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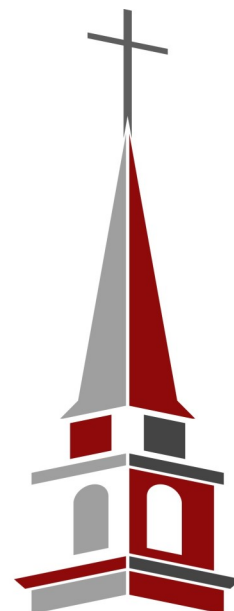
Point Loma  
Community  
Presbyterian  
Church

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...



Dear Friends,

Do you remember how fun it was to give and receive Valentines with your classmates? I am sure the tradition has morphed over time, and you each have your own traditions, but when I was a child, it didn't matter if the cards contained candy or a special treat, what mattered is that another kid in your class, someone that you rubbed shoulders with every day, put a card in your homemade card holder. Because, in that moment, you felt special. Looking back on such a simple gesture, makes me realize how easy it is to bless someone's life. It doesn't take much to "see" someone, it just takes a moment of not looking at yourself.

Years ago, when I was in college ministry, I received a package on my doorstep. The package had been hand-delivered, no return address, so I immediately wondered what it could be. When I opened the box flaps, the contents contained some candy, a card of thankfulness, and two bobble head dolls with the faces taped on of two of my students. It was an unexpected, simple and somewhat silly gift, and I loved it! It wasn't the gift that I loved though, it was the giver of the gift. What made that gift so special, were these two students that had taken the time to remember me. Sometimes God

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## LOOKING AHEAD

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Feb. 9:	SERVE at Urban Life
Feb. 9:	Grossmont Chamber Concert
Feb. 10:	Annual Meeting/Combined Worship
Feb. 12:	Visitor Training
Feb. 18:	Family Camp Reunion
Feb. 24:	Deacon's Pancake Breakfast
Feb. 24:	Rancho Genesis Celebration
Feb. 25:	ROOTED Begins
Feb. 26:	Visitor Training

**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.



**ANNUAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 10  
COMBINED WORSHIP  
AT 9:00 AM  
ALL-CHURCH BBQ  
AT 11:00 AM**

February 10 is our annual meeting and one combined Worship service at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary. Kids Cafe will take place in Classroom 8 at 9:00 am for the full hour of worship. Children will be escorted to the church Library during the meeting and parents can pick them up from there. Following the annual meeting, we invite you to stick around and join us for an all-church barbecue.

**Session Meeting Highlights — January 23, 2019**

The first Session meeting of the year requires many organizational actions. The first was the Congregational Nominating Committee’s proposal of the Elders of Session committee assignments, and the approved assignments may be found, as always, here in the *Spire*.

**Session elected the following officers of the church:**

Elder C. Gresham Bayne, MD	Chairman of the Corporation
Elder Frank Polese	Vice-Chairman
Inactive Elder John Leimbach	Treasurer
Inactive Elder Dianne Grafton	Assistant Treasurer
Mark Nissan	Second Assistant Treasurer
Inactive Elder John Spafford	Clerk
Inactive Elder Kathy Wright	Assistant Clerk

**Session appointed the following Elders of Session to serve on the Executive Committee:**

C. Gresham Bayne, MD	Chairperson
Frank Polese	Vice-Chairperson

Sam Przywitowski, Dwight Kellogg, Mike Long, Mary Harker and Barbett Wood

**Also serving *ex-officio* on the Executive Committee:**

Rev. Karla Shaw, John Leimbach and John Spafford

The Executive Committee meets occasionally to review policy issues and deal with emergent concerns on behalf of the Session

Session also approved the Service of the Lord’s Supper dates and events for the year, and elected Em Cummins, Art Michalek, Gresham Bayne and Session Representative Barbett Wood as Presbytery Commissioners.

The 2019 Church Operating Budget was discussed and approved. While giving totals remain consistent, the number of pledging units has decreased making budget planning more difficult. Income of \$1,279, 250 is planned, and expenses are balanced to that amount. There will be no program increases. Session commended the staff and the Finance Committee for closing out 2018 with a \$25,000 surplus.

Session approved the replacement of the Family Life Center roof not to exceed \$50,000.

Rev. Shaw reported that Alicia McMillan has been chosen as Director of Worship and Music, and the Session joins the congregation in thanking the search committee: Karla Shaw, Mike Long, Rebecca Cress, Lynn Spafford, Sandy Brenner, Allen Hobbs and Linda Daugherty.

John Spafford  
Clerk

**Save the Date!**

**Deacon’s Pancake Breakfast—February 24 7:30 – 11:30 am in the FLC**

We are raising funds for the Youth Build Mission Trip and scholarships for Youth Camps.

## ADULT MINISTRY

### **Sunday Scripture Group**—9:45 am in the Parlor.

We return to our favorite Middle Eastern Bible scholar, Dr. Ken Bailey, for a two-parter on Jesus and the Beatitudes.

Contact: Bob Simoneau, grs55@cox.net

**Monday Morning Men**—6:30-8:30 am at Peet's Coffee (955 Catalina Blvd.) A casual but intentional time to connect. Drop by for a weekly "take-home" devotional, a cup of coffee and encouragement.

Contact: Evan Gratz, evan@pointlomachurch.org.

**Continuing the Conversation**— 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 7 pm in the Parlor. Our goal is a racism-free society through transformed hearts and minds.

Contact: Gordy Lutes, gklutes@gmail.com

**Rachel Circle**—3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 9:30 am in the Library.

We will not have a February meeting. On February 18, our usual meeting date, we will be celebrating Presidents' Day holiday along with many others.

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. 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 Peter'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 current study of Luke.

Contact: Jerry Heidt, gheidt@ghhco.com

**Wednesday Refresh**—1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds., 7-8:30 pm at the home of Jim Grisolia and Carla Stayboldt. 2868 Dove St. 92103. We're working through The Book of Forgiving, by Desmond & Mpho Tutu. Contact: Jim Grisolia, jamesgrisolia@gmail.com

### **A note from Pastor Karla, continued from page 1**

shows us his love through the grandeur of creation--the majesty of the mountains and the rush of the ocean. Sometimes God's love comes in the form of a caring doctor or empathetic nurse at just the right time. Sometimes God shows us his love by closing a door that feels, in the moment, like a crushing of our dreams. But no matter whether the gifts of God are grandiose, or silly, or, yes, even painful, what matters most is the giver of those gifts--God. And our God is always good, always wants what is best, and always remembers us.

