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2020, can you believe it?!?! Because of its round number, there have been many predictions made about what we would or would not achieve by the year 2020, some dating back as far as the early 20th century. By now, we should be routinely traveling to Mars, living to be well over 100, and clocking in at 26 hours a week in our full-time jobs. On these we have certainly fallen short, laughably in some cases, but not on all predictions.

It was predicted 40 years ago that we would have on the market self-driving cars. Even though, that isn't a total reality yet, we are getting closer and closer every day. It was also predicted that we would all have personal companions at this point, we can say, "Alexa...please add eggs to my shopping list." And, it was predicted that by 2020 every move of ours would be tracked, and, quite frighteningly, that has happened. Ever wonder how your smartphone knows to post ads for dog food just at the moment when you run out? Some predictions have failed miserably, but others have managed to come true.

But the truth is, trying to guess our future may not be the best use of our time. There are certainly times when these predictions matter, if they shape the way we live in the present. But, the reality is, God has already given us the best guidelines for living. It's all right there in his Word, and if we just stick to them, we already know the future and it ends, as it begins, with God's reign.

So for the year 2020, I encourage you to get into God's Word more, as that is where the past, present, and future can be found. If you do, I predict that by the year 2050, we will have a kinder, gentler, and more peaceful world.

Happy New Year!
Pastor Karla

Discover Our Community



January 12 & 19
Noon in the Library
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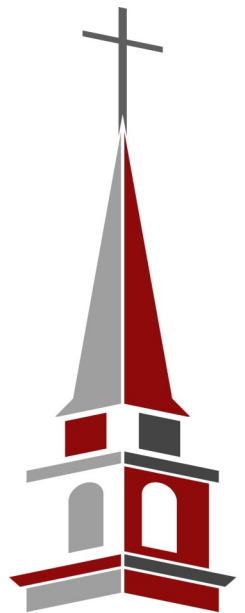
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Sunday Classic Worship
8:30 and 10:45 am
Sanctuary

Café Service
9:45 am
Chapel

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Jan. 18:	Centering Prayer Retreat
Jan. 19:	Discover Our Community
Jan 24-26:	Women's Retreat
Jan. 27:	Writing With Scripture
Jan. 28:	Prayers and Pints

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.

**Session Highlights
December 18, 2019**

The Session had the joyful task of meeting and hearing the testimonies of the Deacons' Class of 2020, and affirmed their election to office. They welcomed Wendy Morrison, Phillip Hatfield, Kirsten Helgager, Marie Huff, Phillipe Lazaro, Rebecca Matsch, Bill Shaw, Treasa Skiles, Lola Springstead and Joshua Staker to service with prayer. These Deacons and the elected Elders will be ordained and installed at the 8:30 am service on Sunday, January 5.

The Elders discussed concerns regarding the manner of presenting significant policy and financial issues for Session's decisions, and the importance of allowing time for preparation, discussion and discernment before voting.

The Finance Committee presented the preliminary 2020 budget, and the Stewardship Committee reported that the congregation's generous pledges would support the plan.

Following some end-of-year protocols and reports, the Session fondly thanked the departing class of 2019 with cards, snacks and prayers: Dave Baker, Beth Zedaker, Mary Harker, Dwight Kellogg, Catherine Rodriguez, Dave Simmons, Debbie Fountain and Sam Laub.

John Spafford
Clerk

Bible 101—New Class

Join us for a NEW Bible 101 class beginning in January! This 5-week class provides a basic introduction to the Bible, as well as, an overview of the metanarrative found within its pages. People in all stages of life and faith are invited to attend. Classes will be taught by Pastor Karla and take place January 8, 15, 29 and February 5 and 12 from 6:30—8 pm in the Church Library. Childcare is provided and can be reserved at cynthia@pointlomachurch.org. For more information, contact karla@pointlomachurch.org.

Centering Prayer Retreat

Contemplative Outreach of San Diego Presents:
Putting on the Mind of Christ:
How centering Prayer Changes the Brain

This DVD workshop led by Chris Hagen, will explore the findings of studies that have identified brain structures that change as a result of meditation and how those changes have the potential to "clothe (the meditator) with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

WHEN: January 18, 2020
TIME: Registration/Hospitality 8:30 am
Workshop: 9:00 am—12:30 pm
WHERE: Chapel
COST: Freewill Offering

For more information, contact:
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RSVP with your phone number to:
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Writing With Scripture!

