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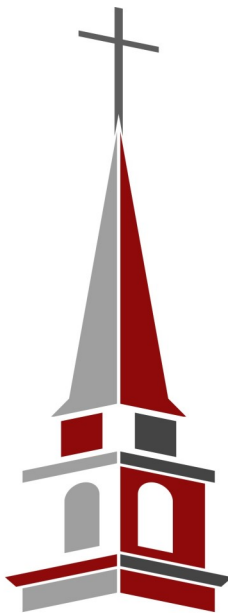
Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church

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

I keep seeing those commercials on the television calling us to remember the "need" even though the season of giving is officially over. The homeless men and women gathered around tables while sipping coffee really pulls on the heart strings. I can't imagine what it is like to have to live each day wondering about your next meal, or where you will find a quiet place to rest your head that night. I can't imagine the series of unfortunate events

that lead to people having to call the street their home. I can't imagine, but recently I have spent time trying to.

In case you have forgotten, for a period of time, Jesus was a nomad. In his formal ministry years, it wasn't often that he went home at night and slept in his own bed. He wandered from place to place and relied on the hospitality of others. Paul was the same way. He may have stayed in places for long stretches of time, but for the most part he was mobile. A lot of the early teachers of "The Way" lived like this, and I have to admit there is something intriguing about being taught by someone who is on a journey--literally. This speaks to us about the journey of faith, that it is actually about movement and, sometimes, our interior life deepens as a result of mirroring our exterior life---when we don't know the answers for tomorrow, we are called upon to live in faith today.

Those that live not knowing what tomorrow will bring, have a lot to teach us. They have faith. They live by faith in a culture where many of us have plans laid out for the next 30 years. This month, we have the opportunity to learn from them as we explore homelessness and interact with many that do not have a permanent home right here on our own church campus.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Feb 8	Children's Musical Auditions
Feb 11	Annual Meeting of Members
Feb 14	Ash Wednesday
Feb 18	Lenten Food Drive Begins
Feb 18	Deeper Dive—Lenten Series
Feb 21	Risen—Lenten Series
Feb 24	Interfaith Shelter Begins
March 1	VBS Registration Begins
March 25	Palm Sunday/Easter Fest
March 29	Maundy Thursday
April 1	Easter

Risen: A Lenten Series

Wednesdays at 6:45—8:00 p.m. in the Chapel (starts Feb. 21st)

Join this 5-week journey into exploring the question of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Led by our new Director of Community Life, Evan Gratz
(Childcare available upon request.)

Risen
A Lenten Series
Wednesdays, 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.
in the Chapel

**February 11, 2018
10.30 a.m. in the
Sanctuary**

An opportunity for the entire church body to hear the following important updates, immediately following the one 9.30 a.m. worship service, during which the Associate Pastor Candidate, Alex Wirth, will be preaching:



- Update on church corporation
- Budget submission + approval
- Ministry reports
- Congregational vote will be taken to receive Rev. Alex Wirth as our Associate Pastor

Childcare will be provided.

UPDATE: Office Renovation Project

Planning and progress has been made for the staff office renovation! After interviewing three companies for the project, a general contractor has been selected and will begin working by the end of February. The scope of the work includes a new reception area, and creating offices for our new employees. The back office will be divided into two and the current front reception area will be closed in to become an office. Fresh paint and carpeting throughout will brighten up the space and inspire the staff.

During the renovation (all of March) our staff who normally would work in this space can be found in the Parlor. All phone extensions will remain the same and should be in working order.

This project is made possible due an Endowment Gift from Bethany Engel in 1985.

For more information about the Endowment fund: pointlomachurch.org/endowment/

A Note from Pastor Karla Continued

On Saturday, February 3 we will be watching the documentary, Tony-The Movie, which is the story of a homeless man in San Diego. Tony and the director of the film will be leading a discussion following the viewing. Then on Sunday, February 4 the San Diego Street Choir will be singing in all of our services. That morning we will be providing breakfast for them and it would be a great time to come and chat and build relationships. Then at the end of the month from February 24-March 10 we will be hosting the Interfaith Shelter. There are loads of opportunities to volunteer your time with this ministry and ask questions about "trust".

While all of this is going on we will be exploring "Lessons from the Wilderness" on Sunday mornings during Lent. The Israelites were also homeless, waiting and trusting God to guide and lead them to a prepared place--the perfect place. If you are a participant at the 8:30 am service, there will be a chance to dive deeper into the text following the service in the Family Life Center. I encourage you to be a part of this unique spiritual experience.

Why engage this month in a new way? Because we are all on the same journey and deepening our trust of God, our faith, is what will lead us into tomorrow, no matter what it holds, with a secure hope that we belong to God. All of us need to be continually reminded of that every day.

Thank you for trusting me and trusting God,
Pastor Karla

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Ushers:

Greet attendees of the worship services, help provide bulletins and location information, as well as facilitate the offering.

Contact: Fred Daugherty at frelin19@cox.net

Adult Choir Opportunity:

Do you like singing? This may be a perfect place for you to get involved! Sing praises, participate in group voice lessons, lead in worship. Become part of a fun, caring community.

- Interested singers are welcome to try 2 rehearsals commitment free!
- Choir meets on Thursdays at 7:15 p.m.

Contact Alicia at Alicia@pointlomachurch.org

Memorial Guild:

Assist in arranging receptions following memorial services.

Contact: Ann Simoneau at ann@pointlomachurch.org



The Tree of Life

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.

To request a leaf, please complete the form in the church office.

Three leaves have been added to the *Tree of Life* in the Family Life Center.

Thank you, Paul Diller, Clerk of Session (2006-2018), for your integrity, discernment, and leadership. Thank you, also, to Don Brenneman, for deepening our faith through music (1989-2018). And, thank you to Stephanie Wylie for her inspiring leadership as Deacon Moderator (2016-2017).

Session Meeting Highlights

John Spafford, Clerk

January 24, 2018

The Session welcomed the 2020 class of ruling Elders, including:

- * *Gresham Bayne MD*
- * *Douglas Buser*
- * *Rebecca Cress*
- * *Susie LaDow*
- * *Samantha Pryzwitowski*
- * *Rob Wood*
- * *Beth Zedaker*

The Session also approved committee chairs nominated by the Nominating Committee, which may be found elsewhere in *The Spire*. Session also elected church officers for 2018, including Steve Smith, Chairman of the Corporation, John Leimbach, Treasurer, and John Spafford, Clerk. Paul Diller, outgoing Clerk, was honored for his 12 years of faithful service with a fancy cake and the ceremonial swapping of chairs. Session also approved Elders Em Cummins, Art Michalek and Barrett Wood as Presbytery Commissioners. We are also represented at Presbytery by Elder Sue Skala, now serving as Moderator of Presbytery. The Session gladly approved membership for recent new members who are presented in this *Spire* issue. John Pearson, Chair of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee presented the amended Terms of Call for the committee's candidate for Associate Pastor of Congregational Care. Session approved the terms, and the candidate will be presented to the congregation for election at the Annual Meeting on February 11. Treasurer John Leimbach was pleased to present the 2018 operating budget which was approved by Session. This budget shows a substantial increase in pledging, \$915,000 from a faithful congregation, and a total budgeted income of \$1,260,250. The budget was presented with a rare bonus, a planned \$2,000 surplus for 2018!