As we move into this new month, whatever is to be revealed in the coming days, I hope we all continue to trust in the goodness of God more and more. And I hope we all continue to see God at work in our own lives, with big enough eyes to bless someone else.

Trying to live in this moment,

Pastor Karla



The Genesis International Orphanage Foundation Gala is Friday, Feb. 22 at 6pm, Marriott Liberty Station. Featuring Rev. Brad Gustafson as emcee and introducing the new Rancho Genesis campsite and art murals. Contact Carol Leimbach at cleimbach20@gmail.com for tickets and more information.

### **Interfaith Shelter**



In San Diego County, nearly 9,000 of our neighbors are homeless (according to the Regional Task Force for the Homeless' 2018 Homelessness Summary Fact Sheet, though all experts agree that the actual number is far higher). Next month, March 9-22 PLCPC is hosting up to 12

homeless 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. Through the Interfaith Shelter, a non-denominational rotational shelter, the participants receive shelter, food and support services at different churches in the community. We need a whole host of volunteers to assure that our homeless brothers and sisters feel safe and well-cared for during their stay with us. Sign-up information is available at the SERVE table on the plaza on Sunday mornings and on our web site: [pointlomachurch.org/register](http://pointlomachurch.org/register).

### **SERVE with us at Urban Life Farms – February 9**

Join us at Urban Life Farms and get your hands dirty, while SERVING others. We typically assist with harvesting, weeding and general clean-up in the fields. All ages are welcome to join us in this important work.

Sign-up on the Plaza or contact [evan@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:evan@pointlomachurch.org) for more information.

### 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 7-9 pm. We eat snack food, play some games, and have a time of study and discussion. Please contact R.O. Smith for more information and directions.

### 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

## Confirmation

### Online Registration Open Until April 1<sup>st</sup>

Open to current 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Confirmation is the time when young people claim the promises that were made on their behalf in baptism. It is also an opportunity to learn what Presbyterians believe and to become full-fledged members of Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church. Cost of the program is \$125 per student, which helps cover the cost of materials, the retreat, classes and the Confo Luncheon. \*\*Please do not allow the cost of the program to prohibit participation as scholarships are available. Registration begins February 1. Contact R.O. Smith for more information.



### Troop 24 Invite You to Join Us!

After 100 years of scouting in Point Loma with the Boys Troop, we are seeking founding members of BSA Girls Troop 24.

Interested in Scouting? Are you a girl, age 11-17 or bridging from Cub Scouting? Please join us for the first Troop Meeting of Founding Year Girls Troop 24, **Tuesday, February 5, 2019,**

**7pm – 8:30 pm** in the Family Life Center.

For more information, please email our Scoutmaster McDermot Coutts [mcdermot@gmail.com](mailto:mcdermot@gmail.com).

Troop 24 is also hosting a Scouting Day at Fiesta Island, Saturday February 9 from 1-5 pm. Enjoy scouting games and skills, meet leaders, parents and scouts. Share food, hot drinks and campfire. RSVP to ASM JudyAnne Snyder at [jsnydersd@gmail.com](mailto:jsnydersd@gmail.com).

### Save These Dates!

#### CAMPUS BY THE SEA

(current 5th-7th graders)

Registration begins February 15

Trip Days: July 23-27

Price: \$435

#### HOUSEBOATS (current 8th-12th graders)

Registration begins March 1

Trip Days: August 4-10

Price: \$495



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### Preschool and Toddler Learning Center 2019-2020 Registration

We are looking forward to another wonderful year at the preschool. We have a half day program with the option for extended hours. Half days will be from 9:00 am -1:00 pm and extended day starting as early as 8:00 am and they can stay as late as 5:00 pm. **CHURCH MEMBER** priority registration for the Preschool programs started on **Monday January 28, from 9:00am-12:00pm**, in the Preschool office. We offer a developmentally appropriate program for children aged 2 years through Pre-K. If you would like to tour the facility or have any questions, please call Nicole at 619 223-3327.





**Sunday Programs**

**8:30 am – Traditional Sunday School**

Children attend the first part of worship with their parents in the sanctuary and are then escorted to Sunday School to participate in age-graded classes following a scripture based curriculum.

**9:45 am – Kids Café worship**

Children will be checked in at 9:40am in the Family Life Center and picked up from there immediately following the Café service. Children will meet as a group for songs, activities, a message, and an offering before breaking out into age-graded small groups.

**Children’s Communion Experience**

Save the date for our annual Communion Experience for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders. This will be an opportunity for students to learn about the sacrament of Holy Communion during Lent in a class taught by Carlene Albrecht. It will be held over two consecutive Wednesdays starting on Ash Wednesday during our adult Lenten series:

**Wednesday, March 6**

Part I: Learn the story of Exodus and how the Jewish people were finally freed from slavery.  
*Choose to receive ashes with friends.*

**Wednesday, March 13**

Part II: Enjoy a Seder Dinner on the floor with grass mats and pillows. Taste and see the culture of Jesus’ time and understand the meaning of the Last Supper and why we celebrate Communion.

**\*RSVP required by March 1.** Please email Karen: karen@pointlomachurch.org



**Journey**

Our youth group for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders continues every Monday night

in the Youth Center from 4-5:30pm for games, fellowship and a lesson. \$3 donation for pizza. Friends are always welcome! On February 4 all 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be invited to officially become part of Brick Jr. High youth group that meets on Mondays from 5-7pm in the Youth Center.

**Kids Club on Thursdays**

Kids Club is a fun & relaxed midweek program that allows kids to connect with others through crafts, active games, Bible stories, snacks and music. It is not essential, but many families pair this program with Children’s Choir.



Grades 2 - 6 meets from 4:00 -5:00 pm in Room 6  
Age 4 - Grade 1 meets from 5:00 -5:45 pm in Room 6

**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



Contact Alicia at alicia@pointlomachurch.org

**MOPS: Mothers of Preschoolers**

www.meetup.com/playgroup-754

Contact: sarahbutterfield@gmail.com



**Feb. 4** - Mom’s Morning Out

**Feb. 11** - Natalie Fitzgerald: Healthy Sleep for Babies and Toddlers (FLC)

**Feb. 23** - Mom’s Night Out (location TBD), 7:30 PM

**Feb. 25** - Wendy Snyder "From Reactive to Responsive Parenting" (FLC)

**Feb. 26** - Book Club (location TBD), 7:00 PM

**Vacation Bible School**

Save the date for “Roar” VBS! It will be held the week of June 24-28. At Roar, kids explore God’s goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade.





