



Chapel Chimes

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Coach's Corner

Being There

Dear Friends,

As I write my last Coach's Corner for Parkview, many of you are in the church service led by Rola and Veronica. I am not there with them, although there will be four more Sundays when I will be. In the film *Being There*, based on the novel by Jerzy Kosíński, Peter Sellers plays the role of a man named Chance, who has spent all of his professional life tending a garden near Washington D.C. He knows nothing about the world besides gardens and television. Once outside his small world, he makes simple statements which get interpreted as great words of wisdom, even by powerful people. What people really love about him is his presence and perceived depth.

When church is "done" well, people experience real presence and depth. Deep down we all crave the presence of people who are really interested in our wellbeing and a setting where the real questions of everyday life are brought into connection with the Eternal Presence. Parkview is such a place. We know the televised world we are part of is superficial and doesn't truly connect us. We cannot turn people on and off with a TV remote the way Chance tries to in the movie.

Of course, church like that only works if there is participation. Televised church does not ultimately satisfy because it is consumption religion. It is not interactive, engaged, or connected. There is an old question: "What is the church?" The sanitized version of the answer is: "It's what's left if both the pastor and the building were lost." So church is people who seek to gather with worship of God in mind. For that to happen, those people need to be there.

In about a month, my being there with and for you as your pastor will be over. It is time for new leadership and time for me to no longer lead a congregation. It is the reflection of the changeability of all things. There will be others to be present with you and talk to you about the things in life that ultimately matter. My request is that whoever comes after me as an interim or more permanently installed pastor will be welcomed fully in the way Carolyn and I and our boys were welcomed many years ago. I trust you will give her or him a chance to be the leader that she or he feels called to be. If the person you choose (and I have great faith in the wisdom of your Pastor Nominating Committee) were to be an awful lot like me, chances are it will not be the right one. Please remember that there are many templates for being a pastor.

Friends, you will be entering a period of transition soon. Sometimes in transitions, people will take a wait and see attitude. It is a natural reaction. I know that over the years I have said that I believe in a no-guilt church and that all should participate according to their calling, for guilt is a lousy motivator. That said, it is in transition that the church needs you most to be there. We know that God creates the church, Christ embodies it, and the Holy Spirit inspires it. The pastor, as Carolyn once wisely noted, sets the tone, but remember that the pastor is not supposed to carry the church, you are. So please help carry Parkview through this transition. Whenever you can, be there.

What is left for me is to thank you profusely for your patience, friendship, generosity, kindness, and cooperation over the years. May God bless your ministry. And see you in church this month.

— Aart



Pastor Aart, the residents, and GKI pastors at the 2019 joint Easter worship service.

News

Presbytery Meeting Hosted at Parkview

Parkview rolled out the red carpet for the Presbytery of Sacramento's meeting on May 18. It was a momentous occasion. The co-moderator of the General Assembly and the executive of the Synod of the Pacific were in attendance. Aart preached to the presbytery in his own church, Rola became a candidate for ministry, and Veronica introduced the presbytery to "Shalom," which Parkview sings at the end of every worship. Attendees loved the coziness of the Parkview surroundings, the hospitality of its many volunteers, and, of course, the food. The continental breakfast gave everyone a fresh start. Eddie, Yvonne, and the Parkview crew created a memorable lunch. Thank you, volunteers!



*Aart talks, Rola becomes a candidate, and Veronica sings.
Photos courtesy of Maurine Huang*

Picture This!

Parkview's newly forming Photo Club is trying to photograph all the church groups before Aart retires. Group contact persons should contact Judy Fukuman (judyfukuman@comcast.net) as soon as possible to arrange for the photo. For general information about the new club, please contact Bill Nagata (blnagata@yahoo.com). Groups: Parkview Presbyterian Women, Parkview Men's group, Sunday School, Youth group, Juji-kai, Mariners, Nisei Members, Choir, Pianists, Book Club (Other groups are welcome!)



