

A NOTE FROM PASTOR KARLA

Back when I was young, I used to talk on the phone most nights with my friends. These were the days when phones were still attached to walls and the long cords would wrap around corners and through doorways just so one could get a little bit of privacy. I am not even sure what we talked about, but these conversations went on for hours.

I am told there is a generation that still talks on the phone, but that generation is certainly not mine, nor is it one of the generations that follow me. Today we text and we do so in snippets. We claim relationship through social media platforms. On rare occasions, we plan Zoom get-togethers. Statistics are clear to share with us that the days of popping into a neighbors' home unexpectedly are long gone. The days of membership in community and civic organizations are, statistically, a thing of the past. Volunteerism is down. Religious engagement is also teetering. This decline of the "unexpected community" has led to a lot of disdain in our country and it has also led to a lot of loneliness. One out of every three Americans experiences loneliness on a regular basis. That statistic doubles to 60% of young people who say they are chronically lonely. It is easy to surround ourselves with small circles of people who think like us, look like us, and act like us. This ease, though some might call it inertia, is having devastating effects on our individual souls, our local community, and the world.

That is why our theme this year, Choosing Unity, has to be more than just lip-service. Choosing Unity means making time, showing up, and committing our lives to one another even when the culture is pushing us not too--even when it is difficult and requires sacrifice. If you don't show up, then how can God use unexpected encounters to shape you/us? If consistency is not there, how can trust be built? This Fall, may we all be encouraged and strengthened to join something at PLCPC and may our continued dialogue with one another, not our distance, shape what is happening outside our walls.

Rev. Karla Shaw
Senior Pastor



Sunday Worship Services

Sanctuary 9:00 am
Online 9:30 am
Chapel 10:30 am

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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

We are a good home.
We are intergenerational.
We inspire engagement.

CHURCH NEWS

Session Meeting Highlights

SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

John Spafford, Clerk

Director of Community Life Evan Gratz was welcomed by the Session, and he gave an update on his activities and thoughts as he pursues ordination as a Presbyterian minister. The Session encouraged Evan and prayed over him.

The Session approved the first-ever edition of the PLCPC Financial Policies and Procedures Handbook, which defines the ethics, purposes and detailed operations of all the church financial activity. The Session thanked Elder Doug Werner, who edited the handbook, and all who helped.

Elder Claudia Bender provided a tour of recent updates to the pages on the church website under the heading "Serve." Elder Whitney Skala presented a new Church School curriculum, "Great Big Bible Walkthrough," for approval. And Pastor Karla gave a report on the "Choosing Unity" workshops.

Serve at PLCPC!

Check out all the ways to serve around campus at pointlomachurch.org/serve



Scan here



Generation to Generation Capital Campaign

October Update

If you attended the Congregational Meeting in September, you heard an update on the Generation to Generation renovation. We wanted to follow up with an email to ensure that everyone in our community is informed about what to expect in the coming months.

Here's what you need to know about the Renovation:

1. The Architect and Construction Management company have been working over the past year to solidify the renovation plans. The plans currently show 95% of work to be done, so as a more accurate construction costs can be determined. Our building plans were submitted to the city in early August. We have currently heard from all but one City division. As in any project the City may require extra work, which would add to the construction budget. So far, no City issues require more expenses. However, the City's Historical division has inquired about the historical value of the buildings we are touching, primarily the center tower and stairs next to the Library. This question was automatically triggered due to the age of our structures. State law allows for an exemption for religious institutions and the Executive Committee of the Session decided on September 30 at their meeting to make a formal determination, by resolution, that the church would suffer substantial hardship if the historic landmark law is applied to the church's property. Barring any City review delays, we are on schedule to begin construction in January 2025.

2. In October you will begin to see changes around the PLCPC campus! The side of the Family Life Center closest to the Preschool courtyard, along with the old Library/Quilt Room will be transformed into four temporary preschool classrooms to accommodate the remodel of our 1960's classroom building in the new year. This transformation needs to take place well in advance of the start of construction to allow time for child care licensing to approve the spaces for use. Please be flexible and patient as meetings and programs are moved around the campus and safe pathways are modified. Please heed directions through these safe pathways. The FLC bathrooms will still be accessible during this phase.

