministries at 619-223-1633 x215.

Kids
Night Out

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Life Events

Deaths:

- A memorial service for John Hinchman was held on Saturday, November 3.
- A memorial service for Sara Jane Sayer was held on Saturday, November 24.
- Glen Burgess passed away on November 20. Services will be held in the Sanctuary on Friday, December 14 at 2 pm
- Linda Daugherty passed away on November 20. Services are pending for some time in January.



Red Brick Robotics

Congratulations to our Red Brick Robotics team for securing one of five spots to compete at the Legoland SoCal Championship on December 8. The team of four; Ryan Hage, Jack Connor, Shiv Patel and Wesley Utz, also placed second in the Core Values round of their scrimmage which took place on November 3 at High Tech High. Thanks to church members Will Hage, Franny Coughlin and Sam Przywitowski for supporting and guiding our team!



On January 13 we are launching a worship service just for kids! This new program will take place from 9:45-10:45am in the Family Life Center. Children will meet as a group for songs, activities and a message before breaking out into age-appropriate small groups. Scripture, prayer and an offering are included in this dynamic experience where children will hear God's story in fresh, fun, and meaningful ways.

Note: For those families attending service at 8:30 am in the sanctuary your children are still invited to a classic Sunday School program after attending the first part of the service with their parents.

For more information, contact Karen Connor at karen@pointlomachurch.org.

Registration is Still Open for the Women's Retreat January 25-27, 2019



The new year may seem far off, but it will be here before we know it. The approaching new year, means it's time for our annual Women's Retreat.

Make plans now to join us **January 25-27, 2019** at the Pala Mesa Resort in Fallbrook, CA. It will be a life-changing weekend and a wonderful time to make some new friends. We invite women from other local churches as well as from PLCPC.

Our keynote speaker is Dr. Mindy Coates-Smith. The theme for this getaway weekend is *Living Authentically*.

The price will stay the same as last year! Cost is determined by the number of people sharing a room: Single room - \$415, Double room \$530 (\$265 each), Triple room \$630 (\$210 each) or Quad room \$740 (\$185 each). More details can be found at pointlomachurch.org/register

We hope you can join us again this year. Please contact Marty Smith if you have any questions or concerns at martye-smith@gmail.com or register online at <http://pointlomachurch.org/register>.