

# Spire

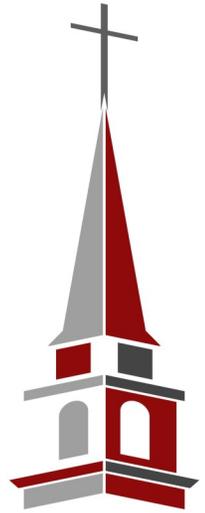
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Point Loma  
Community  
Presbyterian  
Church

Sunday Classic Worship  
8:30 and 10:15 am  
Sanctuary

Café Service  
10:15 am  
Chapel

Rev. Karla Shaw  
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## A Note from Pastor Karla

The church is busy, as always, with the start of a new year. With all the rain in recent days, folks have been scurrying around here to find space to meet indoors. Our preschool children have been having fun riding bikes in the Family Life Center, but this is quickly turned over as a place for grieving families to pay honor to their loved ones who have died over the

holidays. Our prayer quilts are sewn in the same room where hours before men gathered to study Scripture and make lists of how to upkeep our church campus. In the chapel, we gather together for experiential worship on Sunday morning unaware that days before our youth were busy playing hide and seek within the same walls. A church campus is really quite an amazing place. I can think of no other organization that cares for so many ages on so many levels. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this community.

I hope you can make it to our Annual Meeting on February 5 at 9:30am in the Sanctuary (please note the 2<sup>nd</sup> service and Café will begin at 10:30 that morning). At this meeting we have a chance to celebrate all that God has done in our midst this last year, to pause and remember those we have lost, and to build a bit for the future. It is the one hour a year where we reflect as a community. Your presence makes that reflection possible.

Our pastoral search committees remain hard at work seeking both a new interim and a new installed Senior Pastor for our church. In the meantime, let's not forget to embrace the season we are in as a congregation. We have the opportunity to hear from a number of different voices in the upcoming weeks. There is always a metaphor in that. God's speaks to us in all phases of our lives.

I am grateful today for God's faithfulness and I am grateful, as well, for yours. May we continue to be a place of controlled chaos and hope for this tiny sphere of the world.

Blessings,  
Pastor Karla

## FEBRUARY PREACHING SCHEDULE

- Feb 5:** 8:30 & 10:30 Classic Service: Rev. Michael Mudgett  
9:30 Annual Congregational Meeting  
10:30 Café: RO Smith
- Feb 12:** 7:30-Noon: Deacon Pancake Breakfast  
8:30 & 10:15 Classic Service: Rev. Dr. Mark Roberts  
10:15 Café: Pastor Karla
- Feb 19:** 8:30 & 10:15 Classic Service: Pastor Karla  
10:15 Café: Dr. Mindy Coates-Smith
- Feb 26:** 8:30 & 10:15 Classic Service: Rev. Nate Landis  
10:15 Café: Pastor Karla

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## LOOKING AHEAD

- Feb 5 Annual Congregational Meeting  
Souper Bowl Sunday
- Feb 9 Prayers + Pints
- Feb 11 Urban Life Farms Youth SERVE
- Feb 12 Deacon Pancake Breakfast  
Urban Life Farms: CSA Sign-Up
- Feb 19 Family Bowling
- Feb 26 Grossmont Concert
- Mar 1 Ash Wednesday  
Lenten Food Drive Begins  
VBS Registration Begins
- Mar 3 Contemplative Day



## ANNUAL MEETING

**February 5**

**9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary**

An opportunity for the entire church body to hear the following important updates:

- Approval of the revised PLCPC Bylaws
- Election of at-large 2017 Nominating Committee members
- 2016 Ministry reports and upcoming plans.

## Welcome our New Members

They will be introduced in service on February 12  
8:30 in the Sanctuary & 10:15 in the Café Service



1st row, L to R: Carlton Shippee, Nate Schnaible, Jim Tuthill.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> row: Kerri Schnaible, Jenny Shippee.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> row: Haley Tuthill, Seana Scholtemeyer, Elder Bob Simoneau.  
 Not pictured: Deacons Amy & Ben Adams

## Welcome two new staff members!



Michael Lombrano is a junior at Point Loma Nazarene University, studying Christian Ministry. He is striving to be a youth pastor, but knows the Lord will put him where he will use him. He is working with RO as the Youth Ministry Associate.



Jewel Lacy-Holmes is originally from Oregon and now attends San Diego Mesa College. She volunteers as a youth leader and has been apart of this youth group since she was eight years old. She has joined the staff as the Youth Ministries Admin Assistant!

## Women's Retreat Recap

Over 100 women shared a meaningful weekend together as they dove deep into theme of "Transitions: Embracing Change in Our Lives." Pastor Karla Shaw and Lynn Ziegenfuss spoke on the topic while everyone discussed how it applied to their lives.





### OB Community Dinners

On the last Wednesday of the month, members of all ages SERVE from 4:30-7pm.

Thank you to our January's volunteers, pictured below.

