



Chapel Chimes

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From Pastor Pamela

Dear Friends,

These are certainly interesting times we live in! While many are staying home and adhering to the shelter-in-place orders, there are many in the community who feel disenfranchised and frustrated about their economic situation due to COVID-19. None of this is easy. We are going through a medical and economic crisis, and none of this effects us equally. Just as some of us are effected by the Coronavirus more than others, a weakened economy is affecting us more than others, and some have the painful overlap of both. The preamble to our Constitution says, “We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.” In order to form a more perfect Union; we cannot lose sight that we need each other. As Jesus preached the great commandments he said, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” (Mark 12:31) We need to figure out a way that we can provide for a common defense against this pandemic where we don’t lose sight of one another. As my friend Rabbi Mona Alfí says, “The only way we will get out of this OK is if we all work together, each of us taking actions that are not only for our own benefit, but the benefit of the larger community. Because unless we realize that our lives and livelihoods are dependent on how well our neighbor’s lives and livelihoods are doing, our society will not be able to rebound from this crisis.”

I read a story recently about a teacher who brought balloons to school and instructed the kids to blow them up and then write their names on their balloons. (Clearly this took place before the Coronavirus.) She then told them to put all of their balloons in the hallway, and she mixed up all of the balloons and told the kids they had 5 minutes for every kid to find their own balloon. Each child frantically dove into the balloons searching for what they thought of as theirs. But when the time was up, not a single kid had found their own balloon. The teacher then told them to take the balloon closest to them and find the person whose name was on it, and give them their balloon. Within two minutes every child had their balloon. The teacher said “Balloons are like happiness. No one finds it when they are looking only for their own. But when everyone cares about each other’s happiness, they will find their own much more quickly.” But I think that the teacher was only partially correct. What also changed was the children stopped looking for an object, and started looking for each other. And this is how we will find our way out of this pandemic. If we look out for each other, if we care about what happens to each and every person’s life and livelihood, if we live by the principal of “love your neighbor as yourself,” it is then and only then, we will find our way out.

Blessings,
Pastor Pamela



*Pastor Pamela, Veronica & Rola are
live-streaming worship services every Sunday.*

News

Memorial Day Worship Service

Our Memorial Day worship service will take place this year on Sunday, May 24. We will light a candle for every beloved Parkview worshiper, family member, or friend who has passed away since last Memorial Day. If you would like us to light a candle in memory of your loved one, please email officemanager@parkviewpc.org or leave a message on the church office phone (916.443.4464) by May 20. Everyone is invited to join this and all worship services. See page 4 for more information on how to participate in our worship services.



Thank You, Tom's Printing

How sad it was to hear that Tom's Printing is closing its doors after over 50 years of serving Sacramento. Tom's has supplied Parkview with its printing needs for longer than we can remember. But we are grateful to Tom's for so much more than their wonderful service. They have consistently donated to Parkview over the years, including the printing of flyers and tickets for our fundraisers.

It's the Tom Family we'll remember most, though. Becky, Robert & Mel have served on Eddie's crew since Day One. That's over 10 years! They are the first to arrive and the last to leave. They are the most giving family and never ask for anything in return. They learned their great work ethic from their dad, Nay Wah Tom, who started Tom's Printing. They will remain beloved members of the Parkview family, and we send them our prayers for the next part of their journey through life.

Food Fund

Since we have been sheltering in place, Parkview has witnessed more and more unsheltered people living near the church. We can't offer shelter, but we can offer food, which they also need. Pastor Pamela has secured a \$1000 grant from the Presbytery of Sacramento to start a food fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please write "Food Fund" in your donation (by check or online).

*"A generous person will prosper;
whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."
(Proverbs 11:25)*

Volunteer Spotlight: Judy Fukuman

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

As part of the personnel committee, Judy worked hard to hire a new gardener. The church grounds are looking great nowadays. Judy has been using her sewing skills to sew over 100 masks for the Asian Community Center, family, and friends. The pastoral staff, too, are grateful for her beautiful gift of masks. Thank you, Judy, for helping keep our community safe!



Becky, Robert & Mel volunteering at a recent Seafood Fest.

Financial Report as of Apr 30, 2020:

	Apr	Total Yr 2020
Income:	\$9,396.44	\$43,071.25
Expenses:	\$11,614.58	\$39,544.06
Difference:		\$3,527.19

News - continued

Kansha Korner

Our residents' column on their recent activities.

It has been hard to discern what God had been calling me to do in the past couple of months, but now it's clear to me that I am being called to start a New Worshipping Community. PC(U.S.A.) uses the term New Worshipping Community



Rola practicing yoga.

