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re:imagine

I didn't know a month ago that word was going to be a part of YOUR story, OUR story, and GOD's story at PLCPC, but when you are seeking boldness, re:imagining is a given. And, boy, are we being given opportunities to BE BOLD right now!

These past few weeks have been and continue to be some of the most exciting times I have had in ministry. For years, our leadership here has been discussing adaptive change and taking risks and, in good Presbyterian style, we have cautiously moved in new directions. And, most of the time, that movement has been slow. But, now, the only choice we have in our current climate is to "adapt or die" and there is something invigorating about learning to adapt and continuing to thrive as a church. God is with us. And God is changing our perspective to see ourselves and one another differently.

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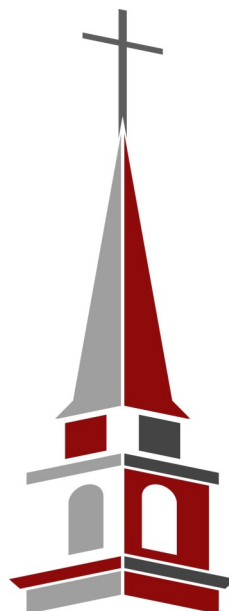


The Office staff is still meeting weekly to plan, pray and re:imagine Church during this unprecedented time. We miss seeing you all in person, and are doing our best to keep us all connected. Please reach out if you are in need, and check on each other from a safe distance!

**Point Loma
Community
Presbyterian
Church**

Red Brick Kids Worship
Sunday 9 am
Sunday Worship
9:30 and 11:00 am
www.pointlomachurch.org

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LOOKING AHEAD

April 7:	MOPS event
April 9:	Maundy Thursday
April 10:	Good Friday
April 12:	Easter
April 28:	Continuing the Conversation
June 22-26:	VBS
July 12-28:	Rancho Genesis Mission Trip
July 27-31:	Musical Theater Camp
Sept. 25-27:	Family Camp

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.

Session Highlights - March 11, 2020

The focus of the March Session meeting was the report from The Steier Group representatives who had completed their feasibility study for the Capital Campaign Committee. There will be a report distributed to the congregation soon. The Session was heartened that the report showed very strong support for our church leadership and for the proposed capital improvements.

Rev. Karla Shaw presented early plans underway for response to the CoVid-19 pandemic, which have since been substantially modified.

The Session heard a report from Elder Rebecca Cress, Chair of the Worship and the Arts Committee, about proposed modifications in the service of communion in response to the pandemic. These plans are on hold until the resumption of community worship.

Rev. Shaw has called the Executive Committee of the Session for several meetings via videoconference since March 11. The Executive Committee is comprised of six voting elders from strategic committees and is assisted *ex officio* by the Pastor, Treasurer and Clerk. The committee meets when needed for emergent, time sensitive issues, and can act on behalf of the Session. The committee's actions are reviewed by the Session at the next stated Session meeting, and are revocable.

The Executive Committee has carefully reviewed and acted on issues regarding Preschool and church staff employees and employment, operations, and organizing the church's application for governmental assistance to small businesses affected by the pandemic. The committee also consults with the Pastor and staff as they plan for modified operations.

John Spafford
Clerk

Pastor Karla, Continued from page 1

And with that, there is a lot of newness of life happening around here! New small groups, new ways of educating, new ways of engaging in worship, new leadership and new efficiencies.

And I have seen things I never could have imagined and been blessed by God using his people in the way they were created to be used.

I hope you are able to see the Church as I am. These are exciting times for us as the people of God! As God is doing

Who You Gonna Call?

We have created a Daily Reflection phone line for staying connected. Any time you need a little pick me up or want to leave a prayer request, you can call the main church line - 619-223-1633, select Ext. 214 to hear a recorded inspirational message from staff members and Elders.



The message is changed daily. So if you have friends or neighbors who are not real comfortable with technology, pass our number along to them.

Want to Stay Connected? Join an Online Group!

NEW Online Small Groups are forming— groups from simple fellowship to scripture studies. Join one that fits your needs and schedule.

Please contact Evan at evan@pointlomachurch.org for more information on the new groups.

NEED TECHNICAL SUPPORT?

Email: evan@pointlomachurch.org
or call Evan @
619-223-1633 Ext. 211



a new work here, may your lives also be open to the work God wants to do in and through you.

Let's not just try to "get through" this time so we can return to normal. Let's instead **RE:IMAGINE** what our new normal could be!

Looking forward to "seeing" you this month as we continue to journey into deeper faith together,

Pastor Karla

ADULT MINISTRY

Sunday Scripture Group We are planning to meet online to continue our 10-part series, *Jesus the Game Changer*.

Contact: Bob Simoneau: grs55@cox.net

Monday Morning Men—Still meeting Monday mornings 7-8:30 am for virtual coffee via Zoom.