3. The cost estimate for the Renovation is in process of being finalized and is expected to be presented to the Session in October for their review.

4. Lastly, thank you to those of you that have fulfilled your Generation to Generation pledges! We currently have 72% of the pledged amount of \$4.5 million received with many pledges expected to be fulfilled in 2025. Please consider investing in future generations by making a financial contribution at pointlomachurch.org/give. Your generosity is what is making this renovation possible and we could not do this without you!

Prayer Requests




Submit prayer requests to the Prayer Chain at
prayer@pointlomachurch.org

EXPERIENCE JESUS

Engage with Us Online

Have you ever missed Worship? Or been especially moved by a song or message? We maintain a vast library of online resources including past worship services, choir selections and even Bible studies on our YouTube channel and other social media platforms. Find, follow and like us to keep up with the latest news and events!

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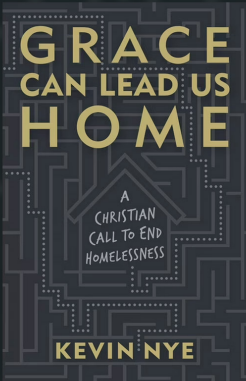
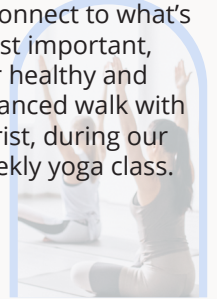
Release Reconnect Restore Yoga

WEDNESDAYS
12:00PM
CHAPEL OR
ZOOM



GET THE
ZOOM
LINK


Take time to pause from the busyness and reconnect to what's most important, our healthy and balanced walk with Christ, during our weekly yoga class.



**GRACE
CAN LEAD US
HOME**

A
CHRISTIAN
CALL TO END
HOMELESSNESS

KEVIN NYE



ONLINE BOOK STUDY

Grace Can Lead Us Home

TUESDAYS IN OCTOBER, 6:30 PM

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We will be unpacking Kevin Nye's book which shows us that from the margins, Jesus has something to teach us all about grace—something that could change the landscape of homelessness entirely if we're ready to hear it.

Register for
the study



CHOOSING UNITY
Point Loma Church

ART SHOW

September 6 - October 31

ART ON DISPLAY IN THE CHAPEL

CHOOSING UNITY ART SHOW

Artwork on display through Oct 31. Stop by the chapel to see how visual artists from our church community created unique, original pieces of artwork to express the concept "Choosing Unity."



Experience the joy and celebration of worship and growing in your faith by making a joyful sound. Ready to get involved? Sing in the Christmas Concert Choir.

- 1-hour rehearsals:
Oct 3-Dec 5 (*excluding Halloween & Thanksgiving*)
- Retreat: Saturday, Oct 19,
9:00am - 12:00pm
- Dress rehearsal:
Saturday, Dec 7
- Sing in our annual Christmas Concert: Dec 8

Children's Christmas Musical Auditions

- Grades 2-6
- Audition for acting, singing and narrating parts
- Thursdays, October 3 and 10
- Contact alicia@pointlomachurch.org to sign-up for an audition

Upcoming Special Music Offering

November 2

Master Chorale Concert
with Bryan Verhoye

December 8

Christmas Concert 5 & 7pm

Join us Sunday, October 13 when special guests, The Point Loma Singers from Point Loma Nazarene will lead worship in each service!

