



# Chapel Chimes

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## Coach's Corner

### Principles of Good Governance

Dear Friends,

This past January I led a memorial service for my neighbor Ben Parker, a former sheep farmer on the Canterbury plains outside Christchurch, New Zealand. For a number of years, Ben was the president of the Northern California Rugby Federation until shortly before his tragic death at 49. He was highly intelligent and articulate, and he could outwit and outmaneuver anybody both as coach and as administrator. As a native of New Zealand, where rugby is a national religion, Ben was passionate about establishing good governance in a fledgling organization that is overflowing with testosterone. It was an almost impossible task. Right now in our nation and in democratic nations around the world the principles of good governance are being tested. Traditional ways of interpreting the separation of powers are in dispute. Wherever you look these days, governance seems to be a topic of contention.

What is good governance in a church like ours? This should concern us as you enter a time of transition and uncertainty. There may be times when you will ask, "Who is in charge, and how do we make decisions?" Therefore, I wanted to hold a few principles before you which will mostly be apparent to you already.

1. Love each other like a family, but don't govern yourselves as a family. Families tend to be run by tradition, by seniority, or by a decisive aunt or uncle everyone defers to. There is a Presbyterian system in place. If a decision is not clear or seems controversial, bring the issue to the Session. If the Session can't resolve it, they can bring it to the congregation. If the decisions made by those bodies are not workable, go back and repeat the process until the congregation gets it right.
2. No one or two individuals have veto power in the church. This includes the pastor. The pastor sets the tone and offers a direction the congregation should go in, but the pastor does not rule the congregation. Only the ordering of worship is the pastor's prerogative, the rest is subject to session decisions. I have seen many people come and go as session members over the years. I have seen them overrule my suggestions or even ignore them. I have also seen them act decisively. I have also seen them take risks with ideas I had, such as the residency program. Session members cannot serve more than six years at a time, and they are selected by an independent nominating committee and voted on by the congregation.
3. You are the Church because you are followers of Jesus Christ, not because you have a pastor or a building. In our system, you technically only need an ordained pastor for baptism, communion, and moderating session/congregational meetings. You can challenge any pastor's (or other staff person's) leadership through the personnel committee.

### *Parkview Session Elders*

**Session Elders may serve two consecutive terms of three years. Terms start in January.**

- Hashimoto, Pattie (1<sup>st</sup> term ends 2022)
- Lee, May (2<sup>nd</sup> term ends 2021)
- Sakai, Carol (2<sup>nd</sup> term ends 2021)
- Umeda, Christine, Clerk (2<sup>nd</sup> term ends 2020)
- Yee, William (1<sup>st</sup> term ends 2022)
- Younglove, Gary (2<sup>nd</sup> term ends 2020)

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4. Where the working of the church intersects with boundary issues in society, the congregation must develop implementable policies. These policies are constantly subject to review as your ministry, society, and your relationship to society change.
5. Trust the process and keep communicating with each other. Assume everyone in the congregation is well-intentioned even if their vision for the church is not the same as yours. Remember that if you follow the steps outlined above, you have an outsized chance of remaining a healthy church that can thrive even in challenging times.

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

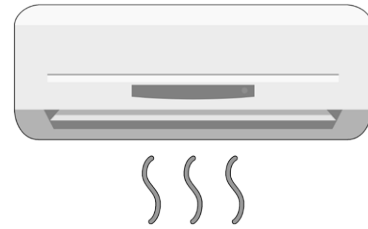
## **Parkview is Looking Spiffy!**

Volunteers gathered at Parkview on Saturday, Apr 6, to put some shine into the church and grounds. There were volunteers cleaning the kitchen, reorganizing, dusting, trimming hedges, and clearing the debris in the street. Many thanks to all the volunteers: Rola Al Ashkar, Greg Kristian, Eddie Fong, Yvonne Fong, Veronica Gould, Steve Hill, Donna Komure-Toyama, Jane Matsuoka, Dave McGill, Cathy Nishizaki, Haruko Sakakibara, Kris Sazaki, Aart Van Beek, and Hach Yasumura. Join us next year. We clean every spring!



## **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 Jonathan Sakakibara ([sakakiboy@hotmail.com](mailto:sakakiboy@hotmail.com)) or Titus Toyama ([titus.toyama@gmail.com](mailto:titus.toyama@gmail.com)) for more information. Thanks again for all your support.



## **AC/Heater Maintenance Volunteer Needed**

Parkview is looking for one or two volunteers who will maintain the ac/heating units. If you would like to volunteer, email [officemanager@parkviewpc.org](mailto:officemanager@parkviewpc.org). Thank you for your willingness to serve!