Support Our Community at the first Presbytery Meeting of 2018.

Elder Sue Skala is now the Presbytery Moderator. This is also the meeting that Associate Pastor Candidate Alex Wirth will be voted in.

Life Events

Weddings:

Julia Haase and Rickey P. Bell Jr. got married on January 14, 2018 in the Sanctuary.

Deaths:

A memorial service was held in the Chapel on January 28, 2018 for Nicholas Feather. Rev. Dr. Chris Lenocker officiated.

Exploring Church Safety

Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Training

Feb. 18, at 9.45 and 11 a.m, Library

In our effort to better serve our community and have as many trained members as possible in case of a medical emergency, we offer two AED training sessions.

RSVP at: pointlomachurch.org/connect/register

Safety on Our Church Campus

Feb. 11, 11:30 a.m. (following the Annual Meeting)

Family Life Center

Presented by SDPD (Video and Q&A)

Women's Retreat Recap

On January 26th - 28th the annual Women's Retreat took place at Pala Mesa Resort in Fallbrook. 95 women attended representing all ages. The retreat is co-hosted by PLCPC and St. Peters by the Sea Lutheran Church.. Meaningful conversations, a lot of fun and great activities were enjoyed by all! If you didn't attend this year, we hope that you can join us next year!



Welcome Our New Members!



Kenneth (Ken) L. Bertino is joining PLCPC by Reaffirmation of Faith. He once held membership at Central Presbyterian Church in Huntington New York. With a move across the country he found his new church family with us. Ken enjoys his retirement. Friends at PLCPC include Dianne Grafton.



Margaret Cook is joining our church by Profession of Faith, having received the Sacrament of Baptism at Linda Vista United Methodist Church as an infant. Margaret is a Flight Attendant. She is married and has a daughter Annelise (24). Her interests include reading and going for long walks along San Diego's beautiful coast-



Shaw Glen is joining PLCPC by Profession of Faith, having previously received the Sacrament of Baptism at Bethel Assembly of God in Alpine, CA. Shaw is married to Carol; they have a son, Russell (38) and a daughter, Danielle (40). Furthermore, he is self-employed and has been active at his previous church as a Sunday School Teacher and a Counselor. He is Biblical Counseling Foundation certified.



Heather L. Milligan (Waldron) is officially joining our church as a member by Profession of Faith, having formerly received the Sacrament of Baptism from PLCPC. Heather is an active attorney. She and her husband Tyler have two children, Shea and Porter, whom she enjoys spending time with. She also enjoys playing sports especially tennis and attending musicals.



Kay L. Monteville is joining by Profession of Faith, having previously received the Sacrament of Baptism from First Baptist Church in Walla Walla, WA. She is married to Marshall and has a son, Joshua (21) and a daughter, Samantha (20). Kay greatly enjoys crafts, music, reading, as well as exercise. Previously, Kay has been serving as a leader for small groups at other churches.



Lauren M. Mueller is joining PLCPC by Transfer of Certificate from Pasadena Mennonite Church, CA. Lauren is a Clinical Psychologist. She is married to Joel Sagawa and they have two sons, Kieran (6) and Micah (3). In her free time, Lauren engages in yoga, reading, likes to watch movies and enjoys crafts. Other community responsibilities include being involved as a Sunday School Teacher, Nursery Worker, and she was on a Spiritual Committee.



Joel T. Sagawa is joining our church by Transfer of Certificate from Pasadena Mennonite Church, CA. He is working as a Professor at Point Loma Nazarene University and is married to Lauren Mueller. Joel enjoys spending time with his wife and two children, going on bike rides, long hikes, likes to play tennis and watch movies. He has served as a Sunday School Teacher.



Jessica N. Palmer is joining PLCPC by Profession of Faith, having received the Sacrament of Baptism at Westchester Church of Christ in L.A. Jessica has four children, Sebastian (12), Mackenzie (10), Landon (8), Marin (4), and is married to Jonathan. She is a Scientist for the U.S. Navy. She has been involved in the OB Community Dinner and Kids Choir.



Ann Penny is joining us by Reaffirmation of Faith, once holding membership at the United Methodist Church in Burlington, CO. Ann is an Attorney and has two children, Catherine (35) and Andrew (29). She has been coming to the Women's Bible Study on Tuesday mornings and is involved in the Prayer Quilt Group. Other community responsibilities include involvement in the PEO Chapter TZ San Diego.



Kayla Karesh is joining PLCPC by Profession of Faith, having previously received the Sacrament of Baptism at Del Cerro Baptist Church. Kayla is a Clinical Director for Marriage and Family Therapy. She is married to Howard who is also joining our PLCPC community as a member. Together they have three children: Sidney (23), Ketsia (5), and Neils (3). They greatly enjoy family time together.



Nancy I. Schroeder is joining PLCPC by Reaffirmation of Faith, coming from First United Methodist Church in Fort Myers, FL. Nancy is a Senior Director at West Health. She is married to David and they have twins, Lila and Cooper (9). Besides being a busy mom, Nancy is a great sports fan and loves the beach, as well as spending time with family and friends.



David J. Schroeder is also joining by Reaffirmation of Faith, once holding membership at Desert Chapel Christian Church in Palm Springs, CA. He and his wife Nancy have two children. He enjoys spending time with his family at the beach and going hiking. In addition, he loves surfing and skiing.



Sally M. McGehee is joining PLCPC by Transfer of Certificate from First Southern Baptist Church of Scottsdale, AZ. She is an active homemaker and married to Corey. Sally also has a son, Kelly (2) and a daughter, Cait (4 months). She enjoys being outdoors and loves paper crafting. Friends at our church include Sarah Butterfield and Ann Brooks.

Not pictured here but also joining our church family: **Celeste Grant**.

ADULT MINISTRY

Sunday Scripture Group—9:45 am, Parlor.

