

Spire



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A Note from Pastor Ed

The preacher in Ecclesiastes 3 proclaims, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Seasons guide our lives, whether it be fashion, with sweaters and coats in the fall and winter, or shorts and sandals in spring and summer. The colors change

in worship with the seasons of the church year: purple during Advent and Lent, white at Christmas and Epiphany and during the Easter Season, red at Pentecost, and green during the Trinity Season. Seasons speak to us of change in our lives, in our church, and in our world.

There are also the seasons of the stages of our lives: childhood brimming with innocence, youth filled with promise, young adulthood stretching to master life skills, midlife balancing the responsibilities of family and vocation, and the sunset years savoring the joys of a life well lived and our God well served. Yes, seasons speak to us of change in our lives, in our world, and in our church.

So it is with changes in your pastoral leadership: saying goodbye to a pastor who has served this congregation for over a decade, saying hello to an interim pastor who will guide you through this transition, and preparing for a new pastor who will lead you into the future. The Interim Season of a church between installed pastors is filled with a sense of loss for some, a sense of hope for others, and a promise for all of new things God can do in our midst.

There are three things you can expect during this Interim Season. The first is change. Because I am a different personality than your previous pastor, you will notice a change in preaching style, leadership style, and pastoral care. I purposely will not do some things your previous pastor did, so you will not expect the same from your next installed pastor. I will intentionally change some things from time to time so you can become more flexible as a congregation in your expectations of a pastor.

A second thing you can expect is a challenge. There are five developmental tasks of interim ministry that I will

Sunday Classic Worship Services 8:30 and 10:15 am in the Sanctuary 10:15 Café Service in the Family Life Center

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

challenge the leadership of the church to address:

Coming to terms with your history; Discovering a new identity; Seeking and training emerging leaders; Renewing denominational ties; Commitment to New Directions in Ministry.

I will be leading the Elders, Deacons, and Ministry Staff in studying a book entitled *The Emotionally Healthy Church* by Peter Scazzero, which is a case study of a church which underwent radical transformation by attending to these interim tasks. You may hear me referring to them from time to time in my preaching and leadership development.

A third thing you can expect is a choice. Each of you will have a choice to leave behind your old expectations of what church is supposed to be, of what a pastor is supposed to do, and how a member is expected to act. Hopefully, during this Season of Transition, you will hear the Holy Spirit guiding you, leading you, and wooing you to a new understanding of what we can be as a sacred community who live out our calling as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Ed

MAY CALENDAR

- May 1 New Member Class #1, Library
- May 6 Women Build Habitat Project
- May 8 Mother's Day
- May 8 Presentation of Bibles to 3rd Graders
- May 9 Ann Palmerton Reception
- May 15 Day of Pentecost
- May 15 Children's Musical
- May 15 New Member Class #2, Library
- May 24 Deacons' Meeting
- May 25 Session Meeting
- May 30 Memorial Day—Office Closed



The **Tree of Life** in the Family Life Center provides an opportunity for an enduring record of persons and events in the life of our church, its families and friends. Since Beverly Smith's design and the crafting by John L. Spafford in 1990, the two trees in the display have sprouted hundreds of leaves documenting the rich history of our community.

In Loving Memory of ALEX STAYBOLDT BOZZETTE "Everyone, everywhere deserves to be healthy." 1990-2016.

Tree of Life funds are dedicated to new church growth.

To order a leaf, please complete the Tree of Life form in the church office.

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- Women's Build with Habitat for Humanity on Friday, May 6, from 9 am to 3 pm. All women welcome. Must raise \$250 for the event.
 - For more information contact Pastor Karla at karla@pointlomachurch.org.
- Youth 30-Hour Fast serving at the Urban Farm in Southeast San Diego on May 14 in the morning. For more information contact Brandon@pointlomachurch.org.
- We changed the date for our big SERVE event from October 22 to November 5. Please mark your calendars!



Fundraising for our 30-Hour Fast begins May 1. We will fast from food for 30 Hours on May 13 to 14. Student participants are looking for adults to sponsor them for each hour they fast. The funds we raise will go directly to PLCPC's ministry partner, UrbanLife Farms. On May 14, our hungry students will head down to volunteer at the farm and learn more about this ministry.

This unique ministry supports urban youth through their farming efforts with education opportunities, jobs, and meals. Please consider joining our event by financially supporting a student for the duration of this event.

To learn more about the efforts of UrbanLife, check out this link: http://www.urbanlifesd.org/farms





Pictured above is a crew from our Men@Work ministry that has been involved building a shed behind the Presbyterian Urban Ministry (PUM) building. The build took place on April 1 and 2. The crew shown in the photos included Don Griffith, Buck Buchanan, Dwight Kellogg, Bill Gallagher, George McQueen, and Ed Lynds, plus some of the people from PUM and PUM Steering Committee.



