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A Note from Pastor Chris



Some of you know that I am involved with Princeton Theological Seminary as the President of the Alumni Association Executive Council (AAEC). For three days in May, Martha and I spent time at my annual reunion enjoying friends, seminars, keynote speakers and, for me unfortunately, a lot of meetings. I hope over the next months to be able to share with you the richness of my time at Princeton as we celebrated the 500th birthday of the Reformation. I will share with you now a brief

summary of the speakers that presented at the reunion.

Rev. Eugene Cho, '95 M.Div., is the 2017 distinguished Alumnus, founder and pastor of Quest Church, an urban church in Seattle and the not-for-profit "One Days Wages" that works globally to "end extreme poverty in the world." Gene spoke powerfully about how many people have "poured" themselves into his life and have made him who he is today. His favorite concept was "no one is an island unto themselves." God has given us a legacy of people who have shaped us and are continuing to shape us as we are "re-formed and re-forming."

Elizabeth Dias, '11 M.Div. received the AAEC Service Award and spoke of her journey as a journalist for TIME magazine and the struggle journalists face in this time when truth is fluid, morality and empathy are gone and God has been marginalized. In her time spent with Pope Francis and with President Trump, she sees people struggling to find someone to trust. She spoke of her gratitude for her seminary training that has grounded her in her faith and given her the ability to not give up.

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MOVING FORWARD

Pastor Karla will be taking a Sabbatical leave during the months of July and August. It is the recommendation of the Presbytery to give every Pastor a time away from ministry responsibilities every 7 years of service; this can be up to 4 months. The Session has voted to grant Karla this time away as she prepares to make the transition from Associate Pastor to Senior Pastor at PLCPC. This will be a time to set aside all responsibilities and renew her soul with rest, time with family and a reorienting of her thinking and visioning for her new position. Please keep Karla and family in your prayers during this time of renewal, reenergizing and soul strengthening. During her time away, Pastor Chris will fill the preaching responsibilities and provide help for the Café Service. He will also be present to work with the church leaders, staff and members to prepare for the beginning of Karla's new leadership role.

June 25: Pastor Karla Farewell Party

September 1: Pastor Karla is back as our new Senior Pastor

September 10: Kick-Off Sunday and Celebration

Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church

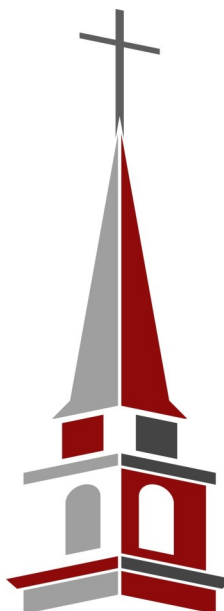
Sunday Classic Worship
8:30 and 10:15 am
Sanctuary

Café Service
10:15 am
Chapel

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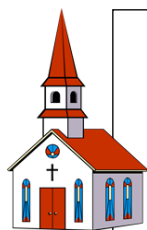
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LOOKING AHEAD

Jun 5	PUM Golf Tournament
Jun 11	Deacon Pancake Breakfast
Jun 11	Youth Sunday & Confirmation
Jun 25	Farewell and Thank You Party
Jun 26	VBS Begins
Jul 1	PUM Bus Pass & Backpack Drive
Jul 23	Service Time Forum
Jul 16	PLCPC 80th Anniversary
Jul 16	Family Picnic
Jul 24	Campus By the Sea Begins
Jul 30	Senior Adult Sunday
Aug 6	High School Houseboats Begins
Aug 13	Bryan Verhoye & Friends
Aug 20	Prayer Quilt Sunday

Children's Ministry

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 4-6 in Room 6

Childcare—ages 6 mo.-Age 3— Room 7

Bible Memory Course: Resumes September 17



Kid's Club on Thursdays

4-4:40 pm: Grade 2-6

4:55-5:45 pm: Age 4-Grade 1
Family Life Center

Kid's Club resumes in September 14



Route 56 on Mondays

5 to 7 pm, Family Life Center
Dinner included (\$5 donation)
Friends are **always** welcome!