We will discuss NT Wright's *The Greatest Letter Ever Written*.
Contact: Bob Simoneau, grs55@cox.net

Continuing the Conversation— 4th Mondays at 7pm, Parlor
Participants will share experiences, ask questions and develop friendships. Our goal is a racism-free society through transformed hearts and minds. Contact: Gordy Lutes, gklutes@gmail.com

Rachel Circle—3rd Mondays at 9:30 am in the Library. Our next meeting is on January 15. All are welcome. Contact: Marge Grant, (619) 296-2720.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study—9 am, Parlor. Pastor Karla will lead us with seven week study on *The Jesus Creed* by Scot McKnight. Contact: Clara Blenis, (619) 223-5950

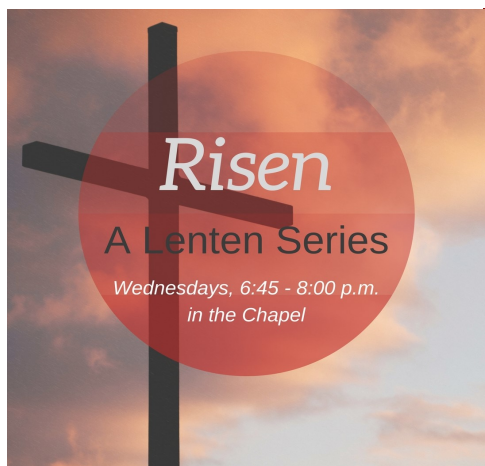
Men@Work—Wednesdays at 8:30 am in the Library. Following coffee, study, and camaraderie, we'll take on fix-it projects around campus. Em Cummins will lead our study. Contact: Don Griffith, don-pete@cox.net

Wednesday Moms' Bible Study—9:15-10:30 am, in the Parlor. Pastor Karla leads this study on *How to Read the Bible For All Its Worth* by Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart

Wednesday Men's Bible Study—5 pm in the Parlor. Calling all men to join us for study, discussion, fellowship, and prayer. Bill Creasey's videos guide our discussion. Contact: gheidt@ghhco.com

Wednesday Refresh—7-8:30 pm on 1st and 3rd Weds. Home of Jim Grisolia and Carla Stayboldt. We're reviewing galley proofs of Marc Shaw's *Wanderer's Way*. Contact: jamesgrisolia@gmail.com.

The Bridge—For singles, couples, 20s to 40s. Contact: Julia Roller, juliaroller@yahoo.com



Risen: A Lenten Series

**Wednesdays at 6:45—8:00 p.m. in the Chapel
(starts Feb. 21st)**

Join this 5-week journey into exploring the question of Jesus' death and resurrection.

*Lead by our new Director of Community Life, Evan Gratz
(Childcare available by request.)*

Lenten Sunday Morning Series: "Deeper Dive"

Sundays, February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18

9:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center

Coffee from 9:30-45, Deeper Dive Experience 9:45-10:30

Join our Spiritual Formation Team for a "Deeper Dive". We will offer discussion and application for the content of the Sunday sermon. Our time will also build ways to be with God and grow in our faith.

Sign up first two Sundays in February on the patio.



Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 14 at 6:00 P.M.

All are invited to an evening beginning with a simple meal followed by a time of worship, communion and the imposition of ashes. Children's programming available after dinner. For nursery reservations contact cynthia@pointlomachurch.org. Sign up online, on the plaza, or in the church office.

Interfaith Shelter February 24—March 10, 2018



PLCPC is renewing a partnership with the Interfaith Shelter in 2018 and will be a host site for our homeless brothers and sisters, February 24-March 10. PLCPC will house up to 12 guests (men, women and children) who are actively working with case managers at Presbyterian Urban Ministries to seek employment, long-term housing, and other services. ALL shelter guests are required to obtain the Hepatitis A vaccination. The risk of spreading Hepatitis A through PLCPC's participation in the shelter program is exceedingly low—far lower than using a public restroom or dining at a local restaurant. Numerous steps have been and will be taken to reduce any further chance of spreading Hepatitis A. Individuals with active substance abuse or mental health problems are directed to other shelters that have resources appropriate for their needs.

Sign-Up to Volunteer at: pointlomachurch.org/connect/register

For more information, contact Mark Olcott: olcott@cox.net

Intergenerational Mission Trip

— Rancho Genesis

Ensenada, Mexico , July 15-July 21, 2018

Take this unique opportunity to build a one-on-one relationship with an orphan as you share the love of Jesus through VBS and Outdoor Adventures.

Informational Meeting:

Church Parlor — Tues. Feb. 6th @ 6:00 pm

Contact: Carol Leimbach, (619) 920-2551,
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ANGEL TREE®

Thank you for all those who participated this year in Angel Tree. This mission was a huge success and brought joy to many families and children this year. All of your generous donations were well received. When raising a child whose parent is behind bars, the future can seem daunting. Prison Fellowship, the organization that runs Angel Tree Christmas program is a source of strength, comfort, and hope to face each day with God and promise in his Word.



DEACON FOOD DRIVE

February 18—March 25

During the season of the Lent, the Deacons organize our annual food drive. Consider donating food and personal hygiene items to support the following PLCPC Mission Partners:

- Presbyterian Urban Ministries
- Loaves & Fishes
- OB Community Dinners
- Military Outreach Ministries

Specific Assignments:

- Preschool, MOPS, TLC

Top ramen, cereal

- Kids Club, Rt.56, Children's Choir, Sunday School

Canned Tuna, canned fruit, canned vegetables

- Red Brick Senior Center

Pasta, rice

- Tuesday AM Women & Moms Bible Studies

Peanut Butter

- Prayer Quilt Ministry

Chili, soup, beans

- Adult Choir & Ringers Rejoice

Toiletries

- Men @ Work & Men's Bible Study

Mac & Cheese

Apart from these groups and specific items, everyone is welcome to donate. Please drop off non-perishable items in collection boxes around campus.

Contact:

Ed Lynds, (619) 223-1472 , elynds@cox.net

CHOPPED at Church A P.U.M. FUNDRAISER



Teams from our churches will battle to see who can successfully transform ingredients typically found in bags provided by food pantries. They will compete in the categories of main course and dessert. Using only a two-burner hotplate and basic cooking utensils, teams will compete to see who will triumph within these limits.

DATE: SATURDAY MARCH 17, 2018

PLACE: LA JOLLA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-La Jolla, CA

EVENT: Chopped At Church fund raiser for
Presbyterian Urban Ministries (www.pumsd.org)

COST: \$45 for adults, children 12 and under are free

TIME: 5:00 PM to 9 PM

FOOD: Light fare/buffet

TICKETS: Purchase tickets at the door or online at www.pumsd.org

FAMILY FRIENDLY, MUSIC, RAFFLE PRIZES, GUEST JUDGES

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: Vicki Padula
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Sunday School at 8:30 & 9:45 a.m.