Children's and Youth Ministries

Karen Connor, Director of Children's Discipleship—karen@pointlomachurch.org - (619) 223-1633 x215



Sunday School

Join us year round for Sunday School! 8:30 am and 10:15 am.

Ages 4 yrs-Kindergarten - Rm 2

Grades 1-3 - Rm 8

Grade 3 - Bible Memory class - Rm 5 (8:30 only)

Grades 4-6 - Rm 6

Come and learn God's Word!

*Childcare in the Nursery - ages 8 mo.-3 yrs.



Meetings in the church Library from 9:30 to 11:30 am

May 3: Understanding the 5 Love Languages

May 10: Mom's Morning Out May 17: End of the Year Tea

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



Bible Memory Course

Celebrate with our 3rd graders who have worked hard all year to learn about the Bible and memorize scripture under the direction of Judy Pritchett. They will recite their Life Verse at both services in the sanctuary on May 8

(Mother's Day) and receive personalized Bibles. Stop by the Library at 9:30am to congratulate them on their wonderful accomplishment!



Cave Quest VBS is here! June 27-July 1, 9am-12pm

Preschool Session for ages 3 years (by 9/1/16) to 4 years. Must be potty trained. Program is limited to (50) children.

Elementary Session for ages 5 years (by 9/1/16) to 6th grade.

Cost: \$60 (1) child, \$110 (2) children \$150 (3) children, \$180 (4) children.

Registration and payment due by May 20.

Please register on-line first, then mail in or drop off your check made out to: PLCPC. To register go to: www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/PointLomaVBS

VBS would not be possible without volunteers! We look forward to talking with you about how YOU can help! Please consider volunteering.

Contact: Karen@pointlomachurch.org (619) 223-1633 x215



Kids Club on Thursdays

2nd—6th grade, 4-4:55 pm 4 yrs—1st grade, 5-5:45 pm Family Life Center

May 05-Mother's Day Craft May 12-Cupcake Wrapper Fish

Children's Choirs:

4 yrs—1st grade, 4 to 4:55 pm 2nd—6th grade, 5 to 6 pm **Brick Singers,** grades 7-12, Sundays 11:30-1:30

Contact aliciaorganist@gmail.com



Sunday School Mission Project Results

Congratulations to all those who participated in this year's **Rice Bowls Mission Project**. We raised an incredible **\$1,400** which will help buy a lot of food for orphans around the world. Thank you so much for helping to make a difference for children in need!



Route 56

We meet on Mondays from 5 to 7 pm in the Family Life Center.

May 2 Meeting
May 20 Beach Bonfire 5-7:30 pm
Families are welcome!
Stay tuned for summer events

BRICK

HS Youth Group Wednesdays 7-9 pm JH Youth Group Thursdays 6-8 pm

brandon@pointlomachurch.org

SAVE THE DATES — JULY 23-29 HOUSEBOATS!

Adult Ministries

Sunday Scripture Group—10 am, Parlor. During May we are viewing and discussing Ken Bailey's "Jesus Interprets His Own Cross." Join us as we explore how His cross changed history.

Contact: Bob Simoneau grs55@ cox.net.

Moms' Bible Study—Mondays, 9:15-10:30 am, Parlor. For moms of kids elementary age and younger. Pastor Karla is leading our study on the book of Daniel. For free childcare at church (9-11 am), contact Cynthia Hernandez at cynthia@pointlomachurch.org. Last Bible study is on May 16, with our brunch on May 23. (place TBD)

Rachel Circle—3rd Mondays, 9:30 am, Library. Our next meeting is May 16, when Attorney Nicole Huddson will answer our questions about legal issues and financial abuse. All are welcome!

Contact: Marge Grant at (619) 296-2720.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study—9:00 am in the Parlor. Women of all ages are invited, as we are into a new series called "24/6" led by Pastor Karla. Series ends on May 10. End-of-year brunch on May 17 at home of Charlie Littrell, 3530 Addison St.

Contact: Clara Blenis (619) 223-5950.

Men@Work—Wednesdays at 8:30 am in the Library with our usual kibitzing, and Pastor Ben leading us in a study and story of Jesus in Hebrews. We'll then make church repairs as needed.

Contact: Don Griffith at don-pete@cox.net.

Wednesday Men's Bible Study—We meet at 5:00 in the Parlor with Rev. Mike Mudgett, who is leading us in the Book of Acts. Contact: Gerry Heidt gheidt@ghhco.com.