Contact: Evan Gratz, evan@pointlomachurch.org

Continuing The Conversation (CTC) has moved to the 4th Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is April 28 via Zoom.

Contact: Gordy Lutes, gklutes@gmail.com.

Rachel Circle - Not currently meeting.

Contact: Marge Grant, 619-296-2720.

Women's Bible Study—Tuesday, 9 am, via Zoom. No meeting April 7. Women of all ages and stages are welcome! We are currently studying the book of Ephesians.

Contact: Clara Blenis, clblenis@sdccd.edu

Men@Work—Wednesday, 8:30 am via Zoom. A time for fellowship and brief Bible study followed by troubleshooting

projects remotely. All abilities are welcome.

Contact: Don Griffith, don.griffith69@gmail.com

Wednesday Men's Bible Study 5pm, via Zoom. Fellowship and study time. Currently studying the book of Isaiah.

Contact: Jerry Heidt at gheidt@ghhco.com

Wednesday Refresh— Not currently meeting.

Contact: Jim Grisolia, jamesgrisolia@gmail.com

Knitters— Not currently meeting.

Contact: Judy White, gmajudy@san.rr.com

Centering Prayer—Thursday, we are still praying individually from our homes.

Contact: Pastor Alex, alex@pointlomachurch.org

MOPS Bible Study—All MOPS events have moved online via Zoom. Contact: Sarah Butterfield, sarah@pointlomachurch.org

Prayer Quilt Ministry— We are quilting from home and sharing online.

Contact Karen Vandenberg ktvandenberg@aol.com



SENIOR
ADULT
MINISTRY
PROGRAMS

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Greetings to each of you from PLCPC! By now you all are probably aware that the church is not hosting group events through May 10, including senior events. I know we are all disappointed in the sudden loss of our in-person fellowship and social activities – including hair appointments! – but I assure you, our activities will be rescheduled as soon as it is safe to start gathering again. Right now the most important thing is to stay home and stay safe, and to maintain our hope and faith in God, our Forever Caretaker. God has a plan to get us through this period of separation and uncertainty, so we must hang on tightly with optimism until that day comes.

You are precious to me and I am here for you! Are you in need of basic necessities? Prayer? A friendly voice? Please reach out to me or use one of the ideas below.

WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED

Call the Daily Reflection Telephone Line - 619-223-1633, Ext. 214. Church staff and Elders are recording a new message daily. You can even leave a prayer request if you like! Give it a try.

Got internet? Go to the church website on Sundays at

www.pointlomachurch.org and click on the picture of the front doors of the church to watch the most recent online Sunday Service. It's easy and it doesn't require any special computer program. On other days of the week, visit the website for the latest sermon and other updates.

Leave a message on my voicemail. Even though I am not in the office, I will be checking my phone messages daily. Leave a message at 619-223-1633, Ext. 210 and I will call you back within 24 hours!

Send a letter to me, or to a friend. The U.S. Mail still works just fine! I would love to hear from you. Send a note to 2128 Chatsworth Blvd. San Diego, CA 92107

Feeling Lonely?

Social distancing can lead to feelings of sadness and depression. The Institute on Aging has a Friendship Line that is open 24/7, just call 1-800-971-0016.



Stay Home



Stay Healthy



Stay Connected

Caring For Each Other

The Elders and Deacons have been reaching out via telephone to check on each of you. If you have any specific needs, please let us know. We have folks on standby who can deliver groceries, provide technical support and more. You can call the church office 619-223-1633 or email evan@pointlomachurch.org to get connected with someone who can help.

Confirmation is Moving Online!

April 19 through June 14

Open to current 7th - 10th grade students.



Confirmation is the time when young people claim the promises that were made on their behalf in baptism, or to be baptized as a follower of Jesus Christ. It is also an opportunity to learn what Presbyterians believe and to become full-fledged members of Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church. Because of the pandemic and our having to move everything online, there is no cost to go through Confirmation. **Visit pointlomachurch.org/register to sign-up!**

Confirmation Mentors Needed

We are looking for adults who love Jesus and would like to walk alongside a student in their discipleship journey during this two month season. Over the 8-week Confirmation experience, you would meet with the student 4 times. If you want to be part of a young person's story, please prayerfully consider being a Confirmation Mentor. To inquire or apply, please contact RO Smith at ro@pointlomachurch.org.

BRICK MONDAYS

Junior High // Mondays 5-7 pm
High School // Mondays 7-9 pm
Via Zoom

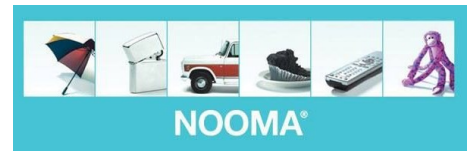
BRICK THURSDAYS

High School // 7-9 pm
Via Zoom

For the Zoom meeting links,
or any other needs, email
ro@pointlomachurch.org

High School Small Group

All high school students are invited to join our high school small group as we go through NOOMA, a series of short films that explore our world from a perspective of Jesus. NOOMA is an invitation to search, question, and join the discussion.