Come and learn God's Word!

Age 4 -Kindergarten—Room 2

Grades 1-3—Room 8

Grades 4-6—Room 6

Childcare—ages 6 mo.-Age 3—Nursery (across from Parlor)

Route 56 on Mondays

5 to 7 pm, Youth Center
Dinner included (\$5 donation)
Friends are **always** welcome!



Feb 12 — Regular Meeting

Feb 26 — Regular Meeting

Feb 28 — Serve at OB Community Dinners



Bible Memory Course

Join students grade 3 & up in a special Sunday School class for the 2017-2018 school year. 9:45 am in Classroom 5.

Sept-Dec: Bible Overview

Jan-May: Scripture Memorization &

Application. Those completing the work will be awarded a personalized Bible on May 13.

Kid's Club on Thursdays

Participate in bible stories, crafts, and games.



4-5:00pm:

Grade 2-6

5-5:45 pm:

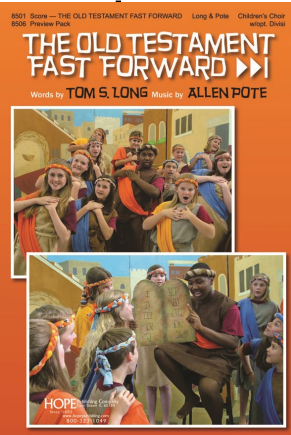
Age 4-Grade 1

in the Family Life Center

Children's Spring Musical Auditions "Old Testament—Fast Forward"

- Grades 2-6 acting, speaking, solo parts
- Auditions on 2/8, 2/15, 2/22 6:00- 6:30p.m. in the choir room
- Musical Performance on Sunday, May 20th
- Thursday afternoon rehearsals

Contact alicia@pointlomachurch.org to sign up



SAVE THE DATE

Ash Wednesday | February 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Children's Program: Age 4—Grade 3

Nursery: Ages 6 months—Age 3

March 11 & March 18, 9:45 a.m.

Special Communion Experience: Grades 4-6

VBS 2018!

"Shipwrecked - Rescued by Jesus" will be the week of **June 25-June 29, 9am-12pm.** Music, games, experiments, Bible stories, snacks and more! Registration starting March 1.



Children and Youth Choirs

Cherub Choir

Age 4—Grade 1

Thursdays 4:00-4:50 in the choir room

Joyful Praise Choir

Grades 2-6

Thursdays 5:00-6:00 in the choir room

Brick Singers - Grades 7-12

Sundays 11:45-1:30p.m. with snack

Learn music reading skills and participate in group voice lessons. For more information contact Alicia at alicia@pointlomachurch.org.



MOPS: Mothers of Preschoolers

www.meetup.com/playgroup-754

Contact: sarahbuttefield@gmail.com

Feb. 6 - Dr. Max Butterfield (PLNU) - "The Importance of Play in the Developing Child"

Feb. 10 - Mom's Night Out - Soda and Swine, 7:30 PM

Feb. 13 - Mom's Morning Out, 9:15 to 11:45

Feb. 20 - Author Ashley Hales - "Breaking Free from Busy and Living Beloved of God"

Feb. 27 - Playground Play date at Shelter Island, 9:30 to 11:30

Feb. 28 - Book Club at The Living Room Cafe 7 PM



FALL REGISTRATION OPENS IN FEBRUARY

We are excited to announce that the Red Brick Preschool will, in addition to their regular HALF DAY (9am-1pm), now offer an EXTENDED DAY (8am-5pm) option beginning in September 2018. This includes an afternoon program after the regular school day has finished at 1pm to better serve the families in our community. We are enrolling children 2 years old by September 1, 2018 through 5 years old. We have options for 2, 3 & 5 days a week for half or full days. We look forward to having you and your family be a part of our preschool.

If you would like to tour the facility or have any questions, please contact Nicole Hage.



BRICK MIDWEEK

Junior High // Thursdays 5-7pm
High School // Thursdays 7-9 pm

BRICK ON SUNDAYS

Junior High // Sundays, 9:45 am
Start in Café service
High School // Sundays, 5pm
Smith Family Casa

Serve Sunday (next: March 18, May 20)

All are invited to be a part of Serve Sunday in which we partner with First Presbyterian Church of San Diego to serve meals to the homeless. We will be serving from 1pm, and conclude around 3:45. We can accommodate rides for those interested that need help with transportation.




Senior High Winter Camp at Forest Home

We will be taking a group of Senior High students to Forest Home near Big Bear from February 23-25. It is an amazing time to get away from the noise of life. Learn how you can trust God, even when you feel lost, and the ways in which He guides us along the expedition of life.

Cost: \$199

Sign Up: pointlomachurch.org/connect/register



Brown Bag Learning
Topic:
Heart Failure

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Topic: Heart Failure
Wednesday, February 21, 12-1 PM
Family Life Center

Learn about the risk factors and warning signs of heart failure from a SHARP Geriatric Nurse Practitioner, as well as preventive measures. FREE. Bring a sack lunch and your questions!

RED BRICK SENIOR CENTER

Join us every Tuesday for lunch and entertainment in a friendly environment.
Coffee & snacks at 10 a.m., Entertainment at 11 a.m., Lunch at Noon. \$8

2/6 Oscar Arias – Uplifting Favorites

February birthdays, homestyle tomato soup with grilled cheese sandwiches and birthday cupcakes.

2/13 Mardi Gras! — High Society Jazz Trio

Louisiana red beans & rice with sausages, celery root coleslaw, King cake.

2/20 Chinese New Year! — Preview of movies nominated for the Academy Awards

10:00 AM – Free Blood Pressure Check

Orange chicken & vegetable stir fry, egg roll, and dessert

2/27 Hooray for Hollywood — Lynda Franklin Salute to the Oscars 2018

Photos, music, and humor in an interactive presentation.

Hearty Cobb salad served with homemade bread sticks.

FOREVER FIT
SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS
In partnership with the YMCA
Every Wednesday
at 9AM
Family Life Center
FREE!

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Annual Reports for 2017

SENIOR PASTOR

Rev. Karla Shaw

2017 has been a year of transition for the church, but also a Year of Celebration! I had no idea a year ago that I would be writing this annual report no longer as your Associate Pastor, but as your Head of Staff! It was in January 2017 that I was just beginning the process of discerning with the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) my role at the church. Through the first four months of the 2017 year, I was praying and asking for God to lead us and me to a decision. That decision came to fruition on May 21 when you voted me in as your new Senior Pastor.

