

Spire

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A Note from Pastor Karla

A happy spring to you! Now that we have celebrated Easter, somehow the air is filled with more hope and expectation. That hope includes welcoming our Interim Senior Pastor mid-April. Here are some words written by

the search committee about the Rev. Dr. Ed Girod:

When the Interim Pastor Nominating Committee interviewed Rev. Girod in early February, he thanked us for the "sacred listening" we just shared together. He said "However you are led by the Holy Spirit, Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church will always hold a special place in my heart." When he found out a month later that he was selected, he then said "What a joyful surprise to be called as your Interim Pastor! From the moment I put forward my name for consideration, I felt this was a call from God I could not ignore. I promise I shall give my very best to serve you faithfully. I look forward with joy to serving this congregation we love so dearly!"

Rev. Girod loves our Church and has maintained spiritual ties with us since he left here as Interim Associate Pastor in 2008. To him, this was not merely an open position that needed to be filled, but a call to return to a very special place. In his words "I have discovered that God has given me a unique ability to bring people together to heal their past, welcome their present and embrace their future."

Rev. Girod brings with him a wonderful sermon style, a host of leadership skills and a welcoming personality. Rev. Girod (Pastor Ed), welcome back. We're glad you're here!

What a joy to have such a warm and gifted pastor walking with us through this next year! Pastor Ed's first Sunday preaching will be April 17. Be sure to come that Sunday to welcome him into our faith community. You also won't want to miss Youth Sunday on April 10, the Women Connecting Dinner on April 13, and Men's Prayers and Pints on April 7. April is filled with wonderful ways for us to connect and grow as a church body. The only thing necessary for this to happen is you! Won't you consider showing up?

Continuing to be grateful,

Pastor Karla

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



Mission: Projects throughout the year.

The following SERVE projects are now available for volunteers:

May: The PLCPC Youth Group will work alongside the Southeast San Diego youth employed at the Urban Life Farm for a Saturday of Service. Contact Brandon Aguillard for more information. brandon@pointlomachurch.org

May: All of the Women's Ministries are participating in Habitat for Humanity's Women's Build hands-on building project. Contact karla@pointlomachurch.org for more information.

If you have ideas for SERVE projects or would like to help organize future events, please contact Ed Lynds at elynds@cox.net, or (619) 223-1472.

APRIL CALENDAR

- 7 Prayers and Pints
- 10 Youth Sunday and Burritos Fundraiser
- 10 Grossmont Symphony and Master Chorale
- 13 Women Connecting Dinner
- 14-15 Preschool Art Show
- 17 Pastor Ed Girod's First Sunday
- 26 Deacons' Meeting
- 27 Session Meeting



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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*Denotes Chair

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Please welcome our Interim Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Ed Girod!

If he looks familiar, you are correct. He served here at PLCPC as Interim Associate Pastor from 2006—2008.

Pastor Ed is a graduate of Fuller Theological Seminary, with both Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from California State University, Los Angeles. He has served as Senior and Interim Pastor at a number of Presbyterian churches in California, including in Camarillo, Solana Beach, San Luis Obispo, and San Diego. Also he served as Moderator of the Santa Barbara Presbytery and on many committees in other Presbyteries. He and his wife, Pat, reside in Encinitas.

We welcome you, Pastor Ed!

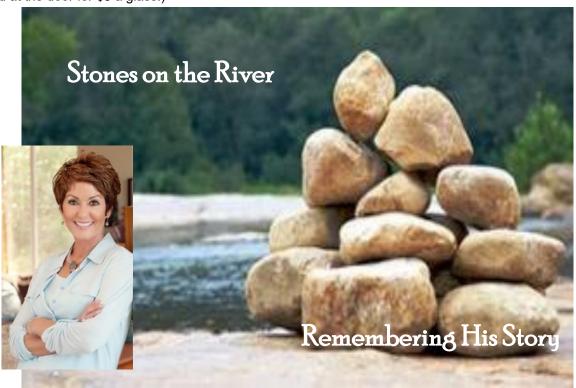
April Sermon Topics:

April 17—Down the Corridors of Our Need April 24—Making a Comeback from Heartbreak



Women Connecting Dinner

Please join us for the Women Connecting Dinner on Wednesday, April 13, in the Family Life Center. Start drifting over to the porch around 5:30 pm and learn about the various women's ministries at PLCPC. A gournet dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. Dinner tickets will be sold on Sundays between services on the Plaza for \$30 a person, or sign-up online at www.pointlomachurch.org/ministries/womens-dinner. (Wine will be sold at the door for \$5 a glass.)



Buy your tickets early as this dinner is always a sellout. We will hear some special music from the Brick Singers, a testimony from Jen Weck, and an inspirational reflection from Marijane Relth. This is a beautiful community event of fellowship and inspiration. Invite your friends and share how the light of Jesus shines on our gathering of women at PLCPC.

Children's and Youth Discipleship

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.



