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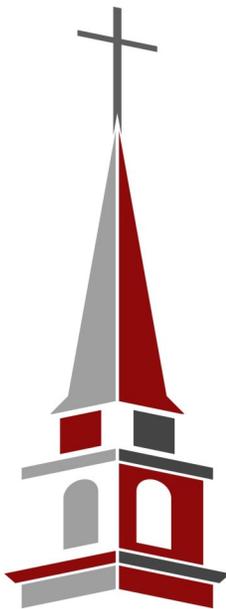
Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church

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

Café Service
9:45 am
Chapel

Rev. Karla Shaw
Senior Pastor

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A Note from Pastor Karla



Dear Friends,

I am so happy to be able to say that today! As we are not just friends, we are family, and to have the opportunity, as a pastor, to serve in a place where love already exists is a truly amazing gift.

Over this first month officially in my new role, I have been reminded time and time again of how important relationship is to movement in an organization.

Generally, the first year of any new pastorate is getting to know people, understanding the context, and hearing

stories about God's work through individuals. So many of your stories I already hold dear, and for those I have yet to know, I look forward to learning and growing together. Having a relationship with you means we can already make jokes, disagree, weep, and celebrate and that is the stuff of novels. So, because of our trust with one another, we already have so much more than other churches. What a gift!

And, thank God for that, as God has incredible plans for our community and can only do that through our organic community. Our leadership has been reading the book *Canoeing the Mountains* by Tod Bolsinger, former Pastor of San Clemente Presbyterian. This book is quite eye-opening as it looks over our current cultural landscape and asks the question, "How do we minister in a post-Christian world?" More specifically, how do we not only survive as a church, but thrive through God's leading, in a world that no longer has need for religious goods and services?

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Deacon Pancake Breakfast October 8, 7:30 a.m.-Noon



Donations will go toward a new ice maker in the Family Life Center.

Year of Celebration Stewardship 2018



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LOOKING AHEAD

Oct 13-15	Family Camp
Oct 23	Directory Photos Begin
Nov 4	SERVE with Habitat
Nov 12	Bryan Verhoye Concert
Nov 26	Poinsettia Pick-Up
Dec 2	Angel Tree Toy Store
Dec 3	Annual Christmas Concert
Dec 3	Senior Christmas Dinner
Dec 4-8	Gifts to the Manger
Dec 10	Red Brick Christmas
Dec 17	Advent Organ Concert
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Services

A Note from Pastor Karla Continued

The questions this book poses are being discussed within our leadership, but hopefully will also begin a dialogue among all of you. We are at a unique placed in church history where the motto may be summed up in the phrase, "Adventure or Die!" I say, we adventure; right now that seems like the better alternative.

So, with any new adventure, be prepared to try new things, make mistakes, fail, and to have to start over...until something makes sense. I hope, above all else, we can lean on each other and God, as we are all in this together.

Both our Sunday morning sermon series, looking at Jesus' central message of the Kingdom of God through the parables, and our theme of the *Year of Celebration* will help us continue to flesh out the vision God has for us as a community. Please remember, the church is not a building or a worship service, it is a people--all of us, working together, to encourage and challenge one another in the transformation of God's world for God's glory.

So, as you look through these pages today, ask yourself, where does God want you to belong?

Many blessings,
Pastor Karla

Session Meeting Highlights September 27, 2017

- Session accepted 12 participants in the September new member class (Discovery Community) into church membership. 2 more will be voted upon at a future date.
- The Ministry Information Form (MIF) required to recruit a new Associate Pastor was approved by unanimous vote of Session.
- Joel Miller, Chair of the Stewardship Committee, announced that the annual stewardship campaign will kick off on October 8, with a 2018 pledge goal of \$1 million, an extraordinary challenge to the congregation.
- Steve Smith, Chair of the Finance Committee, said that planning for the church 2018 operating budget is underway. Session budget discussions will take place at meetings in October and November. A preliminary budget will be presented for session review at the December stated session meeting, with the final budget approved in January.
- Kathy Wright, Nominating Committee Chair, said that all new incoming Elders for 2018 will be assigned a mentor from among returning Elders to assist in their indoctrination.
- Debbie Fountain, Chair of the Personnel Committee, announced that the employment contract for Rev. Shaw has been signed and executed. This, along with the service of installation scheduled for Sunday, October 1, completes the long process of her appointment as senior pastor and head of staff for PLCPC.