(NWC) for new church plants. They are trying to get away from the term "church" because it is related to the institution in the minds of many, though the Bible teaches, and as we have all realized recently, that we are the church, and the church does not always look like a building with pews.

For this reason, our national office has started a new department called 1001 NWC, whose purpose is - as its name indicates - to start 1001 new worshipping communities. I am happy to announce that I have been accepted to take part in the yearly apprenticeship with 1001 NWC, in which they provide training, coaching, and support for nine months to help individuals launch new ministries. My vision is to create a Christian yoga community that is open to everyone, and especially young adults, the "nones" and the "dones" in the Sacramento area. I still need to figure out the rest.

The Presbytery will meet next week and will discuss and hopefully approve my call to start a NWC. I hope they will also elect an ordination commission before September, which is when the apprenticeship starts. I am praying that the way will be clear before then, and that we would be able to meet in person soon, so you can all be present for my ordination.

For now, please continue to pray for clarity and discernment, and that God makes a way. And please know that whatever happens, I am eternally grateful for you, this wonderful supportive community that inspired me to discern and follow my call.

Yours in Christ,
Rola

Gift Cards for Our Residents

An unanticipated side effect of the worldwide pandemic and present lockdown is that our residents, Rola and Veronica, are experiencing new and unexpected financial challenges. Although their workload has increased since the pandemic, no adjustment has been made to their compensation. We realized, too, that our Sunday coffee hours and the lunch/dinner invitations by church members have helped defray their expenses, but this is no longer possible because of social distancing. Furthermore, Rola and Veronica have been using their own limited funds to help strangers who come to Parkview requesting food. Finally, Rola has visa restrictions which add further complications.

We have learned from Tak Fukuman, our go-to man for this kind of question, that we can address this by providing small gifts of Visa® gift cards for the residents. The purpose is to show our care and appreciation for their wholehearted dedication to the church and extremely creative contributions in virtual gatherings under this unprecedented world-wide challenge.

Any amount is welcome for this group gift. Please note this is a gift to Rola and Veronica and is therefore not tax deductible. This is a difficult time for everyone, and financial stability can be a challenge in any household. We want to emphasize that "no amount is too small" and the spirit of support will unite us.

If you would like to participate, please send a check made out to Haruko Sakikabara to Haruko at 47 Lakeshore Circle, Sacramento, CA 95831 by Friday, May 15. Also, please email Haruko at sakakibaraharuko@gmail.com when you are sending a check. This will help Haruko keep track of contributions and to acknowledge that your gift has been received. She will use the funds to purchase Visa gift cards and give them to Rola and Veronica. Thank you!

Submitted by Maurine Huang,
Haruko Sakakibara, and Donna Toyama

Parkview's Virtual Church

Join the Parkview Prayer Team

*"For where two or three gather in my name,
there am I with them."*

(Matthew 18:20)

People praying together is powerful, and Parkview can use you! We are looking for volunteers to help pray for the requests received through the "Pray with Me" feature on our website and Facebook page. If you are at all interested, please check out the Prayer Team and Prayer Resources links on our website. Please contact Judy Yee or Janet Hill at prayer@parkview.com for more information. No training required. Pray anytime and anywhere. Let's grow in our prayer practice and strengthen our bonds as a church family by supporting one another. We look forward to hearing from you!

Janet Hill and Judy Yee
Prayer Team Facilitators

Virtual Worship Services

Join us via Facebook Live for our interactive service. Look for our Facebook group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/436815866711522/>.

View our sermons on our website at <https://www.parkviewpc.org/category/sermons/>.

Virtual Coffee Hour

The coffee hour is held via Zoom. The meeting ID for all coffee hours is 933-400-909.



May 10. Worship Service. 10 am via FB Live. Communion will be celebrated.

May 10. Virtual Coffee Hour. 11 am via Zoom.

May 12. Bible Study. 6:30 pm via Zoom.

May 14. PPC Session Meeting. 1 pm via Zoom.

May 17. Worship Service. 10 am via FB Live.

May 17. Virtual Coffee Hour. 11 am via Zoom.

May 19. Bible Study. 6:30 pm via Zoom.

May 24. Worship Service. 10 am via FB Live.

May 24. Virtual Coffee Hour. 11 am via Zoom.

Jun 7. Chapel Chimes Deadline. Email articles and photos to Kris at officemanager@parkviewpc.org.

Jun 13. Annual Spaghetti Dinner Cancelled. With great regrets we have cancelled the dinner due to the shelter-in-place order. Let's look forward to the Breakfast Buffet!



Parkview on Our Minds

We may not be able to worship at Parkview right now, so let's post some great memories! If you have a favorite photo of Parkview, please send it to officemanager@parkviewpc.org.



