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February is often thought of as the month of love because of Valentine's Day. But it is never a bad time to remember love, as loving and being loved are two of the best things about this life. I once heard a quote by the infamous writer C.S. Lewis regarding God's love for us, "*The Christian does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because He loves us; just as the roof of a sunhouse does not attract the sun because it is bright, but becomes bright because the Sun shines on it.*" And, oh, how true that image is!

God, as the embodiment of goodness, enabling us to do good, is the result of His love for us.

In both our church life this month and in your daily life, let us remember that. When you purchase a handicraft from our *Gifts of the Heart* Faire to support one of our mission partners this month, when you serve our brothers and sisters in need at our Interfaith Shelter, or when you choose to become vulnerable during one of our many classes or small groups, all of these efforts, and anything else we do to try and "see" one another more is the result of God loving us first.

May we all not just know with our heads, but embody with our lives just how much we are loved by this good God,

Pastor Karla



**ANNUAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 9
COMBINED WORSHIP
AT 9:00 AM
ALL-CHURCH LUNCH
AT 11:00 AM**

February 9 is our annual meeting and one combined Worship service at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary. Kids Café will take place in Classroom 8 at 9:00 am for the full hour of worship. Children will remain in Classroom 8 during the meeting and parents can pick them up from there. Following the annual meeting, we invite you to stick around and join us for an all-church lunch and Gifts of the Heart, a Makers Faire, to benefit our Mission Partners.

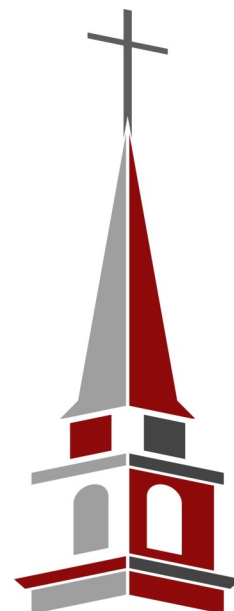
Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church

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

Café Service
9:45 am
Chapel

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LOOKING AHEAD

Feb. 9:	Combined Worship 9 am
Feb. 9:	Annual Meeting
Feb. 9:	Gifts of the Heart Makers Faire
Feb. 9:	Grossmont Symphony Concert
Feb. 16:	WinterFest
Feb. 22—March 7:	Interfaith Shelter
Feb. 23:	Deacons Pancake Breakfast
Feb. 25:	Keeping Memories Alive
Feb. 26:	Ash Wednesday
Feb. 26:	Communion Experience Part I

Our Vision: Loving Everyone to LIFE with Everything we Have.

Our Mission: Through authentic community, we seek to EXPERIENCE Jesus, JOURNEY into Deeper Faith, STRENGTHEN the Church, and TRANSFORM our World.

Values:

1. We are a good home.
2. We are intergenerational.
3. We inspire engagement.

CHURCH NEWS

Feasibility Study

Our Renovation Task Force (RTF) has identified several important projects for our church, but before we move forward anymore, we want to hear from our entire faith community!

Our proposed renovation focuses on changes to the Red Brick Preschool and Children's Education Wing and campus-wide improvements to improve efficiency, accessibility, and sustainability. Your input will help identify possible volunteer leaders and set a financial goal should the church choose to move forward with a campaign. This process is critical to gauge support for a potential major fundraising effort to pay for all, or some, of our projects.



Beginning February 10, everyone will receive a letter in the mail, along with a fact sheet about the projects and details on how you can provide feedback. Your input and participation will help us make wise decisions about the projects and a potential capital campaign. The more feedback we receive, the better decision we can make as a community moving into the future.

Session Highlights - January 22, 2020

The first Session meeting of the year requires many organizational actions. The first was the Congregational Nominating Committee's proposal of the Elders of Session committee assignments, The approved assignments may be found, as always, here in the *Spire*.

Session elected the following officers of the church:

Elder C. Gresham Bayne, MD	Chairman of the Corporation
Elder Frank Polese	Vice-Chairman
Inactive Elder John Leimbach	Treasurer
Inactive Elder Dianne Grafton	Assistant Treasurer
Inactive Elder John Spafford	Clerk
Inactive Elder Kathy Wright	Assistant Clerk

Session appointed the following Elders of Session to serve on the Executive Committee:

C. Gresham Bayne, MD	Chairperson
Frank Polese	Vice-Chairperson
John Brand, Sam Przywitowski, Rita Solberg and Pam Werner	

Also serving *ex-officio* on the Executive Committee:

Rev. Karla Shaw; Treasurer John Leimbach; and Clerk John Spafford.

The Executive Committee meets occasionally to review policy issues and deal with emergent concerns on behalf of the Session.

Session also approved the Service of the Lord's Supper dates and events for the year, and elected Em Cummins, Art Michalek, Gresham Bayne and Session Representative Barbett Wood as Presbytery Commissioners.

The Session reviewed and approved the 2020 operating budget, and heard from Stewardship Representative Frank Polese and Dr. Bayne who said "In my memory this is the best year financially as we bring a surplus from 2019 and make no transfers from reserves."

Capital Campaign Committee Chairperson Pam Werner reported that the Steier Group has been engaged to conduct a feasibility study over the next two months.

Starting in January the Session is improving security and the archiving of its documents as the elders learn to use a secure Google Docs folder.

John Spafford
Clerk

Deacon Highlights — December Meeting

- At their last meeting, in December, the deacons thanked Jan Sutton for her wonderful work as moderator over the past year. Our incoming moderator, Cara Thome was welcomed!
- New deacons were introduced and assignments accepted by all.
- Jock and Susan Wright invited us all to their home for a Christmas celebration. It was a great time getting more acquainted with each other and the various spouses and partners!
- On February 23, we have our first pancake breakfast of the year in the Family Life Center from 7:30 – 11:30 a.m. Proceeds will go towards a scholarship fund for Family Camp. We hope to see everyone there!



ADULT MINISTRY

Sunday Scripture Group 9:45am, Parlor. We are continuing our 10-part series, *Jesus the Game Changer*.

Contact: Bob Simoneau: grs55@cox.net

Monday Morning Men—7:00-8:30 am, Peet's Coffee (955 Catalina Blvd.) All men are invited to drop in and join us for coffee and fellowship. Contact: Evan Gratz, evan@pointlomachurch.org

Continuing The Conversation (CTC) has moved to the fourth Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is February 25 at 7pm in the Parlor.

Contact: Gordy Lutes, gklutes@gmail.com.