Paul Diller, Clerk

SMILE :)

New Church Member Directory Coming!



**Sign-ups for photo sessions
available online, on the Plaza, or through
the church office beginning October 2.**

Available Photo Sessions Dates:

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October 23, 11am-7:30pm

October 24, 11am-7:30pm

October 25, 11am-7:30pm

October 29, 9am-3pm

October 30, 11am-7:30pm

ASSOCIATE PASTOR AND STAFF POSITIONS UPDATE

Karla is now officially our Senior Pastor! Until September 19th, when Karla was approved by the Presbytery, we didn't need an Associate Pastor. With that approval, however, we may now officially start the process to select a new Associate. We have been preparing, and are now ready to ask the Presbytery for permission to proceed. The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) was elected at the September 24 Congregational Meeting. The 4 members of the APNC are all active church members and have wonderful talents and gifts. They are: John Pearson (Chair), Ann Brooks, Buck Buchanan, and Cynthia Queen. The process is similar to the one for selecting a Senior Pastor, although a bit more streamlined. The promotion of an Associate Pastor to Senior Pastor has only been allowed in the Presbyterian Church for about 3 years, and Karla's succession is the first time for the San Diego Presbytery.

Last July, the Session voted to approve a half-time Associate Pastor for pastoral care plus a full-time Community Life Director, who's preferably seminary-trained, but not ordained. A review of typical salaries indicated an increase of approximately \$1700 annually between having just 1 full-time Associate Pastor versus these two positions. A big advantage of hiring a Community Life Director is that it's a fairly easy hire, because we don't have to go through the search process like we do for an ordained Pastor. And with a non-ordained staff hire, we don't have to pay pastoral retirement and other related benefits.

The Personnel Committee, chaired by Debbie Fountain and assisted by Dwight Kellogg, has been working with Pastor Karla to draft job descriptions for these 2 positions. The Associate Pastor job description will be an important part of the Ministry Information Form, which will be used for recruiting candidates and is very similar to the one used to recruit our new Senior Pastor. The form will be posted on the church's website following Session approval.

The Personnel Committee is also working with Karla and the Adult Ministry Committee to define the Community Life Director position and to recruit a top-notch candidate as soon as possible. They have been working hard, but they have lots more to do! In the meantime, we are once again blessed to have the assistance of Pastor Chris Lenocker, who has offered to serve as a Parish Associate for reimbursement of expenses only. He will be on-call as needed during the next few months. We're delighted to have him back.

As you know, our Minister of Music and Business Administrator, Don Brenneman, will be retiring at the end of this year. Karla and Don are currently working with the Personnel Committee to decide how to divide and re-configure Don's job. It's a real challenge to replace him with fewer than 4 people.

As we move forward along the path God has laid out for our church, we need to pray for our leaders and to celebrate the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

Kathy Wright
Chair, Congregational Nominating Committee

Life Events

Deaths

Bobbie Harris passed away on August 15, 2017. Her Memorial Service was officiated by Rev. Karla Shaw in the Chapel on September 30, 2017.

Bill Farr passed away on September 20, 2017 in Arizona. The Memorial Service will be held on November 4, 2017 at 1 p.m. in the Chapel, officiated by Rev. Ben Lindstrom.

Adult Life Groups

Sunday Scripture Group—9:45 am, Parlor. Our old friend, Dr. Ken Bailey, provides his incomparable analysis, *"The Parables of Jesus in Luke."* Do join us for the series as we examine and discuss the means by which Jesus taught His disciples. Contact: Bob Simoneau, grs55@cox.net

Rachel Circle—3rd Mondays at 9:30 am in the Library. Our next meeting is on October 16. All are welcome. Contact: Marge Grant, (619) 296-2720.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study—9 am, Parlor. Pastor Karla will lead us with a study of the Book of Acts. Contact: Clara Blenis, (619) 223-5950

Men@Work—Wednesdays at 8:30 am in the Library. Following coffee, study, and camaraderie, we'll take on fix-it projects around campus. Em Cummins will lead our study. Contact: Don Griffith, don-pete@cox.net

Wednesday Moms' Bible Study—9:15-10:30 am, in the Parlor. Pastor Karla leading this study group.