**SENIOR  
ADULT  
MINISTRY  
PROGRAMS**

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**THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD (\$12)**

**Wednesday, February 6, 11-12:30pm in the Family Life Center**

The Seven Wonders have awed mankind from the 2nd century BC to the Modern Era. Today only the Great Pyramid at Giza still stands. The Lighthouse at Alexandria, the Temples of Zeus, and the almost-mythical Hanging Gardens of Babylon have either withered or passed into folklore. Join lecturer and author Mark Carlson as he details these wonders and provides images recreated by today's leading archaeologists and architects. **Register through OASIS at 619-881-6262 or at [www.oasisnet.org](http://www.oasisnet.org), or pay at the door.**



**RHINESTONE GRANNIES – VALENTINE LUNCHEON & SHOW**

**Tuesday, February 12; Doors Open at 10, Entertainment at 11, Lunch at Noon (\$6); 9:30-11:00 Blood Pressure Check**

Join us for a delightful performance of dance, comedy and song by this troupe of talented ladies! Enjoy braised beef ribs, wild rice, herbed vegetables and a Valentine dessert (\$6). **RSVP to Elaine**



**CURRENT EVENT DISCUSSION GROUP | Tuesday, February 19, 10-11:30 am | Family Life Center**

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



**HOME CARE, DAY CARE & MEMORY CARE: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

**Wednesday, February 20, 12-1:30pm**

Is it time for more help? Learn about the range of available care options, what they cost and how to access them. Make informed decisions about getting help at home, placement, and community services. Presented by Amy Abrams of Alzheimer's San Diego. Bring a sack lunch and your questions.



**OUTING TO OLD TOWN: SHERIFF'S MUSEUM & LUNCH at MIGUEL'S COCINA**

**Wednesday, February 27 – Meet at the Church at 10:30am for a ride in the church van (limited to 13 people) or meet us at the museum.** Join us for a docent-led tour of this museum covering

the entire history of the San Diego County Sheriff's Department from its inception in 1850 through today. View cars, motorcycles, real life jail cells from various eras, and replica Sheriff's office from the 1850's, 1940's and present. After the tour, we will have lunch at Miguel's Cocina on the same block. \$5 Admission to the museum, bring \$20 for lunch. **RSVP to Elaine.**



**FOREVER FIT | GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE YMCA**

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

**Family Camp Events!**

**Feb. 18th - 10am-4pm Family Camp Reunion at Rancho Viva**

This is a one day event to gather, eat and fellowship with other families who've attended Family Camp in the past! If you've never attended a PLCPC Family Camp, but are interested in the future, you're welcome to join us as well!

Please rsvp via the Evite, or contact Evan directly: [evan@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:evan@pointlomachurch.org)

**Feb. 24th, Noon-1:30 - Rancho Genesis Celebration Lunch.**

Please join us in the Family Life Center for lunch, and to hear testimonies and stories from our team who spent a week serving in Ensenada Mexico last July. This will also be the first opportunity to hear about our plans for the summer 2019 trip! Please register online, on the PLCPC website, so we can plan numbers accordingly for lunch.

## SESSION & STAFF

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## Life Events

### Deaths:

- A Memorial Service for Darlyn Hauck will be held February 15, 2019 at 2:30 pm offsite.
- Dotty Burgess passed away on January 24, 2019. A memorial service will be held on February 23, 2019 at 10 am in the Sanctuary.
- Marianne Boaz passed away on January 20, 2019. A Memorial Service will be held on March 9, 2019 at 10 am in the Sanctuary.

## Welcome our New Director of Worship and Music!



Alicia McMillan has served at PLCPC since 1999 as our *Organist and Children and Youth Choir Director*. This past year she served as our *Interim Worship Director*. She holds music degrees from the University of Tampa in Florida and Northwestern University in Chicago, as well as her teaching credential in music from National University in San Diego. Alicia has served in various musical roles in multiple churches across our city and has volunteered and taught music in our local schools, as well as, privately. In fact, the Loma Portal Elementary School music program that Alicia developed 15 years ago is still going strong! In addition to her wide performance experience, including seasonal solo organ concerts, performing concertos with the orchestra during our annual Christmas Concerts, serving as the choral festival accompanist, and performing on Spreckels Organ in Balboa Park, she is also an active member of the San Diego AGO Chapter and has served on the local board in various leadership roles for more than 8 years.

In Alicia's own words, "PLCPC has been my home for many years and I love this community and its people. I'm looking forward to answering God's call and continuing to nourish the strong tradition of music while developing and growing new programs for all ages that serve our community's needs. In both worship and music, I look forward to creating moments and opportunities for everyone to experience the authentic and transformative power of the living Christ. I also look forward to trying new things, creating different worship experiences, forming strong relationships with the Point Loma and San Diego musical community, and getting to know all of you better! It is a privilege and honor to be serving alongside this wonderful staff and congregation. Thank you for the opportunity!"

If you would like to get involved in our music ministry, Alicia can be found at [alicia@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:alicia@pointlomachurch.org)

### Renovation Task Force Update

A Renovation Task Force "landing page" has been installed on our PLCPC website. To access the link, click on the PLCPC homepage heading "ABOUT." Or use this address: <http://pointlomachurch.org/about/renovation-task-force/>

Now posted on this site is the Renovation Task Force brief report on progress to date. This report also includes access to detailed information from users and congregation members. There are links to all of the responses and inputs given to the four questions discussed at the two Town Hall meetings in November. Next, in February and March, the RTF will select and work with an architect and other professionals to design several options for renovating our campus, by incorporating the information about our church gathered by the RTF. The Congregation can continue to expect progress reports from the RTF while the design process is underway, monthly in *The Spire* and continually on the new Renovation Task Force page on the PLCPC website.

Members of the RTF include John Brand-Chair, Douglas Buser, Susan Cramer, Will Hage, Bob Holst and Melissa Mullins.

### Spring Musical Auditions for grades 2-6

- ⇒ Thursday afternoon practices
- ⇒ Musical Date: Sunday, May 19
- ⇒ Solo, speaking and acting parts available!
- ⇒ All children welcome!
- ⇒ Auditions on February 7, 14, 21st 6-6:30p.m.