Resumes meeting on September 18



June 26-30, 9am-Noon

www.pointlomachurch.org/vbs-2017

karen@pointlomachurch.org

Volunteer at Vacation Bible School

Anyone 7th grade & older

There are many volunteer opportunities available for VBS
prior to and during the week of June 26-30.

Serve anywhere from 1 hour to the entire week.

Donate Recyclables

Recyclables are needed to make robots, towers, and rockets.

If you have tin cans, egg cartons, milk cartons, cardboard rolls or boxes,
please drop them off in the church office.

Family Camp Registration

October 13-15 Camp Marston | Julian, CA

Spend meaningful time together as a family to play, worship and engage in
age-appropriate activities. Cost includes 5 meals, lodging, climbing tower,
archery, Gaga, sport court, craft house & bonfires!

Cost: \$135/person. Max \$540/family. Kids under 4 are FREE!

Register at www.pointlomachurch.org/register

Non-refundable Deposit: \$50 deposit/person or \$100/family

Contact: Lara Wood at larawood619@gmail.com



SUMMER CAMPS



Campus By the Sea July 24-28

For current students in 6-7 grade
Register: www.pointlomachurch.org/register



House Boats August 6-12

For current students in 8-12 grade
Register: www.pointlomachurch.org/register

BRICK MIDWEEK

High School // Wednesdays at 7pm
Resumes on September 13

Junior High // Thursdays at 6pm
Resumes on September 14

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

For more information, contact RO Smith at
ro@pointlomachurch.org

Children's Musical— *In The Image*



Thank you to all of the children for a wonderful production on May 21!
A special thank you to Alicia McMillian & Jill Curtiss for their countless hours coaching the kids.



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

The last day of Preschool is June 8 & 9. Thank you to all the teaching staff for their amazing work and dedication! We are gearing up for a fun VBS at the end of June and a month of summer camp in July for preschool-aged children. Then, September 5, we kick off a new school year with an additional 2 year-old classroom, which allows us to add 12 more children. If you would like any information on our Preschool, please call Nicole at 619-223-3327 or email at preschool@pointlomachurch.org

WOMEN'S GROUPS

Mom's Bible Study—Mondays, 9:15-10:30 am, Parlor. For moms of kids elementary age and younger. Meetings resume on September 11.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study—9:00 am in the Parlor for women of all ages. Meetings resume on September 12. For questions contact: Clara Blenis (619) 223-5950.

Rachel Circle—3rd Mondays, 9:30 am, Library. Rachel Circle is having our annual Pot luck luncheon on June 19. Meet in the library at 11:00 and lunch will be at 11:30. Bring your favorite dish. Come join us; as all are welcome. Questions to Marge Grant at [619-296-2720](tel:619-296-2720).

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Will begin meeting again on Sept. 12. Every other Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 am, Library. Contact: Sarah Butterfield at sarahbutterfield@gmail.com

MEN'S GROUPS

Men@Work—Wednesdays at 8:30 am, Library. Following coffee and camaraderie, in June and July, we help with various projects for VBS. Contact: Don Griffith at don-pete@cox.net.

Wednesday Men's Bible Study— 5:00 pm, Parlor. Join us as we resume our study of the gospel of Matthew with Bill Creasey. Contact: Jerry Heidt at gheidt@ghhco.com.

CO-ED GROUPS

Sunday Scripture Group—10 to 11 am, Parlor. We will finish the Ken Bailey's series and then begin a new series *The Trial & Testimony of the Early Church* on June 19. This is a great time to join us for our thoughtful discussions. Contact: Bob Simoneau at grs55@cox.net.