We gather on Thursday evenings from 7:30—8:30 pm via Zoom. Email ro@pointlomachurch.org for information.

Family Camp—Sept. 25-27 Camp Marston



Join your Church family for meaningful time together as we play, worship and engage in age-appropriate activities. Cost includes 5 meals, lodging, climbing tower, archery, Gaga, sports court, craft house, bonfires and much more.

Cost: \$145/person. Max \$580/family. Kids ages 4 and under are FREE! Online registration is now open! Pointlomachurch.org/register. Refundable deposit if requested by August 25.

Rancho Genesis Intergenerational Mission Trip July 12-18, 2020

Do you want to make a difference for some of the most destitute children of Mexico? Join us for our summer intergenerational mission trip to Rancho Genesis. The children who come to Rancho Genesis have been severely abused or are on the edge of survival due to poverty. We will continue to assist in building the new camp property and also spend time with the children. More information online at pointlomachurch.org/register.



Nicole Hage, Director | preschool@pointlomachurch.org 619-223-3327 | www.redbrickpreschool.org

We have re:imagined preschool for this month. Our teachers have been using virtual means to communicate, teach and inspire our preschoolers. Though this is not how we prefer to interact with our families, we know that this has been greatly appreciated. We have reopened for essential workers and are now serving those families' childcare needs. We are taking into account the guidelines and regulations to make sure we are being as safe as possible. We are happy to be able to help those families that we count on to take care of us during this crisis. Our dedicated and caring staff have been doing what they can to care for our families. We want to thank you all for your continued support and understanding during this time of uncertainty.





Sunday Programs

Join us every Sunday online at 9 am for the Red Brick Kids Worship Service. Simply visit pointlomachurch.org and click on the Worship graphic.

Children's Ministry Blog

The Children's Ministry has a brand new blog. We are sharing boredom busters, inspiring videos, activities and more! Check is out today by visiting pointlomachurch.org. Click on the Ministries tab, then scroll to Children.

Journey



Our 4th-5th grade Journey group is currently being Re:imagined. Stay tuned for details on how we will be meeting online very soon!

Kids Club



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.

Hold tight! Kids Club is being Re:imagined. Stay tuned for details from Ms. Karen.

Children and Youth Choirs

Cherub Choir

Age 4 - Grade 1
Temporarily on-hold.
Alicia will provide a video after Easter for dance choreography rehearsal for the Children's Musical.



Joyful Praise Choir

Grades 2 - 6
Thursdays 5:00-6:00 pm Online via Zoom

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

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped clean and organize the Children's Ministry Closets. It was a bigger job than expected and I could not have done it without you. May you be extra blessed for your selfless service.

With Gratitude,
Erin Shetter



VBS Camper and Volunteer Registration is Open!

We are confident that camp will still be on for June 22-26. In the event that VBS needs to be postponed until later in the summer we will refund your registration fee if the new calendar date does not work for your family. For more

information on our VBS program visit pointlomachurch.org/vbs.

MOPS: Mothers of Preschoolers

www.meetup.com/playgroup-754

Contact: sarah@pointlomachurch.org



MOPS.ORG

MOPS is moving online! We are having Zoom meetings in the evenings, after the kiddos go to bed. Details are being finalized. This is a great time for new moms to join us if they haven't been able to meet with us in the mornings. We are also doing daily challenges through our Facebook page with \$5 Starbucks gift cards delivered electronically. For all the details and the link to the private Facebook group, please reach out to sarah@pointlomachurch.org.

April 7, 8 pm— Dr. Lauren Mueller will be talking to us about **Fostering Connection in Marriage** via Zoom meeting. Contact sarah@pointlomachurch.org for the meeting link.

Endowment Report

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Endowment.

Thank you for the suggestions and help with the work of the Endowment.

Thank you, most of all, to all of those from the past (many now with us in spirit only) who years ago cared about the future of the church and made contributions that produced the endowment funds for *this* year, and will continue to produce the income for many years to come. We are especially grateful to Millie Gallaher, who so ably chaired the Endowment for many years.

Grants this year included support for the music program, the youth, outreach to the homeless, and a large grant to repair the roof. We also set aside a fund to help with starting a capital campaign.

The Endowment *is* about the future of the church. Funds invested in the endowment will keep producing money for

the church in perpetuity— as Ray Lidstrom says, “perpetuity is a very long time.” This magic of continuous funding is possible because of the first principle of endowments: only the *income* can be spent—the principal *cannot* be spent.

