



# Chapel Chimes

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## Coach's Corner A Christmas Wish List

Dear Friends,

I remember a popular Christmas song called *My Grown-up Christmas List*. It's been covered by many artists, including Amy Grant and Natalie Cole. It's. Here are the lines I remember:

No more lives torn apart  
that wars would never start . . .  
And everyone would have a friend  
And right would always win  
And love would never end, no  
This is my grown-up Christmas list

If you were to look deep inside of yourself, friends, what would your Christmas wish be? I think it would have nothing to do with packages and possessions but with new meaningful experiences, with health and, above all, with time spent in the presence of those you love as well as their deepest well-being.

What are the Christmas wishes of the former inhabitants of towns called Paradise, CA or Mexico Beach, FL? Ours pale in comparison to the magnitude of their wish: to go back in time and snatch their former life from the embers and the broken glass. What are the Christmas wishes of the people who roam our streets? Whatever they may be, we rarely manage to meet them adequately, for their lives are so complicated. Not to speak of the suffering of refugees and war victims we cannot get even our heads around. As the song continues: "But heaven surely knows that packages and bows can never heal a hurting human soul."

Friends, congregations have wish lists too: more active people of certain age groups, a return to some imagined golden times in their history, padded bank accounts, a perfectly maintained building. But wise members of church communities know that the faith that propels us to our spiritual home and the people that draw us back to the familiar church gathering places are what's essential. Never mind that the gutters leak and something always needs fixing. Those things always seem to get done in good time.

As your pastor I can say that my deepest wish for you as a congregation in this season of anticipation and light is that you will be a community that does not lose track of the promise of the Christ, that can pace itself in His service, that always stays in motion toward truer ways of being the Church and maintains health in your relationships which will sustain you in the decades to come. May the light that comes in darkness this season illuminate your lives. I wish you a meaningful Christmas and a blessed New Year.

May God continue to bless this ministry.  
See you in church.

— Aart



*Parkview's Choir, under the direction of Ben Pryor, sings at a recent service  
Photo courtesy of Yvonne Fong*

# News

## 1st Vietnamese Auction Dinner is served

On Oct 27, Carolyn Van Beek cooked a gourmet feast for the first auction winners, Jane Matsuoka and Effie-Komure-Hanway, and eight of their guests. From mussels and spring rolls to jumbo shrimp, stewed pork, and coconut flan, the flavors were as exquisite as the presentation. Carolyn worked so hard to make it a magical evening. Thanks, Carolyn!



## Chirashi Fundraiser a Sellout Success!

All 108 chirashi bento boxes, filled with flavored rice, mochi, and orange slices, sold after worship service on Nov 11. Over 35 volunteers from the Mariners group and others donated cash, ingredients, and time to the effort, raising \$1,273 for the church's general fund. Oto's grocery store on Freeport Blvd. also donated rice, fish cake, and mochiko. Volunteers had gathered earlier to learn how to make chirashi (see the Sep *Chapel Chimes*), so they were all ready to put it all together. Haruko Sakakibara led the effort, and her cooking and teaching skills really paid off!



## PPC Member featured in SF Concert



Parkview members and friends attended the “Tomoko Hagiwara and Friends” concert at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music on Nov 18. Parkview’s own Miwako Isano was the featured soprano in a superb performance. We were all delighted to attend this concert and enjoy the day in San Francisco. Thank you to Wade, Yvonne, and Eddie for coordinating this trip. The Bento dinner and snacks were great.

Submitted by Carol Sakai



## Volunteer Spotlight: Eddie’s Crew

*Parkview is fueled by its volunteers, many of whom work behind the scenes to keep the church going.*

The Seafood Fest, Spaghetti Dinner, and Breakfast Buffet, our three major fundraisers, would simply not exist, were it not for the crew that cooks the fabulous food. Individual members may sometimes vary, but the quality remains high. Led by the tireless Eddie and Yvonne Fong, the crew turns 1,000s of pounds of raw ingredients into the feasts we so dearly love. By the way, our last Breakfast Buffet netted over \$11,000!! Many thanks to Eddie, Yvonne, and the Crew!



# News - continued

**Kansha Korner**

*Our residents' column on their recent activities.*

*Rola writes:*

Regarded as the worst natural disaster on record to affect Puerto Rico, Hurricane Maria hit the island on Sep 20, 2017. Thirteen months later, our Presbyterian Disaster Assistance team of fourteen landed in San Juan and drove to Añasco, a village on the West end of Puerto Rico, with plans to restore homes and hopes to touch lives. The entire island was without power and water for months. FEMA was not as helpful as the citizens had hoped it would be.