Rachel Circle 3rd Monday, Library. We will next meet on March 16 at 9:30 am due to the holidays in January and February on the 3rd Mondays. We welcome all.

Contact: Marge Grant, 619-296-2720.

***Women's Bible Study**—Tuesday, 9-10:30 am, Parlor.

Women of all ages and stages are welcome! Our study on the book of Ephesians begins in February.

Contact: Clara Blenis, clblenis@sdccd.edu

Men@Work—Wednesday, 8:30 am, Library. A time for fellowship and brief Bible study followed by work projects around the church. All abilities are welcome.

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

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

Contact: Jerry Heidt at gheidt@ghhco.com

Bible 101 6:30-8 pm, Wednesday, Library. Feb. 5, 12. Classes taught by Pastor Karla.

Wednesday Refresh—1st and 3rd Wednesday, 7:00-8:30 pm at the home of Jim Grisolia and Carla Stayboldt.

Contact: Jim Grisolia, jamesgrisolia@gmail.com

Knitters—2nd Thursday, 10:00 am, Parlor. Next meeting, February 13.

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

Centering Prayer—Thursday, 6:30 pm, Parlor.

Contact: Pastor Alex, alex@pointlomachurch.org

***Mops Bible Study**—Bible Study for moms of young children on periodic Mondays from 9:30-10:45 am in the Parlor. Dates are as follows: Feb. 3, Mar. 2, Mar. 16, Apr. 27, May 11. The study is on The Parables. Contact: Sarah Butterfield, sarah@pointlomachurch.org

Prayer Quilt Ministry— 1st Saturday, 9am-3pm, Family Life Center. Contact Karen Vandenberg ktvandenberg@aol.com

Writing With Scripture—Monday, 6:30 pm, Parlor. Led by Pastor Alex. Contact: alex@pointlomachurch.org

*Childcare available upon request: cynthia@pointlomachurch.org



**SENIOR
ADULT
MINISTRY
PROGRAMS**

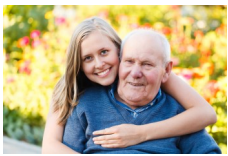
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VALENTINE'S LUNCHEON WITH THE RHINESTONE GRANNIES | Tuesday, February 11 | FLC

Doors Open at 10 am, Entertainment at 11 am, Lunch at Noon (\$6)

Enjoy a dazzling song and dance performance by the Rhinestone Grannies, a dynamic group of performers age 70+. Valentine's luncheon and dessert. RSVP by February 7 to Elaine.



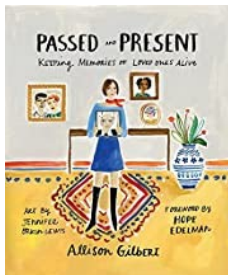
MEMORY FRIENDS | Tuesday, February 18, 10:30-11:30 am in the Family Life Center

A social gathering for people experiencing mild to moderate cognitive changes. Together we will socialize, enjoy a stimulating activity, reminisce and support each other through the journey. Caregivers & family welcome. Light refreshments served. Hosted by Elaine Burrell & Pastor Alex Wirth.



TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FOR SENIORS | Wednesday, February 19, 12:00-1:30 pm | FLC

Navigating around San Diego can be difficult and daunting. Learn about low cost, donation-based and reduced fare transportation possibilities offered in San Diego and East County for the aging population. Presented by Natalie Ford of SHARP Grossmont Senior Resource Center. Bring a sack lunch and your questions. RSVP to Elaine.



PASSED & PRESENT: MAINTAINING MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS TO A LOVED ONE WHO HAS DIED

Tuesday, February 25, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm in the Family Life Center

Join us for this special workshop led by Allison Gilbert, author of *Passed and Present: Keeping Memories of Loved Ones Alive*. Passed and Present is not about sadness and grieving – it is about happiness and remembering. It is possible to look forward, to live a rich and joyful life, while keeping the memory of loved ones alive. Learn the value of maintaining connections with loved ones who have passed as well as practical suggestions on what to do with their belongings. Book will be available for purchase at this workshop. Offered in partnership with Sonata Hospice. Lunch provided, RSVP to Elaine.



FOREVER FIT GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS In Partnership with the Peninsula Family YMCA | Every Wednesday 9-9:50 am, Family Life Center | FREE

High School Small Group

All high school students are invited to join us for our high school small group as we look at the books in the Bible commonly referred to as the "Wisdom Literature" (Job, Psalms, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes). We gather on Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 pm at different locations. Email ro@pointlomachurch.org for the next meeting location and directions.

Confirmation Registration!

Confirmation is the time when young people claim the promises that were made on their behalf in baptism, or to be baptized as a follower of Jesus Christ. It is also an opportunity to learn what Presbyterians believe and to become full-fledged members of Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church.

Open to all 7th-10th grade students, Confirmation begins April 19. More info is on our website :

PointLomaChurch.org/register

Junior High Campus by the Sea

This summer (August 6-9) at Campus by The Sea we are heading back to camp life...in the 80's. Jazzercise, windbreakers, scrunchies, and so much more! Travel back in time as you leave the mainland on a boat and head to Catalina Island for fun, games, community, and asking deep questions about Jesus being the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Our current spots are full, but you can register for the waitlist as we try to secure more spots. **It is important to let RO know if you are interested so he knows how many additional spots to negotiate!**
PointLomaChurch.org/register

High School Houseboats—July 26– August 1

Hey! Are you in 8th-12th grade? Do you want to spend an amazing week at Lake Shasta? We will spend the week playing in God's creation with activities like Boondoggle, banana boating, and skiing/wakeboarding. We will be worshipping God and learning about Him and who He created us to be. We will also celebrate community and life together.

Spots are filling up fast for this fantastic high school summer camp. Sign-up today if you are interested. Cost is \$495, which includes a \$100 non-refundable deposit. Register online at PointLomaChurch.org/register.

BRICK MONDAYS

Junior High // Mondays 5-7 pm
High School // Mondays 7-9 pm
Youth Center

BRICK THURSDAY

High School // 7-9 pm
Various locations
Email ro@pointlomachurch.org
for details

BRICK SUNDAYS

Junior High // Sundays 9:45 am
Start in Café service



High School Axe Throwing!

NEW DATE!!

Saturday February 8

4:45 –7:45 pm

Cost: \$30,

plus money for dinner

PointLomaChurch.org/register

Interfaith Shelter –Volunteers Needed!