Contact  
[Alicia@pointomachurch.org](mailto:Alicia@pointomachurch.org)  
to schedule an audition



## 2018 Annual Reports

### Senior Pastor

#### Rev. Karla Shaw

Looking back on 2018, my first full year as your Senior Pastor, makes me smile at what God is doing in our church family and the ways that we continue to grow and be stretched. The last few months of 2018 were not easy for us, as we had quite a few of our church family pass on. From my position, sometimes it is difficult to see what kind of new life God will produce in us through all this death, but it is indeed there--as death is always followed by new life.

This past year brought with it the ministries of our new *Director of Community Life*, Evan Gratz, and our new *Associate Pastor of Congregational Care*, Alex Wirth. Pastor Chris Lenocker also became our official *Parish Associate*. Through these three fabulous men (who all started in February), we were introduced to a myriad of new ways to meet with God.

Also this year, Melissa Mullins began as our new *Business Administrator*. Under Melissa's leadership we completed a renovation of the church offices, streamlined our giving and HR practices, updated our technical systems, and adopted a new campus-wide Security Plan. Melissa also continues to work on our overall pathway to discipleship, including how we receive visitors. We also hired Joyce Pritchett, as our new *Communications Coordinator* who has helped us continue creating a consistent external message.

Our Session this past year adopted a new Vision, Mission, and Values. These important statements, which are expected to guide us for years to come, were rolled out to the congregation in September through a preaching series entitled "We Are PLCPC." The Session also formed a Renovation Task Force, chaired by John Brand, along with a Children's Education Task Force, tasked to determine facility needs for the back half of our campus.

In the winter and spring from the pulpit, we learned about the Kingdom of God from the parables and lessons from the wilderness. This past summer we did a sermon series on "Loving Our Neighbor." In that series, we had the opportunity to celebrate our mission partners and grow more in the area of SERVE. We now have SERVE opportunities every month. In addition, to sending a team to Rancho Genesis in July this past summer, in February we had a month of homelessness, and hosted, for the first time in many years, the Interfaith Shelter on our campus.

The theme for the 2018-19 school year is "With Everything." This is also the motto for our giving campaign, borrowed from our vision statement. We learned in late fall the importance of stewardship of our whole lives, and for the first time in our 80-year history, changed the approach of our giving campaign to include our talent and time.

For Advent this year, we experienced Christmas through our senses. Twice this year we had the opportunity to experience worship services under the direction of John Spafford, both of which were very meaningful—these included

the Tenebrae service on Maundy Thursday and the "Flicker of Hope" on Christmas Eve.

Looking back on 2018, it is hard to imagine that all this was accomplished, and so much more—as I didn't even mention the search for a permanent *Director of Worship*, structural changes to the Session and Deacons, the 30+ new members that committed to our community, the growth of the Café service, all the bible studies, the expansion of our Preschool, and all the general pastoral care that goes on during any given day as a community of faith.

As we continue in our vision of "Loving Everyone to LIFE with Everything we Have," I look forward to seeing what God will do in our midst in this coming year as we continue to abide in Him.

### Associate Pastor

#### Rev. Alex Wirth

It was exactly one year ago, on our last annual meeting Sunday, that I first preached for you all and you voted to receive me as your Associate Pastor for Congregational Care. 2018 has been a year of settling in, getting to know this community, and working toward living out PLCPC's Vision and Mission as your pastor.

This year I have prayed... A LOT. It has been a privilege to pray for you in worship, with you in hospital rooms, and among you as we share our joys and concerns. I am very glad to have been a part of gathering our Centering Prayer group. Lots of prayer. Lots of connections with God. A privilege to be a part of.

It has also been a privilege to work with the deacons this year. The deacons were already fantastically well organized. I am glad that I've been able come along side the deacons and lead them in faithful conversations about how and why they do their work. We've added an equipping/training piece to each of their meetings so that every time we gather is meaningful.

I am excited to start another year serving as your pastor. Your faithfulness as a congregation is catching and gives me hope for the year ahead.

### Business Administrator

#### Melissa Mullins

2018 was a busy year for the maintenance and improvement of the PLCPC facility. The staff offices were slightly re-configured and renovated to meet the needs of our expanding team. The offices, Sanctuary, and Chapel were re-roofed, we unified and strengthened the internet coverage throughout the campus and installed a new phone system. The sanctuary also had some needed repairs done to the ceiling and portico.

Thanks to the Deacons' Pancake Breakfast, a washer/dryer and ice maker were installed in the FLC and seed money was collected for a new stained glass cross in the Chapel.

The Renovation Task Force (RTF) was formed in July to evaluate the condition of the campus - primarily the preschool, children's education building and music areas. This committee is forming recommendations for how these areas of the facility can be updated to fulfill the mission of the church for years to come.

Under the leadership of Jerry Heidt a Security Task Force was also formed to research best practices and facility improvements for security on the PLCPC campus. The Security Plan was approved by Session in December 2018 and will be implemented in early 2019, which includes additional training for our staff, ushers, deacons and elders.

In conjunction with the Personnel committee, a new employee handbook was written and a volunteer handbook and procedures are close to complete.

A revised mission and vision for the church was a critical step in setting the direction of programming and funding. The staff has been in discussion for aligning all ministry activity to the values. We pray that we all grow in our ability to *Love Everyone to LIFE With Everything We Have!*

### **Interim Director of Worship**

#### **Alicia McMillan**

2018 has been a joyful and active year for PLCPC's music ministry. We welcomed all ages and offered musical opportunities ranging from traditional to contemporary music styles. 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 Ringers ReJOYce! handbell choir, under Ann Simoneau's direction, contributed greatly to our services and seasonal events. The Cafe Band, under the leadership of R.O. Smith, has welcomed many volunteers and budding musicians of all ages. We have been blessed with faithful volunteers in the Worship Band and many volunteers in the Media Ministry headed by Dave Baker.

The 8:30 blended service lead by the New Covenant Choir featured traditional and contemporary music lead by piano and organ with the participation of Worship Band, children's choirs, bells and guest soloists and instrumentalists. The 9:45 Cafe service lead by the Cafe Band featured contemporary music with the participation of youth, children and adults as soloists and instrumentalists. The 10:45 traditional service featured traditional music with soloists, instrumentalists, organ, piano and bells.

The music ministry highlights for 2018 include our annual Christmas Concert with orchestra presented to more than 1,000 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 "Flicker of Hope" Christmas Eve services produced and choreographed by John Spafford. Bryan Verhoye was featured in two phenomenal concerts last fall attended by hundreds in

our sanctuary. Bryan performed the Brahms 2nd Piano Concerto with the Grossmont Symphony and the Brahms Requiem with a double piano accompaniment with the San Diego Master Chorale. In August we were treated to another fun summer courtyard concert with Bryan and friends featuring jazz and contemporary styles. In January we hosted the San Diego Street Choir in all three services. In April, a Mennonite Christian Academy Choir and Band from Manitoba, Canada lead music in sanctuary worship services and in October we hosted Point Loma Singers from the Nazarene University.