JOURNEY INTO DEEPER FAITH



Red Brick Preschool | redbrickpreschool.com

Nicole Hage, *Preschool Director*

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This month is packed full with the following events:

- Oct 11: Oma's Pumpkin Patch visit for the preschoolers
- Oct 14 & 15: Free vision screening
- Oct 9: Free speech screening
- Oct 15 & 16, 11:40am: Chapel
- Oct 18: Staff development day
- Oct 27: Trunk or Treat
- Oct 31: Halloween Parade



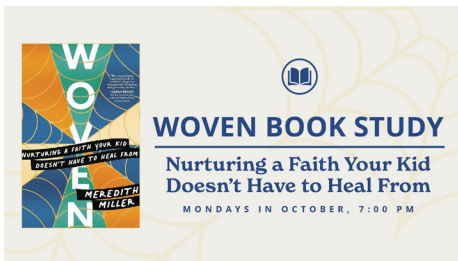
children & family MINISTRY

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A Note from Sarah

We've had a wonderful past month in our Kids' Worship service, learning all about how Jesus showed compassion and how we can too. In October, we'll be looking at joy and how Jesus brought joy to us and showed us how to have joy!



Woven Book Study | Mondays in October, 7-8pm on Zoom

All parents are welcome to join us for a book study on Mondays at 7 PM throughout the month of October. We'll be reading *Woven: Nurturing a Faith Your Kid Doesn't Have to Heal From* by Meredith Miller.

Woven is about how we move away from a fear-based, list-keeping, rule-driven model for kids, and what we can do instead. It's especially great for those of us who might feel overwhelmed or anxious about talking to our kids about God without passing along any of our own baggage around faith! It's not too late to join us!

Register for
Book Study



Trunk-or-Treat | October 27, 5:00-6:30pm

Be sure to come to our Trunk or Treat event happening on Sunday, October 27th from 5-6:30! We are looking for volunteers to host a trunk and pass out candy to the little ones. Decorating is easy (especially if you purchase a kit from Amazon or Oriental Trading), candy is provided, and this event is a real highlight for our preschool families and our Point Loma Community at large.

Register to
Host a Trunk



Other gatherings we are looking forward to:

- **Faith and Fiction Book Club** | Nov 2, 7-8:30pm in the parlor, reading *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson
- **Make and Take** | Nov 7, 5:00-7:00pm in the FLC, making candles
- **MomCo** | Oct 8, 9:30-11:30am, Empowered Pelvic Health with Dr. Cristina Zheng
- **MomCo Bible Study** | Oct 15, 9:30-11:00am
- **MomCo Mom's Morning Out** | Oct 22, 9:00-11:30am
- **MomCo Bible Study** | Oct 29, 9:30-11:00am



Brick Youth Group

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A NOTE FROM RYAN

The School year has begun and our regular programs have been moving along! Huge thanks to Sam Bick and the wonderful Men @ Work for helping get the youth room fixed and upgraded. We've got a really neat space up there, and we're so excited to host all of our amazing young people this month. I also wanted to announce that Haley Courtney has been hired as my Assistant, so you'll see her hanging out with the kids more often, and you may even hear some wonderful music coming from upstairs as we hopefully get a Youth Worship band started. We're so excited for everything happening this month, especially our first opportunity to gather as district youth. Hope to see you around!

UPCOMING EVENTS

District Youth Halloween Party

Oct 30, 6:00-8:00pm | First Presbyterian Church of San Diego

All Junior High and High School students are invited to join the district presbyterian churches as we celebrate Halloween together! We'll gather in the spooky halls of the First Presbyterian Church of San Diego as we come together for a night of frightening fun and fellowship! This event is free to all students so feel free to invite your friends. There will be tons of games and prizes but most importantly wear your best costume if you want a chance to be crowned the Spookiest Presbyterian in San Diego!

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Nov 10, 4:30-6:30pm

To celebrate doing ministry together, PLCPC Youth will spend the evening enjoying a wonderful meal and celebrating all the amazing volunteers that have made this past year possible. We'll end the night by looking forward at our plans for an amazing 2025!

This event is for everyone at PLCPC who is interested in learning more about the youth ministry so please come by if you're interested in joining the party! There will be breaks for games and fun, so you're welcome to bring the whole family.

JOIN IN WEEKLY!

Teen Center

◆ Mondays & Tuesdays, 3:30pm - 5:30pm

◆ Video Games, Snacks, & More!