Wednesday Refresh—7 to 8:30 pm on 1st and 3rd Weds. Home of Bob & Ginny Edwards, 2125 Locust St., 92106 (619) 222-4262. We are studying Romans. Singles, couples—all are welcome.

Contact: jamesgrisolia@gmail.com.

Sermon Study Group—Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 pm. All are welcome to join this new group. Home of Jane and Bryan Bennett, 5155 W. Pt. Loma Bl., #5. Discussion based on the prior week's sermon.

Contact: Bryan at btb92107@gmail.com, (619) 222-4270.

Lawrence Welk Theater Jesus Christ Superstar

Thursday, June 2—10:15 am—4:30 pm \$80 payment to Leslie by May 20. Includes snacks, buffet lunch, theater tickets, coach transportation and driver's gratuity.

Meet in front of the Family Life Center at 10 am.

Senior Adult Ministry

MAY

Red Brick Senior Center

- 10:00 Open for snacks & coffee, Family Life Center11:00 Musical Program Noon Hot Lunch
- 5/3 Oscar Arias & Friends, and Celebration of Joe Sediway—Big band sound. Lunch—Enchilada Casserole, Spanish rice, refried beans, cornbread, flan, and cake.
- 5/10 **La Don & Leilani. Lunch—**Sloppy Joes, coleslaw, chips, and pumpkin pie..
- 5/17 **Richard Thompson.** Our Preschoolers will join us, and blood pressure check today! **Lunch—**BBQ'd hot dogs, chili, onion rings, coleslaw, and ice cream bars.
- 5/24 Salvador Padilla & Memorial Day Commemoration— Lunch—Fish & chips, vegetables, salad, rolls, and brownies.
- 5/31 **Bryan Verhoye. Lunch—**Delicious pasta salad, garlic bread, and cake.

There is no charge for the music, but lunch is \$6.00. Reservations are required. Please contact Leslie Hanna (619) 223-1633x210 or leslie@pointlomachurch.org.

Upcoming Events

May 11 Lunch & Learn/Avoiding Scams

May 25 Tour of OB People's Market

Mon/Wed/Fri: **Ageless Fitness** 9 to 10 am, in the Family Life Center. The cost is \$2.00 per class. Contact is Fran Styles (619) 223-8204.

LUNCH & LEARN Avoiding Scams

Wednesday, May 11, 12 pm to 2:00 pm
Family Life Center
Find out how to protect yourself and family from scams that target older adults.

Dessert and beverages provided.

Registration required. (619) 223-1633 x210, or leslie@pointlomachurch.org.

Tour of OB People's Market

Wednesday, May 25, 10 am to 12 noon We'll have a private tour of our local Cooperative, learn about the Coop business model, the benefits of organic foods, and enjoy some samples. There will be time to shop or go to the deli.

Reservations are <u>required</u> and limited to 10. Please contact Leslie regarding transportation. (619) 223-1633 x210



Director Brandon Aguillard, brandon@pointlomachurch.org



hank you to everyone including students, parents, and the congregation who participated in Youth Sunday! This day was a highlight in our ministry here at BRICK Youth. The students dedicated tremendous effort to make the service very special. Additionally, our team worked diligently early Sunday morning to prepare the Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser, and we are happy to report that we met our \$2,000.00 goal! These proceeds directly impact our program and allow students to attend events and trips that otherwise are too expensive.

Over spring break, our staff and volunteer team spent hours upon hours in the youth center remodeling. The purpose of our remodel was to take a previously sterile space and turn it into an inviting and comfortable environment, a multipurpose room with sections dedicated to fun and sections dedicated to intentional time and homework, and a space that communicates BRICK Youth. We want to extend a special THANK YOU to the endowment committee for authorizing funds for this project. Please do not hesitate to come upstairs and check out the changes.

Looking forward, we are excited for the coming months! May brings our 30-Hour Famine event and a short day-trip to Mexico. Following just after, June is right around the corner and we are excited for a full and fun ministry this summer!

Sincerely,

Brandon Aguillard
Director of Youth Discipleship
brandon@pointlomachurch.org

FAMILY DAY

An afternoon at beautiful . . .

RANCHO VIVA

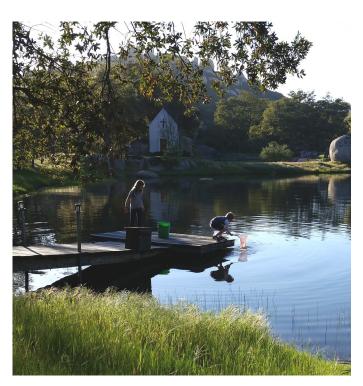
Sunday, May 22, 12:30-5 pm

Relax with your family and friends at the Bayne family's peaceful ranch in Jamul. Their welcoming and comfortable ranch home is located on scenic grounds that include a small lake and quaint, tiny chapel.

