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"I tell my students, 'When you get these jobs that you have been so brilliantly trained for, just remember that your real job is that if you are free, you need to free somebody else. If you have some power, then your job is to empower somebody else.'" Toni Morrison

Friends, we have much for which to be grateful. At this time of year when we have the opportunity to reflect on our abundant lives, it is our responsibility to take that gratitude and turn it into action for the sake of someone else.

With all the negative news in recent years, it has been refreshing to see individual news stations trying to make a difference by broadcasting stories about people that are impacting their communities in positive ways, however small. Through these broadcasts I have been inspired by a 10-year old boy filling the potholes in his run-down neighborhood. I have been uplifted by a 17-year old girl who throws birthday parties for homeless children on the weekends (she has thrown 45 to date!). And I have been moved to tears by a community in Florida who decided to show up by the thousands to the funeral of a veteran who died with no family, but deserved to be honored for his service to our country. It just goes to show that any positive gesture has the potential to make a difference in our world.

When you reflect on your life, what do you have to give? What freedom do you have that you can share with someone else? What power do you hold that can empower your neighbor? We all have something to offer and, as Christians, we believe in a God that can multiply those gifts! May God give us all grace to see with new eyes this Thanksgiving season.

In gratitude,
Pastor Karla

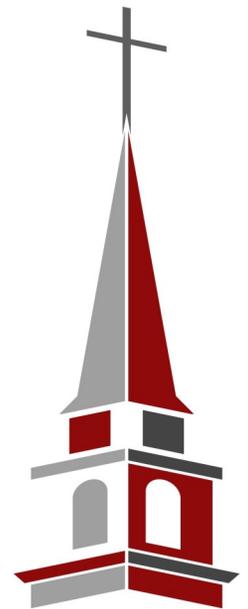
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Sunday Classic Worship
8:30 and 10:45 am
Sanctuary

Café Service
9:45 am
Chapel

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LOOKING AHEAD

November:	M.O.M. Toy Drive
Nov. 1-14:	Preschool Poinsettia Sales
Nov. 3:	SERVE at Ladle
Nov. 5:	Honoring Our Veterans Lunch
Nov. 11:	Youth Laser Tag
Nov. 13:	Dare to Drum Workshop
Nov. 21:	Prayers & Pints
Dec. 1:	Advent Fair
Dec. 7:	M.O.M. Toy Store
Dec. 8:	Christmas Concerts

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.



A Christmas Concert

for the community
featuring Handel's *Messiah*

Sunday, December 8
5:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Social Reception 6:00 -7:00 pm in the FLC

Session Highlights October 23, 2019 Session Meeting

Most topics discussed by the Session involve the good plans and works being performed in the ministries of our church. But this month the Session considered the realities of maintaining an open and loving ministry amongst some who would take advantage of it. Director of Operations and Church Life Jolene Wade described a recent burglary that resulted in the loss of some expensive church equipment. Jolene and the staff are taking steps to protect against future events, some of which will modify access to administrative spaces.

Jolene also discussed a concern regarding recent email and text message “hacks” of church staff accounts focused on the Session members. The Session elders considered restricting the publication of their personal addresses and phone numbers, but in the end determined that maintaining accessibility and increasing vigilance was a better response.

The Session reviewed the impressive stewardship flyer soon to be distributed to the congregation, and prayed for the success of this year’s campaign.

John Spafford
Clerk

Renovation Task Force Update

The Renovation Task Force (RTF) is still working on creating plans for our future. Currently they are prayerfully moving ahead, focusing on several different aspects of the plans for renovation including:

- Our architects continue to work with the City to ascertain detailed information on entitlements and associated timelines.
- The RTF is in the process of engaging a third-party construction estimator.
- In response to concerns over cost, our architects have developed a modified version of the Renovation Plan which cuts costs, phases the project with less disruption for our campus, and better serves the needs of our Preschool. Plans will be presented to the Congregation for approval.
- The RTF is connecting with the newly formed Capital Campaign Committee to transfer information and coordinate efforts.
- The RTF is recommending remodeling and furnishing a single Preschool classroom at the outset of the renovation.