Duties (four times a year):

- Replace filters in the hallway and main units.
- Clean the filters in the 5 wall units.

Requirements:

- Must be able to stand on step stool.
- Must be able to descend stairs to heater unit.

## **Volunteer Spotlight: Betsy Eskridge**

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



We have Betsy to thank for getting all our bills paid and for providing the monthly income/expense figures (see page 3). As treasurer, Betsy has the responsibility of gathering the annual budget numbers. She also serves on the chairperson and greeter worship teams.

# News - continued

## Kansha Korner

*Our residents' column on their recent activities.*

*Veronica writes:*

Being an intergenerational church means fully embracing all of God's children of every age. This month, I wanted to share a bit about Parkview's youth group and all that they bring to our church community. It has been such a blessing to get to know them.

If you were here on St. Patrick's Day, you may have had a chance to taste our delicious homemade cupcakes. Our youth worked for hours, mixing, baking, and decorating, while sharing laughs, listening to music, and making memories together. Since I've been at Parkview, I've had the opportunity to join the youth group for a few outings. We went to Apple Hill and sampled apple cider donuts. We went ice skating at the rink downtown. (Everyone else seemed to be natural skaters, but I fell three times!) We went bowling in West Sac. And before Christmas, we decorated the Christmas tree in the sanctuary with some of the youth from GKI.

We've got plenty more fun events coming up, including egg dyeing this month and a trip to the Jelly Belly Factory in May.

But we're not all fun and games! As a small but close-knit community, we have been brainstorming with youth, parents, and leaders on how we can reach out and serve here in Sacramento. We have begun making connections with other congregations in the presbytery. We are looking beyond the walls and gates of the church here at Parkview.

Thank you to all of our youth, their parents, and all of our



youth leaders and volunteers who remind me what a gift it is to be part of an intergenerational church! Thank you Parkview for your continued support of our youth!

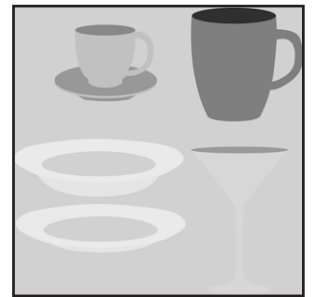
Yours in Christ, Veronica



## Youth Group Seeks Dime Toss Dishes

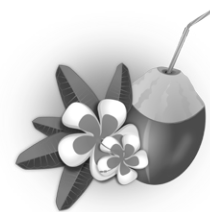
The Youth Group is collecting dishes and glasses for the popular dime toss game that is a popular part of the annual spaghetti dinner on Jun 8. Please place your donations in the bin under the table in the social hall until Jun 2.

Thank you!



## Parkview Social Set for May 3

Celebrate Friendship Day with Thai food, drinks, and fellowship. 6:30 pm at Coconut (1110 T Street). Park at the church at 6:20 pm, and everyone can walk together. This is a kid-friendly event, but some may be drinking alcohol. RSVP to Rola by Apr 28.



## Financial Report as of March 31, 2019:

	Mar	Total Yr 2019
Income:	\$9,464.50	\$37,262.97
Expenses:	\$14,478.82	\$40,562.88
Difference:		(\$3,299.91)

# Your Sunday Worship Team

Date	May 19 <i>3rd Sunday</i>	May 26 <i>4th Sunday</i>	Jun 2 <i>1st Sunday</i>	Jun 9 <i>2nd Sunday</i>	Jun 16 <i>Father's Day</i>
<b>Chair</b>	Phillip Chew	Donna Komure-Toyama	Christine Umeda	Judy Fukuman	Betsy Eskridge
<b>Greeters</b>	Carla Hart	Irene Uno	Lois Van Beers	Hannah Seno	Marilyn Champa
<b>Pianist</b>	Haruko Sakakibara	Wade Tambara	Haruko Sakakibara	Aart Van Beek Greg Kristian	Janet Hill
<b>Ushers</b>	Terri Bowman William Yee	Herning Grissom Titus Toyama	Tak Fukuman May Lee	Sherri Yee Gary Younglove	Maurine Huang Diane Younglove
<b>Reader</b>	Mieko Davis	Miyo Uchida	Haruko Sakakibara	Michael Wright	Mieko Davis
<b>Flowers</b>	Bill & Linda Nagata	Jerry & Marilyn Champa	Steve & Janet Hill	Sam Inouye	Pattie Hashimoto
<b>Parking</b>	Russ Hart	Bill Grissom	Phillip Chew	Tak Fukuman	Sam Inouye
<b>PA Operator</b>	Jerry Champa	Jonathan Sakakibara	David McGill	Titus Toyama	May Lee
<b>Sunday School</b>	Julie Chew	Cathy Nishizaki	Carla Hart	Lois Van Beers	Julie Chew
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Lori Hart Luda Wright Judy Yee	Judy Fukuman Maurine Huang Haruko Sakakibara	Donna Komure-Toyama Linda Nagata Diane Younglove	Terri Bowman Nancy Arata-Fong Russ Hart	Miyo Uchida Carolyn Van Beek Sherri Yee