Stroll the property and unwind, or take in the fresh air and grassy open areas to play with your kids.

Bring a picnic and beverages.

Questions? Need directions?
Please RSVP to
Elder Greg Cuddeback at the following address
Email: 4familylifejets@gmail.com



Please wear your name badge.

Need one?
Contact
ann@pointlomachurch.org

Endowment

May is Endowment Month! Do you have any questions about how to make a special gift to the Endowment Fund – the fund that keeps on giving? If you do, please feel free to contact any member of our Endowment Fund Committee or check out the Endowment pages on our updated church website (links - About/Giving/Endowment Fund) for gift options.

'God loves a cheerful giver' and this is a way to put a smile on your face into perpetuity. :)

Your 2016 Endowment Fund Committee: Millie Gallaher (Chair), Mary Harker, Jill Curtiss, Ray Lidstrom, Lance Smith, John Leimbach, and Sam Laub.

Jill Curtiss, Endowment Fund Committee

Chapel Renovation Update

In 2014, the Session approved the renovation and re-configuring of the space(s) in our beloved 1938 Chapel. The planning now incorporates themes from last year's Mission Study which focuses on the importance of growing PLCPC for the future. Because of a generous gift, we can implement the plan.

The need for the renovation is somewhat obvious. Carpeted areas have had flood damage and deferred maintenance on the interior necessitate a good overhaul. It is also important the Chapel be reconfigured so that the space can be better used for ministry, including our own 10:15 Café Service. The current Chapel configuration sits empty 4-5 days of the week.

Look for these improvements over the next few months: New carpeting will be installed on the platform area, under all seating areas, narthex, stairwells, and balcony.

The current pews will be replaced with attractive, comfortable, upholstered, stacking chairs. (we are able to receive income by selling the pews to another church in Orange County) Our church design team of Michael Huff and Suzy Lidstrom have chosen beautiful and appropriate fabric and carpet selections continuing their total campus design which included the Sanctuary, Parlor, Family Life Center and offices. Also, improvements will be made to the sound and video systems.

When arranged in "pew-like" order, the chairs will look very appropriate for a wedding or memorial service. Because they are moveable, they can be arranged into semi-circles, circles, for informal services, seminars, etc.

It is the goal of Session to insure that all of the buildings on our campus are maintained and made more useable for the people in our congregation and community.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Don Brenneman, Business Administrator (don@pointlomachurch.org)

Life Events

Baptism

 Maxxine Rex Gallagher, daughter of Christopher Gallagher, granddaughter of Ginny Gallagher LaRowe, and great granddaughter of Bette Wootton, was baptized in the Sanctuary on April 17, 2016.
 Rev. Ed Girod officiated.

Deaths

- Alex Bozzette, son of Carla Stayboldt and stepson of James Grisolia, passed away on February 1, 2016. A memorial service was held in the Sanctuary on April 23, 2016 at 11:00 am. A reception followed in the Family Life Center. Donations in his memory may be made to www.populationmedia.org/donatenow/alex-bozzette-fund/
- Joyce Stockton passed away on April 9, 2016. A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 10:00 am in the Chapel, with a reception following in the Family Life Center.

Dates and activities for Chapel Renovation:

June 1,2,3 Pews are removed from Chapel

June 6,7,8 Old carpet is removed, floors prepared, new carpet installed

June 9,10 New chairs arrive, are unboxed and set in place

June 11 Café Service personnel set up for Sunday

June 12 Café Service in Chapel

Red Brick Church Summer Camp for ages 3-5 years Weekly in July from 9 am to 12 pm

PLCPC is offering 4 weeks of summer camp for children ages 3-5 years of age. Each week will have a different theme and biblical message. The children will have the opportunity to explore and play in a nurturing Christian environment. Daily snack is provided. Extended day for lunch from 12-1:00. Children must be toilet trained

Please call (619) 223-3327 for more information.





Women Connecting Dinner

The Women Connecting Dinner held on April 13, connected our community of PLCPC women to old and new friends and to our women's ministries. It was a grand success! The gentlemen served the ladies a scrumptious dinner in the beautifully appointed Family Life Center during the evening filled with song, celebration and inspiration. As we listened to the stories and reflections of our speakers, we were encouraged to make memorial stones of our own lives to remind us that God is always present during life's storms, planting our feet on solid ground.









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JOURNEY INTO DEEPER FAITH, AND TRANSFORM OUR WORLD.