Church Fence Completed 1998

Tom Kashiwagi, Stan Umeda,

Kiyoshi Fujiwara, Mrs. Kambara & Mr. Kambara

Holy Communion during the Pandemic

As long as we hold virtual services, have a piece of bread/cracker/wafer and cup of wine/juice/water ready to partake in the holy communion when the pastors asks you to. Please do not travel to the store for special elements. Use any elements you have available to you. God understands.



Stay Connected

The church is closed, but we will stay connected!

Here is a list of ways to stay connected with the Parkview community.

Worship with Us:

See page 4 to learn how to watch our weekly virtual worship service and attend a virtual coffee hour afterward.

Pray with Us:

See page 4 to read about our prayer team. There is also a prayer request form on the Parkview website, or you can also send an email directly to prayer@parkviewpc.org.

Find a Buddy:

As a way to ensure the well-being of our entire Parkview family during the COVID-19 pandemic, when we cannot gather together for worship and fellowship, Parkview Presbyterian Women has developed a “buddy system” in which each member of our faith community is paired with another member, most of whom are PPW members. If you have questions or want to find a “buddy,” please email Maurine Huang at maurine_estelle@yahoo.com or Veronica Gould at pastoralresident@parkviewpc.org. Thank you.

Explore the Website:

Remember to visit our website at <https://www.parkviewpc.org/> to find all the information you need to stay connected with Parkview.

Facebook Us:

Connect with us via Facebook. Look for our Facebook group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/436815866711522/>.

Chapel Chimes Now Online!

You can download the *Chapel Chimes* from the church website. Go to 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*!

Contact Us:

Office phone: 916.443.4464
(Kris has the phone with her at home, so she can respond to your message pretty quickly.)

Website: www.parkviewpc.org

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson: pastor@parkviewpc.org

Rola Al Ashkar: outreach@parkviewpc.org

Veronica Gould: pastoralresident@parkviewpc.org

Christine Umeda: session@parkviewpc.org

Kris Sazaki: officemanager@parkviewpc.org



Parkview Session has voted . . .

- . . . to hold monthly Session meetings via Zoom on the second Thursday of the month until further notice.
- . . . to cancel the annual spaghetti dinner because of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- . . . to upgrade the Internet service at the church.

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 COVID-19 Notice: Please note that during this pandemic and the church closure, thank you letters and postings may be posted in opposite order. Checks are currently being deposited on a monthly basis to minimize the exposure of staff and volunteers to the disease. Thank you for your patience in the processing of your donation. Do not hesitate to contact officemanager@parkviewpc.org if you have questions about your donation.

Special Offerings: LJ Anderson, Brandon & Christina Chaw, Robin Durston, Rose Hironaka, Jana Nakase Lee, Frank Obara

In Celebration of His Birthday: Jonathan Sakakibara

In Memory of Goichi Hamamoto: Eddie & Yvonne Fong

In Memory of their Son, Kevin: Edwin & Lisa Imura

In Memory of Edgar Jang: Eddie & Yvonne Fong

In Memory of Lily Lee: Eddie & Yvonne Fong

In Memory of Maki Okawara: Kenneth Okawara, Lisa Yuki

In Memory of Lucy Wong: Eddie & Yvonne Fong

In Memory of Fred Woods: Eddie & Yvonne Fong

In Memory of Sandra Brown Yakel: Jody Brown

Easter Offerings: Reed & Corianne Birnbaum (in memory of Effie Komure-Hanway & Arito Komure), Terri Bowman, Jerry & Marilyn Champa, Betsy Eskridge & Lois Van Beers, Eddie & Yvonne Fong, Paula Fujiwara, Carla Hart, Pattie Hashimoto, Paula Higashi & Frederick Taucher, Brian & Leah Kanegawa, Dave McGill, Bill & Linda Nagata, Terry & Cathy Nishizaki, Kenneth Okawara, Jonathan & Haruko Sakakibara, Yoshiko Sanbongi, Daisy Seto, Randy & Lillie Shiroy, Titus & Donna Toyama, Rick & Irene Uno, Sara Ward

One Great Hour of Sharing: Jerry & Marilyn Champa, May Lee, Jane Matsuoka, Dave McGill, Hach & Linda Yasumura, William & Judy Yee



How to Donate

- **By Mail.** You may send checks made out to Parkview Presbyterian Church. Please do not send cash. Thank you!
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727 T Street
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- **Online.** Please go to <https://www.parkviewpc.org/> and look for the “Give Now” button. You can use credit card or bank transfer, donate one time only or set up regular donations. Please use the Notes section to provide information about your donation, i.e. “in memory of” or “xx fund.”