

Chapel Chimes

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### **Coach's Corner**

Taking Measure of Parkview

Dear Friends,

Over the years in this column I have approached the life of our congregation from a variety of angles: from culture to generations to community outreach to energy or the lack of it. But what if serving a congregation like ours was just like solving a series of math problems? For instance, we have 52 or so Sundays a year and eight sound system operators. Do the math. We have 52 Sundays and 31coffee hour volunteers who serve in teams of three. We have 52 Sundays and nine chairpersons. Do the math. We have 52 Sundays and 12 parking attendants. Do the math. We have 52 Sundays and 3 regular pianists and 3 substitutes. Do the math.

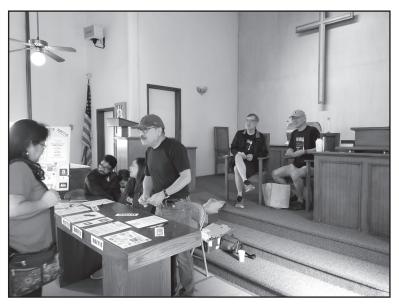
In order to do a congregational meeting we have to have one third of our members present to have a quorum. Last year we declared our membership at 118, which would mean we would have to have almost 40 actual members in attendance for the meeting. That is hard to do with a total attendance of 40-70 every Sunday. So we had to take a hard look at active membership, and as a result we lowered our membership this year to 84. All of this is division math. Some of our losses came from people who passed away in the last years, leading to subtraction in numbers. But in just the last month we increased our membership by 5. I am doing the math. And that's addition.

The Presbyterian women will be talking about coffee hour and how to make the numbers add up. For instance, should we go down from three to two coffee hour people, limit what we serve, and thereby have the coffee hour servers coming three times a year rather than five? Can we open parking attendant duties to every member? It has a shorter time commitment now. In spite of the math problems we run into, we have some really impressive numbers to be proud of. One shining example is the number of people Eddie's Crew and the congregation serve for our fundraisers, which add up to 1500+ meals. We have a large impact in light of our relatively small membership. Through our

residency program, we multiply the contact with people in the community, a little more very day. (Read "Mission Insite Study" on page 3 to learn a bit about how we are looking at our numbers in new and exciting ways.)

Although we have become a little leaner because of our generational change, there is a lot of positive and healthy energy. Let us be grateful for that. I am grateful for all of you. Please help us add to volunteer numbers so that we multiply our mission impact. Please think of something new you could give your time for.

May God bless our ministry. See you in church. Aart



Volunteers in action at the 2017 Parkview Breakfast



#### 2nd Seafood Silent Auction Dinner

Our second Parkview Seafood Fest Silent Auction was successfully completed on Saturday, March 10th. The winning bid was from Jerry and Marilyn Champa, and the seafood dinner was held at their home with 10 of their friends. It was a perfect evening to cook outside and to enjoy their appetizers outside, thank Goodness without a sight of rain! Thank you, Jerry and Marilyn for having us! Future silent auctions for a seafood dinner at your house can be bid on at Parkview's Annual Breakfast in September.

Submitted by Yvonne and Eddie Fong



Dinner Guests at the home of Marilyn & Jerry Champa

#### Three Cheers for Sake 101

The Mar 24th event was very well received with 37 attendees. Everyone enjoyed a chicken teriyaki bowl for dinner, with Gunther's green tea ice cream and mochi for dessert (mochi provided by Haruko Sakakibara). A documentary on the "Birth of Sake" was shown, followed by an educational session. The tasting of five different sake was accompanied by cheese and dried fruit. Nanako Moriyama, from North American Distributing, attended the event and provided the sake, decorations, and Sho Chiku Bai pens. We even raffled off three small bottles of sake for some lucky winners to take home. The hall was decorated in Japanese decor and a Sake 101 "textbook" was provided to all to take home and review. Jonathan Sakakibara was the master of ceremonies, I provided the educational piece, and a Miyo Uchida took everyone through the tastings. Many thanks to our volunteers in the kitchen (Lori Hart, Cathy Nishizaki, Jerry Champa, and Marilyn Champa). I know the organizing committee had fun planning and presenting, and we have received many compliments on the event.