In San Diego County, nearly 9,000 of our neighbors are homeless (according to the Regional Task Force for the Homeless' 2018 Homelessness Summary Fact Sheet). Beginning February 23, we are again hosting up to 12 homeless guests (men, women and children) who are actively working with case managers at New Life Urban Ministries (formerly called PUM) to seek employment, long-term housing and other services. Through the Interfaith



Shelter, a non-denominational rotational shelter, the participants receive shelter, food and support services at different churches in the community. We need a whole host of volunteers to assure that our homeless brothers and sisters feel safe and well-cared for during their stay with us. Sign-up information is available at the SERVE table on the plaza on Sunday mornings and on our web site: pointlomachurch.org/register.



Sunday Programs

8:30 am – Traditional Sunday School

Children attend the first part of worship with their caregivers in the sanctuary and are then escorted to Sunday School to participate in age-appropriate classes following a scripture based curriculum.

9:45 am – Kids Café Worship

Check-in your children at 9:40 am in the Family Life Center and pick up immediately following the Café service. Children meet as a group for songs, activities, a message, and an offering before breaking out into age-appropriate small groups.



Journey

Our group for 4th & 5th graders meets every Monday evening in the Youth Center from 4-5:30

pm for food, fellowship and fun. \$3 donation for pizza. Friends are always welcome! We will meet off-campus on Monday, February 17. Details coming soon!

Children's Communion Experience*

All 4th and 5th grade students are invited to participate in our annual Communion Experience! This is a two-part opportunity for students to learn about the sacrament of Holy Communion during Lent.

Wednesday, February 26, 6:30 pm (Ash Wednesday)

Part I: Learn the story of Exodus and how the Jewish people were finally freed from slavery. Choose to receive ashes with friends.

Thursday, April 9, 6:30 pm (Maundy Thursday)

Part II: Enjoy a Seder Dinner on the floor with grass mats and pillows. Taste and see the culture of Jesus' time and understand the meaning of the Last Supper. Join your friends for Communion.

*RSVP required by February 23 to Karen at karen@pointlomachurch.org

Kids Club on Thursdays



Kids Club is a fun & relaxed midweek program that allows kids to connect with others through crafts, active games, Bible stories, snacks and music. It is not essential, but many families pair this program with Children's Choir. Meets in Room 8

Grades 2-6 meet from 4:00-4:50 pm
Age 4 -Grade 1 meet from 5:00-5:45 pm

Children and Youth Choirs

(Meets in Choir Room)

Cherub Choir

Age 4 - Grade 1
Thursdays 4:00-4:50 pm

Joyful Praise Choir

Grades 2 - 6
Thursdays 5:00-6:00 pm



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

MOPS: Mothers of Preschoolers

www.meetup.com/playgroup-754
Contact: sarah@pointlomachurch.org



- Feb. 3:** Bible study, 9:30 -10:45 am, Parlor
- Feb. 10:** Be an ordinary everyday world changer, Elisa Johnston, 9:30-11:30 am, FLC
- Feb. 17:** Mom's Morning Out, 9:15 - 11:45 am
- Feb. 19:** Book Club, 7:30 pm, "Holding Up the Universe"
- Feb. 24:** Building Community in Motherhood, Chantel Mathson, 9:30-11:30 am, FLC
- Feb. 29:** Mom's Night Out, 7 pm, Pizza Nova



Nicole Hage, Director | preschool@pointlomachurch.org
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We are looking forward to another wonderful year at the preschool. We have a half day program with the option for extended hours. Half days will be from 9:00 am-1:00 pm and extended day starting as early as 7:30 am, with the ability to stay as late as 5:00 pm. **CHURCH MEMBER** priority registration for the Preschool programs has already happened. Please contact us if you still wish to register. We offer a developmentally appropriate program for children aged 2 years through Pre-K. If you would like to tour the facility or have any questions, please call Nicole at 619 223-3327 or email at preschool@pointlomachurch.org.

Together for the Family Update



Two million Syrians have fled to Lebanon to escape their civil war. On December 22, we had the privilege of hosting PLCPC mission partner Izdihar Kassis and her family. She shared the wonderful work that her organization, *Together for the Family*, is doing to aid the million refugees living in UN camps near her native Zahle, across the Lebanese border from Syria. *Together For the Family* finds gaps in care and fills them, including trauma healing for mothers and children, music programs, sewing and hair salon career building programs for young women, special education for handicapped children and more. Seeing how she and her staff pour themselves out, many Muslim refugees come to Christ. PLCPC has partnered with TFF since 2011. In the photos Izdihar brought two gifts: a beautiful altar cloth

sewn by her sewing class and a painting by Izdihar herself showing our generosity as water pouring out of a frame, transcending boundaries. She was accompanied by her husband Riad Kassis, a Lebanese theologian who directs the John Stott/Langham Partnership for global theological education. Thank you for joining us to hear about their work!



“Called” Musical Casting Call

(performance on 5/17/19 during the 8:30 am service, Thursday rehearsals)



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

Children Grades 2-6 are encouraged to try out for the Spring 2020 musical. Auditions are scheduled for February 6, 13 and 20.

Contact Alicia@pointlomachurch.org for more information.

Save the Date! Family Camp 2020 is scheduled for September 25-27 at Camp Marston in Julian. Online registration for Family Camp begins Feb 23. Join us at the Deacon's Pancake Breakfast on February 23, as Family Camp is the beneficiary. Please come and enjoy pancakes wearing your favorite plaid shirts and/or outdoor wear.



Save the Date!

The San Diego Children's Choir will present a special concert in conjunction with our children's choir on Sat. Feb. 22 at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. All are invited to come and enjoy these young vocalists!
* free will offering will be taken.



We'd like to give a special thank you to the Deacons for funding the steam and spot cleaning of all of the chairs in the Family Life Center. The FLC is so well used by church ministries, but also outside users, so those chairs have been well loved. We appreciate the Deacons' efforts to assure we keep those chairs in the best shape possible so they will last for years to come!

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Life Events

Birth:

- Scarlett Devin Atteberry was born on December 25, 2019 to parents Kelly and Stephen Atteberry. Michele Reynolds is the proud grandmother.

Deaths:

- Larry Blenis passed away on December 29, 2019. A memorial service was held on January 19, 2020.
- John Ward passed away on January 11, 2020. A graveside service was held on January 24, 2020 at Greenwood Memorial Park. Tom Grady passed away on January 8, 2020. Services are pending.

Tree of Life:

- A commemorative leaf has been placed in Loving Memory of James H. Ladd. Alive in Christ Jesus. December 2009.