Our Blackinton pipe organ has been a strong presence in leading congregational singing and inspiring joyful praise. The organ was a featured instrument in the American Guild of Organists sponsored organ master class lead by the San Diego Civic organist Raul Prieto Ramirez in October. Local organists and professionals attended the class.

The Music Ministry is grateful for the dedication of countless volunteers and participants who work tirelessly by sharing their gifts and talents. We look forward to a year filled with new opportunities and growth and listening for God's guidance in this new season of transition.

### **Director of Senior Adult Ministry**

#### **Elaine Burrell**

2018 was a year of change for Senior Adult Ministry. With the goal of offering more diverse programs of interest to the younger cohort of seniors, as well as preserving the much-loved programs for our eldest seniors, new programs were introduced. Weekly luncheons continued through June, with delightful themes, excellent musical entertainment and nutritious meals. Monthly lectures also took place on health topics, how to use public transportation, and creative workshops. Two major health/caregiving fairs were held in 2018, in partnership with SHARP. Exercise class continued weekly throughout the year thanks to our partnership with the Peninsula Family YMCA.

In June I attended the POAMN Conference in Lake Tahoe where many new ideas were garnered which bolstered and affirmed the need to make some changes to our programming.

In Fall 2018 new programs were introduced. Luncheons with entertainment were reduced to 1x/month and new programs were offered on the other Tuesdays: Current Event Discussion Group, workshops on healthy eating, lectures on health and well-being, even a laughter workshop! In November, an outing to the Welk Resort Theater was a favorite. Freeing up some of the Tuesdays also allowed for more outings, which I hope to continue monthly. Reaction to these changes has been generally positive.

I continue to stay current with trends in senior needs, through serving on the Board of the Peninsula Shepherd Center, attending trainings at the Glenner Center, earning my Certificate in Healthy Aging through SDSU, and staying

informed about San Diego's County's Age Well Action Plan. In January, I will be attending a workshop on the Village Movement; and in February we begin our pilot partnership with OASIS Lifelong Adventure.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our cherished seniors through my role here at the church and look forward to new adventures in the coming year.

#### **FAMILY MINISTRIES**

##### **FAMILY CAMP:**

Over the weekend of October 12-14, 101 people from PLCPC participated in our Family Camp at Camp Marston in Julian. It was a great weekend of connecting, relaxing, fun and learning for those of all ages.

We plan on gathering for a Family Camp Reunion in Feb..

##### **ROOTED:**

We launched our ROOTED small group series on Monday night, October 8. There were 21 participants that night. This is not only going to be a great spiritual growth opportunity for our church moving forward, but this 10-week course is designed to build connections with others and have honest and open conversations about our journey with God, while building strong relationships. The next round of ROOTED begins Feb. 25.

#### **Director of Community Life**

**Evan Gratz**

##### **MENS MINISTRY:**

More than 25 men attended and participated in our Men's Retreat at Rancho Viva in May of 2018. We had a great weekend of fellowship, worship and were challenged by a series called "The Battle," which focused on man-specific struggles and encouragements.

There were three Prayers and Pints events in 2018 that were each attended by 20-30 men respectively. These gatherings serve our men well in a casual, community setting that offers great opportunities for conversation and connections. We look to increase these to bi-monthly in 2019.

Our Men@Work Ministry happens with faithful men of PLCPC on Wednesday mornings. Those men have taken on so many projects both big and small around our church this past year, many of which go unnoticed. Thank you to Don Griffith, Em Cummins and many others for your faithful leadership.

The Men's Wednesday night group led by Dr. Gresham Bayne and Art Michalek has been growing and consistent all year. This is a group of guys committed to sharing in their lives and faith every week. All men are welcome to come and participate as often as possible. New for 2019 is a Monday Morning Men's coffee. This is happening every Monday Morning at Peet's coffee on Catalina Blvd.

The goal for 2019 will be to continue pouring into the men of PLCPC and giving more opportunities for spiritual growth. While, at the same time building off of our current ministries and continuing to make them overlap and cohesive with God's vision now and moving forward.

##### **OUTREACH EVENTS:**

On May 31 we blocked off Udall St. in front of the church and along with support from the Point Loma Library, threw a neighborhood block party. With 3 food trucks, live bands, crafts and games for the kids and a 28-person video game truck, more than 300 people from our church and neighborhood enjoyed a local night out in the street!

Our Fall Kick-Off Carnival on Sept 9 saw carnival games, a magician and more than 250 meals served at our free BBQ. All while promoting close to 20 different ministries that PLCPC has to offer during this 2018-19 ministry season.

#### **Director of Youth Ministry/Café Worship Leader**

**R.O. Smith**

##### **CAFÉ WORSHIP**

The Café Service continues to experience exciting growth in both weekly numbers and energy, but also within the volunteer participation to help run the Café Service. There has been more communal ownership of the service which is reflected in the number of volunteers serving in various capacities within Café: worship band (15), Audio/Visual (4), and hospitality & ushering (6). We are always open to finding ways to increase volunteer involvement and ownership, and experimenting with new ways to experience Jesus together.

The introduction of Kids Café, has cleared some space in the Chapel to accommodate potential growth within Cafe. At the same time, we do feel a real sense of loss without the energy and joyful "noises" of the younger kids in the Chapel.

##### **YOUTH**

One of the big changes we experienced this year in BRICK Youth was expanding BRICK Junior High from 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade, to include 6<sup>th</sup> grade as well. So Junior High Youth Group now consists of 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade! It has been an adjustment, and overall it has been a great addition to the group. 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. This past summer, we took 22 high school students and 3 leaders to Lake Shasta for Houseboats. We also took 4 junior high students and 2 leaders to Catalina Island for Campus By The Sea Summer Camp. With the addition of 6<sup>th</sup> graders to BRICK Youth, I think the Campus By The Sea experience will grow significantly in the Summer of 2019!