May Lee Honored

OCA Greater Sacramento awarded PPC member May Lee the "Community Advocate of Influence" award at the Dragon Boat Festival Celebration on May 23. The OCA is a national organization dedicated to advancing the social, political, and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Islander Americans. May was honored for her lifelong advocacy, mentorship, and leadership with Asian Resources, APIs RISE, Giving Circle, and numerous community groups. Congratulations, May! Parkview is so proud of you.



Carol Sakai, May Lee & Irene Uno at the celebration.

Oktoberfest Offering becomes Aloha Offering

Parkview sends out four offering envelopes per year: Easter, Oktoberfest, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The PPC Session recently voted to change the Oktoberfest offering to the Aloha offering. This envelope will be sent out with the August newsletter. Having one of the offerings in August will help spread out the church's financial revenues throughout the year, giving the church greater financial stability. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Financial Report as of May 31, 2019:

	May	Total Yr 2019
Income:	\$8,199.65	\$55,169.62
Expenses:	\$12,136.82	\$64,535.58
Difference:		(\$9,365.96)

News - continued

Kansha Korner

Our residents' column on their recent activities.

Rola writes:

Friends, what holds you accountable? Is it your family? Your job? Your principles? Your partners? To me, it's my Faith. However, that wasn't always the case. There was a time when my faith was just a belief in a set of doctrines which did not interfere with any other aspect of my life. As I grew spiritually, I learned that a faith that is not functional is dead, whether it is individual or communal faith.

The Office of Vital Congregations, which I had the privilege to work with in the past year, has developed seven marks of congregational vitality, which churches can use to assess their own health and vitality and hold themselves accountable to their initial calling.

1. *Lifelong Discipleship Formation.* Is the church making differences in the lives of those sitting in the pews? Are people taking something they get on Sunday morning out with them to the world?
2. *Intentional Authentic Evangelism.* Do we cherish this Faith so much that we invite people to take part in it?
3. *Outward Incarnational Focus.* If our church doors closed today, would our neighbors notice any difference?
4. *Empowering Servant Leadership.* Do we identify, acknowledge, and create opportunities to use the skills of the many members of the church family?
5. *Spirit Inspired Worship.* Is the focus of Sunday morning worship pleasing to God and uplifting to the souls of those attending worship?



Rola at Vital Congregations

6. *Caring Relationships.* Is our church made of members who genuinely care about each other and who have a strong bond together beyond Sunday morning? (I think we would score the highest on this mark.)

7. *Ecclesial Health.* This mark is about transparency in handling our finances and in the way decisions are made and responsibilities are shared in the church.

I sincerely hope Parkview decides to join the Vital Congregations initiative. In any case, we can use these marks to evaluate ourselves as a church, especially as we go through transition and as we attempt to re-define who we are and who we want to be.

I would be willing to talk more in depth about Vital Congregations should there be any interest. You know where to find me.

Yours in Christ, Rola.



Sutter Buttes Hike Scheduled

26 people have expressed interest in participating in a custom hike in Sutter Buttes this fall, so the all-day hike has been scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 9. Cost will be \$30/person. Details will follow. Contact Maurine Huang (maurine_estelle@yahoo.com) or Janet Hill (hillfamily8958@gmail.com) for more information.

Volunteer Spotlight: Titus Toyama

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

Titus holds the record for serving on the most worship teams: Communion elder, chairperson, parking, usher, PA operator, and coffee hour! You'll also see him in the choir and working the raffle table at Parkview fundraisers. He can be counted on for just about everything. Thanks, Titus!