2019 Annual Reports

Senior Pastor

Rev. Karla Shaw

For the majority of 2019 (from the pulpit) we studied the book of Acts. This wild ride of a story of the early church in many ways has mirrored the ways our community has grown and cared for each other this past year. Because we are a family, it certainly continues to be difficult when our members are called by God to go home, but God in his faithfulness keeps bringing new life in our midst as well. This fall we embraced our theme of “Your Story, Our Story, God’s Story” here are some of the highlights/changes we have experienced this year:

- Alicia McMillan moved from being our *Interim Director of Worship and Music* into a permanent role.
- We launched Kid’s Café, a new worshipping community, on Sunday mornings.
- Pastor Alex and his wife, Megan, ran a consistent and meaningful grief group throughout most of the winter, spring and summer months.
- We began a partnership with *Christian Youth Theatre* (CYT) who are now meeting on our campus on Friday nights and Saturdays and have begun to populate our youth ministry.
- Jolene Wade was hired as our *Director of Operations and Church Life* and has moved us through volunteer processes, new office efficiencies, and security initiatives.
- Our chapel got a new, beautiful cross!
- Our Session and staff began the process of strategic planning looking forward to our centennial.
- We ministered to 220 kids and almost 100 volunteers through our VBS summer program and ministered to 150 families through our now year-round preschool.
- Our special worship services were outstanding this year, as we attempted to experience God in new ways through a Tenebrae service, contemplative retreats, art experiences, and a modern take on the Nativity.
- We sent two groups on mission trips down to Rancho Genesis to help build their new camp.
- We cared for the homeless through our Interfaith Shelter, hosted *Chopped at Church*, and gave our time, talent, and money to dozens of mission partners in this region and around the globe.
- All this, AND, we gave sacrificially to make this year the best financial year the church has ever seen in recent memory so we can continue in our “Loving Everyone to LIFE with Everything we Have.”

God has written a great story through our church this year! And this doesn’t even include the many ministries that meet daily on our campus or the work God is doing as we dream about the future renovation. God is alive here and God is working. Thanks be to God! I am grateful to be a part of this family.

Associate Pastor

Rev. Alex Wirth

There are a lot of things that happen every year at this church and I have now done them all twice. There are others on staff that are newer than me now and they ask me questions about how things usually work. It is fascinating to watch myself go from outsider (with an outsider’s helpful insight) to insider (with the invaluable knowledge of where advent candles are stored.)

I have continued my work of caring for the congregation and inspiring you all to care for each other. A large portion of my year was devoted to studying the way we keep track of those who need care and how those care connections are made. I then put together a new Care Connections system for use among the staff and deacons to track who needs a care connection from their church. It was amazing to see how much of that work happens naturally among you all without any prompting on my part! You all know how to care for each other! Our new system, as we work out the kinks, helps us make sure people don’t fall through the cracks and feel forgotten by their church family.

My greatest joy as your pastor is spending time worshipping God with you. I have taken on the new task this year of writing the liturgical pieces (Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession) for Sunday worship. It is an honor to get to write the words that you all use to speak collectively to God. My favorite moment in worship, though, comes not from any words I have composed. As we begin the Lord’s Prayer each week, I turn off my microphone to listen and watch you all praying. I love getting to pray with you in that way and see all the faithful ways you engage with prayer.

I look forward to more stories, more care and more prayer in 2020!

Director of Operations & Church Life

Jolene Wade

2019 was a year of transition as we said goodbye, with much appreciation, to the very helpful and talented Melissa Mullins, in the late spring. Much of the rest of the

year was following through on projects that were in progress, including;

- Rolling out the Volunteer Handbook and background checking procedures for those in leadership roles, or proximity to children or money. We now have a register for all volunteers who've been background checked.
- Completion of the Family Life Center (FLC) re-roofing.
- Termite tenting in mid August, which led to replacing the 100 gal water heater in the Youth Center (YC)
- Completion of the stained-glass cross in the Chapel, installed in time for Fall Kick-Off Sunday. We are now carefully considering disposition of the Chapel dorsal cloth.
- The Renovation Task Force (RTF) worked endlessly to arrive at a plan for updating the campus to serve our diverse and dynamic needs, and presented an effective concept in late July. We continue to refine this for cost efficiencies.
- Further implementation of our Facility Use Policy and rates. Our campus has hosted numerous events for appropriate outside organizations, in the FLC, YC and Chapel, including a PLHS Christmas Concert. As of September we opened some available campus space to host CYT (Christian Youth Theatre) rehearsals on a weekly basis.

Other projects that presented themselves in 2019 include:

- An unexpected gift of beautiful and uniform updated office furniture that we moved from Irvine.
- The addition of air conditioning in a Preschool room for summer nappers.
- Addition of permanent rigging to display large banners from Sanctuary columns and the front of the Chapel (saving the cost of expensive lift equipment) Thank you John Spafford for the brilliant design and installation!
- Upgrades to internet connectivity hardware, adding enterprise level anti-virus software, and unifying Microsoft Office accounts.
- The purchase of our first PLCPC branded pop-up tent to support outreach at church and community events. Thank you Deacons for the funding!
- Ensuring fire protection, first aid kits and AEDs are up to date
- A new overhead sound system in FLC is being quoted

In other Church Life, the steps to implement our Security Plan are coming into focus, driven by a variety of needs. We've added new key and office access protocols. You can expect to see more cameras and locks installed in the months to come, as well as opportunities for pro-active campus greeters. Our goal is to maintain a welcoming environment where all who enter feel safe.

It's been fun learning more about our wonderful community members and all the energy that goes into

making PLCPC such a great church home. There's rarely a quiet moment in maintaining our facilities and numerous resources to support our community and mission.

Director of Worship & Music

Alicia McMillan

2019 has been an active and transitional year for PLCPC's music ministry. With the faithful support of Bryan Verhoye, Music Associate and Pianist; RO Smith, Café Worship Leader; Ann Simoneau, Director of Ringers ReJOYce!; Andrew Reynolds, Children's Choir accompanist; Rebecca Cress, head of Worship and the Arts committee and many volunteers, we welcomed all ages and offered musical opportunities ranging from traditional to contemporary music styles. The Media Ministry under the direction of Dave Baker and media techs Erich McMillan and Nico Burchett, have been an invaluable part of our worship ministry with weekly Sunday worship and special events support. We are deeply grateful for all volunteers involved in the music and media ministries. Thank you for sharing your gifts by ministering to others and glorifying our Lord and Savior!