◆ Upstairs In the Youth Center

Operated in partnership:



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Jr. High Students

YOUTH GROUP

Sunday Nights
4:30-6:30pm

Join us on Sunday nights to eat, have fun and get to know about Jesus!



CHOOSING UNITY

DEBRIEF THE SERMON

Sundays in Oct, 10:30-11:15am



DEBRIEF THE SERMON SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER

Come for conversation and reflection as we continue to unpack the sermon together. Join us through the month of October. We meet from 10:30-11:15 in a hybrid model of in-person in the Family Life Center or online through the zoom link in the chat after the online services. Come when you can, each session stands alone. Questions? Email Cheryl Louie at clouie3@gmail.com

Sunday Scripture Group

Sundays | 10:15 am | Parlor

Looking at scripture through the lens of contemporary commentary, this group will be watching the TV series The Chosen to help with our own Christian journeys through life.

Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays, 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Led by Pastor Karla, the group this fall will be looking at the Apocrypha, the collection of books that are placed between the Old and New Testaments in the Bible used in the Catholic Church.

Visit pointlomachurch.org/adult to learn about more adult discipleship groups.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2025

Lift Up Your Hearts.

January 24-26, 2025

The Dana on Mission Bay

POINT LOMA CHURCH IN
CONJUNCTION WITH ST. PETER'S CHURCH

A NEW HEART I WILL
GIVE YOU, AND A NEW
SPIRIT I WILL PUT
WITHIN YOU; AND I
WILL REMOVE FROM
YOUR BODY THE HEART
OF STONE AND GIVE
YOU A HEART OF FLESH.
EZEKIEL 36:26

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Sometimes it feels like the only way to make it through this life is to steel our hearts. We guard our hearts from risk and loss and hurt, even to our own detriment. We live defended until one day, the blood can hardly flow in us because our hearts have hardened to stone.

But what if there's another way? Throughout the retreat, we will explore how in Christ we are already safe, secure and perfectly free to let our hearts be fleshy, open, and alive and how God is always at work breaking open the stone to return our hearts to flesh so that we can lift them up!

Retreat Cost:
\$230

Scholarships Available

Scan the QR Code to Register or Visit!
pointlomachurch.org/register



Fellowship Groups

Grow in community this fall! Consider joining one of our ongoing fellowship groups!

Knitters & Crocheters

Second Thursday of the Month

10:00 am - 12:00 pm | Parlor

- Contact: Hope Roel, hopearoel@outlook.com

Prayer Quilt Ministry

Meetings: First Saturday of the month

Prayer Team: Third Wednesday of the month

9:00 am | Zoom

- Contact: Maureen Blackhall, maureenblackhall@cox.net
- Request a prayer quilt: redbrickprayerquilts@gmail.com



MENSGIVING

NOVEMBER 19, 5:30-8PM

This is a brand new Men's event this fall! We'll be gathering together at a local Point Loma venue for an evening of fellowship, connection, and learning all around a nice dinner as we enter the holidays. Cost \$50.

Register for Mensgiving

pointlomachurch.org/register



JOIN A WEEKLY MEN'S GROUPS

Monday Morning Men

Mondays, 8am on Zoom

Contact: Evan Gratz,
evan@pointlomachurch.org

Men @ Work

Tuesdays, 8:30am on Zoom
and in the parlor

Contact: Em Cummins,
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Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesdays, 5pm in the parlor

Contact: Bob Lemke,
bobleemke@cox.net



TREE OF LIFE

The Tree of Life display has graced the Family Life Center since 1989. It contains over 500 leaves highlighting special events in the life of this congregation. The inscriptions tell an inspiring story of God's blessings to this church and her members. Wedding, birth and baptism commemorations mark the growth of church families. Many leaves mark the date when members joined the church. Memorial leaves note the passing of friends and family.

This display will perpetually grow, its leaves telling the stories and marking the progress of this community. If you would like to add to its foliage, pointlomachurch.org/tree-of-life to order a leaf.



