



# Chapel Chimes

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## Coach's Corner

### Transition Q and A

As you are entering a period of transition, I wanted to take a moment to answer some questions you may be having about what's to come.

**Q.** When is Aart leaving again?

**A.** My last day will be June 30, which happens to be a Sunday.

**Q.** Who will become the new pastor after he leaves?

**A.** This will be a process in stages. 1) a mission study committee will prepare a study on Parkview's demographics, theology and mission going forward, which they will present to the congregation. 2) the Session will select from candidates to become interim minister. The Presbytery will provide names, but any Presbyterian Church USA pastor with interim training will be allowed to apply. 3) a pastor nomination committee will prepare an MIF (ministry information form) informed by the mission study, place it online, and start receiving pastoral information forms that match the church profile (i.e. Parkview's needs and wants matched with pastor skills and passions).

**Q.** What is the timeline for each of these stages?

**A.** This is tentative, but the mission study committee will probably work from late April through late August. By that time there should be an interim pastor. Then the Pastor nominating committee (PNC) will go to work, and they should have the Ministry profile online by November or so. After that it will take a year or more to narrow down the applicants and interview them.

**Q.** Some denominations just appoint a new pastor. Why does it take so long at Parkview?

**A.** The Presbyterian Church USA has a democratic system. It has been time tested for several centuries. It is actually good for a congregation to get some distance between itself and the former pastor, so that they will be fully ready for a fresh new approach and not long so much for the old ways.

**Q.** Who will be on these committees?

**A.** Pending session approval, the mission study committee will be made up of Richard Uno, Mieko Davis (PNC), Titus Toyama, Lois Van Beers, and Gary Younglove (Session). They were judiciously invited by session member May Lee. The PNC was approved during a special congregational meeting after careful scrutiny by the nominating committee (Janet Hill and Effie Komure-Hanway) with attention to age, gender, and ethnic diversity. The members approved were Mieko Davis (with Haruko Sakakibara as alternate), Gary Younglove, William Yee, Maurine Huang, Wade Tambara, and Herning Grissom.

### Ministers Who Have Served Parkview Presbyterian Church

<b>Isamu Nakamura</b>	<b>1940 - ca. 1947</b>
<b>Sumio Koga</b>	<b>1948 - 1953</b>
<b>Paul Kato</b>	<b>1955 - 1967</b>
<b>Hei Takarabe</b>	<b>1967 - 1982</b>
<b>Kazuo Masuno</b>	<b>1984 - 1994</b>
<b>Aart Van Beek</b>	<b>1996 - 2019</b>



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*These ministers served Parkview at its current location at 727 T Street.*

# News

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- Q.** Can only Presbyterian pastors apply to be pastor?
- A.** No, pastors of other denominations can apply, but they will need to know, understand, and respect the Presbyterian system and values, and their denomination will need to have a cooperation agreement with our denomination.
- Q.** How long will Rola and Veronica stay?
- A.** According to their contracts, they only need to give one month's notice, but as it stands now, Rola will be at Parkview through the end of 2020, and Veronica's contract goes through August 2019, when she and Parkview will need to discuss her plans after that.
- Q.** Will the interim pastor be working full time?
- A.** This is up to the Session (with input from the congregation) to decide. You will have to take into account: 1) who is available to be an interim pastor, 2) financial considerations and planning, and 3) the tasks assigned to the residents.
- Q.** What do you need from us?
- A.** It is important that you share with your Session (William Yee, Pattie Hashimoto, May Lee, Carol Sakai, Gary Younglove, and Christine Umeda) what your thoughts are on the interim pastor! Probably by early May if not before they will start looking for an interim.
- Q.** Will there be any staff changes during the transition period?
- A.** Not that I know of. Office manager Kris Sazaki and choir director Ben Pryor will continue in their present capacities and with their present schedules.

May God bless your ministry. See you in church! Aart

## Fundraisers' Successes Continue

Parkview's fundraisers continue to help keep the church going. Here are some net income numbers:

- \$650+ Mar 3 Udon
- \$3828 2019 Seafood Fest
- \$1342 2018 Breakfast Buffet Silent Auction Seafood Dinners

This all happens because of our fabulous organizers, volunteers, and donors! Thanks, everyone!

## Mar 3 Udon Sale is Another Big Hit

WOW, another wonderful udon sale! Thanks to Lois Van Beers for leading us and to the many helping hands and generous donations that made this event successful. The udon was delicious and the mochi from Sakura Chorus was a treat. The tables looked beautiful with fresh March flowers and special touches. It was fun to dine with the students from Japan and be entertained with Japanese songs. Thanks to all. PPW knows how to throw a party!