## **CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation is the time when young people claim the promises that were made on their behalf in baptism. The goal of the process is to help students understand what it means to be a follower of Jesus, and to walk alongside them as they make their own decision as to what they believe about Jesus. In the end, they will be active members of His church, and specifically at Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church. Last year, we “confirmed” 6 students on June 10, 2018, and celebrated their confirmation with a luncheon for friends, family, mentors, and staff. Moving forward in 2019, Confirmation will be offered every other year to 7th-10th grade students.

## **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES & MISSIONS**

We are hoping to grow more in our partnerships with Urban Life Farms and Ladle Fellowship. We have opportunities to serve at Ladle on the first Sunday of every odd month, and at Urban Life Farms on the second Saturday of each even month. Both opportunities are open to the entire PLCPC community.

This year, we have added a Youth Build Mission Trip in which we are taking a team of 6th-12th grade students during Spring Break to help build the new Rancho Genesis property in Mexico.

## **WEEKLY MEETINGS**

This year, we changed our meeting night for Youth from Thursday to Monday. This was intentionally done in order to meet on the same night as BRICK Journey (formally Route 56), and hopefully create a more natural transition for kids as they “move up” from Children’s Ministry to Youth Ministry.

## **WEEKLY SMALL GROUPS**

With the addition of the 6<sup>th</sup> graders to BRICK Youth, we have seen an increase in our attendance for Junior High Small Group on Sunday mornings during the Café Service time. We generally have anywhere from 8-12 students. We have two faithful volunteers for that time, and are looking to add two more volunteers to be part of the Sunday morning small group community.

High School Small Group changed nights from Sunday to Thursday. We still meet at our house from 7-8:30pm. We have seen a slight increase in average attendance with the change of nights.

## **BOY SCOUTS**

On September 23, 2018, Troop 24 had their Centennial Celebration. It was held at The Bay View Restaurant on the Marine Corps Recruiting Depot. It was an rich and encouraging time to be a part of. We are so proud to charter Troop 24.

## **CONTINUED NEED FOR ADULTS**

Every generation of children have had the desperate need of adults in their lives in order to survive, and this generation needs adults more than ever. Recent research coming out of

Fuller Theological Seminary has revealed that the more adults “without an agenda” there are in the lives of students, the more likely those students hold onto 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.

I am excited to be a part of the PLCPC community, and am greatly anticipating what 2019 will bring. I hope that the Café and Youth communities will be communities that continue to experience Jesus Christ, journey into deeper faith, strengthen the church, and transform the world around us.

## **Director of Children’s Ministry**

### **Karen Connor**

2018 ushered in some important changes for our Children’s Ministry program. After much discussion with senior leadership and other ministry leaders it was decided that 6<sup>th</sup> graders are best served by being part of the Jr. High group within Youth Ministry led by R.O. Smith. Children’s Ministry now serves children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. To go hand-in-hand with this change we reformed one of our mid-week programs to include 4<sup>th</sup> graders. Journey (formally known as Rt. 56) now meets every Monday night during the school year from 4-5:30 and serves 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders. To give the 6<sup>th</sup> graders some transition time we offered them a choice between Journey or Brick Jr. High starting in September of 2018. As of Feb 1, 2019, they will be asked to formally join the Jr. High group. To further enhance and align all children and youth programs all youth groups are meeting on Monday nights, making the Red Brick Church the place to be for children and youth grades 4-12. On Sundays, 6<sup>th</sup> graders are still welcome to attend traditional Sunday School during the 8:30 am hour, if they choose, since there is no program offered for Jr. High aged kids at this time. During the 9:45 hour kids, grades 6-8, are invited to take part in a small group held in the Youth Center. So far this change has been enthusiastically embraced by children and their parents. Our weekly **Sunday School** program continues to serve an average of 40-50 children each week. Dedicated volunteer teachers share their faith walk with the children through Bible stories, games, crafts, songs, and prayer. We welcomed up to 40 children a week each Thursday during **Kids Club**. The children participate in Bible stories, crafts, and games. This very popular program is held in classroom 8, and is typically paired with the Children’s Choir, led by Alicia McMillian, but can be enjoyed separately.

In January, twenty six of our 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders attended **Forest Home Children’s Winter Camp** near Big Bear where they spent an engaging weekend with other Christian youth. Twelve children graduated from the **Bible Memory** course on May 13. These students in grades 3 (& above) participated in a special Sunday School class held during the school year to learn all about the Bible. They memorized scripture and learned how the Bible pertains to their daily lives. Upon completing the coursework they were awarded with a personalized Bible after reciting their Life Verse in front of the congregation.

Our **MOPS** (Mothers of Preschoolers) program, run by

Sarah Butterfield, hosts bi-monthly meetings from September through May. In the MOPS program 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 a Book Club. The success and growth of MOPS prompted their move into the FLC as well as a change to Mondays. This helps to avoid conflicts with other ministry programs as well as accommodate more moms and strollers.

**Vacation Bible School (VBS)** was held the week of June 25. Our theme was "Shipwrecked." The sanctuary was transformed into an amazing island where a record 238 children gathered together to discover the wondrous things God does for them in their lives while also having a great time. Our mission project was to provide money for Rancho Genesis Ministries to help buy supplies for orphans in need. Together the children raised almost \$1,000. As always, a special thanks to the many staff and volunteers who gave of their time before, during and after the week of VBS. The program is not possible without them.

On Palm Sunday, we hosted our sixth annual **Easter Fest** as an outreach for our church and the community. Our expanded celebration encouraged attendance from all generations. Activities included live music, food, typewriter prayers, a youth scavenger hunt, a petting zoo, crafts, a bounce house, and a Hungry Hippo inflatable game.

In December, our staff came together to host our fifth annual **Red Brick Christmas** party in the Family Life Center. All ages gathered for the festivities which included gingerbread houses, crafts, a special visit from Santa and Christmas "Carol-oke." A new addition to our party this year was a "Wacky Tacky Fashion Show" in which attendees could show off their favorite Christmas wear on a lighted runway.

#### Looking forward in 2019

On January 13, 2019, Children's Ministry launched a new Sunday worship service just for kids at the 9:45 hour. This new ministry is held in the Family Life Center. Children, ages 3 years-5<sup>th</sup> grade, meet as a group for songs, activities and a message before breaking out into small groups. Scripture, prayer and an offering are included in this dynamic experience where children hear God's story in fresh, fun, and meaningful ways. We look forward to this program evolving over the coming year to be a place that excites and engages children and encourages their attendance on Sundays.

