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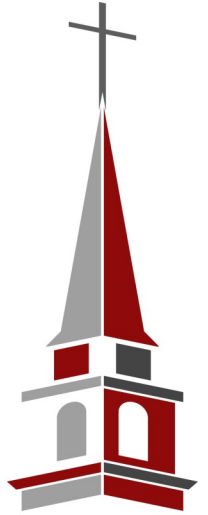
Point Loma
Community
Presbyterian
Church

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

Café Service
10:15 am
Chapel

Rev. Ed Girod
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A Note from Pastor Karla

Don't you just love the fall? In recent days, quite unexpectedly, we have actually had rather cool or, at least, rainy weather. The changing of the seasons with the shorter days and longer nights makes me start craving warm things—vegetable soup, a fire in my fireplace, steaming hot chocolate with marshmallows, and resting at home. As I crave these things though, it also makes me more aware of those who go without.

Driving into Point Loma the other day, my son pointed out the car window at what looked like a pillow and bedroll lying in the tall branches of a tree. Clearly someone had slept there trying to take cover from the rain the night before. My son and I both decided that a tree was not an ideal bed for anyone and we both began to feel compassion for those who live this way.

Habitat for Humanity was started based upon that same compassion, which is why we have decided to partner with them this year for our big SERVE day. Seeking to put God's love into action, San Diego Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope. Habitat was founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a simple, decent and affordable home to live in dignity and safety.

The work we do on November 5 to enhance six homes in Logan Heights, along with our community project, will help families thrive better in our greater community. Habitat has committed to this area for the next three years to bring more affordable housing to a city where many live in housing crisis.

More about our big SERVE day can be found below and on our church website. If you are age 14 or older and physically able, please consider joining us in loving our neighbors. *Please note: a SERVE project for families will be highlighted in the month of November.*

Blessings,
Pastor Karla

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LOOKING AHEAD

Oct 4, 11, 18	Elder & Deacon Training
Oct 5	Senior Health Faire
Oct 5, 12, 19	October Refresh
Oct 9	Deacons' Pancake Breakfast
Oct 9	Introduction of New Members
Oct 14-16	Men's Retreat
Oct 23	Stewardship Sunday
Oct 25	Deacons Meeting
Oct 26	Session Meeting
Oct 29	Choir Retreat
Nov 5	SERVE Day



big SERVE Day

November 5, 2016

This year has been filled with all sorts of SERVE projects, and our largest project is just around the corner as we partner with Habitat for Humanity. All participants are asked to board buses at PLCPC at 7:30 am to be taken to the project sites in Logan

Heights (*there is very little street parking in the area and Habitat asked that we don't crowd out the residents' parking on a Saturday*). After the morning session we will meet for lunch at the Boys and Girls Club and then go back to the projects for the afternoon session. Buses will pick up everyone at 3:30 pm and bring them back to PLCPC.

The Home Enhancement Projects will involve painting, landscaping, carpentry and general clean-up of the outside of six homes in Logan Heights. Please bring your water bottle, sunscreen, (*continued on page 7*)



The Tree of Life

The Tree of Life in the Family Life Center provides an opportunity for an enduring record of persons and events in the life of our church, its families and friends. Since Beverly Smith's design and the crafting by John L. Spafford in 1990, the two trees of the display have sprouted hundreds of leaves documenting the rich history of our community.

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

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Deacons' Pancake Breakfast—October 9 Family Life Center



October Refresh

Pastor Karla will lead two separate series on all four Wednesday evenings in the Chapel to grow us closer to Christ and become more in tune with our world.

1. Rejoice in the Lord Always—6-6:30 pm
30-minute-reflections on the book of Philippians.
No need to sign-up, just pop in.

2. Talk Race—6:45-8:15 pm



CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

A conversation around Black/White relations in America and how we might become more informed, dialogue, and engage with this topic more in our world. **To sign up go to www.talkrace.org/signup.**

Please consider coming to one or both of these opportunities. To reserve free childcare, contact cynthia@pointlomachurch.org.

Welcome September Class of New Members!