Highlights include:

- New Choral Ensemble for the 10:45 service was launched.
- Joyful Praise Choir participated in Children's Choir Festival at La Jolla Presbyterian Church.
- PLCPC hosted the Cello Project Concert and Mainly Mozart Youth Orchestra rehearsals.
- Tenebrae Service was celebrated with oversight by John Spafford.
- Children's Choirs presented *Heroes of the Faith* musical during 8:30 service on May 19.
- Ringers ReJOYce! participated in the regional bell workshop.
- Bluegrass Service and Barbeque led by RO with Café Band and Bryan.
- Vocal Workshops for singers with Martha Jane Howe, a vocal expert .
- Bryan Verhoye and friends courtyard concert.
- Hymn-sing led by Alicia for senior ministries.
- Live karaoke sing in the Sanctuary during the fall kick-off.
- Bryan was featured as soloist in Grossmont Symphony Concert in our Sanctuary.
- Point Loma Singers from Point Loma Nazarene University guest choir sang in all 3 services.
- Our organ was featured in an American Guild of Organists Durufle lecture open to the public and guild

members.

- Christmas Concert for the community featuring all musical groups and members of the San Diego Symphony - selections from Handel's *Messiah*.
- Christmas Eve 10 am Café style service led by RO and Cafe band.
- Christmas Eve Children's Choir Musical: *Carriers of the Light* at the 4 pm service.
- Christmas Eve special production of Noel Now and Then at the 7 and 9 pm services.
- Ringers ReJOYce! performed at the Paradise Valley Retirement Center and for Wednesday Club Tea.

Director of Senior Adult Ministry

Elaine Burrell

Senior Adult Ministry continues to evolve as the needs of mature adults change.

- Monthly luncheons continued to be offered and were well-attended in 2019. These luncheons are a favorite activity of our most aged seniors, and are usually theme-based. Highlights included St. Patrick's Day theme, Italian Ristorante, and Honoring Our Veterans.
- Monthly lectures on various topics such as health care, transportation, personal growth and emotional well-being are popular with the younger seniors.
- Our weekly exercise class (in partnership with the Peninsula Family YMCA) was also very well-attended, averaging 25+ participants each Wednesday morning.
- The Current Event Discussion Group took place monthly in the first half of 2019, and while it was an enjoyable time for those who attended, it was replaced with Memory Friends in Fall 2019. Memory Friends seeks to meet the needs of people experiencing memory changes due to aging or brain illness/injury by providing social time, support and brain games.
- Outings took place approximately every other month to various places such as the Sheriff's Museum, The Lot, Mormon Battalion Museum, and the Miniature Engineering Craftsmanship Museum, using the church van.
- We enjoy a close partnership with Peninsula Shepherd Center, which provides transportation to several of our programs.

My hope is to find new ways to honor and celebrate the seniors among us and support them through the journey of aging. I feel privileged and grateful to serve in this role at PLCPC.

Director of Community Life

Evan Gratz

Men's Ministry

More than 25 men attended and participated in our Men's Retreat at Rancho Viva in May of 2019. We had a great weekend of fellowship, worship and intentional time of

connecting with God and each other. Our theme was "Storyline" and different men shared their stories of faith at each of the four large group gatherings.

Prayers and Pints events were increased to bi-monthly in 2019 that were each attended by 25-35 men. These gatherings serve our men well in a casual, community setting that offers great opportunities for conversation and connections.

Our Men@Work Ministry happens with faithful men of PLCPC on Wednesday mornings. Those men have taken on many projects, both big and small around the church on a regular basis. The group has 10-16 attendees on a weekly basis. Thank you to Don Griffith, Em Cummins and many others for your faithful leadership.

The Wednesday Men's Bible Study led by Dr. Gresham Bayne and Art Michalek has been consistent all year. This group of guys committed to sharing in their lives and faith every week. The men are challenged with deep biblical teaching every week.

New in 2019 was Monday Morning Men's coffee. This happens Monday Mornings at Peet's coffee on Catalina Blvd. There was a consistent group of 8-13 men attending on a weekly basis, with more than 35 different men attending at least once.

Outreach Events

On May 31 we blocked off Udall St. in front of the church for our 2nd Annual Neighborhood Block Party. With two food trucks, crafts and games for the kids and live music from our café band led by Marc Shaw, more than 250 people from our church and neighborhood enjoyed a fun night out in the street. Our Fall Kick-Off on Sept 8 gave our congregation an opportunity to live out this year's theme, "Your Story, Our Story, God's Story" in a variety of creative/expressive/artistic ways. Thanks to all of the ministry leaders that participated and represented over 15 of our PLCPC ministries!

Director of Youth Ministry / Café Worship Leader

R.O. Smith

Café Worship

The Café had another strong year of growth! We continue to see slow and steady growth in the Café Service. I feel like we have found consistency with our volunteers, and it feels like there is a good rhythm and "vibe" within the service.

Podcast

This fall, we launched the "Point Loma Community Church Podcast," in which we publish the Sunday morning sermon. We are exploring other avenues and uses in which the podcast can serve our community and beyond.

Youth

BRICK Youth continues to discover what it means to love others to life with everything we have. Here are some of the

highlights from 2019, and projected highlights we look forward to:

Camp Experiences

Last year was an interesting time of re-evaluation for a couple of our camp experiences. We did not go to Forest Home Winter Camp in 2019 in order to reassess if it is meeting the needs of students.

Our Junior High summer camp experience at Campus by the Sea was also re-evaluated because in 2019 we did not go due to lack of interest.

High School Houseboats was a highlight as it always is. This year we took 13 students and 2 leaders to Lake Shasta. It was an amazing adventure, and it really brought people in our group closer together.

This spring and fall, we took overnight retreats to Rancho Viva. The retreat was designed to give students the opportunity to simply “get away” and get out of their normal weekend environments, and out into nature. Students had the opportunity to hike, swim, play pickleball, relax on hammocks, and play games together. We also took time to experience spiritual practices, such as lectio divina, and praying the scriptures. Both retreats had about 5-6 students and 2-3 leaders.

Confirmation

We determined that Confirmation will be offered every other year and will be open to 7-10 grade students. Confirmation will be April 19 through June 14, 2020.

Service Opportunities and Missions

We maintain a bi-monthly involvement with Ladle Fellowship by serving the first Sunday of every odd numbered month (i.e. January, March, May, etc.) The service opportunity is open to everyone in the church. One of the nice surprises in serving at Ladle has been the heavy involvement by the Scout Troop we charter.