Calling all writers, journalers, poets, creatives, introverts and anyone else looking to engage with scripture in a new way: **Come to Writing with Scripture!**, a new six week class taught by Pastor Alex Wirth on Mondays starting January 27 from 6:30 to 8 pm in the Parlor. You'll learn to look at scripture in a whole new way by exploring where the Spirit leads you as you write with the biblical texts. Come spend time in community writing to prompts designed to use your God given creativity to deepen your faith and spend time in the Bible. If you've struggled to sit and read scripture or aren't sure you'd fit in at a "bible study," Writing with Scripture is for you! We'll be using *One Day I Wrote Back: Interacting with Scripture through Creative Writing* by Jane Herring. For more information or to register, contact alex@pointlomachurch.org.

ADULT MINISTRY

Sunday Scripture Group 9:45am, Parlor. Join us January 5 as we begin a 10-part series called, *Jesus the Game Changer*.

Contact: Bob Simoneau: grs55@cox.net

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

Continuing The Conversation (CTC) 4th Tuesday, 7pm in the Parlor (NOTE! New Day!). Our next meeting is January 28 where we will have a guest speaker, CTC Board member Yusef Miller, talking about racism in the San Diego Criminal Justice System.

Contact: Gordy Lutes, gklutes@gmail.com

Rachel Circle 3rd Mon., 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, in the Parlor. Women of all ages and stages are welcome! Childcare provided. Additional fellowship time for moms with young children from 10:30-11 am following the study. Current topic: The book of Micah. Contact: Clara Blenis, clbenis@sdccd.edu

Men@Work—Wednesday at 8:30 am in the 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. Beginning a new series on the book of Isaiah led by Pastor Karla. Contact: Jerry Heidt at gheidt@ghhco.com
NEW: Bible 101 6:30-8 pm, Wednesdays in the Library. Jan. 8, 15, 29, Feb. 5, 12. Classes taught by Pastor Karla.

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

Contact: Jim Grisolia, jamesgrisolia@gmail.com

Knitters—2nd Thursday at 10:00 am in the Parlor. Next meeting, January 9. Contact: Judy White, gmajudy@san.rr.com

Centering Prayer—Every Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Parlor. Contact: Pastor Alex, alex@pointlomachurch.org

Mops Bible Study—Pastor Karla and Sarah Butterfield are leading a MOPS Bible Study on periodic Mondays from 9:30-10:45 am in the Parlor throughout the next year. Dates are as follows: Jan. 6, Feb. 3, Mar. 2, Mar. 16, Apr. 27, May 11. The study will focus on The Parables. Childcare is provided. Contact: Sarah Butterfield, sarah@pointlomachurch.org



**SENIOR
ADULT
MINISTRY
PROGRAMS**

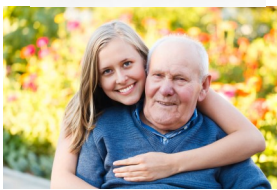
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**TRIBUTE TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. LUNCHEON & PROGRAM | TUESDAY, JANUARY 14
11:00AM | FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

9:30-11:00 am – Blood Pressure Check, 10:00 am – Coffee & refreshments, 11:00 am – MLK Community Choir Performance, Noon – Lunch (\$6 donation)

Celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Choir of San Diego, under the direction of Mr. Ken Anderson. Learn about the history of gospel music and its significance in the African American experience. RSVP required by 1/10 to Elaine.



MEMORY FRIENDS | Tuesday, January 21, 10:30-11:30 am* | FLC (*New Time)

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.



**AARP SAFE DRIVING COURSE | WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22 & WEDNESDAY JANUARY 29, |
9 am -1:00 pm | Parlor | Taught by Certified AARP Instructor, Herbie Stern**

(Must attend both classes to obtain certificate of completion)

Refresh your knowledge of the rules of the road, learn defensive driving techniques, and how to operate your vehicle more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment. Pay at the class – \$15 AARP Members; \$20 Non-Members. Space is limited! 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

*No class 1/1/20 – Happy New Year!

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.

Note these Dates!

Visit PointLomaChurch.org/register for Details

REGISTER ONLINE



Confirmation Registration Now Open!