If you recall, at the beginning of 2017 we were still awaiting Chris Lenocker to step in as our Interim, so I started out the year running! I had the opportunity in January to co-teach with Lynn Ziegenfuss at our annual Women's Retreat on the topic of "Change"—an appropriate topic, indeed. February and March were spent "maintaining" while Chris got oriented. April we had a fabulous Holy Week with the addition of an expanded Easter Fest on Palm Sunday and the Way of the Cross interactive art experience in the Chapel. May and June were whirlwinds as I accepted the call to serve as your Senior Pastor and began preparing for a two-month sabbatical. Sabbatical in July and August gave me refreshment and time with my family to come back on September 1 in a new role. Since September, my priorities have been about streamlining processes, building a consistent and talented staff and volunteers, leadership development, and discerning where God is leading us as a community.

During my first week back, the staff went on a full-day retreat to create a new mission/vision for the church. This was adopted by Session and will be rolled out over this coming year. The leadership has also been reading and engaging the book *Canoing the Mountains* by Tod Bolsinger. This book is provoking us to explore our own organizational culture and helping us ask questions that will help us adapt to the post-Christian world we are operating in. The Session committees have been made more efficient under the new church by-laws adopted in February 2017. We now have fewer Elders on Session, but are in alignment with the Mission Study about Change & Regeneration. We have brought back an Elder to work on Strategic Planning, empowering an Elder for Outreach, and we are looking forward with an Elder for Renovation. We are also spending more time in prayer as the spiritual leaders of this community. The Elder training was packed theologically, but also practically equipping our Elders to lead.

The fall was filled with the hiring of new staff. My old Associate Pastor position was split into two positions to help us straddle the challenge of outreach to young families and caring for our aging population. We hired a new Director of Community Life, Evan Gratz (begins February 1, 2018) and a candidate for Associate Pastor for Congregational Care will be presented to the congregation on February 11, 2018.

Alicia McMillan agreed to serve as our Interim Director of Worship until we conduct a formal search in 2018.

Our worship times changed so we could accommodate three services. Our attendance all around is up from the previous years, and the Café Service has boomed with the attendance easily hitting 110-120 each week!

We have been exploring Jesus' central message of the Kingdom of God this fall, *The Way in Words*, by looking at the parables. In Advent I preached a series on *Unpacking God's Presence*. I also did a Blue Christmas Service on December 20 which was meaningful for those experiencing loss during the holidays.

I feel very excited with the buzz around the campus these days, between our engagement with the topic of racism through Talk Race, our emerging Family Camp in October with 120 people, our exceptional new staff, and many of you choosing leadership in new ways. God's hand is on this place and this is a sweet time to be in ministry here. Thanks for letting me journey with you as we continue to discern together where God is leading us!

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Melissa Mullins

The Business Administrator role expanded from a part-time position under Don Brenneman to a full-time position as I stepped into this role in November. The shift to a full-time position is intended to expand the role from day-to-day operations of the church (facility, finance, human resources) to include aligning all ministries within the church to the mission and vision of PLCPC. I am honored to fulfill these responsibilities for our community.

In looking back over 2017, there were many improvements made around the campus. There were new laminate floors installed in the TLC rooms of the Preschool creating a cleaner, more functional environment. The Preschool hallways also got a great face-lift with a new mural. The Chapel projection and sound system was updated to be more user-friendly for the volunteers and a more balanced experience for the attendees. Pastor Karla's office got a fresh coat of paint before she started as our Pastor in September. Coming in 2018 will be a staff office renovation to accommodate three new staff members coming on to help us carry out the Mission Study.

At the end of 2017 and into 2018, we began a process to update a few human resources internal procedures for our staff. Julia Bell, our new Communications Coordinator, was the first to walk through our revised on-boarding process. We are thrilled to have her on our staff and the passion for sharing stories and organization that she brings to our team. She will build upon updates from 2017 including the implementation of a new church database, Simple Church. This software helps to track and update member information more easily, allows us to accept online payments for events and contributions and also allows us to utilize a secure child check-in system.

We also kicked off the "Year of Celebration" in the fall, which will continue through the summer of 2018. This theme is experienced in our worship services as stories of transformation are shared, as well as in our stewardship campaign where we are able to offer gratitude and celebration for God's faithfulness. The Finance committee report will share in detail about our 2017 financials.

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP

Karen Connor

2017 brought about a few exciting changes for the Children's Ministry program. We opened a new nursery space across from the Parlor to welcome families with small children worshipping with us on Sundays. We introduced a new Children's Ministry logo and campus signage to give us a larger visual presence on our campus, direct families to where they need to go, as well as to link our many forms of communication together with one identifiable brand. We are in the midst of doing great things for God so we want to be seen!

Our weekly Sunday School program continues to serve about 50+ children, ages 4yrs-6th grade. Dedicated volunteer teachers share their faith walk with the children through Bible stories, games, crafts, songs, and prayer. We welcome up to 40 children a week each Thursday during Kids Club where children participate in Bible stories, crafts, and games. This very popular program is typically paired with the Children's Choir, led by Alicia McMillian, but can be enjoyed separately. In January, twenty-six of our 4th-6th graders attended Forest Home Children's Winter Camp near Big Bear where they spent an engaging weekend with other Christian youth. Our twice-monthly Rt. 56 meetings are another way that children of this age can come together on a regular basis for fun and fellowship. Our MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) program, run by Sarah Butterfield, hosts bi-monthly meetings on Tuesdays from September through May. Moms with young children form relationships with other moms to share, learn, and grow in Christ together. Other MOPS opportunities include park dates, mom's night out, and the newly formed Book Club. On Palm Sunday, we hosted our fifth annual Easter Fest as an outreach for our church and the community. We expanded the celebration to make it more appealing for all generations and activities included live music, lectures, a Youth scavenger hunt, Easter egg hunt, a petting zoo, crafts, a bounce house, and the very popular staff dunk tank.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) was held the week of June 26 and our theme was "Maker Fun Factory." We set another attendance record with 298 children gathering together to discover the wondrous things God does for them in their lives while having such a great time. Our mission project was to provide money for Urban Farm Ministries, a local mission partner, to help with their children's garden. The kids raised \$1,096! Special thanks to the many volunteers who gave of their time before, during and after the week of VBS. The program is not possible without them. In December, we hosted our fourth annual Red Brick Christmas party in the Family Life Center.

Hundreds of people gathered for the festivities which included gingerbread houses, crafts, Christmas carolers and a special visit from Santa. A highlight for many was taking part in "Christmas Carol-oke" sponsored by our Youth Ministry program.

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP & CAFÉ WORSHIP

LEADER, RO Smith

I have been here for over a year, and I feel like I am re-learning ministry which has been refreshing and challenging. While I have only been participating in the life of the community for 16 months, here are summaries and hopes for the communities I specifically serve.

