



Chapel Chimes

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Coach's Corner

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! Thank you all for your kindness and cooperation throughout the past year! Thank you also for your Christmas cards. I guarantee you none of you got one from us, since we are bad about that. Our excuses. Nevertheless I trust you know Carolyn and I wish you all the best for 2018, more joy where there is joy, relief where there is pain, companionship where there is loneliness, and hope where there is lack of it.

With the arrival of Rola, Parkview is now complete in its resident capacity. So one will interview the another below. Both Rola and Chelsea are eager to hear your feedback about their tasks. Please continue to support them in their ministry to you and the community in the next year. May God continue to bless our ministry. --Aart

Rola Al Ashkar is a graduate of the Princeton Theological Seminary and Near East School of Theology in Beirut. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church in Lebanon and the Presbyterian Synod of Syria and Lebanon, as well as an inquirer for ordained ministry in the PCUSA. Rola has served churches in Alabama and the youth ministry of the Presbyterian Church camp in Lebanon. In addition to serving Parkview, she will be working for the Presbytery of Sacramento doing refugee ministry.

Chelsea: Hi Rola! We're so excited to have you join our ministry team as our long-awaited pastoral resident from Princeton and Lebanon. First things first, can you tell us about your family?

Rola: I come from a family of five, which has expanded in the past three years to nine! I have two brothers, both married and with two wonderful kids: Rafael born to my older brother, and Marilyn, my younger brother's girl. We all lived together in one house during the past six months, and the seven-month-old babies made all of our lives a lot brighter since they came in.

Chelsea: What are some of your favorite things?

Rola: The beach in summertime is my number one pleasure. I love singing and enjoy dancing. For the past seven years, I was part of a folk dance/entertainment group; it gave me the chance to do both singing and dancing performances. I have come to develop a new favorite hobby in the past couple years which is karaoke singing. I even won a competition once! I also have a passion for preaching. It always amazes me how God can use my words to make a difference for someone out there. Lastly, one of my favorite things is going on trips to foreign countries and learning about cultures.

Chelsea: I know that this congregation has been in touch with you for a long time. Can you tell us what drew you to Parkview?

Rola: God has led me here, and signs couldn't have been any clearer. First, I met with Pastor Aart for the first time on April 4th 2016, at the end of an exhausting year in Princeton, and



Rola with her "niblings."

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News

Planning Group News

Parkview will focus on planning in 2018! Every year, Parkview organizations and volunteers donate hundreds of hours to plan, coordinate, arrange and host dozens of special events and social activities. All or most of these are open to and serve members and friends of the Parkview congregation and the broader community.

Can we possibly do more or better? In 2018, the newly established and self-named Planning Group will meet regularly to ensure that Parkview's many social activities, annual and special events are scheduled, advertised and planned to encourage and maximize attendance by all who wish to participate. The Group will have a special interest in ideas that can make it easier and more enjoyable to plan the events and activities that provide all with opportunities for fun, learning, exercise and recreation.

The Group will also consider and support proposals for new social activities and events that contribute to the mission and well-being of the congregation. Of course, new events and activities mean more work, but they can also attract new volunteers and help others to discover what Parkview is all about.

The Group is comprised of PPC Organization Leads and a handful of others with direct experience, ideas or just an interest in learning about the various Organizations and the service they provide to members and PPC's extended family. Planning Group meetings and brain-storming sessions will always be open to anyone interested in serving through full, part, or one-time participation. Meetings will usually follow Sunday service, but off-site meetings will be also be scheduled when appropriate for new ideas.

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I was looking forward to going back home and wasn't sure about staying for another year in the States. But then I randomly submitted the application after the submission deadline had already passed, so I included a "for future reference" note, thinking to myself it would never happen. But guess what? The deadline was magically extended, and I was selected! And since then, I have hesitated multiple times during this 18 months process, and honestly there came times when I thought "I am definitely not going to California," but couldn't find a way to say it after all that was done. And then the administration changed, and chances the visa would be approved became harder. I challenged God one last time, saying, if you want me to go, let them approve the visa. And here I am!