Senior Adult MINISTRY

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OKTOBERFEST LUNCHEON FEATURING THE POLKA DOTS

Tuesday, October 8, Family Life Center* - \$7 at the door
Doors open 10:00am, Lunch & Entertainment 11:00am

Dust off your lederhosen and dirndl, it's time for our annual Oktoberfest luncheon! Enjoy a traditional German meal including bratwurst, sauerkraut and a Bavarian pretzel while being entertained by San Diego's Accordion Sweethearts: The Polka Dots! Reserve your spot by Monday, October 7.

SMART DRIVER TEK WORKSHOP BY AARP

Wednesday, October 16, 12:00-1:00pm, Family Life Center*

This free 90-minute workshop will help you stay up to date with the latest safety technology in your current or future car. Learn all about what new technologies are available, how they work, and how they can increase your confidence behind the wheel. Register today and bring a friend! Light refreshments provided.

TOUR OF SPECIALTY PRODUCE IN MIDDLETOWN

Tuesday, October 29, Depart church 10:30am

Specialty Produce is a family owned and operated fresh produce and grocery supplier located in Middletown. They supply specialty food items for restaurants throughout San Diego, but did you know they are open to the public? We will receive a guided tour followed by lunch (TBD). Closed toe shoes required and jacket recommended. Moderate walking and standing. Space is limited to 13 people.

***Please note, please enter the Family Life Center from the street side, as the other side will be closed for the preschool renovation. Thank you for your understanding.**

FOREVER FIT GENTLE EXERCISE WEEKLY CLASS

Every Wednesday • 9 - 9:50am • All Soul's Episcopal Church • Instructor: Elke Ertle

IMPORTANT: Starting October 1, Forever Fit will be MOVED to All Soul's Episcopal Church due to an upcoming renovation at PLCPC. Class will remain the same except for the location, through at least June 2025. All Soul's is located at 1475 Catalina Blvd (corner of Chatsworth Blvd. and Catalina Blvd). We hope to see you there!

Register

for senior
adult events

ONLINE pointlomachurch.org/register

CONTACT ELAINE (619) 223-1633 Ext. 210 | elaine@pointlomachurch.org

TRANSFORM OUR WORLD



MOM'S TOY STORE DRIVE NOV 3-DEC 8

On December 14 we are hosting a Christmas toy store filled with toys donated throughout November for local military families through our mission partner MOMs (San Diego Military Outreach Ministries). Help bless families with this amazing toy store!

Donate: Toys for children ages newborn to 12 years! New and unwrapped toys can be dropped off Sunday-Friday.

Serve: See how you can get involved by scanning the QR code or visiting pointlomachurch.org/serving-opportunities

LIFE EVENTS: Art Michalek passed away on October 2, 2024. Services are pending.



OCTOBER FLOWER DONATIONS

Each week, the Deacons deliver flowers in order to brighten days and bring cheer. We are so grateful to those who have donated to make this flower ministry possible. The flowers this month are given...

OCTOBER 6 By Tyler and Susan Cramer with endless gratitude, in loving memory of their parents, Ed and Donnie Cramer and Bob and Margaret Wybel, and Susan's brother Richard Wybel.

And, by Diana Holman in loving memory of her first husband, Bill Stephens and her son, Ben Stephens.

OCTOBER 13 In loving memory of Andrew J. Hill and Janet Hill Lamott by their family, David, Jo Anna, Jenny and Sage Lamott and Jill, Kevin, Megan and Dan O'Beirne.

And, in loving memory of Pat and Howard Wygle by his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

OCTOBER 20 By the Leimbach Family in loving memory of their "Uncle John," Godfather and dear friend.

And, By Michele Marcus in memory of loved ones called Home: husband, Dick Marcus; mother, Mabel Fackler; and sister, Dorothy Fackler Bibeault.

OCTOBER 27 By Linda and Jim Zemcik in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

And, in loving memory of our parents Jane and Homer MacVean and Marion and Russell Wollemann and our brother LT. Stephen S. MacVean, USN.

Save these dates!