Your Sunday Worship Team

Date	Jul 28 <i>4th Sunday</i>	Aug 4 <i>1st Sunday</i>	Aug 11 <i>2nd Sunday</i>	Aug 18 <i>3rd Sunday</i>	Aug 25 <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
Chair	Phillip Chew	Judy Fukuman	Jonathan Sakakibara	Phillip Chew	Christine Umeda
Greeters	Yvonne Fong	Tak Fukuman	Carol Sakai	Marilyn Champa	Betsy Eskridge
Pianist	Wade Tambara	Haruko Sakakibara	Wade Tambara	Janet Hill	Janet Hill
Ushers	Terri Bowman Bill Nagata	Tak Fukuman May Lee	Titus Toyama William Yee	Eddie Fong Diane Younglove	Mitch Lorens Sue Lorens
Reader	Mieko Davis	Haruko Sakakibara	Michael Wright	Miyo Uchida	Mieko Davis
Flowers	Mary Tokuhisa	John Yamagata	Hannah Mori	Wayne & Choon Ok Kubo	Jerry & Maurine Huang
Parking	Russ Hart	Randy Shiroi	Tak Fukuman	Sam Inouye	Bill Nagata
PA Operator	Jay Chew	Dave McGill	May Lee	Jonathan Sakakibara	Jerry Champa
Bible Story Time	TBD	Leah Nishizaki	TBD	Leah Nishizaki	Leah Nishizaki
Coffee Hour	Jody Brown Haruko Sakakibara Miyo Uchida	Carla Hart Titus Toyama Irene Uno	Janet Hill Judy Yee Sherri Yee	Doug Judson Ben Pryor Wade Tambara	Aloha Potluck 

Communion Aug 11, 2019 Elders: Judy Fukuman, Bill Grissom, Christine Umeda, William Yee
Elements: Titus Toyama

Please Note: This special communion date replaces the traditional first Sunday communion.

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!

Upcoming Events & Contacts

Sunday Worship begins at 10 am.

Today. Veronica in Chaplaincy Program.

Veronica has half-time duties at Parkview through Mid-August.

Jun 15. Third Saturday Lunch. 12:15 - 1:15 pm.

Meet at Sushi Cafe, 4491 Freeport Blvd.

Jun 16. Teacher and Pianist Appreciation Day.

During worship service.

Jun 18. Loaves & Fishes. Sign up in the social

hall to help serve lunch 11 am-1 pm to the homeless and hungry.

Jun 29. Parkview at the Music Circus. This is a

reminder for all those who have signed up that the performance starts at 2 pm. Early dinner to follow.

Jun 30. Pastor Aart's Final Sermon. Aart will also

serve holy communion.

Jun 30. Retirement Luncheon for Pastor Aart.

See insert for details.

Jul 4. Potluck Dinner & Fireworks. Sponsored

by Juji-kai. Details to follow. Donations toward fireworks can be given to John Seno, Hannah Seno, or Wade Tambara.

Jul 11. Book Club Meeting. 7 pm. *The Girl Who*

Lived by Christopher Greyson. Email officemanager@parkviewpc.org for details.

Jul 12. Choir Retreat. Through Jul 14 at Zephyr

Point, Nevada. See Ben Pryor for details.

Jul 16. Loaves & Fishes. Sign up in the social

hall to help serve lunch 11 am-1 pm to the homeless and hungry.

Jul 20. Third Saturday Lunch. 12:15 - 1:15 pm.

Meet at Sushi Cafe, 4491 Freeport Blvd.

Aug 4. Aloha Sundays. Through Aug 25. Wear

your casual Hawaiian dress.

Aug 25. Aloha Potluck. Please bring a main or side

dish to share to celebrate the end of summer during coffee hour.

Sep 28. Breakfast Buffet. Save the date!

Nov 9. Sutter Buttes Hike. See page 3 for

details.

Church Office Hours:

Tuesdays 9:00 - 11:00 am

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- Uno, Irene (term ends 2020)
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- Bowman, Terri (term ends 2020)
- Hill, Janet (term ends 2020)
- Komure-Hanway, Effie (term ends 2020)

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- Fukuman, Judy (term ends 2020)
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Presbytery Commissioners (no term limits)

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

Treasurer (no term limits)

- Betsy Eskridge

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- Chew, Phillip
- Fukuman, Tak

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In Memory of Milt Yee: May Lee

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