



# Chapel Chimes

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## From Pastor Pamela

Dear Friends

I was so excited to recently share a sermon with you about the significance of Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) and how it is a part of our religious experience in the church calendar. You can view this and other sermons on our website at <https://www.parkviewpc.org>. I was grateful to Carolyn Ishii, Carol Sakai, and Luda Wright for providing us with a fun Mardi Gras coffee hour that included green, purple, and gold decorations, topped off by a king cake and a little baby Jesus to boot! Mardi Gras is all about a party and celebration on Tuesday because the very next day is Ash Wednesday.

We have officially entered the season of Lent. This is the time that we remember when Jesus wandered in the desert for forty days. It is our season to wander in our own spiritual deserts for forty days for a time of reflection, introspection, and to remember how precious life is on this earth. We are reminded of our impermanence as ashes are imposed on our foreheads in a cross with the words being said, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

For six weeks, the theme of our Lenten season is "Transformations of the Heart." Rola, Veronica, and I will be preaching on various themes of transformations as we lead up to Holy Week and Easter. If you happen to miss a sermon, you can view it on the church website at <https://www.parkviewpc.org/category/reflections/>.

Feb 23: Transformations of the Heart (Pamela)

Mar 01: Transformations as a Spiritual Journey (Rola)

Mar 08: Transformations through Prayer (Veronica)

Mar 15: Transformations of the Mind (Rola)

Mar 22: Transformations through Rest (Pamela)

Mar 29: Transformations through Mercy (Veronica)

We are also leading a Lenten series for small group conversations that will coincide with the theme of that week's sermon. These Lenten conversations are a way for us to strengthen our Adult Spiritual Formation program and to get into deeper conversations around our faith. The gatherings will take place in the pastor's office on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm and Friday mornings from 10:00-11:00 am. Please enter through the front door of the church, and knock loudly, if the door is locked.



*Mar 1 Worship to Celebrate Ash Wednesday  
Photos courtesy of Pamela Anderson & Judy Fukuman*

During Holy Week we will have a special Palm Sunday service with the children singing. On Maundy Thursday, there are a couple of special events you can attend. I am very good friends with Rabbi Taff at Mosaic Law Synagogue, and I will be attending their Passover service. This is a very welcoming congregation, and if you have ever wanted to experience a Passover meal, please join me. See page 5 for details. Meanwhile, Veronica will be celebrating Maundy Thursday at St. John's Lutheran Church. If you plan on attending, please let Veronica know. Details are on page 5.

On Good Friday, Parkview will host the joint service with the Japanese Methodist Church and Rev. Motoe. The service will begin at 7pm and when it is over, we will leave the service in silence.

Holy Week will culminate with the Good News of Easter on Sunday, Apr 12. We hope that you, your family, and your

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# News

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friends can join us for a celebratory service followed by an Easter egg hunt for the kids.

Again, I feel so blessed to be with you as your interim pastor. Thank you all for welcoming me so warmly and graciously into your season of discernment. You are an amazing community. From the depths of my heart, I want you to hear that. *You . . .* are an amazing community.

Peace & Shalom,  
Pastor Pamela

## Crane-folding Event is Huge Success

Parkview played host to a crane-folding event on Feb 22. There were over 100 people in attendance. People also brought in folded cranes. In total, Parkview collected and strung around 6,500 cranes! Tsuru for Solidarity's goal is to send 125,000 cranes to Washington DC to protest the detention camps. Go to <https://tsuruforsolidarity.org/> for more information. Our local Channel 10 news interviewed Parkview members Hach Yasumura and Kaitlin Toyama. You can watch the video on the church's Events page at <https://www.parkviewpc.org/events/>. The best news yet? Parkview inspired three other churches in the presbytery to host fold-in events!



*Marielle Tsukamoto of the JACL folds cranes with Veronica*

## Parkview receives Grant from Presbytery!

The Congregational Support Ministry Team of the Sacramento Presbytery has recently approved a \$10,000 grant to Parkview. The grant will be used for much needed repairs to improve the safety, security, and health of our Parkview community. The repairs include fixing all doors and upgrading locks, replacing broken windows, adding lighting to the interior courtyard and exterior areas of the property, bringing the Kansha residence up to code, and repairing and reconfiguring the wooden fence surrounding the property. Parkview is grateful to the Presbytery for this grant, and many thanks go to Pastor Pamela, Maurine Huang, and the Buildings & Grounds Committee (Phillip Chew, Steve Hill, and Gary Younglove) for their work on the grant.