Front row: Deacon Amy Adams, Melissa Nassraway, Judy Dahlson, and Deacon Jean Wirick.
Back row: Bill Shaw, Bob Holst, Don Edelman, Katie Fulhorst, Mark Nissen, and Elder Bob Simoneau.
Not pictured: Blake Adams, Ellen and Rob Niemeyer, and Sherri Edelman.

Children's Ministries

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Sunday School at 8:30 and 10:15 am

Come and learn God's Word!

Ages 4 yrs-Kindergarten—Room 2

Grades 1-3—Room 8

Grade 3—Bible Memory Class in

Room 5 (8:30 only)

Grade 4-6—Room 6

Childcare, ages 6 mo.-3 yrs—Nursery



Kids Club meets on Thursdays in the Family Life Center:

2nd-6th Grade, 4-5 pm

4 years-1st Grade, 5-5:45 pm

Oct. 06-Cheerio Acorns

Oct. 13-Leaf People

Oct. 20-Lollipop Spiders



Route 56 on Mondays

5 to 7 pm*

Family Life Center.

*Dinner included (\$5 donation)

Friends are **always** welcome!

Oct. 03 - Meeting in FLC

Oct. 17 - Meeting in FLC

Oct. 26 - (Wed) Serve dinner at
OB Community Dinners, 5:15-7pm



Forest Home Winter Camp for 4th-6th Graders. Weekend of Jan 27-29, 2017.

Register early to reserve a spot! Please email Karen for an on-line registration activation code.

Find out more information on **Monday,**

November 14, at **"Here Comes Camp"** in the FLC. 5-7pm.
Hosted by Forest Home



Bible Memory Course

Join 3rd & 4th Graders in a special Sunday School class for the 2016-2017 school year.

8:30am in Classroom 5. Sept-Dec will be a quick overview of the Bible. Jan-May kids will be memorizing and learning how Bible verses pertain to their daily lives. Those completing the work will be awarded a personalized Bible on Mother's Day, May 14.

Children's Choirs on Thursdays

All children are welcome.

4:00-4:50 4-year olds, K & Grade 1

5:00-6:00 Grades 2-6

During the fall/winter seasons, children prepare a Christmas musical for the Christmas Eve Family Service. Choirs also will sing during Sunday worship November 13, and December 18. The older group will sing at the Christmas Concerts on December 4.

For more information or to register, contact aliciaorganist@gmail.com

Brick Singers

All students Grades 7-high school welcome!
Meets selected Sundays 11:30-1:30 (w/snacks)

Performances: 11/20, 12/4, 12/17, 12/24.

RSVP to aliciaorganist@gmail.com



Meetings in church library, 9:30-11:30

Oct. 4—Playdate, Liberty Station, 9:30

Oct. 11—Wendy Kessler, "Loving our Families As-Is"

Oct. 13—Book Club, Living Room Café, 7:30 pm

Oct. 18—Mom's Morning Out, 9:15-11:45

Oct. 22—Mom's Night Out at Soda and Swine, 7:30 pm

Oct. 25 - Marie Osborne, "Bloom Where You're Planted"

Info: www.meetup.com/playgroup-754

Sarah Butterfield, Coordinator

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Ministry Opportunities in Youth

We have needs for caring, loving adults to work with junior high (7th & 8th Grade), and high school (9th - 12th Grade) students. Here are some ways you could be involved:

Midweek Small Group Leader - lead Bible studies & discussions with students

Mentor - meet one-on-one with students

Behind the Scenes - take photos or videos, engineer sound, design flyers, etc.

"Indirect Volunteers" - If you would like to assist in helping carry out events (set up, tear down, hosting event at your house, web design, videographer, etc.)

If you are interested, please contact RO Smith at ro@pointlomachurch.org

Senior Adult Ministry

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

Red Brick Senior Center—OCTOBER—Family Life Center

10 to 11 am Senior Center opens for snacks and coffee

11 to 12 noon Musical Performance 12 to 1 pm Lunch

- Oct. 4** **Blue Zone.** Lunch—Tomato Soup, grilled cheese sandwich, coleslaw, chips, and cake.
- Oct. 11** **Dean Paul Ratzman.** Lunch—BBQ Pork, mashed potatoes, salad, baked apples, roll, and brownie.
- Oct. 18** **The Notecatchers,** and 10:45 performance by Pre-K students. Lunch—Oktoberfest! Bratwurst, sauerkraut, German potato casserole, salad, rolls, and strudel.
- Oct. 25** **Peter Seltser.** Lunch—Mediterranean fish, vegetables, rice pilaf, Greek salad, rolls, and dessert.

