



Chapel Chimes

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Coach's Corner

The Conditions for Thriving

Dear Friends,

Kaiser Permanente has used the word “thrive” as a slogan in its advertising for a number of years. When I looked up synonyms for “thrive,” I found the terms “flourish” and “prosper” among others. In a rapidly secularizing society, the church has been understandably concerned with “survive.” And survival is seen as numbers in the pew and numbers in the congregation’s savings account. This has not been my preoccupation. When you pastor a small congregation, you know there will be weeks when there are big empty gaps in the pews and years when the numbers in Sunday school leave much to be desired. The question I ask is: “But are we a healthy and healing community?” I like the word “thrive.” Are we helping our people thrive? I think this is what the Church is supposed to do: make people thrive in a full sense of the world. If done well, the Church can do this better than any other institution in society. On any given Sunday, we attempt as much as possible to nurture the congregation spiritually, nourish it creatively, stimulate it mentally, challenge it socially, and bind it together as a community. Separately, each of these acts can be achieved better by other entities: certain TV preachers for the spiritual, great restaurants for the nutritional, institutions for higher learning for the mental etc. But to address them all as an integrated whole, no one can do better than a good congregation. Nevertheless we must also be humble and realize that we cannot make people thrive per se.

We can set the conditions for thriving. When we preach, we try to set the conditions by highlighting the sacred text in such a way that we might facilitate God speaking to you. When you provide your unrivaled coffee hour spread, you set the conditions for people to enjoy good food and thrive in a supportive social setting. When we challenge your thinking with an eye for compassion and justice in sermons and community minutes, it may make you (and us) uncomfortable, but the goal is for us to help set the conditions for our society to thrive morally. The Church never lives in a bubble; it must be in dialogue with the scientific knowledge of our day and respond to the injustice of its times. This is as true in 2018 as it was in 1918 at the end of the Great War or in 1818 after Napoleon.

This month we mourn the loss of Rev. Gail Cullerton, who served you faithfully and provided continuity whenever I was away. She was truly concerned about your thriving. But I want you to know that you made her thrive, too. You enabled her to do what she was passionate about and as such gave her great joy.

If you were to ask me what gives me the greatest joy at this point in my ministry, I would answer: to see our residents thrive and you along with them. I see them do well at Parkview, and it does my heart good. I see them come back from preaching in other pulpits and hear about good feedback, and I can see their confidence grow. I know it is to a great extent because of the space you have created for them. They can touch other congregations more ably because of you. May we all thrive and try to do better to set the conditions for one another’s thriving.

Thanks be to God for our ministry. See you in church. Aart



Chelsea Page admiring one of the thriving cherry trees in Southside Park

News

Parkview Mourns the Death of Rev. Gail Cullerton

Rev. Gail Cullerton passed away on Saturday, Jul 21. Rev. Gail was ordained in 1987 in the Presbytery of Sacramento. She faithfully served in various capacities at several churches and served as Parkview's Parish Associate for nearly ten years (until that title was discontinued by the denomination). Rev. Gail always led worship when our pastor was away, assuring continuity, familiarity, and an alternative to our pastor's style and approach. The congregation will miss her greatly!

The memorial service will be held on Aug 18, 11 am, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1300 N St., Sacramento. Prayers for God's peace and comfort are extended to Rev. Gail's family and all who knew her.



Parkview Planning Group Meeting Set

The next meeting takes place on Monday, Aug 20 at the Champa residence, 1541 12th Ave. Everyone is warmly invited. Food will be provided at 6 pm for a social hour (an \$8 donation is appreciated). From 7-8 pm Chelsea Page will lead a discussion on a web-based demographic tool. Dessert follows. Come for any or all parts of the meeting. RSVP to Jerrychampa@gmail.com. It promises to be an enjoyable event!