If you are interested in serving, contact: Kathy Zorn ([obkathy@yahoo.com](mailto:obkathy@yahoo.com))

On February 22, Route 56 will join our SERVE team at the OB Community Dinners!



### Mark Your Calendars!



#### May 12

Building on last year's very successful event, the women of PLCPC will again participate with Habitat for Humanity in their Women Build Program. The project will be building homes in Poway.

Contact Karla ([karla@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:karla@pointlomachurch.org)) if you have any questions or would like to join the PLCPC team.



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### February 5

Bring a can of soup to worship! We will be collecting soup for our mission partner, Presbyterian Urban Ministries.



DEACON'S  
PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST

### February 12

7:30am – Noon

Bring your family to enjoy a pancake breakfast in the Family Life Center. The proceeds from the free-will offering will go towards upgrading the sound system in the Chapel for the Café Service.

For more information contact

Bryan Bennett at

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### FEBRUARY 11

9am-12pm

The PLCPC Youth Group (grades 5-12) and their families will be working alongside the youth from the Urban Life Farm in Southeast San Diego. They will be improving the farm that our church helped establish in 2015 and getting it ready for the Spring harvest season.

### FEBRUARY 12

Urban Life Farm will have a farm stand at the Deacon's Pancake Breakfast. The youth from the farm will be selling fresh produce and taking sign-ups for the 14 week CSA Spring Season from March 5 to June 11.

# Children's Ministries

Karen Connor, Director (619) 223-1633 x215 karen@pointlomachurch.org

## Sunday School at 8:30 & 10:15 am

Come and learn God's Word!

**Age 4 -Kindergarten**—Room 2

**Grades 1-3**—Room 8

**Grade 3**—Bible Memory Class in Room 5 (8:30 a.m. only)

**Grade 4-6** in Room 6

Childcare, ages 6 mo.-Age 3—Nursery



## Kids Club on Thursdays

4-4:40 pm: Grade 2-6

4:55-5:45 pm: Age 4-Grade 1

Family Life Center

**Feb 2:** Valentine's Heart Pocket

**Feb 9:** Aluminum Foil Kisses

**Feb 16:** Pom Pom Painting

**Feb 23:** Crepes

## Bible Memory Course



Join **Grades 3 & 4** in a special Sunday School class for the 2016-2017 school year.

**8:30 am in Classroom 5.**

Those completing the work will be awarded a personalized Bible on May 14.



## Route 56 on Mondays

5 to 7 pm, Family Life Center.

Dinner included (\$5 donation)

Friends are **always** welcome!

**Feb 13:** Regular Meeting

**Feb 22:** Serve Dinner at OB Soup Kitchen

**Feb 27:** Regular Meeting



SAVE THE DATE:

**Vacation Bible School 2017**

"Maker Fun Factory"

**June 26-30, 9am-Noon**

Music, games, science experiments, Bible stories, snacks and more!

**Registration begins March 1**

**Preschool** Session for ages 3 yrs (by 9/1/17) - 4 yrs.  
(Must be potty trained. Program limited to 40 children)

**Elementary** Session for ages 5 yrs (by 9/1/17) - Grade 6.



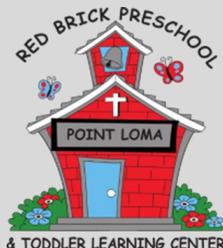
**Auditions for Spring Musical**  
**February 9, 16 & 23**  
**Grades 2-6**  
**Speaking, Singing and Acting roles**

**Brick Singers**

All students Grade 7 - 12 welcome!

11:30 am -1:30 pm (w/snacks)

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# Senior Adult Ministry

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## BENEFITS OF PET OWNERSHIP FOR SENIORS

Presented by the San Diego Humane Society

February 15, 12-1:30 pm, Family Life Center



Come to this free presentation by Elkie Wills of the San Diego County Humane Society to learn about the social, emotional and physical benefits of having a companion pet in your life. Explore options for adoption, and special considerations for seniors when deciding whether to bring a furry friend into your life. Hear from church Deacon, Evelyn-Ursula Cintas, who will share her story about how a new puppy – Daisy – changed her life after the passing of her beloved husband.

Bring a Sack Lunch and your questions  
Light Refreshments Provided

RSVP to Elaine Burrell at 619-223-1633, Ext: 210 or [elaine@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:elaine@pointlomachurch.org)

### Red Brick Senior Center —Tuesdays in the Family Life Center

10 am: Senior Center opens for snacks and coffee

11 am: Musical Performance

12 pm: Lunch, \$6, RSVP to Elaine

**2/7 Rhinestone Grannies** - A must-see performance!

Soup, Orzo Salad, Chips & Dessert

**2/14 Valentine's Day** - Cowboy Jack, Vintage Valentine Country Show

Prune-stuffed Pork Tenderloin, Rice, Broiled Tomatoes & Sorbet

**2/21 Academy Awards Predictions** - Pre-K Singer

Baked Pasta Casserole, Caesar Salad, Rolls & Poached Pears

10-11 am—Free Blood Pressure Check

**2/28 Mardi Gras & Alexis' Send Off** - San Diego Sun Harbor Chorus (Barbershop Quartet)

Chicken & Dirty Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Baguette, King Cake

