



Chapel Chimes

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Officer Vacancies

By Rola Al Ashkar, Veronica Gould & Kris Sazaki

Election for officers will be held in January. You may be the perfect person to serve as an officer at Parkview. Below are the *current vacancies* with requirements and duties. If you are not a member but feel called to serve on a committee that requires membership, consider your call to join the congregation as a member. If you are a member and feel called to serve in a role that requires you to be a ruling elder, maybe God is calling you to get ordained and serve your congregation. Please talk to any of the Pastoral Residents; we are here to help you and walk alongside you as you discern what God is calling you to do. We will be happy to provide you with any additional information you may need.

SESSION: *Two vacancies* (3-year term)

What is the Session? The session is the council for the congregation. It is composed of ordained elders, also called ruling elders, together with all installed pastors and associate pastors. Parkview's Session meets bimonthly on the second Sunday of the month but may meet at other times such as for a Session retreat.

What does the Session do? "The session shall have responsibility for governing the congregation and guiding its witness to the sovereign activity of God in the world, so that the congregation is and becomes a community of faith, hope, love, and witness." Specific duties include: election of church treasurer and clerk of session, approval of budget, financial review, review of membership rolls, authorizing money for maintaining the church building or activities and events of the congregation, looking into legal matters, appointing interim pastors, calling a congregational meeting, approving baptisms, memorials and new joining members, adding or removing members, commissioning committees for a specific role (e.g. Interim Pastor Search Committee).

Who can serve on session? Session members have to be official members and ruling elders of the congregation.

COMMISSIONER TO THE PRESBYTERY: *One vacancy* (no term limits)

Who are the commissioners to the Presbytery? Ruling elders (ordained elders) are elected by Session and attend the Presbytery's quarterly and other meetings called by the Presbytery. Commissioners submit a report to session, to keep the congregation informed on the Presbytery's and its member churches' news, changes, or events. Serving as a commissioner is a great way to connect with other Presbyterians and to learn how other congregations are serving as witnesses to God's kingdom!

CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

One vacancy from Session (2-year term)

What are the duties of the Nominating Committee? The congregational nominating committee can nominate ruling elders and deacons. It consists of at least three active members of the congregation and shall include at least one ruling elder who is currently serving on the Session. It is elected by the congregation and drawn from and representative of its membership. Any official member of the church can serve on the nominating committee, provided that one of its members is an elder presently serving on session.



*Parkview hosted the Presbytery Meeting this past May 17
Photo courtesy of Maurine Huang*

News

Parkview Hikers Take on Sutter Buttes

Sixteen Parkview hikers recently participated in a charter hike in the privately owned Sutter Buttes. Led by experienced hiker Steve Roddy and his six back-up guides, the hikers learned about the geology, prehistory, and history of the Buttes, including an introduction to California natives' visits to and use of the resources available there and the spiritual significance of the Buttes to the native Californians. The hike was arranged through Yuba City-based Middle Mountain Interpretive Hikes, which offers "open hikes," and by request organizes custom hikes.

Submitted by Maurine Huang



Parkview hikers enjoy a beautiful hike.

April Pryor Memorial Scholarship Fund

The United Methodist Women at First United Methodist Church, Redding, have established a scholarship fund in honor of April Pryor. April taught Sunday School at FUMC for 50 years, touching the lives of hundreds of children in the pre-K classes there. April dearly loved children, as we know from her involvement in Parkview's Sunday School program. If you would like to donate to the fund, send a check with "April Pryor Memorial Scholarship Fund" in the memo line to: First United Methodist Church, PO Box 992716, Redding, CA 96099-2716.

2019 Breakfast Buffet: The Numbers are in!

Thanks to all of you who made the breakfast buffet a success. Including tickets, raffle, silent auction, and sponsorships, we raised a record-breaking \$12,974.62!!

Reusable Coffee/Tea Cups

Parkview Church will receive 62 8-oz., chip resistant, stackable, 3" diameter/tall coffee cups. Coffee Hour teams will have the option of using these cups instead of disposable ones. Advantages of reusable cups include saving money, space, and reducing waste. Our donor, Suz Doi, who works at a medical facility where Green Initiative practices have been adopted, has offered to help get the ball rolling with washing efficiencies. This small act of waste reduction can be a step toward becoming a greener church. We may want to look at our spiritual life and see if we want to integrate a belief that this world that God created is sacred and maybe become a PCUSA earth-care congregation? For further investigation:



www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/earth-care.