The Three Promises of the Endowment: Preserving the Principal

In the September *Spire* the Endowment Committee suggested that there are Three Great Promises that are inherently part of the Endowment. This month we look at the first of those promises—one that is essential to the very existence of our endowment.

Your funds will be preserved in perpetuity. The income will be spent but the principal will never be invaded, directly or indirectly.

The Endowment of our church (as is the case with virtually all true endowments) is designed to provide support for various aspects of the church in perpetuity. It is a commitment to donors that their money will be used only for the endowment—that is, to provide support on an ongoing basis. All organizations, including PLCPC, might be tempted to make use of the principal for desirable goals of the organization. It can be alluring to invade or encumber the principal for a desirable goal or felt need. Or a “rainy

day” may create a temptation to invade the principal, but of course, that would mean the end of the endowment.

So, this first promise is a solemn commitment to you and to all Endowment donors—we will preserve the principal, not just for a few years, but as long as the organization exists. This is a critical promise to the existence of an endowment.

As we move into the Fall Season, your Endowment Committee hopes you will “Remember the Endowment.” Visit pointlomachurch.org/endowment for more information.

Endowment comments, questions, and suggestions are always welcome. You may contact the church office, or any member of the Endowment Committee: Dianne Grafton (vice-chair), Mary Harker, John Leimbach, Ray Lidstrom (treasurer), John Pearson, Steve Smith (chair), Cara Thome, Jolene Wade (ex-officio), Pastor Karla (ex officio).

ADULT MINISTRY

Sunday Scripture Group—9:45 am in the Parlor. All are invited to join us as we work through a 10-part series of the movie, “The Bible.” Contact: Bob Simoneau, grs55@cox.net

Monday Morning Men—7:00-8:30 am at Peet’s Coffee (955 Catalina Blvd.) All men are invited to join us for coffee and fellowship. Contact: Evan Gratz, evan@pointlomachurch.org

Continuing the Conversation— 4th Monday at 7 pm in the parlor. Join us November 25 for a conversation against racism where participants will have the opportunity to share their experiences, ask questions, and develop friendships. Contact: Gordy Lutes, gklutes@gmail.com

Rachel Circle—3rd Mondays at 9:30 am in the Library. Join us November 18 when Marti Baird and Susie Mueller will share about their recent moves to retirement communities. We welcome all. Contact: Marge Grant, 619-296-2720.

Women’s Bible Study—Tuesday, 9-10:30 am, in the Chapel. Women of all ages and stages are welcome! Childcare provided. Additional fellowship time for moms with young children from 10:30-11 am following the study in the Parlor. Current topic: The book of Micah. *special field trip to USD on November 19 and no meeting on November 26. Contact: Clara Blenis, clblenis@sdccd.edu

Men@Work—Wednesday at 8:30 am in the Library. A time for fellowship and brief Bible study followed by work projects around the church. All abilities are welcome. Contact: Don Griffith don.griffith69@gmail.com

Wednesday Men’s Bible Study—5 pm in the Parlor with Dr. Gresham Bayne leading us in a study of the Gospel of John, followed by sharing and prayer. Contact: Jerry Heidt, gheidt@ghhco.com

Wednesday Refresh—1st and 3rd Wed., 7:00-8:30 pm at the home of Jim Grisolia and Carla Stayboldt. Contact: Jim Grisolia, jamesgrisolia@gmail.com

Knitters—2nd Thursday at 10:00 am in the Parlor. Next meeting, November 14. Contact: Judy White, gmajudy@san.rr.com

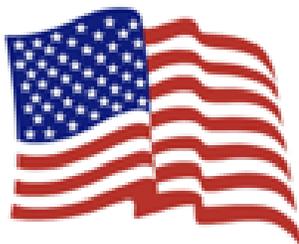
Centering Prayer—Every Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Parlor. Contact: Pastor Alex, alex@pointlomachurch.org

Mops Bible Study—Pastor Karla and Sarah Butterfield are leading a MOPS Bible Study on periodic Mondays from 9:30-10:45 am in the Parlor throughout the next year. Dates are as follows: Nov. 11, Jan. 6, Feb. 3, Mar. 2, Mar. 16, Apr. 27, May 11. The study will focus on The Parables. Childcare is provided. Contact: Sarah Butterfield, sarah@pointlomachurch.org