*Reservations are required by the previous Friday. Lunches are \$6.00.*



# BRICK

Y O U T H G R O U P

**GRADES 7 & 8 SMALL GROUP**  
Sundays, during the 10:15 services  
/////////  
**BRICK MIDWEEK**  
High School // Wednesdays at 7pm  
Junior High // Thursdays at 6pm



**WINTER CAMP**  
High School: February 24-26

**ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
Build into the lives of our youth through a weekly commitment to spend time with Grade 7-12 students.  
Sundays at 10:15am  
Wednesday at 7pm  
Thursdays at 6pm

## Adult Ministry

### WOMEN'S GROUPS

**Mom's Bible Study**—Mondays, 9:15-10:30 am, Parlor. For moms of kids elementary age and younger. Pastor Karla is leading us in a study on the Book of Acts. Free childcare provided by contacting: [cynthia@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:cynthia@pointlomachurch.org).

**Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study**—9:00 am in the Parlor for women of all ages. Pastor Karla leads a study on the book of Acts. For questions contact: Clara Blenis (619) 223-5950.

**Rachel Circle**—3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 9:30 am, Library. Speakers discuss current topics and church activities. All are welcome to the friendship and support in the group. For questions, contact Judy at (858) 565-6375.

**MOPS** (Mother of Preschoolers) Every other Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 am, Library. Women form relationships with other moms to share, learn, and grow in Christ together. Contact: Sarah Butterfield at [sarahbutterfield@gmail.com](mailto:sarahbutterfield@gmail.com)

### MEN'S GROUPS

**Men@Work**—Wednesdays at 8:30 am, Library. Following coffee and camaraderie, Pastor Ben Lindstrom and Em Cummins lead our study of Philippians. We then take on fix-it projects around the campus. All abilities welcome. Contact: is Don Griffith at [don-pete@cox.net](mailto:don-pete@cox.net).

**Wednesday Men's Bible Study**— 5:00 pm, Parlor. Bill Creasy continues to lead our study on the gospel of Matthew, followed by discussion, sharing and prayer. Contact: Jerry Heidt at [gheidotd@ghhco.com](mailto:gheidotd@ghhco.com).

### CO-ED GROUPS

**Sunday Scripture Group**—10 to 11 am, Parlor. Please join us for our 6 part DVD study "Resilient" on living a Jesus-shaped life—followed by stimulating discussion. Contact: Bob Simoneau [grs55@cox.net](mailto:grs55@cox.net).

**The Bridge** Friday, February 3 & 17, 6:30-8 pm, Parlor. A casual study group for 20s-40s. Child care is available for a small fee. Contact: Julia Roller at [juliaroller@yahoo.com](mailto:juliaroller@yahoo.com) for more info, or to RSVP.

**Refresh** 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7-8:30 pm  
We will continue in our study of Romans.  
Contact: Jim Grisolia: [jamesgrisolia@gmail.com](mailto:jamesgrisolia@gmail.com)



Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 am in the Library, unless otherwise noted.

**Feb. 7** - Kendra Oakes Muller, PhD - "Healthy Sexuality"

**Feb. 14** - Mom's Morning Out, 9:15 - 11:45 am\*

**Feb. 18** - Mom's Night Out at Soda and Swine, 7:30 pm

**Feb. 21** - Max Butterfield, PhD - "Taming Tantrums"

**Feb. 27** - BOOK CLUB at Living Room Cafe, 7:30 pm

**Feb. 28** - Playground Playdate, Liberty Station, 9:30 am

Info: [www.meetup.com/playgroup-754](http://www.meetup.com/playgroup-754)

Contact: [sarahbutterfield@gmail.com](mailto:sarahbutterfield@gmail.com)



**February 9, 5:30 p.m.**

**Stone Brewing World Bistro & Gardens  
Liberty Station**

For more information, contact:

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### Family Bowling

**February 19, 1-3pm**



What better way to get to know other families at the church than by bowling?!?

On Sunday, February 19, if you are looking for a way to entertain your kids over the long weekend, join us at Aztec Lanes

at SDSU from 1-3 pm for fun and fellowship. Please let us know of your attendance by emailing [karla@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:karla@pointlomachurch.org). Pay at the door or through Groupon. Parking is \$2



## The Tree of Life

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 of the display have sprouted hundreds of leaves documenting the rich history of our community.

To request a leaf, please complete the form in the church office.

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## Annual Reports for 2016

### **ASSOCIATE PASTOR**

#### **Rev. Karla Shaw**

I fulfill a variety of roles at the church, from overseeing ministry directors, mentoring our deacons, connecting our church to local and regional mission, teaching several bible studies, and engaging in traditional pastoral roles. I enjoy much of my job, but what brings me the most joy is providing experiences for people to see Jesus differently and journey further into faith through our Adult Ministries.