Chelsea: What are you most looking forward to about this new call?

Rola: I am looking forward to learning about the Far East cultures, which I haven't been exposed to before. I am also thinking of my time at Parkview as a time of discernment. I have always wanted to pursue my PhD in Theology/religions, and this is a time for me to discover whether I want to be doing church ministry along with my scholarly work in the future.

Chelsea: As people get to know you, what do you think will surprise them the most?

Rola: People are sometimes hit by my boldness and directness! I also think my energy is contagious but sometimes unanticipated. So I hope people will be pleasantly surprised by these aspects of my personality.

Chelsea: I'm sure they will. Thanks, Rola! Welcome to Parkview.

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Missing Podium

Has anyone seen the podium that used to rest on the piano in the social hall? The pastoral residents could really use it, so if you borrowed it, could you please put it back on the piano? Or, if you stored it somewhere in the church, please let us know where we can find it. Thanks for your help!

Thanks to Cathy Nishizaki

Cathy was honored at the January 7th worship service for her years of dedication as chair of Christian Education. While Cathy may be retiring from this position she has held since 2013, she will continue to teach Sunday school. Chelsea Page will act as Interim Chair until a new chair is appointed. Please contact Chelsea, if you are interested in filling this position.



Rola Al Ashkar, Cathy Nishizaki, Chelsea Page

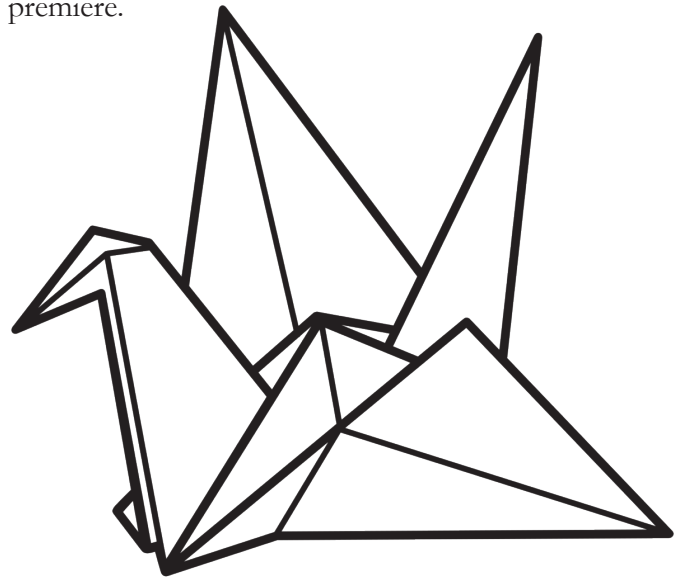
Sock & Glove Donations

Thank You to all who donated socks, gloves and hats for the Chinese Community Church Basketball Program. The total collected from Parkview were: 119 pair of socks (combination of mens, womens and kids), nine pairs of gloves, and two hats.

Eddie and Yvonne Fong delivered the donations to Loaves and Fishes on Saturday, December 16, 2017, along with an additional 569 pairs of socks donated by the Chinese Community Church Basketball Program Families.

Peace on Your Wings Coming to Sacramento!

Peace on Your Wings is a musical inspired by the life of Sadako Sasaki and her thousand paper cranes. The Hawaiian group Ohana Arts created this musical in 2014. A Kickstarter campaign was launched to bring the musical to Sacramento at the end of March 2018. The \$30,000 goal has been surpassed, so be on the lookout for more information about the Sacramento premiere.



Financial Report as of December 31, 2017:

Income: \$19,580.41

Expenses: \$19,592.16

Upcoming Events

Sunday Worship begins at 10 a.m.