The Bridge A casual study group for 20s-40s. Child care is available for a small fee. Contact: Julia Roller at 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

Life Events

Deaths

David Finster passed away on May 19, 2017. His Memorial Service will be held on June 6, 2017 at 2pm in the Sanctuary.

Baptisms

Cora Mathilde Young, daughter of Alan and Julie Young was baptized by Rev. Shaw on May 21, 2017.

The 2017 Men's Retreat Recap



The men escaped to beautiful Rancho Viva in Jamul for a day of reflection and fellowship lead by Pastor Chris. Good times were had by all which included hiking, swimming, remote control boat races, an actual duct tape boat ride, intense pickle ball matches and a pulled pork eating contest thanks to Jon Connor. A special thanks to Pastor Chris, Jon Connor, John Brand, RO Smith, Marc Shaw, Gordy Lutes, The Gresham Baynes and Rob Wood for all the help putting the weekend together. If you couldn't make it, you were missed. Next year's retreat is in the planning stages and we look forward to seeing you then!

A Note from Pastor Chris Continued

Dr. William Willimon, former Methodist Bishop and current professor at Duke Divinity School challenged all of us to remember "who does the reforming." Many books have been written about the Reformation and the ongoing need for reform, but much of what is written does not state clearly that it is God who does the reforming and we too often think it is our task and vision that is central. He also made the comment, affirmed in many conversations, that often times, we are the ones who need to be reformed and not others or institutions.

Other presentations, group conversations, worship and many meals brought people together from all over the world to speak together, learn together and praise God together. We were all encouraged to live into the covenant nature of our reformed tradition of never giving up on one another, not turning our backs to one another. Today, it is easy to speak words of rejection, retaliation and revenge and walk away. That is not the way of our reformed faith. God always works for our reconciliation and unity. Thank you again for this great opportunity and privilege.

Shalom,
Pastor Chris

Senior Adult Ministry

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Senior Adult Sunday

July 30, 8:30 and 10:15 a.m. Sunday services in the Sanctuary

A day we observe and celebrate those who have been blessed with the gift of age. We recognize the contributions older adults make in our lives, community, church and country.

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

6/6 Oscar Arias & Candy—Smooth Jazz Vocals

Turkey Corn Chowder, Green Salad, Roll & Dessert

6/13 Final Lunch of the Season—Luau! - Wear your Hawaiian Shirt or Dress

Authentic Traditional Hawaiian Music provided by Ke'Ahi

Kahlua Pulled Pork Sandwich, Hawaiian Cole Slaw, Chips & Pineapple Upside Down Cake

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

FOREVER FIT

SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS

In partnership with the YMCA

Every Wednesday at 9AM

Family Life Center - FREE!

SUMMER SENIOR ADULT SCHEDULE



Virtual Trolley Tour of Old San Diego | Wednesday, July 26, 12-2 pm, FLC

Join Marie Hollenbeck, a former trolley tour guide, who will lead us as we take a “virtual” trolley tour of San Diego, exploring its historic and important places, such as Old Town, Gaslamp District, Coronado Island, Balboa Park and the zoo. Join us for this fun, educational experience. Sack lunch available for \$3—RSVP to purchase a lunch



TEEN TECH 4 SENIORS | August 1, 10am-Noon & August 8, 4-6pm, FLC

Do you need help figuring out your cellphone, laptop or tablet? Learn from the experts: a teenager from our church! The Senior and Youth Ministries are teaming up to provide one-on-one tutoring for seniors. Learn how to make font sizes larger on your phone, establish a Skype or Facebook account, set-up email or anything else you would like to learn! RSVP to Elaine and tell us what type of device with which you need assistance. Teens interested in volunteering, please contact RO Smith or Elaine Burrell.



Movie Day—La La Land | Wednesday, August 9, 2-4pm, FLC | FREE

LA LA LAND tells the story of Mia (Emma Stone), an aspiring actress, and Sebastian (Ryan Gosling), a dedicated jazz musician, who are struggling to make ends meet in a city known for crushing hopes and breaking hearts. Set in modern Los Angeles, this original musical about everyday life explores the joy and pain of pursuing your dreams. Popcorn, candy and lemonade provided.