This past year was all about transition (some expected, some unexpected). In February, we said goodbye to Pastor John after 11 years of ministry with us. That ushered in new challenges for me, as I led the staff and the congregation through the Lenten and Easter season. During this time, we reflected on visual art on Wednesday evenings, and on Sundays we reflected on Henri Nouwen's book, "Can You Drink the Cup?" Then, we engaged all of our senses on a reflection day at Mission Trails Regional Park. In February, we launched our first Family Camp in many years, and will continue this tradition in October 2017. This past October, over 150 people from all over the city gathered in our Family Life Center on Wednesday evenings to engage in *Talk Race*, a conversation aimed at ending racism in our city. There were five African American churches in our region that were invited to participate along with five Caucasian churches. We also had several SERVE projects throughout the year, but our largest projects were in November, when 120 adults served with Habitat for Humanity in Logan Heights. Additionally, 40 of our youngest members made hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Throughout the year, the Café service has continued to grow with "live" preaching. The average attendance is 70 adults and 25 children each week.

In early December, with the resignation of Pastor Ed, I had the opportunity to lead us through the Advent and Christmas season. It was a joy to see hundreds of people at our Red Brick Christmas Celebration, our Christmas Concerts, and on Christmas Eve.

Besides our Senior Pastor transitions, this past year we also had a lot of changes on our staff. We hired Elaine Burrell as our new Senior Adult Director to replace Leslie Hanna. RO Smith began as our new Youth Director and Café Worship Leader replacing Brandon Aguillard and Megan Pittman. In the office, Melissa Mullins replaced Heather Holliday as our Communications Coordinator. We also have two new youth associates, Michael Lombrano and Jewell Lacy-Holmes, who took over for Christian Moore.

This has been a year of change, but a year of hopefulness as well. I enter into 2017 excited about where our church is headed and ready to receive whatever God has in store for us in the coming year. I have a feeling it will be big!

### **MINISTER OF MUSIC & BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Don Brenneman**

It is with sincere gratitude that I review the highlights of ministries that I was involved in this past year. In a season of transition, it is so inspiring to work together in carrying out the Mission of PLCPC. Ministering with our New Covenant Choir is a joy. We work hard, laugh hard, and share God-inspired music together and support each other in the up and down times of life.

Our annual Christmas Concerts with Orchestra was presented to over a thousand people as we celebrated the Birth of Christ. The musical growth of our children's choirs is inspiring to witness. Under Alicia McMillan's direction, our children are serving the Lord and the congregation chorally. Alicia continues to produce stirring sounds from our fabulous pipe organ. Bryan Verhoye's concerts this year have been of extremely high quality and have drawn hundreds of guests from the community. The Worship Band brings a real spark to our Sunday services and other events. The Ringers ReJOYce! handbell choir under Ann Simoneau's direction contribute greatly to our services and seasonal events. Ann also serves as Executive Assistant to the Senior Pastor. Bookkeeper Evelyn Lambino and I are the staff liaisons to the Finance, Budget, Stewardship, and Building and Grounds Committees. I would like to thank the following volunteers who work tirelessly for our ministry: Bob Giesick and all the people in the Media Ministries including our Media Technician, Erich McMillan. Linda and Fred Daugherty and all the ushers. Dotty Burgess, choir librarian John Spafford, Sunday PowerPoint file editor, Jim Dort, Linda Daugherty, Loran McKnight, and John Pierson who volunteer in the Business Office. Al Walter, Mary Carol Madison, Sharon Heard, Marti Baird, Carol Nicolson and Sally West who are faithful front desk volunteers.

### **DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP**

#### **Karen Connor**

There are many programs we offer at PLCPC for children infant through grade 6; it is a joy for our staff and many volunteers to have the chance to make a difference in their lives through fun, interactive, scripture-based activities and 2016 was no exception.

We welcomed Cynthia Hernandez, our Childcare Coordinator and longtime nursery staff member, as our Children's Ministry Assistant. Cynthia continues to coordinate the nursery schedule and staff and now assists with all other programs

within our ministry. Our **Sunday School** program (age 4-grade 6) serves approximately 50+ children weekly. Dedicated volunteer teachers share their faith walk with the children and encourage them to personalize and apply what they are learning through Bible stories, active games, crafts, song, and prayer. We welcome up to 40 children each Thursday during **Kids Club**. The children (age 4-grade 6) participate in making crafts, snacks and playing active games. This very popular program is typically paired with the Children's Choir, led by Alicia McMillian, but can be enjoyed separately. Our twice-monthly **Rt. 56** meetings have up to 16 kids for a fun evening of games, dinner and conversation.

In February, 20 of our students in grades 4-6 attended **Forest Home Children's Winter Camp** where they enjoyed daily worship, cabin chats, participating in night games, and hiking. In November, children from within our church and community attended **Here Comes Camp** to preview Forest Home Winter Camp. The evening was led by a team from Forest Home and was well attended by kids and their parents.