Wednesday Men's Bible Study—5 pm in the Parlor. Calling all men to join us for study, discussion, fellowship, and prayer. Bill Creasey is leading the study. Contact: gheidt@ghhco.com

Wednesday Refresh—7-8:30 pm on 1st and 3rd Weds. Home of Bob & Ginny Edwards, 2125 Locust St., 92106. We're reviewing galley proofs of Marc Shaw's *Wanderer's Way*. Contact: jamesgrisolia@gmail.com.

The Bridge—For singles, couples, 20s to 40s. Contact: Julia Roller, juliaroller@yahoo.com



CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

A Free TALKRACE Seminar

Saturday October 28th, 9-4pm

Register on www.talkrace.org, come for all or part.

9-11:30am: Rev. Karla Shaw and guest speaker, Starla Lewis, Ph.D.

Break for Lunch

12-4:00pm: Small group sessions with experts speaking on education, health equity, criminal justice and housing.

Women's Retreat January 26-28, 2018

Why Go to a Women's Retreat?

There are many reasons to go to the women's retreat such as meeting other women and learning about the spiritual life. But will that really make you want to go?

This is my story. I was new to Point Loma and started at PLCPC. I thought about signing up for the women's retreat when I had arrived in September, but the retreat was full. I thought, *SAFE!* I will try again next year. So, I joined the church and met a few people. I attended bible study and felt church to be a safe place.

There ended up being a cancellation for the retreat, opening up a spot for me. I went, but not vibrantly and enthusiastically. I took a single room as I really didn't know anyone. I hung out with the big group and then safely retreated to my sanctuary. "Made it through year one at the retreat."

God had other plans for me the next year at the retreat. My friend, whom I didn't know as my friend, felt God was telling her we needed to get to know one another. I am sure it was God's doing that placed me in a small group with her all weekend. Even now, we continue to meet weekly after the retreat.

When I was younger, I moved every two or three years most of my life. When you move in, you paint, and you never have to paint again, because you move. After I was married, that changed, but the value of a friendship never really hit me. I was busy working and raising children, and did not have the time to make a strong, intimate friendship with anyone.

The Women's Retreat to me is now a place where I can be real. I can let go of the superficial Sunday greeting, "I'm fine and how are you?" For the weekend, I can let the fake smile go away. Last retreat, I saw women being their true selves and not afraid to show their pain. I saw pain, but then I saw cleansing and healing. I felt peace, contentment and the presence of God.

At the women's retreat, people will care about you when they meet the real you. God will be there for you too. Sign-up for the retreat. It may just change your life!

Register: pointlomachurch.org/womens-annual-retreat

Senior Adult Ministry

Elaine Burrell, Director, MSW (619) 223-1633-x210 elaine@pointlomachurch.org

OCTOBER SENIOR ADULT EVENTS



SENIOR HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR

Wednesday, October 4, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., FLC
Sharp Senior Health Fair featuring \$2 flu shots, health screenings, health and community information and more! No appointments needed.

RED BRICK SENIOR CENTER

Join us every Tuesday for lunch and entertainment in a friendly environment.
Coffee & snacks at 10 a.m., Entertainment at 11 a.m., Lunch at Noon.

10/3 REAR VIEW MIRROR - Show Tunes

Lasagna with Meat Sauce, Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread and Dessert.
Celebrate October Birthdays and Meet Senior Pastor Karla Shaw (Noon)

10/10 OKTOBERFEST! with The Polka Dots Accordion Band

Sausages, Autumn Vegetables with Potatoes, Sauerkraut, Roll and Dessert.

10/17 OSCAR ARIAS AND FRIENDS - Smooth Lounge Music

10 a.m.: Blood Pressure Check, 10:45 a.m.: Pre-K Singers
Ham and Cheddar Quiche, Spinach Salad, Fruit Cup and Dessert

10/24 THE CALIFORNIA NOTECATCHERS - Ladies Choir

Tortilla Soup, Bean & Cheese Burrito, Salad, and Churro.