Submitted by Carla Hart



*Photos courtesy of Rola Al Ashkar and Judy Fukunman*



## Volunteer Spotlight: Daisy Seto

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

Daisy Seto may officially be "retired" from the coffee hour worship team, but that does not stop her from lending a hand every Sunday in the kitchen to all those who are on coffee hour duty. Coffee hour would be a lot harder to organize and deliver without Daisy's help.



Daisy also serves on the Greater worship team. Thanks, Daisy!

# News - continued

## Kansha Korner

*Our residents' column on their recent activities.*

*Rola writes:*

Life has changed tremendously for me since I answered my first call to ministry a little over a year ago. It's a new stage of my life, and I got to start it with you at Parkview. As the past year has unfolded, I have become more and more aware of the changes God is bringing into my life and beliefs; I have started to understand more deeply my calling and passions. Though I am nowhere close to being done with the discernment process, I know now for a fact that not only is this my place but that this is also my clear vocation. Therefore, I'm currently transitioning from being an inquirer with the Presbytery of Sacramento to becoming a candidate for ministry, which is a step closer to ordination.

And with the many recent changes: in my visa status, soon in my Presbytery relation status, in our church leadership, and with new tasks added to my responsibilities with the Vital Congregations team, I confess that there are times when I feel like I am losing connection with myself. However, whenever that happens, I allow myself to go back to my spiritual home and reconnect to my true self. And somehow, strangely, I feel like I've been part of this community forever. A strong sense of comfort and connection is found in the familiarity of this church family, even with its flaws and shortages. It's become an integral part of my story, one that is as significant as a well-loved childhood memory, one that brings ease and security despite the insecurities of the transitions both the church and I are undergoing.

The journey might not be easy for any of us, but may we remember to return to God every time we lose connection with ourselves as a community, for in God is our safety and our timeless spiritual home. Parkview, thank you for letting me walk this journey with you.

Yours in Christ, Rola

## Sac State Students Visit Parkview

Students from Professor Robin Datel's Field Geography: Urban-Metropolitan class at CSUS visited Parkview on Feb 8. They spent over an hour with Aart, Rola, Veronica, and Kris. Many of these students are anticipating working as city planners, so Prof. Datel wanted them to "learn the depth of feelings people have for the histories of their families, communities, and the institutions that embody them." Prof. Datel later explained that the Parkview representatives did a lot "to educate [the students] about how a church can be such an institution."



The students had many fascinating questions, many of which revolved around Parkview's interactions with the surrounding community. We pointed to our work with Loaves and Fishes, WIND Services, and our December hosting of the Southside Park Neighborhood Association dinner. In her thank you note, Prof. Datel wrote: "I found the spirit of your church very moving."

Visiting Parkview has gotten popular recently. Students from the nearby Met Sacramento High School on V Street stopped by for an impromptu visit, and students from Japan came to the Mar 3 worship service. We're reminding everyone how welcome they are here!

## Financial Report as of February 28, 2019:

	Feb	Total Yr 2019
Income:	\$20,359.72	\$27,798.47
Expenses:	\$12,151.82	\$26,084.06
Difference:		\$1,714.41

# Your Sunday Worship Team

Date	Apr 14 <i>2nd Sunday</i>	Apr 21 <i>Easter</i>	Apr 28 <i>4th Sunday</i>	May 5 <i>1st Sunday</i>	May 12 <i>Mother's Day</i>
<b>Chair</b>	Donna Komure-Toyama	Phillip Chew	Jonathan Sakakibara	Kishwer Vikaas	Titus Toyama
<b>Greeters</b>	Judy Fukuman	Diane Younglove GKI member	Daisy Seto	Lori Hart	Gary Younglove
<b>Pianist</b>	Wade Tambara	Janet Hill	Wade Tambara	Janet Hill	Haruko Sakakibara
<b>Ushers</b>	Terri Bowman Maurine Huang	Julie Chew GKI member	Sherri Yee Victor Yee	Donna Komure-Toyama Bill Nagata	Eddie Fong Gary Younglove
<b>Reader</b>	Haruko Sakakibara	Mieko Davis	Miyo Uchida	Michael Wright	Haruko Sakakibara
<b>Flowers</b>	Merijune Tokuno	Carla Hart	Fumi Nakata	Richard & Julie Howe	Kenny Okawara
<b>Parking</b>	Titus Toyoma	John Seno	David McGill	Sam Inouye	Tak Fukuman
<b>PA Operator</b>	David McGill	May Lee	Titus Toyama	Phillip Chew	Jerry Champa
<b>Sunday School</b>	Lois Van Beers	Julie Chew Ben Pryor Wade Tambara	Cathy Nishizaki	Carla Hart Ben Pryor Wade Tambara	Lois Van Beers
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Carolyn Ishii Irene Uno Diane Younglove	PPW Circle 1	Jody Brown Pattie Hashimoto Julie How	Julie Chew Carla Hart Sara Yamagata Ward	Men's Group Sunday School