Carson Pass Wildflower Hike

Twenty Parkview members and friends were rewarded with meadows and hillsides of wildflowers on their six-mile hike on Saturday, Jul 28. Starting from the popular Carson Pass Visitor Center, hikers trekked up at high altitudes through forests, open flower-filled meadows, past alpine lakes, and down through a canyon to Woods Lake. On the descent, we hiked alongside a tumbling waterfalls creek and sheer granite mountains harboring small pockets of remaining winter ice. On the other side we had a gorgeous hillside of late wildflowers, displaying swaths of white cow parsnips, orange Indian paintbrush, copper-colored grasses, and deep blue towering larkspur. It was a perfect day for enjoying God's gift of good weather, natural beauty, and fellowship. Many thanks to the organizers, Steve Hill, Janet Hill, and Gary Younglove, as well as the volunteer drivers: Jason Ku, Bill Grissom, Jonathan Sakakibara, Steve, and Gary.

Submitted by Janet Hill

Parkview Breakfast Buffet – Become a Sponsor!

Parkview is now offering members and friends the opportunity to become sponsors of our 10th Annual Breakfast Buffet fundraiser! There are three levels, named in honor of some favorite breakfast items: House Special (\$300), Fried Spam (\$200), and Chili Garlic (\$100). Sponsors will receive breakfast tickets and be recognized at the event and in the *Chapel Chimes*. At the higher levels, sponsors will also get raffle tickets, and House Special sponsors will receive a T-shirt (see the attached flier for details). Please consider becoming a sponsor and help us make this year's Breakfast Buffet the best one ever! For more information, contact Titus Toyama, William Yee, or Judy Fukuman.



New T-Shirt Design



*Scenes from the Carson Pass Wildflower Hike
Photos Courtesy of Maurine Huang & Rola Al Ashkar*

News - continued

Kansha Korner

Our residents' column on their recent activities.

Chelsea writes: "Saying Goodbye"

As I get close to ordination in the UCC, I'm thinking of becoming an interim pastor. That means I will be leaving churches a lot in my career. Learning how to say goodbye well is a good skill to have. I see dying patients learning how to do it at the hospital. It's an important task that, when possible to complete, makes room for new life.



Whenever I leave a church, it's always the people I miss. Yes, I like your hymnal, I like your way of doing things, but those things are replaceable (and believe me, I will carry some of your ideas away with me). But you are not. We'll stay in touch, but we will also change.

What will not change? Christ, who connects us. He says, "I am the vine, you are the branches, we are one." Because of Christ, I will reinvest my love into a new congregation. And in Christ, you will reinvest your love into your new pastoral resident. I know you will do this well, because I've watched you learn, with each loss of a beloved member this year, how to reinvest your love for Parkview's past into a love for Parkview's future.

An enduring image of my time with you will be the cherry trees in Southside Park. Not quite a vine, but close. Along with several of you, I have been volunteering to water them under the leadership of the Sacramento Tree Foundation, which partnered with the city to plant this lovely tribute to our neighborhood's Japanese American heritage. Our job has been to give them extra water during their first year until they are established

enough to survive on the city's irrigation. There's a saying in interim ministry – "When you're needed but not wanted, it's time to stay. When you're wanted but not needed, it's time to go." I have enjoyed watering the trees as much as I have enjoyed serving you. I have seen them grow fast and tall; be decorated with stickers by anonymous admirers; and even (some of them) bounce back after very unfortunate encounters. But the trees will not need watering forever, in fact that would only weaken them. In the same way, I have needed to be part of your ministry during my season of discernment, but now I am ready to be out on my own. I didn't always want every lesson you had to teach me, but I needed them all. Thank you for investing in your wonderful teaching ministry for the future of the church. I look forward to blossoming together in Christ's vine!

Residents' Open House & Party

Parkview's Residents are planning a special event for the entire congregation on the evening of Saturday, Sep 8, 5-8 pm. As usual, the event will be open to the entire congregation as well as friends and family. The "Open House" theme is intended to recognize and celebrate the Residency Program, the significance of the Residents' home on the Parkview campus, and important accomplishments, including the celebration of Chelsea's year at Parkview and the opportunity to meet and welcome our next Resident. It will be a potluck, so please RSVP to Rola and Chelsea and let them know if you are willing to bring: water or other drinks, a salad, a main dish, or a dessert.

Final 2018 Spaghetti Dinner Income

The final numbers are in, and we are excited to report that the net income from this year's spaghetti dinner was \$8,209! Thanks to all the volunteers who made this night possible.