Senior Self-Defense Class | August 23, 10am-Noon | FLC

Taught by Sensei Burdette Streeter II, this class is especially designed for older adults and their abilities. Learn situational awareness, greatest risks to seniors, how to stay strong in your older years, and ways to defend yourself. Materials and equipment will be provided. Dress comfortably with soft shoes.



The Backpack Drive is coming in July!



Backpacks and school supplies will be collected, and PUM will distribute them to children in need. Everyone was so generous last year and we were able to help hundreds of children. Please plan to participate again this year. We are also asking for bus pass donations for PUM. The bus passes will be used to assist people going for job interviews. We're hoping for 80 bus passes to celebrate our 80th anniversary! We will be collecting in the church courtyard each Sunday in July. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Thank you from the Deacons!



June 11: 7:30am – noon

Bring your family to enjoy a pancake breakfast in the Family Life Center. Free-will offering will provide scholarships for youth summer camps. For more information contact Bryan Bennett at btb92107@gmail.com

Thanks ladies for your hard work at the Habitat for Humanity, Women Build event !



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Endowment

A gift to the Endowment Fund is a wonderful opportunity to provide the means for our Church to have a strong and empowering ministry for generations to come. The source of funds come from you, our members and friends, as memorials, annuities, devises, bequests or donations of property to the Church, including cash, stocks, bonds, real estate and all other forms of property, and is placed in the Endowment Trust Funds.

Endowment gifts demonstrate one's belief that we are never ultimately owners, but only lifetime guardians, entrusted by God to use wisely that which God has placed in our hands. When you create an endowment gift for the Church during or beyond your lifetime, it declares to the present and future generations the importance of our faith and trust in God.

Ray Lidstrom, Endowment Fund Committee

Reflections from the PNC

Finding others to travel alongside us in life is a gift. Jesus had a large group of disciples who followed him, twelve of whom He named apostles, with three becoming His closest companions. Their life together consisted of getting to know Jesus, building relationships with one another, seeking God together, and serving others in His name. It resulted in a growing understanding of who Jesus was and who they were in relationship to Him, one another, and the world.

Many of you have profusely thanked us for sacrificially giving up our time for the last 15 months while serving as your PNC. We, too, thank you for trusting us and for waiting. Waiting can be frustrating, especially when the outcome is uncertain. But for us, the waiting became the lesson of learning to abide. The immeasurable growth and faith that results from abiding is a gift for which all of us will be eternally grateful.

The adventure of following Christ is one that rests in His perfect plans and flexibility helps us to be prepared for wherever His purposes might take us. Might we all remain flexible and learn to abide as we continue to walk with our new Senior Pastor in our journey of faith together as a church.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. John 15:7

SAVE THE DATE

July 16: 80th Anniversary

The 80th anniversary of our church will be celebrated on Sunday, July 16 in between services in the Family Life Center. Take a walk down memory lane by browsing photos and memorabilia, and reflecting on the many ways that our church has served Christ and the community during the past 80 years. Birthday cake will be served. For more information or to get involved in the planning, please contact Elaine Burrell at Ext. 210.



GENEROSITY

Online and Text Giving Options are Now Available

ONLINE - Go to www.pointlomachurch.org and click GIVING

TEXT - Send a message to: 619-473-4483 (aka: 619-4SD-GIVE) with the dollar amount you wish to give (ie: \$50)

"The Times They Are a-Changin'" (Bob Dylan 1964)

The Worship Committee is proposing a change in service times for implementation in September, so that one pastor can deliver the sermon at all three services.

We invite you to join in the discussion and decision of times on **July 23 at 9:30 a.m. in the Library.**

- Worship and Music Committee