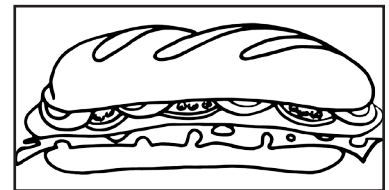
*View of the Kansha*

Submitted by Maurine Huang



## PPW Installation Luncheon Set for Mar 29

This year's Parkview Presbyterian Women installation luncheon will take place in our social hall at 12:30 pm, Sunday, Mar 29.



Our guest speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Mary Westfall, Transitional Presbyter, Presbytery of Sacramento. She will speak on the care of our environment, including simple steps we can take to reduce our environmental "footprint." Please sign up by Sunday, March 15. Cost of the lunch is \$20. Please give cash or check, made out to PPW, to Maurine Huang or Betsy Eskridge.

Submitted by Maurine Huang

# News - continued

## Kansha Korner

*Our residents' column on their recent activities.*

"We order our worship first and foremost by the authority of the Word of God, and acknowledge that there is always room to reshape its order as needed as we seek to be ordered by that authority." (W-2.0102)



*View from the Kansha*

This is a quotation from the *Book of Order*,

one of two volumes that contain our Presbyterian constitution. The way we order our worship has a theological underpinning. You may have noticed in recent Sundays that we have shifted the order of some parts of the worship program. We want to give you a short summary of the theological reason behind these changes.

In our Reformed Theology, the Sacraments of baptism and communion are the Word of God enacted and sealed in the life of the Church. Therefore the Sacraments follow the Word proclamation and act as a response to the Word. For this reason we moved the celebration of the sacraments to follow the reading of scripture and the sermon.

The same applies to the offerings. The directory for worship in the *Book of Order* teaches that "the gifts we offer express our stewardship of creation, demonstrate our care for one another, support the ministries of the church, and provide for the needs of the poor." (W-3.0411) We give our offerings as a response to the free gift offered in Christ through the power of the Spirit. So out of our belief that the offering is a grateful response and an act of thanksgiving for the life offered in Christ and proclaimed through the Word, it is most appropriate that offerings follow the proclamation of the Word and the celebration of the Sacraments.

The other part we have moved is the passing of the peace. We moved it to follow the prayer of confession and the assurance of God's grace. When we have faced the sinful state of the world and of our lives,

confessing our unworthiness to enter into God's presence, and after proclaiming the forgiveness we earned through the mercy and grace of God, we then exchange the sign of peace as a sign of our reconciliation with God and with each other.

This was a brief sketch of our reformed theology. Please do not hesitate to approach us with any questions you might have.

Yours in Christ,  
Rola

## Volunteer Spotlight: Christine Umeda

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

You may know Christine from her service as worship leader, member of the coffee hour team, or as her work as a civil rights activist in the Japanese American community. Christine has recently completed two terms as a member of Session, serving at the same time as clerk of Session. She will continue on as clerk of Session, and for that she has the gratitude of all the current members of Session. Thanks for all your hard work, Christine!



## The Numbers are in!

The Jan 25 Seafood Fest netted \$5379.13 for Parkview! Many thanks to everyone involved for making this another resounding success.

### Financial Report as of Feb 29, 2020:

	Feb	Total Yr 2020
Income:	\$21,019.81	\$28,350.81
Expenses:	\$8,314.53	\$17,554.35
Difference:		\$10,796.46