CAFÉ WORSHIP

The Café Service has experienced some exciting growth in weekly numbers and energy, but also within the volunteer participation. We have streamlined how we gather the weekly offering to align more with the Sanctuary services. Kristin Stephany is our main usher, and we have recruited 7 more ushers who are willing to help when called upon. Larry Brenner has really stepped into the role of Café Service greeter. Our next step is to find more people to put in position alongside Larry. In the audio/visual aspect, we have increased the number of volunteers to 4, along with Jonathan Seifert who is compensated for his service. In trying to add certain liturgical pieces within the service (i.e. public reading of Scripture), I have partnered with Karen Connor to find different children and youth who might be strong and comfortable readers on certain weeks to help with the reading of the Word. Finally, with the band, we have both increased the numbers of the band members, and the age of the members.

YOUTH

I am enjoying getting to know the students and embrace the new challenges ministering to this community brings with it. I build relationships and learn of needs that will help shape and inform the direction of the program moving forward. Here are some of the highlights from the last year, and projected highlights we look forward to:

CAMP EXPERIENCES

The camp experience is one of the crucial events in the growth and spiritual development of adolescents where they hear God in a profound way. This past summer, we took 13 high school students to Lake Shasta for Houseboats. It was an amazing time of getting to know one another in close quarters, and really see the students develop lasting bonds with one another. We also took 7 Junior High students to Catalina Island for Campus By The Sea Summer Camp.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is the time when 8-12 grade students claim the promises that were made on their behalf in baptism. Last year, we confirmed 6 students on June 11, 2017, and celebrated their confirmation with a luncheon for friends, family, mentors, and staff.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AND MISSIONS

One of the stronger values in our youth group is the desire to serve. We have partnered more intentionally with UrbanLife Farms and Ladle Fellowship. This is an area I hope to grow more in 2018.

HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUP

Mindy and I have started hosting a high school small group at our house on Sundays from 5-7pm. We have dinner together, play card/board games, and then have a time of studying the Bible. We have anywhere from 4-9 students each week.

BOY SCOUTS AND ROBOTICS

I am now the liaison between the Boy Scout and Robotics groups (along with Karen Conner), and the church and we look forward to partnering more in 2018.

NEED FOR ADULTS

One of the shortcomings I have discovered within the BRICK youth community is the need for adults and adult presence. The more adults “without an agenda” there are in the lives of students, the more likely those students hold on to their faith through college and beyond. Whether it is in the Children Department or Youth Department, my hope is that as adults, we will make a “life on life” investment for our children and students.

DIRECTOR OF SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Elaine Burrell

It is my privilege and a blessing to serve the cherished older adults in our community as Director of Senior Adult Ministry. Our mission is to provide fellowship and educational opportunities that nurture the spiritual, social, intellectual, and physical wellness of mature adults.

In 2017, we continued our much-loved Tuesday luncheon and welcomed a new chef, Cecilia Tajonar, along with Judith Clayton, to prepare nutritious and delicious meals for our seniors each week. In May, the three of us educated ourselves by attending a course on the unique nutritional needs of seniors. Some special programming that was offered on Tuesdays included a Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, a Memorial Day program, and my favorite, a special Veterans Day program. We are blessed to have people within our own church who have given presentations on fascinating subjects at our monthly Brown Bag Learning programs. Topics this year included national parks, downsizing, physician home visiting, and even senior pet ownership! We took our first outing in the church van, visiting a retirement community and learning about various assisted living options. In July, the church honored our senior adults by observing Senior Adult Sunday. In the Fall, we launched Red Brick Visitors, a small group of volunteers who visit church members who are unable to attend church due to age or health limitations.

Our partnership with SHARP Healthcare and the Peninsula YMCA permitted us to offer our annual Senior Health Fair in October, monthly blood-pressure checks, and a free weekly gentle exercise class which is very well-attended. I continue to represent PLCPC on the Board of Directors of the wonderful Peninsula Shepherd Center, which provides transportation services to seniors in Point Loma. As the needs of our aging population change, I am always seeking new ideas for the Senior Ministry program, particularly in the areas of spirituality and aging, and the importance of social connections for seniors. Therefore, I am enrolled in an online course in Healthy Aging, and plan to attend the Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network (POAMN) Conference in June at Zephyr Point, CA. In April 2018, we will be hosting an End of Life Conference in partnership with SHARP, and I hope to take at least one more van outing with the seniors this spring. I am grateful for the privilege of working with our cherished seniors and I hope to continue to provide meaningful encounters to those in the autumn of their life.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Steve Smith

In addition to being a congregation, PLCPC is a corporation. As such it must comply both with the *Book of Order* and with California and federal law. It also seeks to be an example of good, efficient practices that reflect the mission and goals of the church. The officers of the corporation this year have been Kathy Wright (Vice-Chair), Paul Diller (Secretary/Clerk), John Leimbach (Treasurer), and Steve Smith (Chair). In addition, the at-large members of the Executive Committee have been Debbie Fountain (Personnel) and Joel Miller (Stewardship). Senior Pastors Chris Lenocker (Interim) and Karla Shaw also served as invaluable *ex officio* members of the Executive Committee. This has been a particularly active time in the corporate governance of the church. Here is a summary of some of the major events:

* In February 2017 the Congregation adopted revised Bylaws, as proposed by the Session. The Session had worked on this project throughout 2016, and 2017 has been a year of implementing the new requirements of those Bylaws.

* The Bylaws require a number of Standing Rules to guide the work of the church. The Session adopted several Standing Rules related to corporate matters—including a Conflict of Interest policy and the establishment of the Audit Committee.

* The Conflict of Interest Policy establishes formal rules to ensure that the church complies with laws concerning self-dealing. Each member of the Session is required to complete a Conflict of Interest statement.

* An Audit Committee was appointed by the Session. It met with the auditors (the committee does not conduct the audit, but receives the audit from the auditors) and presented the audit to the Session. It also made a number of important suggestions for improving the audit and financial processes.

* The Session established a new corporate committee, the Executive Committee. The session asked that committee to serve as the Governance Committee. The committee is active in considering matters between meetings of the Session and coordinating the work of committees and other groups.

* The Session engaged in a formal self-assessment and made a number of adjustments in its processes in response to that assessment.

* The Session re-named some of its committees to better reflect their purpose and for the sake of consistency, and a new long-range planning committee was established.

* The work of the Corporation has relied heavily on the Secretary of the Corporation/Clerk of the Session, Paul Diller. Paul maintains excellent minutes and other records, is our reporting liaison with the Presbytery, and in countless ways makes the work of the church more effective and efficient. In addition, his understanding of the history of the church has often kept us from repeating the mistakes of the past. He is stepping down as Secretary/Clerk, and we will miss him. Thank you, Paul!