10/31 RHINESTONE GRANNIES HALLOWEEN SHOW

Ghastly Goulash with Egg Noodles; Halloween Dessert.

BROWN BAG LEARNING

MENTAL HEALTH 101

Wednesday, October 18, 12-1 p.m., Family Life Center
Learn the signs and symptoms of depression, bipolar disorder and anxiety disorders, presented by Sharp Mesa Vista.
Free resources are available.

FOREVER FIT

SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS

In partnership with the YMCA

Every Wednesday

at 9AM

Family Life Center -

FREE!

Children's Ministry

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



Sunday School at 8:30 & 9:45 am

Come and learn God's Word!

Age 4 -Kindergarten—Room 2

Grades 1-3—Room 8

Grades 4-6—Room 6

Childcare—ages 6 mo.-Age 3—Nursery
(across from Parlor)



Bible Memory Course

Join students grade 3 & up in a special Sunday School class for the 2017-2018 school year. 9:45 am in Classroom 5. Sept -Dec will be a quick overview of the Bible. Jan-May kids will memorize scripture and learn how Bible verses pertain to their daily lives. Those completing the work will be awarded a personalized Bible on May 13.



Welcome to Sunday School!

NEW Child Check-In Process

Beginning this month, PLCPC will have an electronic, secure, child check-in process for all of our children's programming.

How it works:

1. Before service stop by one of the three child check-in stations. Locations: Sanctuary, Chapel & Nursery
2. At the computer, type in your last name, select the child you would like to check-in and the Sunday School room he/she will be in.
3. Hit Submit & 2 labels will print for you.
4. Put the child's nametag on him/her. Keep the "Guardian" label for pick-up.
5. Head into service with your family.

We are thrilled to be able to provide this convenient and secure process to your families!

Route 56 on Mondays

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



Oct. 02 – Meeting in the Youth Center
Oct. 16 – Meeting in the Youth Center
Oct. 25 – (Wed) Serve Dinner to Homeless in OB
Oct. 30 – Halloween Minute to Win It & Costume Party in the Youth Center

Kid's Club on Thursdays

4-4:50 pm: Grade 2-6
5-5:45 pm: Age 4-Grade 1
Family Life Center



Children and Youth Choirs

Cherub Choir

Age 4—Grade 1
Thursdays 4:00-4:50 in the choir room

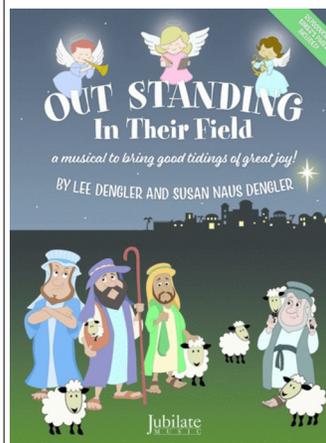
Joyful Praise Choir

Grades 2-6
Thursdays 5:00-6:00 in the choir room

Brick Singers - Grades 7-12

Sundays 12:00-1:30p.m. with snack

For more information contact Alicia at Aliciaorganist@gmail.com



Christmas Eve Children's Musical Auditions (Grades 2-6)

Auditions for speaking, narrating, acting and singing parts for the Christmas Eve 5 p.m. Family Service Children's Musical.

October 5 and 11
6:00-6:30 p.m.
Choir Room

Children will read a short dialogue and sing 'Happy Birthday' or a song of their choice.

Sign-up e-mail Aliciaorganist@gmail.com

EXCITING UPDATES IN THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY!



Children's Ministries had a strong start in our first few weeks of programs! Our new nursery opened up across from the Parlor; stop by to check it out when you have a chance.

We are very excited to share our new branding logo and signage for our weekly programs. You will start to see the signs around campus on Sundays especially in the children's courtyard. For a time now we have felt the need for an official identity to give us a larger visual presence on our campus, direct families to where they need to go, as well as to link our many forms of communication together with one identifiable brand. We are hoping that it gives our church families, potential members, and those in the community a way to recognize and remember us. We are in the midst of doing great things for God, so we want to be seen!