SENIOR
ADULT
MINISTRY
PROGRAMS

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HONORING OUR VETERANS | Tuesday, November 5 in the FLC | 10:00 am Browse Displays & Enjoy Coffee | 11:00 am - Program Begins | 12:00 pm - Lunch (\$6 donation)

Join us for an American-style lunch and program honoring all veterans and active duty service members. Program includes the Navy Band Southwest Woodwind Quintet, the Point Loma High School Navy JROTC Color Guard and special guest speakers. Bring photos of you or your loved one in their uniform, medals, or mementos for display. RSVP required by November 1 to Elaine.



DARE TO DRUM! RHYTHM WORKSHOP & PIZZA LUNCH | Wednesday, November 13 in the FLC 11:00 am - Lunch (\$5 donation) & Social Time | noon - Program Begins

Let’s gather together for some rhythmic fun! Recreational Music Center will lead us in a drum circle that will foster dexterity, coordination, and creative expression. We will try various percussion instruments and play together as a group. Join us for this special workshop & lunch. RSVP to Elaine.



MEMORY FRIENDS | Tuesday, November 19 | 10-11:30 am in the FLC

A social gathering for people experiencing mild to moderate cognitive changes. Together we will socialize, enjoy a stimulating activity, reminisce and support each other through the journey. Caregivers & family welcome. Light refreshments served. Hosted by Elaine Burrell & Pastor Alex Wirth.



Forever Fit Gentle Exercise Class | In Partnership with the Peninsula Family YMCA
Every Wednesday 9-9:50 am in the FLC
FREE

High School Small Group

All high school students are invited to join us for our high school small group as we look at the books in the Bible commonly referred to as the "Wisdom Literature" (Job, Psalms, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes). We gather on Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 pm at different locations. Email ro@pointlomachurch.org for the next meeting location and directions.

Laser Tag and In-N-Out— November 11

Due to the Veteran's Day holiday, we interrupt our regular Monday programming on Monday, November 11 to bring you laser tag and burgers! Make plans to join us off campus for an exciting night of laser tag, followed by In-N-Out. We will meet at Ultrazone Laser Tag located at 3146 Sports Arena Blvd #21. The time of the event is 5:45 -8:15pm**. Pick up will be at In-N-Out on Sports Arena Blvd. We will play TWO games of laser tag, then head to In-N-Out afterward. The total cost of the event is \$20. If you have more than one child (siblings only) joining us, then you only need to cover each child's laser tag games, and one child's cost of In-N-Out. We will cover the rest.



**NOTE: This time is a rough estimate, but we will have your child call/text you with updated information.

Register in advance online at pointlomachurch.org/register.

BRICK MONDAYS

Junior High // Mondays 5-7 pm
High School // Mondays 7-9 pm
Youth Center

BRICK THURSDAY

High School // 7-9 pm
Various locations
Email ro@pointlomachurch.org
for details

BRICK SUNDAYS

Junior High // Sundays 9:45 am
Start in Café service

Forest Home Winter Camp! - January 3-5, 2020

Ready to slide down a snow-covered tube run? Encounter Jesus? Deepen friendships with students in your youth group? Junior High/High School Combo Winter Camp is THE place for your **6-12th grade** campers to get away from their daily academic and social pressures. They will instead focus on their identity in Christ and their place in God's family of believers. On the **weekend of January 3-5**, students will discover who God has made them to be through teaching from God's Word, small group discussions, and relevant worship.



The cost of camp is \$199, *which includes a \$50 non-refundable deposit*. You may either pay the deposit to reserve your spot, and make incremental payments later, or you can pay in-full. More information is available online at pointlomachurch.org/register.



During the month of November, we are collecting toy donations for junior enlisted military families that are part of Military Outreach Ministries (M.O.M). Toys are needed for children ages newborns to 12. Please bring the unwrapped toys to the M.O.M. table on the plaza every Sunday in November or leave them in the M.O.M. toy box in the church office during the week. If you don't want to shop, donations of cash or checks (made out to PLCPC) are also needed to help buy bicycles and toys for the children. On December 7 there will be a M.O.M. toy store in the FLC to distribute toys to the families. If you would like to help with the toy store please see one of the volunteers on the plaza or contact Ed Lynds at elynds@cox.net.