The kids have several opportunities during the school year to give back to others by serving dinner to the homeless at OB Dinners, as well as serving dinner to our seniors during their annual Christmas gala.

On **Palm Sunday**, we hosted our fourth annual **Easter Fest** as an outreach for our church and community. We had a petting zoo, crafts, and a bounce house for the children to enjoy. Once again it was very well received and planning is in the works for this year on Sunday, April 9.

**Vacation Bible School (VBS)** was held the week of June 27 and our theme was "Cave Quest." It was our largest VBS to date with 170 children from our church and throughout the Point Loma community in attendance. With the help of Nicole Hage, our Preschool Director, we added a preschool program specifically for ages 3 & 4 years. It was a high energy week of games, science experiments, snacks, singing and experiencing stories from the Bible. Our mission project raised \$940 for Habitat for Humanity as part of our SERVE projects. Special thanks to the many volunteers who gave of their time. VBS is not possible without them! Our VBS dates for 2017 are set for June 26-30 and the theme will be "Maker Fun Factory."

In December, we hosted our third annual **Red Brick Christmas Celebration** in the Family Life Center. Hundreds of all ages gathered for the festivities which included gingerbread houses, ornaments, Advent wreaths, Christmas carolers and a special visit from Santa. Our outreach opportunity, called Random Acts of Christmas Cookies, invited neighbors to attend our Christmas services. What an awesome time for everyone who attended!

## **DIRECTOR OF YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP & CAFÉ WORSHIP LEADER**

### **RO Smith**

First off, it has been an absolute pleasure to be a part of the Point Loma community. Mindy and I, along with Eleanor, have felt so welcomed by this church community. I have had the privilege of playing alongside and leading worship with some outstanding musicians and people from the PLCPC community. We have built a consistent community of 15 musicians for the Café Worship band and will continue to broaden the community in the coming year. I have inquired with Point Loma Nazarene University to recruit students looking to use their musical gifts to lead worship. I look forward to seeing how God uses Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church to meet the needs of the community, and the role the Café Service contributes to that end.

In my short time with BRICK, I am enjoying getting to know the students and embrace the new challenges ministering in this community brings. I am still discovering the needs of the youth community, as well as the resources available to meet those varying needs. As I continue to gather this information, it will inform the direction of the program moving forward.

A strong value in our youth group is the desire to **SERVE**. In December, a couple of our student leaders raised awareness, funds, and gathered Christmas gifts from the congregation to share with a family they have adopted in Mexico. A group of students, parents, and church leaders were able to drive down to Mexico and present the gifts to Greg Amstutz, Director of Rancho Genesis who passed the gifts onto the adopted family. We look forward to what this new year brings as we look to serve in places like Rancho Genesis, UrbanLife Farms, OB Soup Kitchen, VBS, and other places throughout San Diego and Mexico. One of the shortcomings I have discovered within the BRICK youth community is the **need for adults** and adult presence. 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 PLCPC community for the last part of 2016, and am greatly anticipating what 2017 will

bring. I hope that the Café and youth communities will be we continue to encounter Christ, participate in the local church context, and we would allow ourselves to be transformed by His Spirit.

#### **DIRECTOR OF SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY**

##### **Elaine Burrell**

2016 was a year of transition in Senior Adult Ministry. After 10 years of service, Leslie Hanna retired as Director, and I began my role in her place on September 1st, 2016. The mission of Senior Adult Ministry is to foster spiritual, mental and physical wellness through ministry and fellowship opportunities that enrich the lives of mature adults in the church and community. It is a blessing and a privilege to lead the Senior Ministry at PLCPC and I am enjoying getting to know our cherished seniors and serving our wonderful church. Below is a summary of activities that took place in 2016:

34 Red Brick Senior Center Lunches took place, with a hot meal and entertainment provided to approximately 65 seniors in attendance each week from September-June.

9 Lunch & Learn programs were offered in 2016. Attendance averaged 12-24 participants per month.

Ageless Fitness, our senior exercise program, continued through November 2016, but was discontinued due to the instructor moving out of the area. This class is re-launching in partnership with the YMCA in early 2017.

In July, the Senior Ministry hosted a Day of Service where seniors and other helpers assembled soup kits for a local charity.

October featured a senior book discussion group led by Em Cummins studying "The Grammar of God" by Aviya Kushner. In November, we hosted a special Veterans Day program attended by 120, honoring veterans in our church and greater community.

The Christmas Dinner took place the evening of the annual Christmas Concert and was attended by approximately 60 people; Senior Ministry also hosted 24 San Diego symphony musicians for dinner that evening.

Myself and the kitchen staff members obtained their Food Handlers Certification. I also began long process of obtaining Class B Commercial Drivers License in order to utilize the church van for senior outings in 2017.

I also provided ongoing outreach, support, resources, and home visiting to seniors in need.