Submitted by Russ Hart

#### Kansha Corner

Welcome to this new column that checks in our residents to see what they've been up to lately.

As part of our church's ministry to the community, Rola started teaching English as a second language (ESL) this month. She teaches core classes to refugees on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. It may sound ironic because she is also still learning English as a second language. However, for Rola it is really a matter of sharing whatever little she has with those who do not, so that God can be praised in the few and in the many.

Chelsea has been volunteering for Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ). She has also been volunteering at William Land Elementary School along with Joyce Uyeda. While Joyce has been in the library and first grade, Chelsea has been with the sixth graders, tutoring math. The school recently won a \$10,000 contest for arts education! Thanks to Lynn Yamamoto and all Parkview members who received an email from the school and cast their votes online. Our local elementary school has great community support!

News - continued

#### Parkview's Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Save the Date for our 8th Annual Spaghetti Dinner:

- Saturday, June 2, 2018
- 4 pm-6 pm
- \$15 for adults, \$10 for 6-10 year olds, 5 and under free.

Tickets and Flyers are already available. Contact Tak or Judy Fukuman to get yours. Please let your customers know that



vegetarian and take-out orders are available. A volunteer sign-up list will soon be available, requesting help to make this event a successful dinner. As always, Eddie and his Crew will take care of the cooking. We had over 500 customers attend last year, and we hope to top the count this year!

Submitted by Eddie and Yvonne Fong

#### Spaghetti Dinner Raffle Prizes Sought

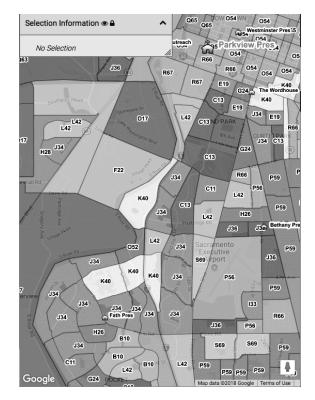
It is that time of year again! We are looking for raffle prizes for our Spaghetti Dinner Raffle. We are asking groups, individuals, and businesses for prize donations, preferably cash or gift cards. Contact Terry or Titus for more information. Thanks again for all of your support.

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Financial Report as of March 31, 2018:				
	March	Total Yr 2018		
Income:	\$9,533.20	\$38,442.03		
Expenses:	\$14,478.51	\$40,816.19		
Difference:		- \$2,374.16		

#### Mission Insite Study

Chelsea has set us up through the Presbytery for the online Mission Insite study. The image below is a representation of Parkview's core membership region. Can you find the Sacramento River? This Mission Insite map contains segments that (on the website) have their own colors. You can color them by numbers. Each of these areas has its own demographic information: ethnicity of people, how religious they are, what activities they prefer. From this information, you could extrapolate what kind of church life they would desire. There are a lot of numbers to review, and we can learn a lot from the numbers. We want you to know that along with everything else, we are always reviewing the numbers. We'll keep you posted on what we learn by using the Mission Insite study.



One of the Insite-generated maps

Upcoming Events

Sunday Worship begins at 10 a.m.