Sunday Programs

8:30 am – Traditional Sunday School

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

9:45 am – Kids Café worship

Check-in your children at 9:40 am in the Family Life Center and pick up immediately following the Café service. Children meet as a group for songs, activities, a message, and an offering before breaking out into age-appropriate small groups.



Journey

Our group for 4th & 5th graders meets every Monday evening in the Youth Center from 4-5:30 pm for food, fellowship and fun. \$3 donation for pizza. Friends are always welcome!

*On November 11, we will play laser tag off-site, see page 4 for details.

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 meet from 4:00-4:50 pm
Age 4 -Grade 1 meet from 5:00-5:45 pm

Children and Youth Choirs

Cherub Choir

Age 4 - Grade 1
Thursdays 4:00-4:50 pm



Joyful Praise Choir

Grades 2 - 6
Thursdays 5:00-6:00 pm

Contact Alicia at alicia@pointlomachurch.org for more information.

Register Now!

Forest Home Winter Camp!

DATE: **January 10-12, 2020**

WHO: **3rd - 5th grade**

COST: **\$195**

WHERE: Pointlomachurch.org/register



Children's Winter Camp at Forest Home is an opportunity for children, grades 3-5 to explore God's word and His creation in a beautiful setting in the San Bernardino mountains.

They will have a memorable experience with friends while having tons of seasonal outdoor fun. Leaders will engage the kids in dynamic Bible teaching which gives them an opportunity to affirm their faith life or kick-start it into action. Lives are transformed at Forest Home! \$195 includes all meals, lodging and activities. Spots are limited so register online today!

MOPS: Mothers of Preschoolers

www.meetup.com/playgroup-754

Contact: sarah@pointlomachurch.org



MOPS.ORG

Nov. 4: Topic TBD

Nov. 11: MOPS Bible study in the parlor, 9:30 -10:45 am

Nov. 16: Mom's Night Out: GAME NIGHT! 7 pm Location TBD

Nov. 18: Surviving our shifting identities, Marie Osborne

Nov. 20: Book Club, 7:30 pm, "The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell"



Nicole Hage, Director | preschool@pointlomachurch.org

619-223-3327 | www.redbrickpreschool.org

Poinsettia Fundraiser



Please support our church preschool while decorating your home with beautiful, vibrant, red holiday poinsettias. Simply call Nicole Hage at 619-223-3327 or email preschool@pointlomachurch.org by November 14 to pre-order 6" pots at \$15 or 8" pots at \$25 each. Checks can be dropped off at the church office and made out to PLCPC. Your poinsettias will be available for pick up on Sunday, December 1 in the Church Library at the Advent Fair. The Preschool is grateful for your support!

PLCPC's Mission Partners

Each year the Session budgets a portion of general funds for support of PLCPC's mission partners. The Mission Beyond Committee (MBC) is charged with maintaining relationships with our mission partners and determining the distribution of the funds allocated by Session. Invariably the requests received for funds from our mission partners significantly exceeds the funds budgeted by Session for MBC, which in 2019 is \$69,000. After months of contacting each mission partner and reviewing their requests, the MBC carefully and prayerfully discerns the requests and determines how funds are distributed. By unanimous vote, the MBC has decided on the following distribution of grants:

August 13, 2019 Mission Beyond Final Grants

Ministry	2019 Grant \$
Urban Youth Collaborative	4,000
Loaves & Fishes	4,000
SD Military Outreach Ministries	5,000
Ocean Beach Community Dinners	2,500
UPLIFT—Tutoring	5,000
Peninsula Shepherd Center	1,600
Presbyterian Urban Ministries	6,000
Interfaith Shelter (PLCPC program)	1,500
Local Total	29,600
Genesis –Missionary Support	3,900
Genesis—Beautiful Gate Orphanage	4,900
Casa Hogar Penniel	2,000
Regional Total	10,800
Plant with Purpose	6,600
Haiti Outreach Ministries	4,000
Together for the Family (Lebanon)	10,000
Adeney—Rissakota (PCUSA)	3,500
TOF Sasan Tavassoli	3,000
CRU: Margaret MacVean	1,500
International Total	28,600
Grand Total	69,000

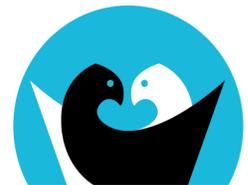
If the foregoing stirs an interest in our Mission Beyond Committee, please join us as MBC meets the second Tuesday each month at 7 pm in the PLCPC Library.