*Reservations are required by the previous Friday. Lunches are \$6.00.
Contact: Elaine at (619) 223-1633 Ext. 210*

NEW! SENIOR BOOK GROUP



Wednesdays, October 19 and 26; and
November 2 and 11.
10 to 11 am — Parlor

The Grammar of God by Aviya Kushner is a fascinating book that explores the mysterious intricacies of translating meanings from the syntax and vocabulary of ancient Hebrew to the grammar and lexicon of modern English. Join this 4-week discussion group led by church elder and retired college professor, Emery Cummins. Contact Emery at (858) 270-8056 for more information.

Pastor Nominating Committee

After reviewing our first round of well over 100 applications and sermons, the PNC has begun a series of interviews with some very promising candidates. As opposed to a typical business model where an employee is hired after one to two interviews, we will be “courting” these candidates and getting to know them on many different levels. This requires time and patience.

It is an incredible privilege to engage in these conversations as you uphold us in prayer, knowing the One who called us is also at work in us doing far more than we can ask or imagine. *Ephesians 3:20*

Carol Leimbach, PNC Chair
(619) 920-9551

ANNUAL SENIOR HEALTH AND INFORMATION FAIR

Wednesday, October 5
9 to 11 am- Family Life Center

Red Brick Senior Ministry and Sharp Senior Resource Center invite you to attend this free event that will include health screenings for stroke, diabetes and hearing loss. Also available— Vials of Life, advance care planning tools, community resources, and more. **Flu vaccinations** obtainable for an optional \$2 donation for ages 60 and above who have a chronic illness. No reservation required.



**Ageless
Fitness
Mon/Wed/Fri
9 to 10 am**

(No meeting on Oct. 5 due
to Senior Health Faire)

Family Life Center
\$3.00 per class
All ages and
fitness levels welcome.
Sue Webber,
Certified Fitness and
Yoga Instructor.
Contact: Fran Styles
(619) 223-8204



Adult Studies and Groups

Sunday Scripture Group—10 am, Parlor. This month we'll view and discuss Parts 3 and 4 of "Following Jesus in a Land of Conflict:" *Chosen People*," and "Israel's Future." Oct. 16 begins a new 4-part Day of Discovery series: "That You May Be Certain—the Gospel of Luke." October is a good time to join us for stimulating discussion. Contact: Bob Simoneau grs55@cox.net.

Moms' Bible Study—Mondays, 9:15-10:30 am, Parlor. For moms of kids elementary age and younger. Pastor Karla is leading us in a study on *Mudhouse Sabbath*, by Lauren Winner. Free childcare provided by contacting cynthia@pointlomachurch.org.

Rachel Circle—3rd Mondays, 9:30 am, Library. We are fortunate to have Elaine Burrell as our speaker for the October 17 meeting. Elaine is our new Director of Senior Adult Ministry. Come join us at 9:30 and bring a friend. For questions, contact Judy White at (858) 565-6375.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study—9:00 am in the Parlor for women of all ages. Pastor Karla is leading a study on "How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth." For questions contact: Clara Blenis (619) 223-5950.

Men@Work—Wednesdays at 8:30 am in the Library. Em Cummins will lead us in a discussion of Pastor Ed's sermon from last Sunday. Thank you, Em, for purchasing new Bibles for our group! Contact: Don Griffith at don-pete@cox.net.

Wednesday Men's Bible Study—During October we will suspend our study to attend the sessions of TALK RACE—CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION in the Chapel from 6:45 to 7:15 pm. Contact: jamesgrisolia@gmail.com.

The Bridge will next meet on Friday, October 7, from 6:30 to 8 pm in the Parlor. The Bridge, a casual study group for 20s-40s, meets every other Friday. Child care is available for a small fee. This fall we are reading *Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Contact: Julia Roller at juliaroller@yahoo.com for more info, or to RSVP.

CALLING ALL MEN

MEN'S RETREAT

OCTOBER 14 - 16
PINE VALLEY BIBLE CONFERENCE CENTER

BE A MAN. COMMIT. SIGN UP.