- Apr 19. Book Club Meeting. Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson. Contact Kris Sazaki for meeting details.
- **Apr 21.** Church Clean Up. Come help clean and spruce up the church in celebration of Earth Day. Sign up in the social hall so we can have an accurate count for pizza!
- Apr 27. Annual Pilgrimage to Manzanar. Through Apr 29. Our pastoral residents will be joining the pilgrimage.
- **Apr 29.** Sakura Chorus Concert. 12:10 2 pm at Parkview. Adults \$12, Students \$5, children under 12 free. Sponsored by PPW. Refreshments provided. Contact Carla Hart for tickets.
- **Apr 30. Member Survey Due.** Help Rev. Grace Suwabe with her theological dissertation. Surveys are available on the table with the mailboxes in the narthex. Place completed surveys in the envelope on the office door.
- May 6. Chapel Chimes Deadline. Email articles and photos to officemanager@parkviewpc.org
- May 11. Newsletter Collating Party. 2 3 pm. Meet in Rev. Aart's office. Snacks provided.
- May 12. Reverend Aart on Vacation. Through May 30. Read below to see all that he'll miss!
- May 12. Planning Group Meeting. 4 6 pm. In the social hall.
- May 12. Hot Dog and Movie Night. The Eternal Zero. Dinner starts at 6 pm. Contact Hach Yasumura for details.
- May 15. Loaves & Fishes. Sign up in the social hall to help serve lunch 11 am 1 pm to the homeless and hungy.
- May 19. Third Saturday Lunch. 12:15 1:15 pm. Meet at Sushi Cafe, 4491 Freeport Blvd.
- May 24. Book Club Meeting. Our Souls at Night by Kent Haruf. Contact Kris Sazaki for meeting details.
- May 27. Chirashi Fundraiser. Directly after worship service. Details to follow.
- Jun 2. Annual Spaghetti Dinner. 4 6 pm. See page 3 for details.
- Jul 1. Mamma Mia Payment Due. Pay for your \$56 ticket by today. An early dinner after the performance is also being planned. Contact Sherri Yee for details.
- Jul 13. Choir Retreat. Through Jul 15. Contact Ben Pryor for details.
- Aug 11. Mamma Mia at the Music Circus. 2 pm performance.
- Aug 16. Book Club Meeting. The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian by Sherman Alexie. Contact Kris Sazaki for meeting details.

#### **Church Office Hours:**

Tuesdays	9:00 - 11:00 am
Thursdays	9:00 - 11:00 am
Fridays	1:00 - 3:00 pm

#### 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 calendar. You're just a few clicks away from having the PPC calendar always at your fingertips!



# Your Sunday Worship Team

Date	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27	Jun 3
Chair	Donna Komure-	Mother's Day Jonathan	PentecostBetsy Eckridge	Kishwer Vikaas	Titus Toyama
Greeters	Toyama Rose Hironaka	Sakakibara Jason Ku	Terri Bowman	Effie Komure- Hanway	Cathy Nishizaki
Pianist	Haruko Sakakibara	Wade Tambara	Haruko	Steve Hanway Wade Tambara	Janet Hill
			Sakakibara		
Ushers	Terri Bowman Bill Nagata	Bill Grissom Gary Younglove	Julie Chew Phillip Chew	Deborah Ku May Lee	Judy Fukuman Tak Fukuman
Reader	Mieko Davis	Michael Wright	Haruko Sakakibara	Miyo Uchida	Teruko Wright
Flowers	Julie & Richard Howe	Fumi Nakata	Linda & Bill Nagata	Marilyn & Jerry Champa	Janet & Steve Hill
Parking	Russ Hart	Tak Fukuman	Randy Shiroi	Gary Younglove	Sam Inouye
PA System	Jonathan Sakakibara	Phillip Chew	Titus Toyama	Tom Tambara	Jack Sakai
Sunday School	Carla Hart Ben Pryor Wade Tambara	Chelsea Page Kaitlin Toyama	Julie Chew Lois Van Beers	No Sunday School Nursury care only	Summertime Sunday Stories with Chelsea Page
Coffee Hour	Julie Howe Irene Uno Carolyn Van Beek	Men's Group Sunday School	Lori Hart Judy Fukuman Hannah Seno	<b>Chirashi Fundraiser</b> (Mariners, Haruko Sakakibara, Cathy Nishizaki, Leah Nishizaki)	Christine Umeda Joyce Uyeda Terry Walter

Communion May 6, 2018Elders:Bill Grissom, Herning Grissom, Joyce Uyeda, Terry WalterCommunion Jun 3, 2018Elders:Jody BrownElements:Huang, Effie Komure-Hanway, Bill Nagata, Carol SakaiJudy Fukuman

#### Your Availability for the Sunday Worship Team

Please email Kris (officemanager@parkviewpc.org) with the dates you are unavailable for future Sunday Worship Teams. Email her as soon as you have your dates.

**Please Note:** You are responsible for finding a replacement once the schedule is published. Please email Kris with the information so it may be correctly listed in the weekly bulletin. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

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