As we continue to grow, and welcome new programs, we're impacting our neighborhood in unexpected ways. Some of our residential neighbors on the block are struggling to find street parking, especially in the afternoon and evening. We are very fortunate to have parking options, with two off-street parking lots (plus a 3rd on Sunday). Our neighbors do not have the same options. Please keep this in mind and do your part to spread goodwill toward our larger community, by using the church parking lots and keeping the street / curb parking clear for others. Thank you for your BOLD consideration!

Private Tour: 1619 National Celebration of Black Women Exhibit

The Continuing the Conversation small group invites you to attend a private tour of the 1619 Exhibit at the Women's Museum at Liberty Station.



We'll meet on Thursday, November 7, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm for this special tour led by Guest Curator Leah Goodwin. According to the exhibit website, "The 1619 National Celebration of Black Women Exhibit educates and empowers communities and shows black women and girls that a new day is on the horizon ... that the continued path of greatness paved by their ancestors is boundless." There will be an optional dinner in Liberty Station after the tour with the Guest Curator from 7:30 to 8:30 pm.

For further information, contact Gordy Lutes at gklutes@gmail.com or Carla Stayboldt at cstayboldt@cox.net.

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**Save
These
Dates!**



We held our annual Family Camp 2019 at the YMCA's Camp Marston in Julian from Oct. 11-13. More than 70 of our PLCPC community members of ALL ages, attended this incredible weekend. We focused the weekend around our church theme, "*Your Story, Our Story, God's Story; BE BOLD!*" It was a great weekend for all to unwind and relax, worship, learn and play together while being challenged deeper into faith and living a good story.



A couple of the highlights from the weekend... of course the beautiful weather that turned into brisk mountain coolness at night; perfect for bonfires. We also invited up an incredible Christian magician named Danny Ray who performed for our entire group on Saturday night. His combination of magic tricks and illusions left everybody stunned, while his weaving in of biblical stories during his performance left us all inspired. Go check him out on social media!



Thank you for Supporting the Pancake Breakfast!



As always, you all showed gracious generosity in supporting the Deacon's Pancake Breakfast. The funds raised have already been used to purchase a new interchangeable obstacle course to be used in the Toddler Learning Center (TLC). The children will be so excited to use this new play structure.

Prayer & Pints—November 21

Our next Men's Prayers & Pints gathering is on Thursday, November 21 from 5-7pm. This month we'll be meeting at Ketch Grill and Taps, located at 2614 Shelter Island Dr, SD 92106.

Come drop in and join us while we gather together in a casual, yet intentional environment as we fellowship as guys. For more information, contact evan@pointlomachurch.org.

Care Bags for Foster Kids



Can you imagine being handed a trash bag and instructed to quickly put all your belongings in it as you are moved from one home to another? Thankfully most of us cannot imagine that kind of hardship but for many foster kids, that is their reality. Often something traumatic has already occurred in a child's life before they are placed in foster care, then if they have to be moved to another home, they are often provided with only a trash bag to place all of their possessions.

PLCPC member, Carolyn Griesemer, co-founder of Children's Legal Services of San Diego County (CLSSD), was recently featured on the CW San Diego for the CLSSD Care Bag Program. With community support, they are aiming to provide all children in foster care with a duffel bag or suitcase filled with age-appropriate basic necessities and comfort items in an attempt to lessen the effects of the crisis and trauma the children are often experiencing.

We are so proud of you and your efforts Carolyn! For more information on the CLSSD Care Bag Program, please visit their website at <https://www.clssandiego.org/carebag>.