* The structures associated with the new Bylaws will continue to be implemented in 2018. With the Bylaws and related documents in place, we can work with the essential organizations of the church to help ensure the maximum support for the church. Also important this year will be supporting the strategic planning efforts of the Session and funding for all aspects of our mission.

DIRECTOR OF PRESCHOOL & TLC

Nicole Hage

The preschool continues to grow and thrive. This school year we were able to add another classroom to our Toddler program. We now have 5 preschool classrooms and 3 TLC classrooms. This gives us the opportunity to serve around 160 families. We have one director, an administrative assistant, 8 lead teachers, and 11 teaching assistants all working together. Every year we offer free vision screenings. These are put on by Autism Tree Project foundation and The Elks Programs. Our annual Poinsettia fund raiser was successful this year; helping us raise \$1,000 that we donated to Autism Tree Project Foundation. We continue to invite preschool families to join church events and this is helping us grow our church. Easter fest was wonderful and brought many preschool families to our church. The preschool VBS and summer camp grew, and the families seem to enjoy having these safe and fun events for their children. The preschool also moved to a new billing and software system; ProCare. This has given us the opportunity to receive payments by credit card and automatic withdrawal. At Christmas time the families gave gifts to the manger, which donated a truck full of diapers and other baby supplies to Military Outreach Ministries. As we gear up for the next fall registration we are excited to announce we will be offering an Extended Care Program after regular school hours.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Debbie Fountain

2017 was a pretty busy year for the Personnel Committee. As all can probably imagine, staff transitions were a big part of the work effort. The Committee is pleased with its successes and excited to help position the Church with outstanding staff to continue its daily mission to experience Jesus, strengthen Christ's Church, journey into deeper faith, and transform our world. We completed several very critical work efforts, including:

* Working in coordination with the Interim Pastor, Chris Lenocker, to oversee the work of staff as the Pastor Nominating Committee and congregation completed its process for calling a new Pastor and Head of Staff.

* Completing the process to develop and enter into an Employment Agreement and related Summary of Benefits and Minister Policies for Pastor and Head of Staff Karla Shaw.

* Assisting the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee to prepare, submit, obtain approval and post the Minister Information Form (MIF) to initiate the recruitment of an Associate Pastor of Congregational Care.

* Coordinated with Pastor Karla on staff transitions, including retirement of our Business Manager and Minister of Music, Don Brenneman as of December 31st and recruitment efforts for a new Business Administrator, Interim Director of Worship, Director of Community Life and other vacated staffing positions that support church and preschool functions.

* Initiated efforts to revise Employee Handbook and completed a draft for review by staff. The draft handbook is undergoing some legal review and then will be presented to Session's Executive Committee for review and comment, and ultimately to the full Session for review, comment and approval.

Future projects for the Personnel Committee in 2018 include completion and adoption of the revised Employee Handbook and completing recruitment and hiring processes for vacant staff positions, including the Associate Pastor of Congregational Care. The Personnel Committee also intends to work with staff to develop an enhanced, more formal volunteer services program to help fill the gaps identified for work efforts within the Church. We know that the congregation has many gifts and talents that they would like to share, but members may not always know how they can best help. The Personnel Committee hopes to help bridge those gaps by working with staff through a more formal program with great training and management.

Finally, the Personnel Committee itself is interested in adding members who want to share their gifts of skills, knowledge and talents in the field of personnel or volunteer management to help the organization and its ability to serve the congregation and the broader community.

If you are interested in participating as a member of the Personnel Committee, please contact Dwight Kellogg at dwightkellogg@icloud.com or Debbie Fountain at pfountain@cox.net.

BOARD OF DEACONS

Stephanie Wylie

The Deacons provide a Ministry of Compassion and Service. We have representatives on Session Committees, support the OB Community Dinners, Loaves and Fishes and PUM. We supply the baby roses, send greeting cards, college care packages and military care packages. We ran the SOUPer Bowl Sunday and Lenten Food Drives which in 2017 were another huge success. The Deacons collect backpacks and collect money for bus passes for PUM. Our Love Baskets give a meal to those in need. Every Sunday a Deacon is at the door to greet you and after the service the flowers are delivered by the Deacons. On Easter, all Deacons help to deliver over 80 bouquets. We had receptions in February to welcome Pastor Chris Lenocker, June to honor Pastor Karla's service as Associate Pastor, July to celebrate the church's 80th anniversary and August to thank Pastor Chris for his service as Interim Pastor. The Prayer Chain is run by a member of the College of Deacons and we help run the Discovery Community classes. Three Pancake Breakfasts raised money for the Chapel sound system, youth scholarships, and an ice maker for the kitchen. The Deacons also gave money to the PUM Golf-4-Good event, purchased Home Communion sets, and supported the Ringers ReJOYce. The Deacons are always working to make our church a caring church.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Kathy Wright

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of 6 new Elders, plus 2 returning, and 6 new Deacons, plus 5 returning, for election in September. The Committee also evaluated candidates for the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and presented a slate of 4 members for election in September. The Chair of the Nominating Committee organized the Session Retreat, which was held on June 3, 2017, at St. Peter's-by-the-Sea Lutheran Church. The agenda included the results of the Session Survey developed by Steve Smith, President of the Corporation and Chair of the Finance Committee; a discussion of Session structure and possible changes; and a brainstorming session, which included a member of the Pastor Nominating Committee. As a result of the Retreat discussions, a summary sheet was prepared for each Session Committee. The sheet includes the following information about each committee: purpose, duties and responsibilities, accountability, membership (including non-elders and staff advisors), and a calendar of activities. The Session Handbook was updated for training new Elders in October. The packet for new Elders included the Handbook, the new 2017 *PLCPC Bylaws*, the new *Conflict of Interest Policy*, which is to be signed by all Elders; and a packet of the Committee Summary sheets. A Nominating Committee Handbook has been completed. It will be used for training and reference for the Elders who are Chair and Vice Chair of the 2018 Nominating Committee and is designed to be easily updated by future Nominating Committee Chairs.

It contains relevant portions of the *PLCPC Bylaws*, current procedures and practices, a calendar of activities, notes and tips, and other useful information. Also included are samples of forms, letters, reports, etc.

ADULT MINISTRY

Beth Zedaker

In 2017, much was accomplished in Adult Ministries. Both Men's and Women's Ministries facilitated many small Bible study and covenant groups, retreats, contemplative days, breakfasts, luncheons, and dinners with inspirational speakers. 175 attended the Ash Wednesday dinner in the Family Life Center. The annual Women's retreat averages 100-120 women attending a weekend retreat.