- Jan 15. MLK March.** Meet at 9 am with the My Sister's House contingent at Sac City College. The march route is 3 ½ miles long.
- Jan 16. Loaves & Fishes.** Sign up in the social hall to help serve lunch to the homeless and needy.
- Jan 20. Women's March.** 9:30 am. Meet at Southside Park near the church entrance. The march starts at 10 am and proceeds to the West Steps of the Capitol. Registration not required but it helps with planning. Go to www.womensmarchsac.org to register. The mission of Women's March Sacramento is to harness the political power of diverse women and their communities to create transformative social change.
- Jan 20. Third Saturday Brunch.** 12:15 - 1:15 pm. Meet at Sushi Cafe, 4491 Freeport Blvd.
- Jan 21. Congregational Meeting.** If you have joined the church through baptism as an adult, confirmation as a teenager, a letter of transfer from a previous Christian denomination, or confession of faith in front of the congregation, you are a member of the church. Please be at Parkview Church at 11 am for our congregational meeting.
- Jan 27. Seafood Fest.** 5 pm. Sold out. Contact Effie Hanway because tickets sometimes become available.
- Jan 28. Memorial Service for Fusa Yamamoto.** 12:30 pm.
- Feb 3. Mariners Dinner/Planning Meeting.** Seating at 4:30 pm. At Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd.
- Feb 4. Chapel Chimes Deadline.** Please email your articles and announcements to officemanager@parkviewpc.org.
- Mar 8. Book Club.** 7 pm. *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly. Email Kris at officemanager@parkviewpc.org for details.

Church Office Hours:

Tuesdays 9:00 - 11:00 am	Kris Sasaki
Wednesdays 9:00 - 11:00 am	Chelsea Page
Thursdays 9:00 - 11:00 am	Kris Sasaki
Fridays 1:00 - 3:00 pm	Kris Sasaki

Download the PPC Calendar to Your Smartphone!

Did you know that Parkview has an online calendar that you can download to your smartphone's calendar? It doesn't matter what kind of calendar you have: Google, iPhone, Yahoo. Just go to www.parkviewpc.org and click on the + sign at the bottom of the bottom of the calendar. You're just a few clicks away from having the PPC calendar always at your fingertips!



Your Sunday Worship Team

Date	Jan 21	Jan 28	Feb 4	Feb 11	Feb 18
Chair	Kishwer Vikaas	Donna Komure-Toyama	Christine Umeda	Effie Komure-Hanway	David McGill
Greeters	Marilyn Champa	Bill & Herning Grissom	Russ & Lori Hart	Terry Walter	Fumi Nakata
Pianist	Haruko Sakakibara	Leah Nishizaki	Janet Hill	Wade Tambara	Haruko Sakakibara
Ushers	Effie Hanway & Maurine Huang	Phillip & Julie Chew	Mitch Lorens & Sue Goodwin	Gary & Diane Younglove	Joyce Uyeda & Judy Fukuman
Reader	Miyo Uchida	Mieko Davis	Teruko Wright	Haruko Sakakibara	Michael Wright
Flowers	Effie Komure-Hanway	Carol Sakai	Donna & Titus Toyama	David McGill	May Lee
Parking	Glenn Kubota	Randy Shiroi	Phillip Chew	Sam Inouye	Russ Hart
PA System	Jerry Champa	May Lee	David McGill	Jonathan Sakakibara	Titus Toyama
Sunday School	Ben Pryor Wade Tambara Lois Van Beers	Julie Chew	Carla Hart Ben Pryor Wade Tambara	Cathy Nishizaki	Julie Chew Ben Pryor Wade Tambara
Coffee Hour	Judy Fukuman Lori Hart Julie Howe	Effie Hanway Carol Sakai Evelyn Kubota	Linda Nagata Fumi Nakata Joyce Uyeda	Lunar New Year! Deborah Ku May Lee Lois Van Beers	Carolyn Ishii Hannah Seno Christine Umeda

Communion Feb 4, 2018 Elders: Judy Fukuman, Bill Nagata, Carol Sakai, Terry Walter
Elements: David McGill

Your Worship Team Availability

Are you going on vacation? Taking care of a loved one? Attending a retreat or job training? Need to do extra preparation for a special event? Please let Kris know as soon as you know your schedule so that she can create more accurate schedules. You can send in dates far ahead in the future, too!