Kids Club on Thursdays

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

April 07-Paper Plate Caterpillars April 14-Tissue Paper Blue Birds April 21-Clothespin Dragonflies April 28-Gumdrop Houses

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





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.groupybspro.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



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

April 5: Craft day

April 12: Playground playdate at Liberty Station

April 19: Judith Housel, silhouette artist

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



Route 56

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

April 4 Ultrazone Laser Tag (offsite) April 18 Meeting April 27 (Weds.) Serve at OB Dinners

Enjoy a meal, play fun games and discuss relevant topics with friends. Friends are always welcome!



Director Brandon Aguillard, brandon@pointlomachurch.org

Youth Sunday, April 10

We are working hard to deliver another engaging Youth Sunday and will hold our annual Breakfast Burrito fundraiser to raise support for our summer houseboats trip.

Looking ahead, we are in the midst of a mini youth renovation, so feel free to come upstairs within the coming weeks to see a few changes. Specifically, we are creating a multipurpose space to provide students with an environment for afterschool options in the Youth Center.

Finally, we are looking for adult volunteers to come hangout on Wednesday nights during High School youth group! Please contact Brandon directly. Volunteering at BRICK Youth is an amazing opportunity to invest in the lives of some really rad and impressive students.

BRICK Ministries

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 Discipleship

Sunday Scripture Group—10 am, Parlor. We are dark today, Mar. 27. Have you ever wondered what your salvation is actually for? Beginning April 3, we'll view and discuss "For the Life of the World," a seven-part series to help answer the question.

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 jcnc4jesus@hotmail.com. No Bible Study April 11.

Rachel Circle—3rd Mondays, 9:30 am, Library. Our next meeting is April 18, with Joanne Hickey presenting the program. 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 continue our study of the book of Daniel led by Pastor Karla. A new series called "24/6" will begin April 19. No meeting April 5. Contact: Clara Blenis (619) 223-5950.

Men@Work—Wednesdays at 8:30 am in the Library with our usual kibitzing, and Pastor Ben Lindstrom 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 Wednesdays at 5:30 in the Parlor with Rev. Mike Mudgett 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 Revelation. 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.

Prayer Quilt Ministry

ou know those beautiful quilts adorning the chancel week after week? The ones you lovingly tie prayers into bringing comfort to those who need extra love and support? Well now is your chance to help us make them! We have had some membership changes (moves, aging, etc.) and we find ourselves struggling to keep up with demand. Whether you're an experienced quilter or you've never sewn anything, there's a job for you in the Prayer Quilt Ministry. We are happy to teach you new skills or help you dust off old ones. We meet the first Saturday of every month from 9-3 in the Family Life Center and the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 1-3 in the library. Saturdays even include a sandwich from Gourmet Bagger! Fellowship, food, and lots of fabulous fabric await you! For more information feel free to get in touch with Karen Vandenberg at (858) 569-6115 or ktvandenberg@aol.com.

Seníor Adult Mínístry

APRIL

Red Brick Senior Center

10:00 Open for snacks & coffee, Family Life Center11:00 Musical Program Noon Hot Lunch

- 4/5 **Rear View Mirror**—Big band sound. **Lunch**—Salisbury steak, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, salad, rolls, and berry crumble.
- 4/12 **Emma's Gutbucket Band. Lunch—**Lasagna, Caesar salad, vegetables, garlic bread and tiramisu.
- 4/19 Blue Zone. Favorites from the '40s, '50s and '60s.
 Our Preschoolers will join us, and blood pressure check today! Lunch—Shepherd's Pie, salad, Jell-O, rolls, and cake.
- 4/26 **Peter Seltser—**Lunch—Fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetables, salad, cornbread, and apple pie.

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

April 13 Women Connecting Dinner, 5:30 pm, FLC April 20 Movie Day: <u>The Martian</u>, 12:00 pm, FLC

April 27 Life's Transitions Seminar, 8:30 am—2:30 pm, FLC

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.

MOVIE DAY: THE MARTIAN

Wednesday, April 20, 12:00 to 2:00 pm

We'll have popcorn, candy, lemonade, and water. Bring your sack lunch if you want to eat before the movie. Please RSVP so we'll have plenty of treats and chairs. (619) 223-1633 x210, or leslie@pointlomachurch.org.

Life's Transitions Seminar: Changing Health Care Needs through the Years

Wednesday, April 27, 9:00 am to 2:30 pm Family Life Center

Free Continental breakfast and lunch provided by Sharp Memorial Senior Resource Center

Learn how to approach aging from a healthier perspective and a plan for the future. Designed for seniors and their families.

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



Thank you from Pastor John . . .