With those visuals in mind and stories in heart, we went out to the streets of Añasco to meet and talk to people and everywhere we went in our PDA blue shirts, Puerto Ricans stopped us to thank us for being there and showing our support.

There, we stayed at our Presbyterian Disaster Assistance host site, built with Presbyterian funding above the Presbyterian Church of Añasco. Although the church was shattered by the hurricane, they chose to rebuild a site for volunteer crews to come and rebuild their community before they have rebuilt their own sanctuary.



*Rola gets her hands dirty*

Some of the projects that we got the chance to work on included:

- Painting the ceiling of the volunteer house's courtyard with an epoxy sealant.
- Demolishing and cleaning out a house that had lost its roof and had been exposed to the elements for the last 13 months, to prepare it to be rebuilt. We were carefully instructed to save only the chandelier. And as a token of gratitude, Miss Millie offered us all the statues of the saints that we found at her house.
- Stripping the walls of another house that the

storm had destroyed. Skeletons of bats and mice were our reward.

- Digging a trench, installing a French drain, and putting new pipes on the sink to drain outside the home of my new friends, Ramon and Estrella. The Davis team had purchased cement blocks for a retaining wall, but we didn't have enough time to build that wall.



*Rola and Estrella*

- Purchasing around 500 cement blocks and building the walls of another house down the street.

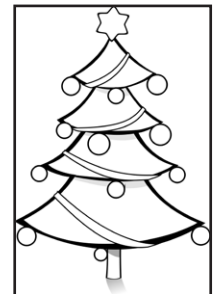
Amid all this, we went to the beach every day after work to wash off the dirt, sweat, and weariness of the day. We also had a once-in-a-lifetime chance to go to one of the world's best bioluminescent bays in La Parguera, where we witnessed lights shining in the dark ocean, reminding us of what we are to many Puerto Ricans.

We left the island with gratitude for the Puerto Ricans' generosity and hospitality, for the opportunity to serve, for those finished as well as unfinished projects that we left for other crews to come and take over, and with the words of a young woman we met on our first day in San Juan: "Time cannot be replicated or recovered, it is the most precious gift one can give. Thank you for giving us your time."



## **Jujikai Christmas Party scheduled for Dec 22**

The annual Jujikai Christmas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange will be held on Dec 22, 2018 at 6 pm at the home of the Grissom Family. All are invited to participate and bring a gift for the exchange. For more information, contact Wade Tambara or Herning Grissom.



# Your Sunday Worship Team

Date	Dec 30 <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</i>	Jan 6 <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</i>	Jan 13 <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</i>	Jan 20 <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</i>	Jan 27 <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</i>
<b>Chair</b>	Judy Fukuman	Kishwer Vikaas	Titus Toyama	Jonathan Sakakibara	Christine Umeda
<b>Greeters</b>	Daisy Seto Irene Uno	Carol Sakai	Hannah Seno	Carla Hart	Bill Nagata
<b>Pianist</b>	Janet Hill	Janet Hill	Wade Tambara	Haruko Sakakibara	Wade Tambara
<b>Ushers</b>	Julie Chew Phillip Chew	Bill Grissom Tak Fukuman	Cathy Nishizaki William Yee	Diane Younglove Gary Younglove	Judy Fukuman Maurine Huang
<b>Reader</b>	Haruko Sakakibara	Mieko Davis	Michael Wright	Miyo Uchida	Teruko Wright
<b>Flowers</b>	Lynn Yamamoto	Terri Bowman	Bob & Carolyn Marshall	Steve & Effie Hanway	Jack & Carol Sakai
<b>Parking</b>	Tak Fukuman	Glenn Kubota	John Seno	Russ Hart	Gary Younglove
<b>PA Operator</b>	Tom Tambara	Jonathan Sakakibara	May Lee	Titus Toyama	Dave McGill
<b>Sunday School</b>	Sue Lorens	Carla Hart Ben Pryor Wade Tambara	Lois Van Beers	Julie Chew Ben Pryor Wade Tambara	Cathy Nishizaki
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Maurine Huang Cathy Nishizaki Carol Sakai	Doug Judson Ben Pryor Wade Tambara	Linda Nagata Kaitlin Toyama Christine Umeda	Lori Hart May Lee Hannah Seno	Haruko Sakakibara Terry Walter Luda Wright

**Communion Jan 6, 2019**    **Elders:** Phillip Chew, Bill Grissom, Jane Matsuoka, Terry Walter  
**Elements:** Dave McGill

## Your Availability for the Sunday Worship Team

Help make scheduling a breeze! Please email Kris ([officemanager@parkviewpc.org](mailto: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!