Submitted by Carla Hart

Parkview Needs More Worship Team Members

Meaningful worship services are the result of great teamwork. From the pastoral residents to the greeter at the door, everyone plays an important role. We need more team members, so please join a team. More information is located online in the Oct 2019 *Chapel Chimes*. See <https://www.parkviewpc.org/newsletter/>. Email officemanager@parkviewpc.org or sakakibaraharuko@gmail.com (altar flowers).

- chairperson
- greeter
- usher
- pianist/musician
- Japanese Bible reader
- PA operator
- coffee hour
- parking attendant
- Communion elder
- altar flowers (3/8, 6/28, 7/26, 8/2, 8/9)

Financial Report as of Nov 30, 2019:

	Nov	Total Yr 2019
Income:	\$26,088.62	\$143,893.20
Expenses:	\$4,556.07	\$112,828.79
Difference:		\$31,064.41

News - continued

Kansha Korner

Our residents' column on their recent activities.

Rola writes:

It is hard to believe the end of December will mark the end of my second year at Parkview! It's been quite a journey. In my first year I had so much to learn: the history and culture of this country and the different ethnic and religious groups; Parkview's own unique culture and the Japanese-American experience; and the Presbytery of Sacramento, many of whose member churches I visited.

In this second year, I had been focusing on my ordination process. I am happy to tell you that I am in the last step of the ordination process, and I would like to give you an idea of what it entails. A person seeking ordination with the PCUSA has to be a member of a PCUSA church, who had completed their Master of Divinity or an equivalent degree in an accredited seminary. Then they should submit a request to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) to become an inquirer.

The inquirer has to serve a church for at least a year before submitting an application for candidacy along with a Statement of Call to the CPM. The inquirer's supervisor, Pastor Aart in my case, also submits a report with their feedback on the inquirer's work and eligibility for ministry. After the inquirer answers any questions the CPM may have. The committee then votes on moving the inquirer to candidacy.

The Presbytery votes at the presbytery meeting to accept the inquirer as a candidate for ordination. That happened for me on May 17th when Parkview hosted the Presbytery meeting. That was special!

The candidate has to complete four Senior Ordination exams, a Bible Content exam, and a psychological evaluation, all while continuing to serve in ministry



Rola arrives at SMF Dec 2017

for at least another year. After the candidate passes the exams, completes the psychological evaluation, and fulfills the required time in ministry, the candidate for ministry is ready to receive a call and then ordained to that call.

I am almost there. I started my examinations last January, but after receiving the news of Pastor Aart's retirement plans, the focus shifted back to my new role at Parkview. Today, I am in the last stages of this lengthy process. I have finished two tests in October and am signed up for the last two this coming January. Your graciousness and support throughout this journey have made it an enjoyable one for me. Thank you Parkview for giving me the opportunity to serve you while working towards achieving my goals. May God bless our ministry.

Chirashi Fundraiser a Delicious Success!

The Mariners launched this fundraiser last November, and it turned out to be a big success this year! 240 boxes, \$10 each, all sold out, and more than 50 church members and Sakura Chorus members volunteered to prepare the food. There was good energy at the church, full of smiles and love to serve. Some people bought ten boxes for a family gathering. That's the way to go! \$2400 was raised because all of the ingredients were purchased or supplied by Mariners' members' donations. The Mariners will use the proceeds to help pay for church property maintenance. Many thanks again to all involved. Check out the event photos at <https://www.parkviewpc.org/events/>.

Submitted by Haruko Sakakibara

Volunteer Spotlight: Gary Summers

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

Gary Summers has quietly gone about repairing our beautiful but aging wooden fence. It's no easy feat to maintain the design elements while improving the overall structure. Many thanks to you, Gary!