Contacts: ryan.spradling@cushwake.com, or
Rob Wood, rwood1976@hotmail.com

Join us for a fun and faith-filled weekend with the men of our congregation. Give yourself the chance to relax and reflect on what it means to be a man of faith in this world filled with so many social pressures.

Great Location! Refurbished Pine Valley Bible Conference Center, a short 50 minutes away.

Cost: \$170 for two nights lodging, food, and your salvation (salvation not guaranteed). Also a beautiful Chapel, fitness center, pool, hiking trails, and more.





The UPLIFT organization that PLCPC supports with volunteers for their KIDS AT HEART after-school tutoring program, is having their primary fundraising event on November 1. All are invited to this event that will honor San Diego leaders for their acts of Faith, Love and Goodwill in the community.

Tuesday, November 1, 6 to 9 pm

New Downtown Central Library

Silent & Live Auctions, Food, Tribute Awards, and Concert to benefit UPLIFT programs.

Hosted by Mark Larson of KCBQ Radio.

For tickets and more information:

Monica Ball (619) 708-3512

mbrealestate@cox.net

Synod of Southern California and Hawaii

2nd Annual Climate Crisis Conference

Solana Beach Presbyterian Church

120 Stevens Ave., Solana Beach, CA 92075

Saturday, October 8, 2016

9 am to 4:30 pm. Check in at 8:30 am

\$15 early registration; \$20 at the door. Lunch included.

To register:

Solana Beach Presbyterian Church website:

event-1737-ff0e.echurchevents.com

Speakers: Lynne Talley, Scripps Inst. of Oceanography;

R.Adm. Len Hering (Ret); Marshall Saunders,

Citizens' Climate Lobby, Founder; Bishop Robert McElroy

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hat and gloves. Habitat will provide all the tools and supplies.

The Community Project will involve working with Trees San Diego to plant a grove of trees in honor of fallen SDPD Officer De Guzman in Southcrest Park (Officer De Guzman's home neighborhood). If we can finish that project, the team will spruce up the Boys and Girls Center in Logan Heights. Please bring your water bottle, sun-screen hat and gloves. Trees San Diego and Habitat will provide all the supplies.

The Hospitality Team will be responsible for preparing and serving the lunch and getting snacks and extra water to the seven projects. Please bring your water bottle, sunscreen and hat.

Sign-ups are well underway. Some projects are getting close to being full, so sign-up NOW. The link to the Habitat sign-up page is <http://vhub.at/plcpc>. Everyone must sign-up online and must be age 14 and up. You can also go to the church website pointlomachurch.org and click on the link found in the SERVE banner on the first page.

PLEASE NOTE: Families with kids 13 and under:

Save the Date for a **SERVE** project on Sunday, November 20 from 12-2 pm. Details to follow.



WANTED!

LOOKING FOR

Volunteer Drivers
for our church van to take
small groups on
PLCPC outings.
A special Class-C license
is required.

Please respond to
don@pointlomachurch.org

Women's Retreat

January 27-29, 2017

Pastor Karla Shaw and Lynn Ziegenfuss

present

"Transitions: Embracing Change in Our Lives"

PALA MESA RESORT has peaceful grounds that are perfect for quiet walking and relaxing, as we contemplate spiritual messages. Plus - it's a full-service facility (swimming, tennis, golf, great food and more.)

Sign up Sunday on the Plaza or online at
pointlomachurch.org.

Questions to Ginny Edwards (619) 222-4262, or
Dimi Michalek (619) 223-7355

Life Events

Wedding

Ben Jackson and Catherine Hall were married on Saturday, September 24, 2016 in the Sanctuary. Parents are Kirk and Jolene Jackson and James and Rose Hall. Grandmother is Susie Mueller.

Deaths

Helen Kennedy passed away on August 27, 2016.

A memorial service was held in the Sanctuary on September 17, 2016. Rev. Ed Girod officiated.

Phyllis Roobian passed away on September 7, 2016.

A memorial service was held on September 24, 2016 in the Chapel, with Rev. Ed Girod officiating.



PRAYERS AND PINTS

Pictured at left:

Rob Wood, Jon Connor and Ryan Spradling
coordinators for this event on September 28.