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. Confirmation runs **April 19 through June 14. Open to current 7th - 10th grade students.**

Spring Build Mission Trip—Registration Now Open!

March 30– April 3 (6th-12th grade)
Pueblo Uruapan, Mexico (about 20 minutes southeast of Ensenada)

Summer Camp Registration Opens January 6!

High School Houseboats— Lake Shasta (Current 8th-12th grade)
July 26– August 1

Junior High Campus By The Sea—Catalina (current 6th-8th grade)
August 6-9

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!

Saturday February 22

4:45 –7:45 pm

Cost: \$30

PointLomaChurch.org/register

Join us for a Rancho Genesis Day Trip

WHEN: January 11
TIME: leave PLCPC at 6:30 am
COST: \$25 (includes transportation, lunch and snacks)
REGISTER: PointLomaChurch.org/register



WHY: You have the opportunity to see all of the work that's being done within the Rancho Genesis community. We'll be going to the new camp property for the day, which will allow people to see and ask questions about this wonderful ministry.

*Passports ARE required for this day trip!

For more information contact: Evan@pointlomachurch.org



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! No meeting December 30.

Bible Memory Class

Calling all 3rd and 4th grade students! Are you interested in learning more about the Bible? We are gearing up for the kick-off of our annual Bible Memory Class with a **Parent Meeting on Sunday, January 5 at 10:45 am** immediately following the Café Service. Students in the class will study the origin of the Bible as well as memorize the books of the Old and New Testament, memorize scripture verses, the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the names of the Disciples and more. They will be encouraged to grow in their understanding of the Bible and learn the value of it in their daily lives. Bible Memory meets every Sunday morning during the school year at 9:45 am in Room 5.

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.

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

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



- Jan. 6:** Bible Study, 9:30 - 10:45 am, Parlor
- Jan. 13:** Raising emotionally healthy kids, Alair Olson, 9:30-11:30 am, FLC
- Jan. 22:** Book Club, 7:30 PM, "The Book of Essie"
- Jan 27:** Simplicity in Motherhood, Julia Roller, 9:30 – 11:30 am, FLC



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The Preschool & Toddler Learning Center registration for **Fall 2020** begins on **January 21!** If you are a PLCPC church member you have priority registration. Call and set-up a tour today. Please make sure we have your email, so we can mail out the registration information. We are enrolling children 2 years old by September 1, 2020 through 5 years old. We have options for 2, 3 & 5 days a week for **half or extended days**. 7:30 am start available and pick up as late as 5:00 pm. We look forward to having you and your family be a part of our preschool. Call Nicole at 619-223-3327 or preschool@pointlomachurch.org . Visit our website at www.redbrickpreschool.com and add your child to our waitlist.

Open Invitation to Join A Music Ministry!

Children's Choirs

New season begins on Thursday, January 9
Cherubs 4:00-4:50 pm 4-year olds and K and grade 1
Joyful Praise Choir - 5:00-6:00 pm Grades 2-6

New Covenant Choir (High School and adults)

Rehearsals begin on Thursday, January 9 at 7-8:45 pm

10:45 Service Choral Ensemble (High School and adults)

Rehearsals begin on Sunday, January 12 at 9:50 am

Ringers ReJOYce! bell choir

Rehearsals begin January 7 at 6:30 pm.

For more information or to join the music ministry, please contact Alicia at alicia@pointomachurch.org.

Men's Ministry Save these Dates!

Prayers and Pints
January 28, 5-7 pm
Location TBD

Men's Retreat
April 24-26, 2020
Rancho Viva

more info:
evan@pointlomachurch.org

Life Events

Births

- Rhys Miguel Lazaro, son of Deanna and Philippe Lazaro, was born October 31, 2019.

Marriage

- Matthew Ward Rutherford and Adriana Rivera were married in the Sanctuary on November 30, 2019, with Rev. Karla Shaw officiating. Matthew is the grandson of Rosemary Rutherford.

Death

- Carol Cooper passed away on October 15, 2019.
- Robert Jones passed away on November 24, 2019. A service will be held at El Camino Memorial Park at 11 am on January 3, 2020, with Rev. Chris Lenocker officiating.
- Janine Pritchett Perrill passed away on November 28, 2019. A memorial service will be held on January 12 at 2:30 pm in the sanctuary, with a reception following in the FLC.
- Betty Spafford passed away on November 29, 2019. A memorial service and reception following was held December 28, 2019.