Last year, we added a Youth Build Mission Trip for 6th-12 grade students during Spring Break to help build the new Rancho Genesis property in Mexico. We took 13 students and 3 leaders, and worked on a variety of projects throughout the camp. Many kids got to use power tools for the first time, and we all came home exhausted. We learned what it means to build upon the foundation of our faith, which is Christ. We are returning to Rancho Genesis this year during Spring Break!

Weekly Meetings

The move we made to Monday night last year has proven to be beneficial, and with hosting CYT, we are starting to see some of those students attending our Monday night Youth Group. For Junior High, we average weekly attendance was 15 (with 54 distinct students). High School saw an average attendance of 16 (with 51 distinct students).

Weekly Small Groups

On Sunday mornings during the Café Service time, we averaged 9 (41 distinct) junior high students who meet for small group. We have two faithful volunteers for that time, and look to add more volunteers to be part of the Sunday morning small group community.

High School Small Group continues to meet on Thursday nights. This fall, we moved our meeting to various students' houses. We continued to see a slight increase in average attendance (7) this past year with 22 distinct students who attended throughout the year.

YMCA and CYT

Two new exciting opportunities we had this year were to be the host facility for the YMCA and CYT (Christian Youth Theater).

The YMCA holds an after-school program for students 13 years of age and older. They consistently have about 20-30 students come and go from the Youth Center on Tuesday afternoons. This is an opportunity to get “face time” and build relationships with students in the community.

As of this fall, the Youth Center also hosts Christian Youth Theater for 8 weeks on Fridays and Saturdays as they work on their upcoming production. On Saturday, we typically have 55-75 kids working on their craft. One Saturday during their production season we provide them pizza for lunch, and our Women's Bible Study makes homemade cookies for the students another Saturday. The kids are very appreciative, and we have seen some of those students start attending our weekly youth programs.

Director of Children's Ministry

Karen Connor

2019 was a full year in Children's Ministry. In January we launched **Kids Café**, a Sunday worship service just for kids at the 9:45 hour. Children, ages 3 years-5th grade, meet as a group in the FLC for songs, activities and a message before breaking out into age-graded small groups. Scripture, prayer and an offering are included in this dynamic experience where children hear God's story in fresh, fun, and meaningful ways. Our 8:30 am service continues to offer a traditional Sunday School program. Children join their parents in the sanctuary for the first part of the service, hear a children's message and then proceed to age-graded classrooms for a Bible based lesson.

We embraced some personnel changes last year when church member Erin Shetter joined our team as the new **Children's Ministry Assistant**. Our beloved Cynthia Hernandez has transitioned from assistant to the **Children's Ministry Preschool and Nursery Coordinator**. She plans and teaches preschool curriculum for Sundays and Kids Club as well as manages our nursery program for ages 6 months-3 years.

Journey, our mid-week program for 4th and 5th graders, continues to serve children within and outside our church community. Energetic kids gather on Monday afternoons for active games, a Bible message, and food. Our program coordinates with Brick Jr. High by sharing our meal together and planning offsite activities such as laser tag, bowling and roller skating.

Kids Club, our mid-week program for children ages 4 yrs-6th grade is held on Thursdays and is typically paired with the Children's Choir led by Alicia McMillan. We value the relationships built with the kids through crafts, play and Bible stories.

In January, 16 of our children attended **Forest Home Children's Winter Camp** in the San Bernadino Mountains where they spent a fun-filled weekend with other Christian youth and were given the opportunity to commit their hearts to Christ.

In April, eight children, grades 3 & above, graduated from our **Bible Memory** course. These students participated in a special Sunday School class, led by Judy Pritchett, to learn all about the Bible. They memorized scripture and learned how the Bible pertains to their daily lives. Upon completing the course work and reciting their Life Verse in front of the congregation they were awarded a personalized Bible during a cake and lemonade reception.

Our two-part **Communion Experience** class was held during Lent which gave 4th & 5th graders an interactive opportunity to learn more about the ten plagues, the Exodus, a Seder dinner, and to receive communion.

Our **MOPS** (Mothers of Preschoolers) program, run by Sarah Butterfield, hosts bi-monthly meetings on Mondays from September through May. In the MOPS program moms with young children form relationships with other moms to share, learn, and grow in Christ together. Other MOPS opportunities include park dates, mom's night out, and a Book Club. A new MOPS Bible study was launched on Mondays.

In June, our annual **Vacation Bible School** hosted 225 children on our campus for an engaging and lively week of learning all about God through music, Bible stories, games and more. Our theme was "Roar" and our sanctuary was transformed into an amazing African game preserve including a giant canopy of leaves. Our VBS mission project raised funds for Living Water to help build a clean water well for an under privileged community. Together, the children raised an unbelievable \$2,000!

On Palm Sunday, we hosted our seventh annual **Easter Fest** as an outreach for our church and Point Loma community. Our expanded celebration encouraged attendance from all generations. Activities included live music, food, a chalk prayer wall, donkey photo op, cookie decorating, Bingo, a

bounce house, and inflatable obstacle course.

In December, our staff came together to host our sixth annual **Red Brick Christmas** party in the Family Life Center. All ages gathered for the festivities which included crafts, a pajama parade, a Christmas carol sing-a-long, and a special visit from Santa.

Preschool & TLC Director

Nicole Hage

The preschool continues to grow and thrive. This school year we were able to expand our extended day program to better accommodate working families. The hours are from 7:30 am -5:00 pm. We have a total of 8 preschool classrooms. This gives us the opportunity to serve around 150+ families.

Every year we offer free early intervention and vision screenings. These are put on by Autism Tree Project foundation and The Elks Programs.

Our annual Poinsettia fund raiser was successful this year; helping us raise \$1,000 that we used to purchase supplies for the classrooms.

We continue to invite preschool families to join church events and this is helping us grow our church. Easter Fest, Red Brick Christmas and Neighborhood Block Party were all wonderful and brought many preschool families to our church. The preschool VBS and summer camp grew, and the families seem to enjoy having these safe and fun events for their children.

At Christmas time the families gave Gifts to the Manger, which donated a truck full of diapers and other baby supplies to Military Outreach Ministries.

As we gear up for the next fall registration, we are excited to have new families enter our program. Thank you for your continued support of the preschool.

Personnel Committee

Dwight Kellogg

The year 2019 was again an active year for the personnel committee. The committee included elders Dwight Kellogg, Debbie Fountain and Buck Buchanan and member Claudia Bender.