#### **Preschool & TLC Director**

##### **Nicole Hage**

The preschool continues to grow and thrive. This school year we added an extended day program to better accommodate working families. We provide programming from 8:00 am -5:00 pm. We have a total of 8 preschool classrooms. This gives us the opportunity to serve around 150+ families. We have one full time director, a part-time administrative assistant, 8 part-time lead teachers, 2 full-time teaching assistants and 9-part time teaching assistants all working together.

Every year we offer free early intervention and vision screenings. These are put on by Autism Tree Project

foundation and The Elks Programs. Our annual Poinsettia fundraiser was successful this year; We raised \$1,000 which was used to purchase tablets for the classrooms. We continue to invite preschool families to join church events and this is helping us grow our church. EasterFest, Red Brick Christmas and the neighborhood Block Party were all 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. At Christmas time the families gave Gifts to the Manger, which resulted in a car full of diapers and other baby supplies going to Military Outreach Ministries.

As we gear up for the next fall registration, we are excited to be expanding our extended day program to allow more working families into our school. Thank you for your continued support of the preschool!

#### **Corporation Report**

##### **Steve Smith**

The corporate officers and committees work to ensure that the church complies with state and federal law, *The Book of Order* of the PCUSA, and good governance practices. During 2018, the church has continued to build on the revised Bylaws (2017) to create policies, operating procedures, and structures that allow it to operate efficiently and conform with legal requirements. As an example of this work, under California law (because the total gross receipts of the church now exceed \$2 million) the church is now subject to enhanced accounting and reporting requirements. The Audit Committee (chaired by Dwight Kellogg) has worked with the outside auditors and officers to ensure compliance. An archives committee (chaired by Kathy Wright) has been organizing the governance and historical records of the church. Special thanks of the congregation go to John Leimbach, who for more than twenty years has served as our treasurer and volunteers many hours a week overseeing the finances of the church. John Spafford now serves as our clerk (and corporate secretary) and helps maintain corporate records. For many years Tyler Cramer kept the church out of legal trouble by providing outstanding *pro bono* legal services from time-to-time, a role that Darryl Solberg has graciously taken on. I am most grateful to both of them for their assistance to me, and to the church.

I have been honored to serve as chair of the corporation the last two years. Dr. Gresham Bayne has served as vice-chair, and will be the chair of the corporation beginning 2019. He is an outstanding physician and entrepreneur, and longstanding member of the congregation. He will undoubtedly be successful in completing many of the projects the current chair did not finish.

#### **Board of Deacons**

##### **Jan Sutton**

The Deacons provide a ministry of compassion and service. We have representatives on many Session Committees, support the OB Community Dinners, Loaves and Fishes, and Presbyterian Urban Ministries (PUM). We supply the baby roses, send greeting cards, college care packages and military

care packages. We run the Lenten Food Drive which was another huge success in 2018. The Deacons collect backpacks and money for bus passes for PUM. Our Love Baskets give a meal to those in need.

Each Sunday, Deacons greet and welcome people to worship, and, after the service, deliver flowers to members of our community. On Easter, all Deacons helped to deliver more than 60 bouquets.

We supported many church events such as Ash Wednesday supper, Maundy Thursday dinner, Red Brick Christmas, and we served a barbeque to more than 200 people for FallFest. We held a reception to celebrate Pastor Alex Wirth's installation, and we had a reception for the visiting youth choir from Winnipeg, Canada. The Prayer Chain is run by a member of the College of Deacons and we help run the Discover Our Community classes.

The Deacons spent several meetings in 2018 exploring the book [Canoeing the Mountains](#). We reviewed our passions and where we connect, and identified areas we'd like to improve our capabilities. To that end, we are having trainings for visiting in February 2019. These training are open to all members, and we are including the Deacons of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Three Pancake Breakfasts raised money for: costumes for the children's Christmas Pageant, the Intergenerational Mission Trip, and the starter funds for a stained-glass cross for the Chapel. The Deacons also gave money for: Family Camp, the PUM Golf-4-Good event, Gaga Ball court for youth, the Wall of Honor in the Family Life Center, and a washer and dryer for the kitchen.

The Deacons are always working to make our church a caring church.

### **Nominating Committee**

#### **Mary Harker**

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of 5 new Elders, plus 2 returning, and 11 new Deacons, plus 3 returning, for election in September. The Committee also evaluated candidates for the Presbytery and presented a slate of 4 members.

The Nominating Committee Handbook will be updated and used for training and reference for the Elders who are Chair and Vice Chair of the 2019 Nominating Committee.

### **Mission Beyond Committee**

#### **Sam Laub**

The Mission Beyond Committee (MBC) is pleased to report the highlights of our work over the past year. 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 in Mark 16:15: *"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."*

One significant highlight in 2018 was PLCPC's participation in the Interfaith Shelter Network, a PLCPC Success that involved: (1) an average of 10 guests housed each night for

two weeks, (2) 141 guest-nights provided, (3) 296 dinners served, (4) 136 lunches provided, (5) 144 breakfasts provided, (6) 183 volunteer shifts worked, (7) 125 unduplicated volunteers involved, and (8) 712 volunteer hours worked.

Approximately 7% of funds raised at PLCPC last year were devoted to mission-related service. MBC administers these funds by developing relationships with mission partners (both local & global) and distributing financial support. Perhaps more important than the finance-related portion of the committee's role, 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. MBC provided the umbrella support for SERVE projects including trips to Genesis, Ladle Fellowship service of food and work events such as at Urban Life. Additional highlights of 2018 include:

- Distributed \$69,000 in support to 19 mission partners (approximately 55% local, 45% global)
- Continued a pilot project with Uplift to assist families transitioning from homelessness to housing
- Commenced sponsoring a new village, Caña, in the Dominican Republic (Los Arroyones successfully graduated in 2017), as part of the global effort to end rural poverty by Plant With Purpose (PWP).
- 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.

**Interested in getting involved?** New committee members are always welcome. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 PM 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, Presbyterian missionaries and others) and would love to introduce you to 'plug in' to volunteer opportunities. We look forward to serving with you, our Congregation, and working to Transform Our World in the year ahead.

### **Adult Ministry**

#### **Beth Zedaker**

In 2018, 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.

Congregation and community seniors were provided exciting weekly luncheon programs, monthly excursions, exercise classes, and health-care days. Approximately 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. Two groups meet on Thursdays for bible study. 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 also 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."

Adult Ministries offered a Block Party in the early summer, Fall Fest in September, Deeper Dive series and Rooted Small Group series. Family Ministries enjoyed Family Camp in October with many young families in attendance.