The Women's Ministries offers a bible study for young Mom's; a weekly Tuesday morning bible study and the annual Women Connecting Dinner in the spring. Additional groups and opportunities offered during the week include: Sunday morning study; Men at Work; Community Bible Study; Mothers of Preschoolers- MOPS; Prayer Quilt Ministries; Red Brick Knitters and Rachel's Circle

The Men's Ministries offered a weekend retreat with approximately 30 men in attendance. The men also met a few times during the year for fellowship, prayer and a light meal at "Prayers and Pints" - not to forget our Men at Work. Family Ministries enjoyed Family Camp in October with many young families in attendance.

ENDOWMENT

Millie Gallagher

Requests for proceeds from the Endowment Fund were granted to the Prayer Quilt Ministry for a cabinet to store fabric and quilts; to the PLCPC Preschool for a new refrigerator to store the student snacks; and from the music fund to support the Christmas concert. The proceeds from the Endowment fund are specifically available to help with unexpected and unbudgeted expenses of the church and also for costs of starting new programs and mission projects. The committee of seven meet several times per year, as needed, to review, discuss and approve requests, and to review the financial reports. All donors of gifts to the Fund receive a note of acknowledgement and the families of those that are memorialized also receive a note. As the Fund grows, the more proceeds will become available to support our growing needs and expansions. Please consider a gift now and remember to add PLCPC Endowment as a recipient in your will or trust.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

Alicia McMillan, Interim Director of Worship, Organist/ Director of Children's Choirs

2017 was a joyful and active year for PLCPC's music ministry. With the generosity and support of dedicated families we acquired a new Steinway 9' Hamburg grand piano and dedicated it to the glory of God in March. In November, Bryan presented a phenomenal classical piano recital attended by hundreds of guests from our congregation and the community.

In August, we were treated to another fun summer courtyard concert with Bryan and friends. Our choir ministry has been strong and active with four groups welcoming all generations; Cherub Choir for 4, 5 and 6 year-olds, Joyful Praise Choir for 2nd-6th graders, Brick Singers for grades 7-12, and the New Covenant Choir for adults. The highlights from Choral Ministry include our annual Christmas Concert with Orchestra presented to over a thousand people in celebration of Christ's birth, the Children's Choir Musicals in May and December, Caroling to Homebound by the Youth Choir, Easter services with brass and the faithful and loyal ministry of the New Covenant Choir every week in morning worship. Our Blackinton pipe organ has been a strong presence in leading congregational singing and inspiring joyful praise. The Ringers ReJOYce! handbell choir under Ann Simoneau's direction contribute greatly to our services and seasonal events. We have been blessed with faithful volunteers in the Worship Band ministry and Media Ministry as well as the dedicated work of our media technician, Erich McMillan. I would like to thank the following volunteers who work tirelessly for our ministry: David Zedaker, David Held, Bob Giesick, Worship Band Ministry; Dotty Burgess, Carol Nicholson, Paula Vance Choir Librarians; Jill Curtiss, Children's Choir Drama Coach; John Spafford, Sunday PowerPoint File Editor; Bob Giesick, Head of Media Ministry for 2017; Dave Baker, Head of Media Ministry for 2018, and all the Media Ministry Volunteers. With gratitude and appreciation we celebrated Don Brenneman's ministry as our Minister of Music and Business Administrator for the last 29 years. Don touched many lives upholding the high standards of music and inspiring the joy of singing. We wish him a retirement full of joy and excellent music. We look forward to continuation and growth of the Music Ministry .

MISSION BEYOND COMMITTEE

Mark Olcott

As a church, we seek to "Transform Our World" by serving others in the name of Jesus Christ and to help carry out Jesus' commandment. Approximately 10% of funds raised at PLCPC, a tithe, are devoted to mission-related service. The committee administers a large proportion of these funds by developing relationships with mission partners (both local & global) and distributing financial support. We provide and/or promote opportunities for PLCPC members to 'roll up their sleeves' and actively serve our community in the name of our Lord. SERVE projects and trips to Genesis are examples.

Highlights of 2016 include:

- * Distributed \$67,000 in support to 16 mission partners (approximately 55% local, 45% global)
- * Continued a pilot project with Uplift to assist families transitioning from homelessness to housing
- * Continued sponsoring a village in the Dominican Republic (Los Arroyones), part of the global effort to end rural poverty by Plant With Purpose (PWP). Thanks to PLCPC's support over the past seven years, the village now is self-sustaining and has a solid base of sustainable agriculture, a vibrant church, and a savings-and-loan association.

- * Mission trips to Genesis Diez near Ensenada, Mexico. Received visit from Greg Amstutz to continue mission collaboration with Genesis Diez.
- * Continued support for Urban Youth Collaborative (UYC). As part of their ministry on school campuses across San Diego, UYC works with youth from two PLCPC families to re-start and continue a Christian club at Correia Middle School.
- * Commenced activities to house for two weeks in February and March 2018 a group of homeless in coordination with Interfaith Shelter Network.

Interested in getting involved? New committee members are always welcome. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month in the PLCPC library. Seek us out! Many committee members are seasoned volunteers with mission trips and involvement with local and global mission partners (including PUM, Uplift, Genesis, Military Outreach Ministries, OB Community Dinners, Plant with Purpose, and others) and would love to introduce you to 'plug in' volunteer opportunities.

Total Active Membership at Dec. 31, 2016	951
Gains in Membership During 2017:	
Profession/Reaffirmation of Faith	27
Certificate of Transfer	3
Total Gains	30
Losses in Membership during 2017:	
Certificate of Transfer	2
Death	14
Deletions	8
Total Losses	24
Total Active Membership at Dec. 31, 2017	957
Baptism in 2017:	
Adult/Youth	1
Infant/Child	12
Total Baptisms	13

IN MEMORIUM - 2017

- Lyle Butler
- Robert Cheverton
- Marilyn Cross
- David Finster
- Jeanne Frost
- Roger Grant
- Bobbie Harris
- Ken Harvey
- John Hattox
- Gerald Howe
- Karon Luce
- Gerhart Mehner
- Jacqueline Queen
- Howard Turrentine



FEBRUARY 14

6:00 P.M., Family Life Center

All are invited to an evening beginning with a simple meal followed by a time of worship, communion and the imposition of ashes.

- A children's program will be provided after dinner for Age 4-Grade 3.
- Childcare available (6 months-Age 3) (Please contact cynthia@pointlomachurch.org)

Cost for the meal: \$5/person or \$20/Family

Children 5 and under are free

RSVP at pointlomachurch.org/connect/register