#### **DIRECTOR OF PRESCHOOL & TLC**

##### **Nicole Hage**

The Preschool has had a wonderful year. We continue to invite preschool families to join church events and many preschoolers have joined our children's choir and Kids

Club. Pastor Karla, RO & Karen have taken over our monthly chapels and the children are loving their leadership.

We had a month-long summer camp in July where families really enjoyed having a safe and fun place for their preschoolers during the summer. The Toddler Learning Center was able to get new wood laminate flooring to replace very worn out carpet. This was done with the help from the Deacon's. The preschool hired 6 new teaching assistants and was able to add a new assistant position. Each year we are able to offer free screenings for early intervention and vision.

We have incredibly generous families! During our art show we served by raising \$1,000 for Autism Project Tree Foundation to help to continue to give free early intervention screenings to all preschoolers in San Diego. During our annual Gifts to the Manger, preschool families donated new baby diapers and supplies to P.U.M. Additionally, our families and the women of the church donated over \$2,000 to a past preschool mom battling stage 4 stomach cancer.

We would like to thank all that purchased their beautiful poinsettias from our annual fundraiser; this went towards our new IPAD mini's for each classroom. We started using a new program to help us to communicate with the preschool families, which allows the teachers to post pictures, lesson plans, events and provides more daily interactions with our families. This year we have been able to offer extracurricular activities every day after lunch such as yoga, soccer, tumbling, and dance.

At the end of the year we got our new security system up to keep our children safe. This has enclosed the preschool and made it only assessable to preschool families and staff. We look forward to another great year here at the preschool.

#### **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

##### **Steve Smith**

Thank you, thank you, thank you everyone for your love, devotion, and continued support of all the ministries here at Red Brick. None of what the church has accomplished this past year could have been possible without your prayers, active participation, and awesome financial support.

Elders Steve Smith and Joel Miller, along with guidance from former Stewardship Elder Byron Wear and others, began its work this year by undertaking a planning review of the stewardship process. Three goals emerged:

**I. Create an Ongoing Environment of Giving Opportunities:** In addition to annual pledging, establish electronic giving for the congregation; begin a process to invite and expand opportunities for large gifts, planned giving.

ing, and endowment giving.

**II. Expand our Understanding of Stewardship:** Include time and talent, as well as treasure, in stewardship; involve all ages in stewardship; demonstrate the “stewardship of the stewards” by improving governance and stewardship infrastructure.

**III. Demonstrate gratitude and appreciation:** Convey to the congregation appreciation for its gifts that make the work of the church possible and express ongoing gratitude to God for gifts and grace beyond measure.

We end the year recognizing that the long-term financial success of PLCPC depends on your continued commitment and generosity. Stewardship must be a year-round, joyful activity of being able to work together and with God to do the work of His Church.

#### REPORT OF THE BYLAWS WORKING GROUP

The Session undertook a review of the PLCPC Bylaws at the beginning of 2016. It quickly became apparent that they were in need of updating to comply with the *Book of Order*, legal requirements, and best practices for non-profit, religious organizations. The Session asked that Steve Smith serve as the Reporter for the project and that there be wide consultation. In early January 2017, the Session distributed the proposed amendments to the congregation via the website. Additional suggestions were made that have been incorporated in a final draft to be considered by the Session and provided to the congregation for approval at the Annual Meeting in February.

#### PNC CHAIR

##### **Carol Leimbach**

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) was elected by the congregation at the Annual Meeting on February 7, 2016, and commissioned with a laying on of hands on March 13, 2106. Members include Carol Leimbach (Chair), Clara Blenis, John Brand, Anne Hill, and Mike Long. Elaine Burrell and Lynn Ziegenfuss serve as alternates.

The PNC spent three months reviewing the Mission Study, a compilation of member and community surveys, which identifies the characteristics our church desires in a new pastor, and preparing the Ministry Information Form (MIF), which describes our congregation and sets forth the leadership competencies we are seeking. Our MIF was published on our church website on June 9, 2016, and we began receiving applications.

In the last eight months the PNC has reviewed 157 applications, listened to hundreds of sermons, engaged in-depth conversations with candidates, participated in Skype and face-to-face interviews, visited churches, and conducted detailed reference and background checks. As we continue to develop relationships with several highly qualified candidates, we are strengthened and renewed by your prayers, putting our complete trust in Jesus ... and His perfect timing!

“Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do

you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”

— Isaiah 43:19

#### MISSION BEYOND COMMITTEE

##### **Mark Olcott**

The Mission Beyond Committee 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. Over 10% of funds raised at PLCPC, a tithe, are devoted to mission-related service. The committee administers a large proportion of these funds by developing relationships with mission partners (both local & global) and distributing financial support. A detailed report is available on the Mission Beyond page of our PLCPC website. 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. SERVE projects and trips to Genesis are examples, and more details will soon be available on the website.

Highlights of 2016 include:

Distributed \$69,000 in support to 16 mission partners (55% local, 45% global)

A pilot project with Uplift to assist families transitioning from homelessness to housing.