# Your Sunday Worship Team

Date	Mar 29 <i>5th Sunday</i>	Apr 5 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Apr 12 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	Apr 19 <i>3rd Sunday</i>	Apr 26 <i>4th Sunday</i>
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Kishwer Vikaas	Donna Komure-Toyama	Betsy Eskridge	Titus Toyama	Judy Fukuman
<b>Greeter</b>	Bill Nagata	Marilyn Champa	Steve Hanway	Lois Van Beers	Betsy Eskridge
<b>Pianist</b>	Haruko Sakakibara	Wade Tambara	Wade Tambara	Janet Hill	Janet Hill
<b>Ushers</b>	Terri Bowman Judy Fukuman	Julie Chew William Yee	Sherri Yee Victor Yee	Diane Younglove Gary Younglove	May Lee Titus Toyama
<b>Reader</b>	Miyo Uchida	Haruko Sakakibara	Michael Wright	Mieko Davis	Miyo Uchida
<b>Flowers</b>	May Lee	Merijune Tokuno	Edwin & Lisa Imura	Carla Hart	Fumi Nakata
<b>Parking</b>	Glenn Kubota	Gary Younglove	Bill Grissom	Bill Nagata	Randy Shiroi
<b>PA Operator</b>	May Lee	Jonathan Sakakibara	Titus Toyama	Jerry Champa	Dave McGill
<b>Sunday School/ Youth Group</b>	Children's Choir Practice	Doug Judson Ben Pryor Kishwer Vikaas	Lois VanBeers	Julie Chew Ben Pryor Wade Tambara	TBD
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Carol Sakai Miyo Uchida Diane Younglove	Russ Hart Pattie Hashimoto Irene Uno	PPW Circle 2	Doug Judson Ben Pryor Wade Tambara	Julie Chew Eddie/Yvonne Fong Herning Grissom

**Communion Apr 12, 2020 Elders:** Phillip Chew, Bill Grissom, May Lee, Carol Sakai  
**Elements:** Phillip Chew

## 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 & More

**Sunday Worship begins at 10 am.**

**Mar 10. Lenten Bible Study 3.** 6:30-7:30 pm in the pastor's office.

**Mar 13. Lenten Bible Study 3.** 10:00-11:00 am in the pastor's office.

**Mar 14. Veronica at Prospective Student Weekend.** Lutheran Seminary in Berkeley.

**Mar 15. Holy Communion.** Please note special date.

**Mar 15. Youth Group Rice Krispie Treat Sale.** After worship service.

**Mar 15. PPW Election Meeting.** After worship service. Meet in the sanctuary.

**Mar 16. Pastor Pamela at Transitional Ministry Conference.** Thru Mar 19. Portland, OR.

**Mar 17. Loaves & Fishes.** Sign up in the social hall to help serve lunch 11 am-1 pm to the homeless and hungry.

**Mar 18. Kris on Vacation.** Thru Mar 24. Office closed.

**Mar 19. Book Club Meeting.** 7 pm. *The Second Mrs. Hockaday* by Susan Rivers. Email [officemanager@parkviewpc.org](mailto:officemanager@parkviewpc.org) for details.

**Mar 21. Third Saturday Lunch.** 12:15 - 1:15 pm. Meet at Sushi Cafe, 4491 Freeport Blvd.

**Mar 22. PPC Session Meeting.** After coffee hour. Meet in the pastor's office.

**Mar 22. Youth Group Tour of UC Davis.** Details available from Youth Group leaders.

**Mar 29. PPW Installation Luncheon.** 12:30-2:15 pm. Rev. Dr. Mary Westfall, Transitional Presbyter, Presbytery of Sacramento

**Apr 5. Seafood Fest Wrap Up Meeting.** After coffee hour. Everyone welcome!

**Apr 10. Youth Group Egg Dyeing and Egg Stuffing.** Help prepare the goodies for the Easter Sunday egg hunt.

**Mar 22. PPC Session Meeting.** After coffee hour. Meet in the pastor's office.

**Apr 4. Church Clean Up Day.** 9 am - 2 pm. Save the date!

**Apr 9. Maundy Thursday Service.** 7 pm, St. John's Lutheran Church, 1701 L Street.

**Apr 9. Passover Seder.** 6:30 pm. Mosaic Law Congregation, 2300 Sierra Blvd. \$35 adults, \$15 children. More info: <https://www.mosaiclaw.org/>

**Apr 10. Good Friday Service.** 7 pm at Parkview.

**Apr 12. Easter Service.** Holy communion will be served. Easter egg hunt following the service.

**Apr 25. Youth Group Tour of UC Berkeley.** Tentative 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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## *Parkview Session has voted . . .*

- . . . to hold monthly Session meetings. Please contact any Session member to add an item to the agenda.
- . . . to join the Southside Park Neighborhood Association.

## 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 link at the bottom of the calendar to add the calendar to yours. You're just a click away from having the PPC calendar at your fingertips!



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