The committee continued its initiatives to assure consistency in the application of church employment practices and PLCPC's adherence to governmental and Presbyterian church requirements, as well as its own policies. The committee reviewed benefits changes made available to the staff during the year.

The church Volunteer Handbook, drafts of which were subjected to extensive review by the committee and key church staff members, was adopted by the Session at its

March 27, 2019 meeting. Jolene Wade, Director of Operations and Church Life, led the introduction of the handbook to affected church entities.

The committee discussed the Presbytery's Sexual Misconduct Prevention Policy and Child, Youth, and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy to assure that the existing church employment and volunteer practices are in compliance.

The committee responded promptly to numerous administrative matters brought to them by the pastors and staff.

The committee gave recommendations in support of a compensation increase in the year 2020 for Pastor Karla, based on a comparison study of other churches of comparable size within the Presbytery.

Board of Deacons

Jan Sutton

The Deacons provide a ministry of care and compassion. We have representatives on many church committees, support Loaves and Fishes, and New Day Urban Ministries (formerly Presbyterian Urban Ministries) and the OB Community Dinners. We run the Lenten Food Drive, which was another big success in 2019. We provide baby roses, send greeting cards to members, and send college care packages. The Deacons collect backpacks and money for bus passes for New Day Urban Ministries (formerly PUM). We provide dinners to members in need.

Each Sunday we greet and welcome people to church, and after the services, we deliver flowers to members of our community. On Easter, all Deacons delivered flowers to more than 60 people.

We supported many church events such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Easter Fest, and Red Brick Christmas. The Prayer Chain is run by a member of the College of Deacons, and we participate in the Discover our Community Classes.

In February, The Deacons hosted a training series for visiting people, and praying with and for people. The training was open to all.

Three Pancake Breakfasts raised money for the Youth Build Mission Trip and scholarships for youth camps, a branded shade canopy, and a changeable obstacle course for the Toddler Learning Center.

Endowment Committee

Steve Smith

The year was an active time for the Endowment. The Endowment was pleased to make a number of grants to support the work of the church in several different areas.

Grants

- A major grant of \$25,000 was approved, at the request of the Session, to cover part of the cost of the major roof repair earlier in the year.
- A grant was made to support Urban Youth Collaborative, which includes student-led faith clubs at close to 100 public middle and high school campuses in San Diego County.
- Two grants were made to support the music program through professional development and funds for the Christmas concert.
- The Endowment voted to set aside up to \$25,000 of past earnings to support a "Capital Campaign direct to the Future of PLCPC."

Generous Donors

Generous donors (through gifts and bequests) provided \$32,379.49 in contributions to the Endowment during the year. In addition, the Endowment received notice of several other bequests that members were designating as part of their estate plans.

Other Activities of the Endowment

During the course of the year, the Endowment also distributed a brochure on the opportunities for service and giving that the Endowment represents, entitled, "Plant a Seed—Create a Legacy." The Endowment also presented a program, "Maximizing Your Church and Minimizing Your Taxes" starring Woody Ledford. Woody explained ways of contributing to the church that also carried tax advantages. The Endowment also published information about its activities in the *Spire* on a regular basis.

The Endowment worked through 2019 with the Audit Committee to ensure that changes are made in the official audit report to correctly categorize the principal of the Endowment as permanently restricted by donors. That effort continues.

Finances

The Endowment funds are invested with a part of the Presbyterian Foundation, as required by the Bylaws. Those Bylaws also provide that income (interest and dividends) are available for grants, but the appreciation in the principal is returned to the principal, and the Committee, of course, follows these instructions.

The Foundation has not yet distributed year-end results, so we can report formal results only through the third quarter. As a result, we will publish the final results in the *Spire* in a month or so. The principal of the Endowment as of 9/30/19 was \$1.94 million.

Members of the Endowment Committee

The members of the Endowment Committee were Dianne Grafton (vice-chair), Mary Harker (Session representative), John Leimbach, Ray Lidstrom (treasurer), John Pearson,

Steve Smith (chair), Cara Thome, and Pastor Karla and Jolene Wade served as *ex officio* members. Mary Harker and Ray Lidstrom are cycling off the committee. We are very grateful for their extraordinary service. Mary has been the secretary this year and Ray has served as treasurer of the Endowment for many years. Thank you for your strong support during 2019.

Nominating Committee

Mary Harker

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of 7 new Elders, 10 new Deacons, and 3 returning Deacons for election in September. The Committee also recommended that our 4 current representatives to the Presbytery will serve in 2020 as well.

The Nominating Committee Handbook has been updated and used for training and reference for the Elders who are Chair and Vice Chair of the 2020 Nominating Committee.

Mission Beyond Committee

Sam Laub

The Mission Beyond Committee (MBC) 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 and to help carry out Jesus’ commandment in Mark 16:15: *“Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”*

This year MBC emphasized its approach to transform our world by adding and supporting a new mission partner, Casa Hogar Penniel in Mexicali. We are very thankful to John Leimbach for introducing us to this orphanage which provides a home for Mexican children.

Three of our MBC members, Mark Olcott, Ellen MacVean and Edward Lynds, were honored at the Interfaith Shelter Network Gala in October. PLCPC participated in the Interfaith Shelter Network in 2019, a PLCPC success that involved: (1) more than 8 guests housed each night for two weeks, (2) 115 guest-nights provided, (3) 171 dinners served, (4) 115 lunches provided, (5) 151 breakfasts provided, (6) 124 volunteer shifts worked, (7) 80 unique volunteers involved, and (8) over 650 volunteer hours worked. We want to thank the members of the Congregation involved for their support and work.

During the year invitees attending our meetings were: Pastor Karla who provided her wisdom and perspective on Mission (June), Sarah Butterfield who gave input on the Presbyterian National Mission Conference (October) and Raul Palomino of New Day Urban Ministries, formerly Presbyterian Urban Ministries or PUM (November), who gave an update on their ministry. Izdihar Kassis, leader of MBC’s Lebanese mission partner, Together for the Family, and her husband, Riad Kassis, came to our church to tell us about their work helping

traumatized children and impoverished women who are in refugee camps due to Middle East fighting.

Seven percent of the 10% we give to mission as a church is given in the forms of grants through the MBC. MBC administers these funds by developing relationships with mission partners (local, regional & global) and distributing financial support. 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. MBC provided the umbrella support for SERVE projects including trips to Rancho Genesis, Ladle Fellowship, and work events such as I Love a Clean San Diego. “Wood to Wonderful” in Texas provided wooden toys to Barbara Brown that were bagged and donated to children at Rancho Genesis who were thrilled to receive them.