Upcoming Events & Contacts

Sunday Worship begins at 10 am.

- Aug 16. Book Club Meeting.** 7 pm. Contact the office manager for meeting details.
- Aug 18. Third Saturday Lunch Postponed.** Until Sep.
- Aug 20. Planning Group Meeting.** See page 2 for details.
- Aug 21. Loaves & Fishes.** Sign up in the social hall to help serve lunch 11 am-1 pm to the homeless and hungry.
- Aug 26. Hawaiian Potluck.** Directly after worship service. Bring your favorite main/side dish. Dessert will be provided. Sign-up in the social hall to help.
- Sep 2. Breakfast Buffet T-Shirt Orders Due.** Order forms available in the social hall. See page 2 to see the t-shirt design.
- Sep 8. Residents' Open House & Party.** See page 3 for details.
- Sep 9. Sunday School Orientation.** Directly after social hour in the social hall.
- Sep 9. Chapel Chimes Deadline.** Submit articles and events to officemanager@parkviewpc.org.
- Sep 13. Book Club Meeting.** 7 pm. *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance. Contact the office manager for meeting details.
- Sep 14. Newsletter Collating Party.** 2-3 pm. Meet in Rev. Aart's office.
- Sep 29. 10th Annual Breakfast Buffet.** 8 - 11 am. Take-out available. Adults \$15, children 6-10 \$6. Volunteer sign-up sheets are located in the social hall.
- Oct 5. ECC Conference.** Through Oct 7. Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center. Details to follow.
- Oct 28. Octoberfest Potluck.** Save the date! Details to follow.
- Nov 11. Chirashizushi Fundraiser.** Save the date! Details to follow.
- Dec 2. Parkview Christmas Luncheon.** 1:30 pm - 4 pm. Save the date! Details to follow.

Church Office Hours:

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

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Our heartfelt thanks to Stan Umeda for enlarging the window to the nursery door. One more item accomplished to help create a safe sanctuary at Parkview!



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 at all which kind of calendar you have: Google, iPhone, Yahoo. Just go to www.parkviewpc.org and click on the subscribe button 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	Sep 16 <i>3rd Sunday</i>	Sep 23 <i>4th Sunday</i>	Sep 30 <i>5th Sunday</i>	Oct 7 <i>1st Sunday</i>	Oct 14 <i>2nd Sunday</i>
Chair	Kishwer Vikaas	Titus Toyama	Judy Fukuman	Phillip Chew	Jonathan Sakakibara
Greeters	Carla Hart	Betsy Eskridge	Deborah Ku Jason Ku	Marilyn Champa	Hannah Seno John Seno
Pianist	Janet Hill	Wade Tambara	Janet Hill	Janet Hill	Wade Tambara
Ushers	Herning Grissom Deborah Ku	Donna Komure- Toyama Victor Yee	May Lee Gary Younglove	Judy Fukuman Diane Younglove	Bill Nagata William Yee
Reader	Mieko Davis	Michael Wright	Mieko Davis	Miyo Uchida	Michael Wright
Flowers	Stan & Christine Umeda	Bill & Herning Grissom	Miyo Uchida	Evelyn Kubota	Russ & Lori Hart
Parking	Sam Inouye	Bill Nagata	Phillip Chew	Tak Fukuman	John Seno
PA Operator	Jonathan Sakakibara	Tom Tambara	Dave McGill	Jerry Champa	Jack Sakai
Sunday School	Julie Chew Ben Pryor Wade Tambara	Cathy Nishizaki	To Be Determined	Carla Hart Ben Pryor Wade Tambara	Lois Van Beers
Coffee Hour	Toyama Family	Effie Komure- Hanway Linda Nagata Carolyn Ishii	Marilyn Champa Miyo Uchida Diane Younglove	Julie Chew Herning Grissom Maurine Huang	Pattie Hashimoto Carol Sakai Carolyn Van Beek

Communion Oct 7, 2018 **Elders:** Terri Bowman, Maurine Huang, Bill Nagata, To be Determined
Elements: Evelyn Kubota

Your Availability for the Sunday Worship Team

Help make scheduling a breeze! 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 listed correctly in the weekly bulletin. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

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