After many thoughtful hours of pouring over branding ideas we feel like we came up with a complete package that is visually attractive, fun, simple, and yet has a deeper Biblical meaning for our ministry. Our main logo is a circle surrounding a simple tree with leaves of beautiful colors with the center leaf displaying a cross. We feel that this tree icon represents the growth of our ministry with Christ directly in the center, leading us and guiding us through our many aspects of growth in life – both physically and spiritually.



Our branding extends to classroom and nursery signage which seems even more of a necessity these days due to our focus on family ministry and the many new young faces we see around on Sundays. Our campus can be a bit confusing to navigate so our bright new signs will help parents and children find their way to the right spot. Our signage links to our main logo of the tree and each of our classrooms will now be associated with one of the Fruits of the Spirit; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, or self control. The signs will become a lesson in itself, as well as be a fun way for the kids to feel special in their respective rooms. They are not trendy and are non-age and non-gender specific so they will stand the test of time. We are hoping that the rooms become affectionately known as the "Lemon Love" room, the "Peach Patience" room or the "Kiwi Kindness" nursery. We currently have six rooms that we use so we also included the "Pineapple Patience" room, the "Berry Joy" nursery, and the "Grape Goodness" room.

In time the kids at each grade level will be taught all about the Fruit of the Spirit and will know that when they ask Jesus to live in them His Spirit stays with them and He will give them some of this special fruit. Our eventual goal is to use our signage and branding images as inspiration to re-decorate our 2nd floor classrooms into modern, welcoming, engaging, and visually attractive spaces. Spaces that our Red Brick Kids will joyfully want to visit and spend time in with their friends learning all about God's amazing love. We pray that this vision will be embraced and attainable in the near future.

In His Joy,
Karen

Karen Connor
Children's Ministry Director

BRICK

Y O U T H G R O U P

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

BRICK MIDWEEK
Junior High // Thursdays 5-7pm
High School // Thursdays 7-9 pm

BRICK ON SUNDAYS
Junior High // Sundays, 9:45 am
Start in Café service
High School // Sundays, 5pm
Smith Family Casa

PARENT FELLOWSHIP

For those of you who had kids, you will remember there were all sorts of support groups out there for you as a parent. Whether it was how to help your child eat the food you make for them, or helping you understand an infant and toddler sleep cycle, there were support groups everywhere for you as you help raise the infant into a child. Then this thing called adolescence hit, and parents seems to be “stuck on an island” with no support from other parents.

BRICK Parent Fellowship (BPF) is an opportunity to help try and address this deficiency. This is an opportunity for parents to get together and hear about different issues and topics within adolescent development and youth culture, and to have a discussion about how to navigate some of the challenges you face as parents. The design of BPF is not to show off your parenting skills or to judge others, but to come together and share ideas and stories, and encourage one another as you raise your students through the turbulent adolescent years.

BPF meet one Thursday night every month (generally the third Thursday) in the Church Library from 5-7pm. We discuss topics dealing specifically with adolescent development and youth culture. This year, we will cover topics such as the stages of adolescent development, talking about sex with your teen, and the influence of the digital age on brain development, just to name a few. After a topic is presented, we have a time of discussion to talk deeper about the issues, share insights, and encourage each other to be the best parents we can be to today’s adolescents!

If you are the parent of a 7th through 12th grader, or know someone who is, this time together will be beneficial and worth the effort you put into it. If you have a junior high student, the student is welcome to join us at BRICK Midweek in the Youth Center from 5-7pm. For those of you with high school students, they are welcome to find a quiet place on campus to do their homework. We hope to see you there!!



BRICK “Triathlon”

On Friday, September 22, we held the Inaugural BRICK Youth Triathlon! Now before you are impressed with our feats of athletic ability, I need to tell you it was not a normal triathlon, but rather a “triathlon” (Note the quotes). It consisted of three stages:

Stage #1 – “Swim” (aka water)

We got completely soaked from head-to-toe playing some amazing water relays. Then to top off the stage, we engaged in an epic “dye war”! We were armed with cups, and a large trash can of water mixed with food coloring, and the “battle” was on!

Stage #2 – “Bike” (aka wheels)

We did not have it in our budget to have some sort of biking event, so we decided something with wheels was close enough. All the leaders and students went to Skateworld! Some of us learned how to roller skate for the very first time, and some of us were ready to join the roller derby. But everyone had a blast!