Just email officemanager@parkviewpc.org with the dates you are unavailable. Thank you!

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Special Offerings: Scott & Heather (Komure) Chan, Brandon & Christina Chaw, Susan Goodwin & Mitch Lorens, Howard Matsuhara (Choir), Mariners, Daniel O'Brooklyn, Steve & Grace Suwabe, Richard & Dianne Uchida

In Celebration of Hannah's 3rd Birthday: Ian & Mieko Davis

In Honor of Rev. Aart van Beek: Patricia Mackenroth

In Honor of Donna Toyama's Service: Neil Matsuoka & Kris Sasaki

In Memory of Larry Bowman: Daisy Seto

In Memory of Linda Daters: Bill & Linda Nagata

In Memory of Art & Osame Doi: Suz Doi

In Memory of Dr. Hing Dwyang, Jr: Eddie & Yvonne Fong

In Memory of Alvin Gee: Eddi & Yvonne Fong

In Memory of Kimiyo Ichikawa: Tsuto & Jean Ota

In Memory of Amy Ishima: Steve & Barbie Fujinaka, Grace Ouye, Stan & Susan Shibata, Carey Yamanaka, Victor & Sherri Yee

In Memory of Mary Kozono & Gary Kozono: Ard Kozono

In Memory of Al Maich: Teruko Wright & Terry Walter, Victor & Sherri Yee

In Memory of Carol Matsui: Bill & Linda Nagata

In Memory of George Matsuoka (10-year Anniversary): Jane Matsuoka

In Memory of Grace M. Ouye: Jeff & Sandy Mori

In Memory of Reverend Rumpak: Teruko Wright & Terry Walter

In Memory of Masatoshi Terada: May Mayeda, Bill & Linda Nagata, Teruko Wright

In Memory of Billy Soon Wo Wong: Eddie & Yvonne Fong

In Memory of Bill Wright: Phillip, Julie Chew & Jay, Tak & Judy Fukuman, Steve & Effie Hanway, Steve & Janet Hill, May Lee, Bill & Linda Nagata, Teruko Wright & Terry Walter, Michael & Luda Wright, Hach & Linda Yasumura, Gary & Diane Younglove

In Memory of Sandra Brown Yakel: Jody Brown

In Memory of Mutsuo Yasumura: Bill & Linda Nagata

Christmas Offering: Anonymous, Terri Bowman, Jerry & Marilyn Champa, Phillip & Julie Chew, Ian & Mieko Davis, David Fong & Nancy Arata-Fong, Eddi & Yvonne Fong, Grace Fujii, Hoshi Fujioka, Kiyoshi & Eiko Fujiwara, Paula Fujiwara, Tak & Judy Fukuman, Steve & Effie Hanway, Carla Hart, Patti Hashimoto, Steve & Janet Hill, Rose Hironaka, Brian & Leah Kanegawa, Jason & Dong-Sook Ku, May Lee, Bob, Carolyn & Katie Marshall, Howard Matsuhara, Jane Matsuoka, May Mayeda, David McGill, Bill & Linda Nagata, Jana Nakase & Steve Lee, Fumi Nakata, Terry & Cathy Nishizaki, Frank Obara, Kenneth Okawara, Lloyd & Lynne Ouye, Jerome Pryor, John & Hannah Seno, Daisy Seto, Stan & Susan Shibata, Eucaly Annette Shirai, Randy & Lillie Shiroy, Emi Suyehiro, Mich & Aileen Takechi, Tom Tambara, Wade Tambara, Titus & Donna Toyama, Joyce Uyeda, Rick & Irene Uno, Teruko Wright & Terry Walter, William & Judy Yee, Hach & Linda Yasumura, Gary & Diane Younglove, Richard & Joyce Yuki

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