Additional highlights of 2019 include: distributed \$69,000 in support to 17 mission partners (approximately 59% local and regional, 41% global); continued a pilot project with Uplift to assist families transitioning from homelessness to housing; continued sponsoring a new village, Caña, in the Dominican Republic as part of the global effort to end rural poverty by Plant with Purpose (PWP).

Adult Ministry

Beth Zedaker

In 2019, much was accomplished and offered in Adult 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.

Approximately 175 attended the Ash Wednesday dinner in the Family Life Center on March 6. We followed with a 5-week Lenten series on Christ’s final words.

The annual Women’s retreat brought 100 women together to hear from Dr. Mindy Coates-Smith on the topic of Living Authentically.

The Women’s Ministries offered a Bible study for young moms, a weekly Tuesday morning Bible study and the annual Women Connecting Dinner in the spring. Additional groups, opportunities and much more are offered during the week and they included: Sunday morning study, Men at Work, Community Bible Study, Mothers of Preschoolers-MOPS, Prayer Quilt Ministries, Red Brick Knitters, Rachel’s Circle, ROOTED, Refresh, Continuing the Conversation, Centering Prayer and a summer book club.

Adult Ministries hosted a Block Party in the early summer, Deeper Dive series and Rooted small group series. Family Ministries enjoyed Family Camp in October. Spiritual Formation offered a Contemplative Day in the spring, as well as an art experience in the fall.

Clerk of Session Report

John Spafford

Total Active Membership on Dec. 31, 2018	959
Gains in Membership During 2019:	
Profession/Reaffirmation of Faith	15
Certificate of Transfer	9
Total Gains	24
Losses in Membership during 2019:	
Certificate of Transfer	4
Death	15
Deletions	4
Total Losses	23
Total Active Membership on Dec. 31, 2019	960
Baptism in 2019:	
Adult/Youth	0
Infant/Child	2
Total Baptisms	2

IN MEMORIUM - 2019

Norine Frances Averill	Dr. Larry Wade Blenis
Marianne Rogers Boaz	Dorothea "Dotty" Louise Hosea Burgess
Carol Ann Cooper	Mildred "Millie" Gallaher
Jenell Elaine Hall	Darlyn Hauck
James Wiley Kerr, Jr.	Loren McKnight
Janine Pritchett Perrill	Patricia Rorie
Virginia "Ginger" Aldridge Rothmuller	Nancy Gibson Gould Siemers
Elizabeth "Betty" Mae Spafford	



Volunteers Needed!

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's Ministry or Youth Ministry, we are looking for adults who will make a "life on life" investment for our children and students. Contact karen@pointlomachurch.org or ro@pointlomachurch.org to see where you can fill a need!

Bible 101 Podcast

Have you missed Pastor Karla's Bible 101 class? Well, you are in luck! Recordings of the series and the handouts are available on our Podcast. Simply go to your favorite podcast—iTunes, Spotify or iHeart Radio - and search for "Point Loma Community Church." Or visit our website: pointlomachurch.org then click on "Connect" and scroll down to "Podcast" for the direct links.



Women's Retreat 2020

Our Annual Women's Retreat was an amazing weekend of reflection, friendship and gratitude. Rev. Megan Cochran, pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church was our featured speaker. We explored what it means to be grateful people and how to be grateful in everything. We were reminded that gratitude truly can transform a life!

Save These Dates!

*Chamber Music for
Soprano, Oboe and Piano*



Featuring Bryan Verhoye
Sunday, February 9, 2:00 pm
in the Sanctuary

tickets available at
grossmontsymphony.org

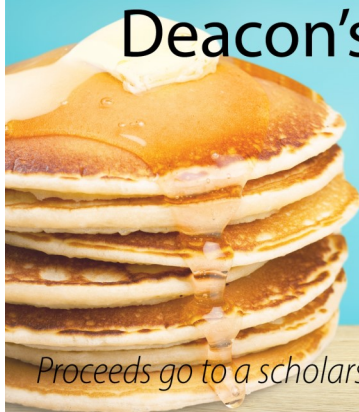
WINTERFEST

February 16
3-5 pm

Snow, Snacks, Hot Chocolate,
Games, Fun and More!
For All Ages!

evan@pointlomachurch.org for more info

Deacon's Pancake Breakfast



February 23
7:30 - 11:30 am
FLC

Proceeds go to a scholarship fund for Family Camp

ASH
WEDNESDAY



Wednesday February 26, 6-7:30 pm
Dinner and Worship
\$5/person or \$20/family
pointlomachurch.org/register

Gifts of the Heart

We are hosting our first ever Gifts of the Heart event this year on Sunday, February 9 after the Annual Meeting. This is your opportunity to support our Mission Partners and maybe pick-out a special gift for yourself or your valentine! We'll have different artisans on campus selling their wares, with at least 25% of the proceeds being donated back to a designated Mission Partner.

For more information, contact Rita Solberg, ritasolberg@cox.net or Monica Ball, mbrealestate@cox.net.

THANK YOU TO CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS!

I would like to take a moment to say THANK YOU to all of the Children's Ministry volunteers and generous donors who have given of their time, talent and treasure, over the past year and beyond! Our various programs could not thrive without their selfless service, and my heart is full of gratitude for each of them. If given the chance to add up their hours spent preparing, planning, teaching, building, leading, and loving our children, I'm sure the total would defy logic. To name them all would feel impossible, but I would be remiss if I didn't honor a few in this note since they have now moved on to enjoy their later years in other areas of service and to be with their families.

Marti Baird and Judy McEntyre have been sources of inspiration to me as I transitioned into my role over five years ago, and I will always be thankful for their presence. These wonderfully strong ladies never hesitated to advise me with loving support for the important task at hand; planting the love of Jesus into the hearts of our littlest ones. Decades older than the children in their care, they never cease to amaze me with their energy, knowledge, humility, wisdom, and humor in the classroom. The kids loved and learned from them and parents admired and appreciated them. They both have long histories of membership at PLCPC in addition to being on staff and serving on various committees and/or Session throughout the years. Both have now retired from volunteering in the classroom – Marti a few years ago and Judy just this past January – but I know they are not slowing down one bit with shining God's light and loving those around them to the fullest. I hope you will join me in praying for protection and grace over these special ladies and all who choose to serve our children. They are loved.

In His Joy,
Karen Connor

Leaves of thanks are being placed for Judy and Marti on the Tree of Life in our Family Life Center