A visit from Bernie and Farsijana Adney-Risakotta, PC (USA) missionaries in Indonesia, who spoke about Muslim-Christian relations. They represent the first PC(USA) missionaries supported by PLCPC in many years.

We continued sponsoring a village in the Dominican Republic (Los Arroyones), part of the global effort to end rural poverty by Plant With Purpose (PWP). Two PLCPC members traveled to Los Arroyones and learned that PWP’s work there is nearly complete. Thanks to PLCPC’s support over the past seven years, the village now has a solid base of sustainable agriculture, a vibrant church, and a savings-and-loan association.

There were two mission trips to Genesis Diez near Ensenada, Mexico and we received several visits from Greg Amstutz to plan future mission collaboration and to preach at the Café service.

Urban Youth Collaborative worked with youth from two PLCPC families to re-start a Christian club at Correia Middle School. Nate Landis of UYC preached at Café service.

A visit from Pastor Leon D’Orleans updated us on the status of Haiti Outreach Ministries

New committee members are always welcome. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month in the PLCPC library. Seek us out! Many committee members are seasoned volunteers with local and global mission partners (including PUM, Uplift, Genesis, Military Outreach Minis-

tries, OB Community Dinners, Plant with Purpose, and others) and would love to help you 'plug in' to volunteer opportunities. We look forward to serving with you and working to Transform Our World in the year ahead.

## **BOARD OF DEACONS**

### **Stephanie Wylie, Moderator**

The Deacons provide a Ministry of Compassion and Service. We have representatives on Session Committees, support the OB Soup Kitchen, Loaves and Fishes and PUM. We supply the baby roses, send greeting cards, college care packages and military care packages. We run the Lenten Food Drive which in 2016 was another huge success. The Deacons collect backpacks and collect money for bus passes for PUM. Our Love Baskets give a meal to those in need. Every Sunday, a Deacon is at the door to greet you and after the service the flowers are delivered by the Deacons. On Easter, all Deacons help to deliver over 80 bouquets. We organize the special receptions between services. In May, we had a reception for Bea Rogers and in June one for Alice Carroll to celebrate their 100th birthdays! Do you need a ride to church? The Deacon transportation coordinator will try to help. The Prayer Chain is run by a member of the College of Deacons and we help run the new member classes.

Pancake Breakfasts raised money to purchase new stainless flatware for the kitchen, supported scholarships for VBS and helped Rancho Genesis. The Deacons gave money to the bells ministry and donated scholarships for members of MOPS (Mother of Preschoolers) and the Youth Program. The Deacons are always working to make our church a caring church.

## **EVANGELISM AND CHURCH GROWTH**

### **Bob Simoneau**

Visitors who fill out welcome cards are contacted by staff, Pastor Karla and deacons and then invited to the new member classes when indicated. Elders and Deacons assist in the process. In 2016, the two new member classes resulted in 20 new members, most of whom have found a niche in congregational life/activities.

We set up and are responsible for the Visitors' Information Kiosk on the Plaza each Sunday. We also hand delivered invite cards to PLCPC public events to households in the general vicinity.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

### **Kathy Wright, Elder**

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of new Elders and Deacons for election in September. The Committee also evaluated candidates for the Senior Pastor Nominating Committee and presented a slate of 5 members plus 2 alternates for election in February.

A draft Session Handbook was prepared for training new Elders in October. The Handbook is in 3 sections:

1) The Session, containing the duties and responsibilities of being an elder, along with Session organization and procedures; 2) PLCPC Overview, which includes general-information about the church, including staff, budget, history, church organization, and calendar; and 3) More Useful Information, which briefly describes the San Diego Presbytery and includes a list of resources, such as PLCPC policies and references to Presbyterian Church (USA) documents and policies. The finalized 2017 version will be used for both a training and a reference tool and is expected to be updated annually for use by future Elders. Sections 2 and 3 were added to the Deacons Handbook, which was also updated.

## **ADULT DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY**

### **Beth Zedaker**

In 2016, much was accomplished in Adult Discipleship 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. An average of 60 - 90 seniors participate in the weekly programs.

Approximately 175 attended the Ash Wednesday dinner in the Family Life Center on February 10th.

October Refresh was offered with reflections on the book of Philippians in the Chapel.

The San Diego Botanic Garden experience (Cultivating our Soul) was held in November with 20 attending.

The annual Women's retreat in 2016 had 100 women attending where Lynn Ziegenfuss taught about freedom.

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 men's groups meet on Wednesdays and Thursdays for bible study. Additional groups and opportunities within the week: Sunday morning study; Men at Work; The Bridge; 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 in October 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".

Family Ministries enjoyed Family Camp in February and additional activities were offered throughout the year including an intergenerational family picnic in the fall.

The three Memorial Guild teams of volunteers assisted in many memorial receptions in 2016.