Your Sunday Worship Team

Date	Jan 19 <i>3rd Sunday</i>	Jan 26 <i>4th Sunday</i>	Feb 2 <i>1st Sunday</i>	Feb 9 <i>2nd Sunday</i>	Feb 16 <i>3rd Sunday</i>
Chair	Titus Toyama	Donna Komure-Toyama	Christine Umeda	Kishwer Vikaas	Phillip Chew
Greeter	Steve Hanway	Marilyn Champa	Diane Younglove	Daisy Seto	Fumi Nakata
Pianist	Haruko Sakakibara	Wade Tambara	Janet Hill	Wade Tambara	Haruko Sakakibara
Ushers	Terri Bowman Julie Chew	Judy Fukuman Herning Grissom	Steve Hanway Tak Fukuman	May Lee Bill Nagata	Sherri Yee Victor Yee
Reader	Haruko Sakakibara	Miyo Uchida	Mieko Davis	Michael Wright	Haruko Sakakibara
Flowers	Steve Hanway	Jack & Carol Sakai	Titus & Donna Toyama	Dave McGill	May Lee
Parking	Bill Grissom	Glenn Kubota	Randy Shiroy	Dave McGill	Bill Nagata
PA Operator	May Lee	Dave McGill	Jay Chew	Jonathan Sakakibara	Jerry Champa
Sunday School/ Youth Group	TBD Ben Pryor Wade Tambara	TBD	TBD Ben Pryor Wade Tambara	TBD	TBD Ben Pryor Wade Tambara
Coffee Hour	Judy Fukuman Lois Van Beers Diane Younglove	Doug Judson Ben Pryor Wade Tambara	Carla Hart Kaitlin Toyama Miyo Uchida	Russ Hart Julie Howe Haruko Sakakibara	Herning Grissom Titus Toyama Christine Umeda

Communion Jan 19, 2020 Elders: Pattie Hashimoto, Maurine Huang, Carol Sakai, Titus Toyama
Elements: Bill Grissom

Communion Feb 2, 2020 Elders: Donna Komure-Toyama, Christine Umeda, William Yee, Gary Younglove
Elements: Ben Pryor

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 & More

Sunday Worship begins at 10 am.

- Dec 15. Gingerbread House Making.** 12-2 pm. \$10 per house. Pay Cathy Nishizaki.
- Dec 17. Loaves & Fishes.** Sign up in the social hall to help serve lunch 11 am-1 pm to the homeless and hungry.
- Dec 19. Book Club Meeting.** 7 pm. *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. Email officemanager@parkviewpc.org for details.
- Dec 21. NO Third Saturday Lunch.** Third Saturday Lunch resumes in January.
- Dec 21. Jujikai Christmas Potluck & White Elephant Gift Exchange.** 6:30 pm at the Grissom home. Bring a wrapped \$15 gift, your family, and a dish to share. RSVP Herning Grissom (916) 485-1215.
- Dec 22. Christmas Worship Service.** 10 am. Communion will be served.
- Jan 5. Chapel Chimes Deadline.** Email articles and photos to Kris Sazaki at officemanager@parkviewpc.org.
- Jan 10. Newsletter Collating Party.** 2-3 pm. Meet in pastor's office. Snacks provided.
- Jan 18. Third Saturday Lunch.** 12:15 - 1:15 pm. Meet at Sushi Cafe, 4491 Freeport Blvd.
- Jan 19. Congregational Meeting.** After coffee hour. Everyone is welcome!! You need not be a member to attend, but you must be a member to vote.
- Jan 21. Loaves & Fishes.** Sign up in the social hall to help serve lunch 11 am-1 pm to the homeless and hungry.
- Jan 25. Seafood Fest.** 5 pm. Tickets are sold out! Email officemanager@parkviewpc.org to be added to the waiting list.
- Jan 30. PPC Book Club Meeting.** 7 pm. *Immigrant, Montana* by Amitava Kumar. Email officemanager@parkviewpc.org for meeting details.
- Feb 22. Tsuru for Solidarity Fold-In.** 1-4 pm. Help fold cranes to protest migrant detention. Go to <https://tsuruforsolidarity.org/> for more information about the project.

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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Kiyoshi Fujiwara has moved!

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Used Household Battery Collection

Please bring your used household batteries to church for proper disposal. The collection box is located in the social hall throughout the month of December. Let's keep batteries out of the landfill!



Submitted by Dave McGill

Parkview Session has approved . . .

- 2020 Budget
- Election of Betsy Eskridge as Treasurer
- Election of Christine Umeda as Clerk of Session
- Tsuru for Solidarity Community Fold-In on Feb 22.

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