**Communion May 5, 2019** Elders: Phillip Chew, Donna Komure-Toyama, Christine Umeda, William Yee  
 Elements: Aart Van Beek

## 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.

**Mar 16. Saturday Lunch.** 12:15 - 1:15 pm. Meet at Sushi Cafe, 4491 Freeport Blvd.

**Mar 17. Youth Group Cupcake Sale.** During coffee hour.

**Mar 17. PPW Election Meeting.** During coffee hour.

**Mar 19. Loaves & Fishes.** Sign up in the social hall to help serve lunch 11 am - 1 pm to the homeless and hungry.

**Mar 21. Book Club.** 7 pm. *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls. Email officemanager@parkviewpc.org for details.

**Mar 24. PPW Installation Luncheon/Fundraiser for Mercy Pedalers.** 12:30 pm at Parkview. Event open to everyone. In the spirit of charity and community outreach, this year's PPW Installation Luncheon will be a fundraising event for Mercy Pedalers.



Sister Libby Fernandez will share her experiences and

insights from her new ministry of presence and action in the streets of Sacramento with some of Sacramento's poorest. With a prepaid donation of \$20, you will receive banh mi sandwiches, salads, and more as well as time with our beloved Sister Libby.

**Mar 27. First Hanami Experience.** Join the Sacramento Tree Foundation 4 - 6 pm at the Sakura Grove at Southside Park. Hanami = Gathering under cherry blossoms to walk, relax, or picnic. Light refreshments will be provided. RSVP by Mar 20 to rsvphanami@sactree.com.

**Mar 31. Seafood Fest Wrap-Up Meeting.** In the sanctuary after worship service.

**Apr 6. Church Clean Up Day.** Save the date! Details to follow.

**Apr 19. Good Friday Service.** At Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church. Details to follow.

**Apr 21. Easter Worship Service.** Joint service with

Gerejakristen Indonesia Church. Details to follow.

**May 12. Mother's Day Service.** Please join us as we celebrate all the women in the church.

**May 18. Meeting of the Presbytery.** Will be held at Parkview this year! Details to follow.

**May 26. Memorial Day Service.** Details to follow.

**Jun 8. Annual Spaghetti Dinner.** Save the date! Details to follow.

**Jun 29. Parkview at the Music Circus.** Save the date for the 2 pm performance of *Oklahoma!*, with dinner to follow. Details to follow.

**Jun 30. Aart's Final Sermon.** Save the date! Details to follow for the celebration.

## 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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## Chapel Chimes Now Online!

You can now download the *Chapel Chimes* from the church website. Go to [www.parkviewpc.org](http://www.parkviewpc.org) and look for the link in the right navigation bar. Previous editions of the newsletter are also available. Can't find your Sunday Worship Team Schedule? Just check the online *Chapel Chimes*!

## Download the PPC Calendar to Your Smartphone!

It doesn't matter which kind of calendar you have: Google, iPhone, Yahoo. Go to [www.parkviewpc.org/calendar](http://www.parkviewpc.org/calendar) and click on the subscribe button at the bottom of the calendar. You're just a click away from having the PPC calendar at your fingertips!



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**In Celebration of Leah's Birthday:** Brian & Leah Kanegawa

**In Honor of Susan Champa on her 90th Birthday:** Jerry & Marilyn Champa

**In Memory of Grace Arata:** Phillip & Julie Chew, Terry & Cathy Nishizaki

**In Memory of Rick Judd:** Tak & Judy Fukuman

**In Memory of Wayne Katsumata:** Brian & Leah Kanegawa

**In Memory of Kurt & Marie Lauchli:** Daisy Seto

**In Memory of Howard Matsuhara:** Tsuto & Jean Ota

**In Memory of Robert Michael:** Fumi Nakata