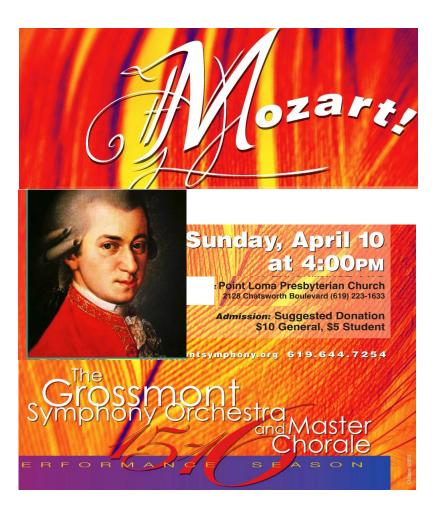
Dear members and friends of Point Loma Church:

Pam and I are on our way on our new journey and are spending time here in Lubbock, Texas with our son and his family, worshiping at Westminster Presbyterian Church for Palm Sunday. Then we are off to Chicago to establish our new home in Wheaton, just two miles from our daughter.

We are so grateful for all of the affirmations that we received these past weeks, especially for those who made my retirement worship and celebration so rich, grand, and memorable. Thank you so very much. We pray for the next chapter of your life in Christ and the ways in which He will guide you and those who come alongside you to become a glory to Him and a blessing to others.

Our phone will continue to be the same cell phone contacts and our new address is 1205 Gamon Road, Wheaton, IL 60189.

Blessings, Pastors John and Pam Powell (sent March 15, 2016)



Volunteer Spotlight

Bob Giesick has been attending PLCPC for 15 years. As a volunteer, he wears many hats, including as an elder, as chair of media ministries for audio and video production during worship services, and as a musician in both the sanctuary and café services.



To "meet" Bob and learn more about his volunteer work at PLCPC, go here: http://pointlomachurch.org/about/volunteers

Please wear your name badge.

Need one?
Contact
ann@pointlomachurch.org

Endowment

s you might have noticed last month, our receipts from donors to the Endowment Fund totaled \$62,840. Some gifts were in memory of very special people, the rest were outright donations to help preserve our heritage and enrich lives in our community for years to come. Therefore, we'd like to honor and thank the generous donors of all the gifts received in 2015.

They are: Scott Adams, Ellen Anderson, Glen and Dotty Burgess, Marilyn Cross, Fred and Linda Daugherty, Jim and Janet Dort, Bill and Millie Gallaher, Mary Harker, Ed Lynds, Carol Netterblad, Kathleen Shelley, Ann and Bob Simoneau, Wayne and Barbara Smith, Bill and Marilyn Turnquist.

Thank you and bless you all,

The Endowment Committee Millie Gallaher, Chair

Life Events

Birth

- Adaline Kelly Ann Mason was born on February 22, 2016 to Katie and Blair Mason. Proud greatgrandmother is Joanne Albrecht.
- Charlotte Genevieve Mars was born February 26, 2016 to Aaron and Elizabeth Warnock Mars.
 Proud grandparents are Carol and Richard Warnock.

Baptism

- Lexi Ann Miles, daughter of David and Leslie Miles, was baptized on March 6, 2016.
 Rev. Dr. Ben Lindstrom officiated.
- Jack Robert Bailey, son of Robert and Erin Hartley Bailey, was baptized on March 20, 2016.
 Rev. Karla Shaw officiated.

Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) was commissioned by Pastor Karla with a laying on of hands on Sunday, March 13. The committee would like to thank members of the congregation for the trust you have placed in us for the important role of finding a new senior pastor for our church.

We have met with our Presbytery representative and are learning the steps we need to take on this journey. It is a fairly long process, and certain things need to be done before we begin to review applications from interested pastors from across the country.

The first step in the process is to complete the Ministry Information Form (MIF), a Presbyterian Church (USA) form, which will include information about our church and a description of the requirements of our senior pastor position. To complete this form, our committee is reviewing last year's Mission Study, so we can accurately and appropriately describe our requirements. The completed form will be presented to the Session for approval, and then sent to the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry for their approval. Following those approvals, the MIF will be uploaded to the PC (USA) network for viewing and consideration by prospective pastors.

Although the work of the PNC is confidential, we plan to provide ongoing reports of our progress along the way. Articles and notices will be placed in the Spire, the Sunday bulletin, the weekly e-blasts, and the church's website as appropriate.

Thank you again for your trust and support. Please pray for us as we try to discern the path God has laid out for selecting the new leadership of our church.

Carol Leimbach
Chair, Pastor Nominating Committee

Summer Camp for ages 3-5 years Summer Camp

Weekly in July from 9:00-12:00

Red Brick Church

2128 Chatsworth Blvd.



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

COMING IN MAY

CLASSES FOR NEW MEMBERS for those interested in joining Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church

Sundays, May 1 and May 15 from 11:30 am to 1:15 pm in the Library Light lunch will be served.

Join Pastor Karla to learn what membership at PLCPC is all about. Free child care provided.

RSVP to ann@pointlomachurch.org

(619) 223-1633 x203



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JOURNEY INTO DEEPER FAITH, AND TRANSFORM OUR WORLD.