The Three Promises of the Endowment: Productive Investing

Happy 2020! May this be a year of good health, happiness, and joyful participation in our church. We also hope you will "Remember the Endowment" during the course of this year.

During 2019, the Endowment began a series of articles in the *Spire* to explain the promises an endowment makes to those who generously contribute to it. There are three Great Promises on which all true endowments are based. The first, which we looked earlier, is that donors' funds will be preserved in perpetuity. **The income will be spent but the principal will never be invaded, directly or indirectly.** This month we turn to the Endowment income—the funds that may be spent.

The Income of an endowment is critical, of course. It is what provides the funds to implement the desires of the donor, and benefit the church. This implicates the second of the three promises of the Endowment:

We will invest your money wisely. This investment keeps in mind the goal of perpetuity—what is known as an "infinite horizon."

Careful investing of the principal of the Endowment begins with the Endowment engaging in rational, prudent, careful investment practices that maximize return with reasonable risk. An Endowment has some advantages in terms of investment policy. The "infinite horizon" means that an Endowment should look not just at the next year or even five years, but at the long run net return of investing the principal. When done with care, this may allow an endowment to benefit from some reasonable risks that a shorter-term horizon would not permit.

There are actually two policies involved in the investment process. The first is, of course, an Investment Policy which outlines the principles by which the Endowment expects to maximize returns with reasonable risk. The second is, ironically, a "Spending Policy." That policy establishes the expectation about how much can be spent (from the income).

A Spending Policy is also usually used to protect an endowment from the ravages of inflation. A portion of the income may be set aside and added to the principal to help maintain the purchasing power of the funds.

The PLCPC Endowment has bylaws that essentially set out a broad investment policy and a form for spending policy. Under the terms of those bylaws, the principal of the Endowment are invested with the PCUSA (in the Presbyterian Foundation) in a diversified portfolio.

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Endowment, continued from page 6

Periodically, every endowment should reexamine investment and spending policies to determine if changes are appropriate. The Endowment Committee expects to undertake such a review and will be reporting to the Session and Congregation if changes are likely to be proposed. Because this would involve an amendment of the current bylaws of the Endowment, we would seek the advice and comments of the congregation and Session before a formal proposal is made. Any suggestions or ideas about the spending and investment policies would be most welcome. You may contact the church office, or any member of the Endowment Committee: Dianne Grafton, Mary Harker, Ray Lidstrom, John Pearson, Cara Thome or Steve Smith. You are also welcome to email the church office or Steve Smith, the chair of the Endowment, ssmith@cwsledu.



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. The most recent leaves recognize:

- Louise Lucas for her passionate heart and devotion to the Prayer Quilt Ministry.
- Jan Sutton for her exemplary service as Deacon Moderator 2018-19.

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

Parking Reminder!



As we begin a new year, we'd like to ask you to consider a new parking routine! As we continue to grow, and welcome new programs, we're impacting our neighborhood in unexpected ways. Some of our residential neighbors on the block are struggling to find street parking, especially in the afternoon and evening. We are very fortunate to have parking options, with two off-street parking lots (plus a 3rd on Sunday). Our neighbors do not have the same options. Please keep this in mind and do your part to spread goodwill toward our larger community, by using the church parking lots and keeping the street / curb parking clear for others. Thank you for your BOLD consideration.

Presbyterian Urban Ministries (PUM) – New Name

In November 2019, our Mission Ministry Partner, Presbyterian Urban Ministries (PUM) announced its official name change to: **NEW DAY Urban Ministries.**



The only goal for changing the name is to better describe the purpose for this organization, as well as to increase and improve awareness of the organization and its important place in our church community and the community at large. The service ministry is not changing.

In a Christ-centered environment, NEW DAY Urban Ministries restores lives by equipping those in need to move forward with hope by providing essential services to the homeless, urban poor, veterans and those recently released from prison in a safe, home-like setting where people are treated with dignity, respect and compassion.

PLCPC was a founding church for this amazing Presbytery ministry 51 years ago. Executive Director Raul Palomino welcomes new volunteers and support while spreading the word about the update in their organization's name. For more information, contact Roció Gomez at rgomez@pumsd.org

*Our annual Red Brick Christmas Celebration was a fantastic time together.
Thank you all for participating and making it the best one yet!*