**Communion Jun 2, 2019**    **Elders:**    Herning Grissom, Pattie Hashimoto, Bill Nagata, Titus Toyama  
**Elements:**    Doug Judson

## 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.

- Apr 16. Loaves & Fishes.** Sign up in the social hall to help serve lunch 11 am-1 pm to the homeless and hungry.
- Apr 19. Good Friday Service.** 7 pm. At Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church.
- Apr 20. Third Saturday Lunch.** 12:15 - 1:15 pm. Meet at Sushi Cafe, 4491 Freeport Blvd.
- Apr 21. Easter Worship Service.** Joint service with Gereja Kristen Indonesia Church.
- Apr 25. PPC Book Club Meeting.** 7 pm. *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee. Email officemanager@parkviewpc.org for meeting details.
- Apr 28. "I am Family" Choir from Uganda.** Please attend this special worship service!
- May 3. Parkview Social.** See page 3 for details.
- May 5. Teriyaki Sauce Making.** After coffee hour. Bring in empty bottles to be washed and reused by May 1.
- May 5. Chapel Chimes Deadline.** Email articles and photos to Kris Sazaki at officemanager@parkviewpc.org.
- May 10. Newsletter Collating Party.** 2-3 pm. Meet in the church office. Snacks provided.
- May 12. Mother's Day Service.** Please join us as we celebrate all who nurture in the church.
- May 17. Teriyaki Sauce Bottling.** 5 pm in the kitchen.
- May 18. Meeting of the Presbytery.** Will be held at Parkview this year! Details to follow.
- May 19. Youth Group Trip to Jelly Belly Factory.** Details to follow.
- May 26. Memorial Day Service.** Details to follow.
- Jun 8. Annual Spaghetti Dinner.** Save the date!
- Jun 16. Teacher and Pianist Appreciation Day.** During worship service.
- 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!
- Jun 30. Retirement Luncheon for Aart.** 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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## PPC Officers

### Advisory Committee

- Huang, Maurine (term ends 2020)
- Uno, Irene (term ends 2020)
- Van Beers, Lois (term ends 2020)

### Nominating Committee

- Hill, Janet (term ends 2020)
- Komure-Hanway, Effie (term ends 2020)
- Vacancy

### Personnel Committee

- Fukuman, Judy (term ends 2020)
- Grissom, Bill (term ends 2020)

### Presbytery Commissioners (no term limits)

- Hill, Janet
- Huang, Maurine
- Komure-Hanway, Effie

### Treasurer (no term limits)

- Betsy Eskridge

### Trustees (no term limits)

- Chew, Phillip
- Fukuman, Tak

**Grateful Acknowledgment to the following members and friends for their generous donations. Thank yous are posted as they are processed and may appear in a later edition of the newsletter:**

**Special Offerings:** Paula Fujiwara, Jack & Carol Sakai (Youth Group Easter Egg Hunt), Sakura Chorus (Paper Goods)

**In Celebration of the Birth of His 1<sup>st</sup> Grandchild:** Douglas Kubo

**In Celebration of Luca's 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday:** Michael & Luda Wright

**In Gratitude for Allowing them and their Crew to Chair and Cook the Seafood Fest:** Eddie & Yvonne Fong

**In Gratitude for Parkview's Hospitality:** Bob & Jill Nakamura

**In Memory of Jeff Adachi:** Barbara Hiyama Zweig

**In Memory of Grace Arata:** David & Nancy (Arata) Fong, Tom Tambara, Wade Tambara

**In Memory of Howard Matsuhara:** Richard & Dianne Uchida

**In Memory of Howard & Ruby Matsuhara:** Tee Kinoshita

**In Memory of Becky McReynolds:** Gary & Diane Younglove

**In Memory of Robert Michael:** Jeani Yoshimura

**In Memory of Yoshiko Sakamoto:** Roy & Yoko Asoo, Terry & Cathy Nishizaki, Stan & Christine Umeda

**In Memory of Misako Sumida:** Barbara Hiyama Zweig

**In Memory of Pearl Wong-Woo:** Eddie & Yvonne Fong

**In Memory of Miyo Yamada:** Eddie & Yvonne Fong

**In Memory of Ed Yee:** Eddie & Yvonne Fong

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