Stage #3 – “Run”

For the run event, we went to Liberty Station and played an unbelievable game of “Glow in the Dark Capture the Flag”. Imagine just seeing blue and yellow glow sticks running around the fields of Liberty Station. It was a sight to behold!

All in all, the students and leaders had an amazing night of fun and connecting through play! Hopefully, the 2nd Annual BRICK “Triathlon” will be even more memorable and EPIC!!!



From Mission Beyond: Interfaith Shelter coming to PLCPC

Presbyterian Coalition Build Day Saturday, November 4



On Saturday, 11/4, volunteers from San Diego Presbyterian Churches will come together to work with Habitat for Humanity throughout the greater San Diego area. PLCPC will continue our work in Logan Heights alongside Rancho Bernardo Presbyterian Church. We have 20 slots reserved for the all-day build. On 11/4 there will also be a build in El Cajon, a family-friendly playhouse build at The Village Church and opportunities to work at the 3 Habitat ReStores.

The Habitat website to sign-up will go active in mid-October so look for the link in the Sunday Bulletin and the weekly email newsletter. This will be an all-day build starting at 7:30am with Continental Breakfast and ending at 3:30pm. A box lunch will be provided. Habitat is hoping to have some after build get-togethers at local spots so you can discuss what you did with your new friends from the build.

If you have friends at other Presbyterian churches in San Diego, please ask them to join us or join with them at their project. Let's show the power of the Presbyterian Community working together in San Diego.

For more information contact Ed Lynds at elynds@cox.net or 619-223-1472.

Isaiah 58:7 asks "Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and to bring the homeless poor into your house...?"

Why should we try to do something about homelessness? Beyond scriptural exhortations to care for those in need, take a look at some of the facts. In San Diego County, over 9,000 of our neighbors are homeless (9,116 according to the Regional Task Force for the Homeless 2017 count, though all experts agree that the actual number is far higher). Less than 2,000 emergency shelter beds exist, and many factors limit individuals' eligibility for a bed. Families with school-age children represent one-quarter of our homeless population. The number of tents and hand-built shelters on city streets has more than doubled in the past year. In recent months, an outbreak of Hepatitis A, largely affecting the homeless, has sickened over 400 and killed 16. The statistics go on and on...

The problem is complex and requires a diverse array of solutions. What can we do about homelessness as individuals? As a church?

Pray – While the problem is great, our God is greater. Pray for those who are unsheltered. Pray for those who serve them. Pray for wisdom for the leaders in our churches, our government, and the organizations who serve the homeless.

Learn – Browse. Read. Ask. A great place to start is the website: understandhomelessness.com. Several media outlets have reported extensively on the problem; articles can be accessed on their websites, including KPBS and the Union Tribune.

Serve – Don't let the overwhelming nature of the problem prevent you from taking a small, first step to help. Get involved in the upcoming Interfaith Shelter at PLCPC February 24-March 10, 2018. Give your time or financial support to a local ministry serving the homeless, including Presbyterian Urban Ministries, Uplift San Diego, Loaves and Fishes, OB Community Dinners, Ladle Fellowship, and many more.

More information about PLCPC's participation in the 2018 Interfaith Shelter program will come your way via the Spire, social media, weekly email newsletters, and during Sunday services. There will be opportunities for individuals to minister to shelter guests, for groups to provide meals, and for donations & financial support. PLCPC will house up to 12 guests from February 24-March 10. All will be actively working with case managers at Presbyterian Urban Ministries to seek employment, long-term housing, and other services. Individuals with active substance abuse or mental health problems are directed to other shelters that have resources appropriate for their needs. More information on the program, including an excellent video, can be found at www.interfaithshelter.org.



Online and Text Giving Options are Now Available

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

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

ENDOWMENT

We are entering a new PLCPC year with our new Senior Pastor, Karla Shaw! Please remember PLCPC Endowment Fund this new year with your gift or bequest. This is a excellent way to grow and sustain PLCPC now and in the future.

The interest earned by the Endowment Fund goes toward Ministries, Mission, Committees, Special Projects, and Building Improvement and Maintenance to name several recipients. The first six months of 2017 the Endowment Fund grew by impressive interest generating \$97,526.00.