**Women's Ministry**

**Judy Dahlson**

Our Women's ministries continue to offer a variety of opportunities for women of all ages and stages. We support several hundred from the PLCPC community and beyond.

**CBS (Gail Bennett)**

Point Loma Community Bible Study is in the middle of our 14th year, and we are grateful to PLCPC for hosting us each week. We meet on Thursdays from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. We have about 140 women and 35 children participating. We are studying "Return to Jerusalem" this year.

**Prayer Quilt Ministry (Lana Brenes)**

In August, the Prayer Quilt Ministry together with the PLCPC community celebrated 16 years of wrapping people in God's love with prayer quilts. During the 16 years, more than 1,779 quilts were tied with thousands of prayers expressed.

**Tuesday AM Bible Study (Clara Blenis)**

In addition to a weekly Bible study, currently led by Pastor Karla, the group continues to be involved in various ministries including the collection of used stamps, UPLIFT, PUM, the Interfaith Shelter at our church, outreach to young mothers, Loaves and Fishes among others.

**Wednesday AM bible study (Julia Roller)**

The Wednesday morning moms' Bible study wrapped up the year with a Christmas brunch and will get back to meeting in January and finish up John's letters.

**Women's Retreat (Kristin Stephany)**

The retreat was once again held at the Pala Mesa Resort, January 25 -27. The theme for the retreat was "Living Authentically."

**Red Brick Knitters & Crocheters (Judy White)**

We range in age from teens and college students who joined us during the summer months all the way up to great grandparents whose ages we would never ask! Skill levels are just as varied. Our basic project is knitting and crocheting 8" squares in any color, any pattern, plain or fancy, which are put together into blankets and given to our ministry partners. So far, we have completed and distributed 562 blankets.

**Rachel Circle (Judy White)**

The purpose of Rachel Circle is to foster friendships among women through monthly meetings, service projects, field trips &

interesting programs.

**Women's Connecting Dinner (Judy Dahlson)**

The Women's Connecting Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup>. We are excited to once again have Lara Pauley cater our dinner.

**Clerk of Session Report**

**John Spafford**

Total Active Membership on Dec. 31, 2017 957

Gains in Membership During 2018:

Profession/Reaffirmation of Faith 20

Certificate of Transfer 6

Total Gains: 26

Losses in Membership during 2018:

Certificate of Transfer 1

Death 24

Deletions 3

Total Losses: 28

Total Active Membership on Dec. 31, 2018 955

Baptism in 2018:

Adult/Youth 0

Infant/Child 8

Total Baptisms: 8

IN MEMORIUM - 2018

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Nancy Ables              | Donis Lovett                |
| Glenwood Lee Burgess     | Joan Love Maher             |
| Alice Burchfield Carroll | Tommie J. McKenley McLellan |
| Beverly Colahan          | Grace Niles                 |
| Evelyn Lois Coy          | Muerl Lois Walter Norton    |
| Linda Daugherty          | Ruth Whitney Robinson       |
| Dean Leslie Edwards      | Joseph Sediway              |
| David Brian Finster      | Jean Flint Sevens           |
| Katharine A. Hardie      | Michael Leslie Skiles       |
| John Hinchman            | Norman Smith                |
| Janet Lamott             | Ruth Steiner                |
| James A. Lester          |                             |

## Final Words of Christ: A Lenten Series

We are offering a 5-week teaching series each Wednesday night during Lent in the Family Life Center (March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10). This will be a time designed around a family meal, teaching time and conversation. Please make plans to join us for all or some of these nights. 6:00-6:30 - Family Dinner (\$5/person \$20/family) 6:30-7:30 - Teaching Time w/discussion. Childcare will be provided



### “Living It Out – Personalizing the Sermon”

Please join us during the Lenten Sermon Series, “Answering the Questions or Question the Answers?” as we debrief after Sunday Worship. Carve out the time to debrief with others your reactions and understanding of the morning sermon and how God might be challenging you to make a personal application. Each week is a stand-alone experience – come when you are able, no registration required! We meet in the Library from 9:45-10:30 am, the Sundays of Lent (March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7 & 14) Questions? Contact Lynn Ziegenfuss, at [LynnZiggy@gmail.com](mailto:LynnZiggy@gmail.com) or ask one of our facilitators: John Brand, Mary Harker, Carol Leimbach, Cheryl Louie, Karen or Mike Mudgett!



March 6  
6-7:30 pm  
Dinner &  
Worship

[pointlomachurch.org/register](http://pointlomachurch.org/register)

*Practicing Presence*  
Developing Your Bedside Manner

**TUESDAYS**  
6:30-8 pm  
February 5, 12 & 26

**Practicing Presence**  
**Developing Your Bedside Manner**

Have you ever struggled with finding the right words to use when you have heard about tragedy or loss in someone’s life? Rev. Dr. Larry Grounds and Dr. Claudia Grounds are facilitating a 3-session class to help you be with those going through difficult life experiences. Using their combined experiences in ministry and graduate training, the classes will equip you to be spiritually and practically present in your relationships.

All are invited to attend. For more information, contact Pastor Alex at [alex@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:alex@pointlomachurch.org)

### A Lenten Quiet Retreat Day “At the Foot of the Cross”

Luke 5:16 says, “As often as possible Jesus withdrew to out-of-the-way places for prayer.” You are invited to an “out-of-the-way place” quiet day to begin your season of Lent. There will be meditations to guide your quiet times reflecting on the meaning of the Cross, where you are in your life of faith and in your relationship with God.

#### What you need to know to join us...

**When:** Saturday, March 9, 9am-3pm.

**Cost:** \$35.00 (includes light breakfast, lunch, all materials)

Retreat hosted by the Spiritual Formation team, facilitated by Lynn Ziegenfuss

**Place:** To be announced soon, but will be in San Diego county

**Sign up** online at [pointlomachurch.org/register](http://pointlomachurch.org/register)

**Questions?** Contact Lynn at [LynnZiggy@gmail.com](mailto:LynnZiggy@gmail.com)



**ROOTED**

Our second session of ROOTED begins Monday night, February 25 at 6pm in the chapel.

ROOTED is open to anyone who didn't go through the

experience this past fall. ROOTED is a 10-week small group style, spiritual journey for anyone, regardless of where you're at in your walk with God. Cost is \$20, which includes all workbook materials and a celebration dinner at the end of the 10 weeks. Register online at [www.pointlomachurch.org/register](http://www.pointlomachurch.org/register) and contact Evan with any questions. [evan@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:evan@pointlomachurch.org)