Thanks to your gifts and appreciation this year, the principal of the Endowment now exceeds \$2 million. CAUTION— remember the first principal: An Endowment can exist only if *just* the income is spent—the principal that produces the income can never be touched. If anyone ever wants to spend or encumber the principal, alarms should go off and the bells should cry out.

In 2020, please consider the future of our church and remember the Endowment. When you are making an estate plan, honoring a friend, or celebrating something— Remember the Endowment!

For more information on the endowment, visit pointlomachurch.org/endowment

Mission Partner Update:

We currently stopped all services to our clients, until we get clearance from our local, state and federal authorities. In the meantime, the staff at New Day has cleaned and disinfected all the areas in our main office at 2459 Market Ave. We thank you for all your prayers and financial support during these times of uncertainty. This event has made us closer to our God in hope and prayer as well as with each other.
In His Grip,



Men @ Work—Still working!

The Men@Work guys had our Wednesday weekly meeting together on the internet via Zoom. We are still meeting weekly online. We are still helping each other, and a few others with the technical, internet, telephone, and video problems that arise when everybody is online. We are still available to help others where possible so just ask. Contact Don Griffith don.griffith69@gmail.com or via phone at 619-997-7105



Summer Musical Theater Camp

July 27-31
9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Grades 2-8



Registration is open of our NEW Summer Musical Theater Camp! Campers will participate in acting, singing, choreography and specialty workshops. The day camp will run July 27-31 from 9:30 am-3:30 pm. The week will culminate with an amazing production of Oh Jonah! Visit pointlomachurch.org/register for more details.

Children’s Musical—New Date Coming Soon!

The Children’s Musical, originally scheduled for May 17, will be postponed. The children are still working hard at rehearsing at home with their families and with each other via Zoom.

Watch for a new date for Called by Mark Burrows. The show asks what does it mean to be called by God? This musical affirms that God has placed something beautiful in everyone and is calling us to share it with the world. Through Burrows' honest, humorous storytelling and memorable musical numbers, children will feel empowered to live lives worthy of the calling they have received even at a young age.



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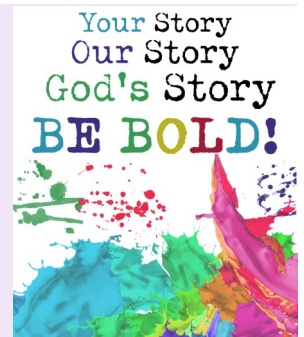
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SHARE YOUR STORIES!

Feeling Isolated? We want to know what you and your family are doing during this time of isolation! Evan Gratz is collecting your pictures, stories and funny Tik Tok videos to share with our church community. Please send anything creative, funny, serious and everything in between in the form of short video, written story or a picture to let us know what you've been doing! Email whatever you've got to Evan at evan@pointlomachurch.org, with a subject of "Isolation Stories."

*** Please note that by sending these you are giving us permission to share your stories on social media, our live stream and other publications.**



Holy Week

pointlomachurch.org

Holy Week Prayers April 6-9 @ Noon (via Zoom)
Maundy Thursday April 9 @ 7 pm
Good Friday April 10 @ Noon
Easter Sunday April 12 @ 9:30 & 11 am

Join us for a
daily Prayer time
during Holy Week
April 6-9
Monday -Thursday
at Noon
via Zoom
<https://zoom.us/j/551411946>

Praying
Through
Holy
Week

Red Brick Kids Worship, Sundays @ 9 am

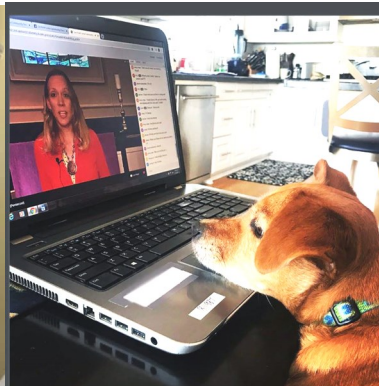
Hello,
I am a bit tardy sending this "thank you" for the prayer quilt that my wife received in June 2013 via Jack and Betty Lamott. She was diagnosed with T-cell lymphoma in October, 2012 and passed away November 2, 2013. The journey through that was very difficult for her, but she persevered to the end. Through the last six months of her treatments, she always had this quilt on her bed. She said that she "wanted to make her bed beautiful" with the colorful quilt. Being a woman with a tremendous faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, she also appreciated the prayers for her that accompanied the quilt. In her memory, I keep it on my bed now.

**thank
you!**

My hope and my prayer is that the ministry is still going strong. It meant so much to her and to me. There is no way to adequately express my gratitude for what you did for someone that you did not know and never met.

Blessings to all of you,
Douglas A Kern

YOUR STORIES FROM HOME!



Find the JOY in the Journey!