# Upcoming Events & Contacts

Sunday Worship begins at 10 am.

- Dec 6.** Veronica on Vacation. Through Dec 13.
- Dec 13.** **Book Club Meeting.** 7 pm. Note date change. *Sachi: Drawing Pictures on Water* by Katherine Kemp Velez. Email officemanager@parkviewpc.org for meeting details.
- Dec 15.** **NO Third Saturday Lunch.**
- Dec 18.** **Loaves & Fishes.** Sign up in the social hall to help serve lunch 11 am-1 pm to the homeless and hungry.
- Dec 22.** **Jujikai Christmas Party.** See page 2.
- Dec 28.** **Aart on Vacation.** Through Jan 10. Contact Rola Al Ashkar (916.990.6443) or Veronica Gould (609.651.1883) for pastoral care.
- Dec 29.** **Youth Group Ice Skating.** Downtown Plaza rink. Details to follow.
- Jan 3.** **Chapel Chimes Deadline.** Note this early deadline! Submit articles/events to officemanager@parkviewpc.org.
- Jan 9.** **Newsletter Collating Party.** 2-3 pm. Note this early date! Meet in the church office.
- Jan 12.** **Choir Dinner & Video Event.** Details to follow.
- Jan 13.** **Congregational Meeting.** Directly after worship service.
- Jan 20.** **Ask the Residents.** Every other week thereafter during coffee hour.

## Church Office Hours:

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

## Contact:

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## Planning Group (PG) Sets 2019 Goals

PG meetings are open to everyone and anyone (especially newcomers) interested in gathering to socialize, discuss, and brainstorm on church events and activities. In 2019, the PG will meet at least every month and whenever its diversity of views, ideas, and input can improve decisions concerning proposals to change, enhance, or pursue a new event or fundraiser. The PG has an official role in providing advice on church policies pertaining to events and activities; this role includes helping event managers to comply with these policies.

PG meetings are typically held on weekday evenings and provide an opportunity for each church group or organization to share information about their plans and efforts in order to solicit ideas, feedback, and recruit volunteers to enhance or promote the events and activities they sponsor. The PG will ensure that all church social events and activities, fundraisers, etc., are added to the PPC planning calendar as early as possible and then placed on the official church calendar when ready (approved) to be shared through our website.

Beginning in 2019, two volunteers with overlapping 12-month terms will serve as co-leads and facilitate PG meetings. Contact Jerry Champa (jerrychampa@gmail.com) for more information.

### Financial Report as of October 31, 2018:

	Oct	Total Yr 2018
Income:	\$8,653.35	\$121,742.86
Expenses:	\$12,546.01	\$132,820.34
Difference:		(\$11,077.48)

### Financial Report as of November 30, 2018:

	Nov	Total Yr 2018
Income:	\$24,854.99	\$146,597.85
Expenses:	\$11,306.58	\$144,126.92
Difference:		\$2,470.93

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**In Appreciation for Sunday School Enjoyed by Emerson & Thomas:** Barbara Zweig

**In Honor of the Birth of 1<sup>st</sup> Grandson Zachary Lee Fong:** Eddie & Yvonne Fong (Youth Group)

**Oktoberfest Offerings:** Steve & Effie Hanway, Carla Hart, Brian & Leah Kanegawa, Eileen Kasai, Donald Kishi

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**In Memory of Rev. Gail Cullerton:** Glenn & Evelyn Kubota

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**In Memory of Betty Sakamoto:** Stan & Christine Umeda

**In Memory of George Sakamoto:** Russ & Lori Hart, Maurine Huang, Brian & Leah Kanegawa, Jeff & Sandy Mori, Randy & Lillie Shiroy, Stan & Christine Umeda

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**In Memory of Shiro Tokuno:** Merijune Tokuno

**In Memory of Joyce Uyeda:** Jeff & Sandy Mori, Randy & Lillie Shiroy

*Thank you in advance for your generous Christmas donations.*