## ENDOWMENT

### Millie Gallaher

This past year proceeds from Endowment Fund have been used to revamp the youth center, to install security gates and fences around the preschool for keeping the children safe, to take care of dry rot in the eaves of the Family Life Center and to help with the Christmas Concert. The needs of our campus for major fixes cannot be foreseen and budgeted to the degree necessary to make corrections. The proceeds from the Endowment fund are specifically available to help with these expenses and for starting up new programs. Increases in the principle of the fund make higher proceeds available. Please consider making a contribution for memorial or gift, and add the Endowment Fund as a recipient in your will or trust.

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

### Allen Hobbs

The big project of 2016 was the Chapel Renovation providing improvements for the function of the Sunday morning Café Service, which included replacing the pews with chairs and new carpet. These upgrades create a more versatile space for a variety of events.

In addition to overseeing the Chapel renovations, we continued to schedule Elders for Communion Sundays, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and the Christmas Eve 9 pm service—as well as coordinate the Maundy Thursday dinner.

Looking ahead to 2017, a steering committee for the Café Service has formed to help guide the direction into the future.

## MEN'S MINISTRY

### Ryan Spradling

2016 was an exciting year for Men's Ministry. Prayers & Pints was a hit with the fellas. We were able to gather up 40+ men for some food, fun and fellowship at the three events we held this past year. The way to a man's heart is through his stomach and this old adage continues to ring true. A special thanks to Jon Connor, Will Hage, Robby Wood, John Brand, Gordy Lutes and the rest of the Men's Ministry Committee for helping out with the cause. We also had a successful Men's Retreat in Pine Valley where nearly 30 men broke away for the weekend and created some margin in their lives for God to go to work. Our speaker, Glen Scorgie, knocked it out of the park with his very relatable topic of how we can "work with purpose." We all came back refreshed, invigorated and inspired. We are eager to keep the momentum going in 2017 and look forward to the first Prayers & Pints on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP

### Paul Diller, Clerk of the Session

Total Active Membership, December 31, 2015 **950**

#### Gains in Membership During 2016:

Profession/Reaffirmation of Faith	15
Certificate of Transfer	5
Restoration of Membership	1
Total Gains	<b>21</b>

#### Losses in Membership During 2016

Death	11
Transfer to Another Church	1
Deleted	8
Total Decreases	<b>20</b>

Total Active Membership, December 31, 2016 **951**

#### Baptisms in 2016:

Adult and Youth	1
Infant/Child	5
Total Baptisms	<b>6</b>

## IN MEMORIUM

Charles Cheyney

James Cluff

Elsie Howe

Richard Johnston

Nancy McCleary

Phyllis McGuire

Marianne Muse

Sandra Nash

Phyllis Roobian

Joyce Stockton

William Turnquist



Would you be willing to drive a neighborhood church member to worship on a Sunday morning? If so, please contact Deacon Meredith Larsen at (619) 222-5301.



**March 1, 6-7:30pm**

**ASH WEDNESDAY DINNER AND WORSHIP**

Family Life Center

All are invited to an evening beginning with a simple meal followed by a time of worship, communion, and the imposition of ashes. A children's program will be provided after dinner for ages 4 years–Grade 3. Grades 4th-6th are invited to participate in an engaging and interactive **Children's Communion Experience**. Childcare available for children 6 months-age 3. Cost for the meal is \$5/person or \$20/family, kids 5 and under are free. Sign up in the church office or on Sundays on the plaza.

**Journey Into the Wilderness  
Contemplation with Conversation  
Lenten Retreat Day  
March 3, 9am-2pm**

The Lenten season invites us to set aside time to reflect. It is often viewed as a spiritual "spring cleaning" facilitated by the disciplines of simplicity and fasting, to name a few. What might you need to clear out from your heart, mind and soul in order to grow in your relationship with God? St. Athanasius described this process as "becoming by grace what God is by nature"

Please join us at the Prince of Peace Benedictine Monastery in Oceanside on March 3 from 9:00 am -2:00 pm. The cost for the contemplative retreat is \$35, which includes, a light breakfast, lunch and materials. The retreat will be facilitated by Lynn Ziegenfuss.

**Sign up at the church office or by emailing  
Pastor Karla at [karla@pointlomachurch](mailto:karla@pointlomachurch)**

**DEACON  
FOOD  
DRIVE**

**MARCH 1—APRIL 12**

**Drop off items in the Plaza on  
Sundays or in the Church  
office during the week**

Contact:

Kathy Zorn & Eddie Dees

619)224-2177

obkathyo@yahoo.com

During the season of Lent, the Deacons organize our annual food drive. Consider donating food and personal hygiene items to support the following PLCPC Mission Beyond partners:

- Presbyterian Urban Ministries
- Loaves & Fishes
- OB Community Dinner
- Military Outreach Ministries

Requested Items:

- Non-perishable food items such as canned soup, beans, vegetables, and fruits
- Cereal
- Pasta
- Mac & Cheese
- Powdered Milk
- Granola Bars
- Travel size soap, toothpaste, shampoo, etc
- Gift Cards to Smart & Final, Costco, etc
- Checks made payable to PLCPC