All gifts, small or large, are welcome and create generous tax benefits. Besides contributions other gifts or bequests are welcome; for example, appreciated stocks or real estate, ira or retirement accounts, insurance and annuities plus trusts. When made they should specifically name the "The Endowment Fund of the Point Loma Community Church". Please contact any Endowment Fund committee member for specific details.

Endow and make PLCPC Endowment Fund the endowed.

2017 E F. Committee:

Millie Gallaher, Sam Laub, John Leimbach, Ray Lidstrom, John Pearson, Lance Smith and Cara Thome.

**Elders and Deacons
Elected at the
Congregational Meeting
on September 24, 2017**

ELDERS:

Class of 2020:

- Dr. Gresham Bayne
- Douglas Buser
- Rebecca Cress
- Susie LaDow
- Sam Przywitowski
- Rob Wood
- Beth Zedaker

Class of 2019:

- Debbie Fountain

DEACONS

Class of 2020:

- Don Edelman
- Nicole Hage
- Ed Lynds
- Mary-Carol Madison
- Carol Netterblad
- Susan Reid
- Jeanie Spies
- Sharon West
- Bev Wickstrom
- Kathy Wright

For the Class of 2019:

- Ben Adams

For the Class of 2018:

- Rylie Hage
- Jan Sutton



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

The Preschool has welcomed 165 families this school year! The addition of a third 2-3 year old class allowed for 12 more families. Another exciting change is the facelift the entrance is getting with a mural of Noah's Ark by Wendy Watson-Diedrick, as well as a display to showcase the children's art.

Upcoming Events:

- Oct 2 & 3: Picture Day
- Oct 11 & 12: Vision Screening
- Oct 17: First Chapel with Pastor Karla and RO Smith
- Oct 30 & 31: Halloween Parade around campus

Session & Staff

THE SESSION OF PLCPC

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October 29 Commitment Sunday

Stewardship 2018

Giving Is an Act of Worship

Scripture tells us that “all things were created through God and for God” (Colossians 1:16). This is a reminder that everything we have been given belongs to God; we are simply caretakers of these gifts (Genesis 1:26-30).

When we give, we have the opportunity to acknowledge that God is who He says

He is, and that we trust His control over our lives. Giving expresses our gratitude for God’s deep love for us.

Giving is part of our spiritual formation

Maturing spiritually is ultimately about learning to “let go.” God gives us opportunities in our lives to learn how to release, so that in the ultimate “letting go” in death, we are more prepared to trust. Releasing our wealth, because it is one of the more difficult things to do, is one way we open our lives to draw closer to Christ.

Giving acknowledges at we are not on this journey alone

When we make a choice to become a Christ-follower, we also made a choice to become a part of this body, the Church. The two are inseparable. As part of the body, we care for one another and live out the mission God has given us at this unique time and place in history. Our collective gifts result in more than we could ever do on our own.

Pledging

In the Old Testament, the harvest was something celebrated in a communal context with the Festival of Harvest. It was a joy and privilege to share God’s blessings with those in the community. Pledging is similar in our church today, when we have the opportunity to celebrate God’s bounty. We also pledge because it keeps us accountable. In our hurried lives, God ends up further down the list of priorities. But God deserves the first fruits of our labor. Pledging helps us pray, re-prioritize, and commit to God’s purposes and then gives us a chance to live into them with the support of the community of faith. For practical purposes, pledging helps the church leaders set the budget for the coming year. We desire to be good stewards and trust God to help us live out His vision.

Exciting Plans for 2018!

1. Hiring a Director of Community Life
2. Hiring a Pastor of Pastoral Care
3. Expanding our SERVE Opportunities
4. Building Our Legacies Through Strategic Planning

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Celebrate God’s bounty in our lives and make a commitment to advance the work of the Kingdom through our church.

There are a few ways that you can make your commitment to PLCPC for 2018.

1. Bring your pledge card to worship on October 29
2. Fill out the Online Pledge Card at pointlomachurch.org/give/stewardship-2018/
3. Mail your pledge card in the envelope provided to you
4. Drop your pledge card off at the church office

If you would like to set-up recurring giving using a credit/debit card or an ACH transfer, go to pointlomachurch.org/give