



Chapel Chimes

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Getting Our Legs

Dear Friends,

My all-time favorite book is *Call of the Wild* by Jack London. I like the book because the protagonist in the story is a dog. I love dogs and this is a story about Buck. He is a big burly dog with a lot of energy, curiosity, and compassion. He is insanely smart and has unbounded strength. He is from warm California and somehow has managed to find himself in the cold of Alaska. He becomes a part of a dog sled team and he has no idea what he is doing. The owner yells, "Ha!" for all of the dogs to go and Buck is dragged and pushed along. His California feet have never touched snow, so he is slipping and sliding, he can't get traction, and his eyes are wide open with the expression of "What is going on?"

As the team is running along, he sees a jack rabbit and decides to run after it, which drags the entire team with him and flips the sled. The owner gives Buck a good talking to and explains to him that he is now a part of a team and that in order to get where they want to get they all have to go together ... as a team. Buck begins to get his "legs," he understands the commands, his feet have acclimated and now (as my friends say in the South) "he's cooking with gas." He is on fire and really coming into his own. All of the dogs are running freely.

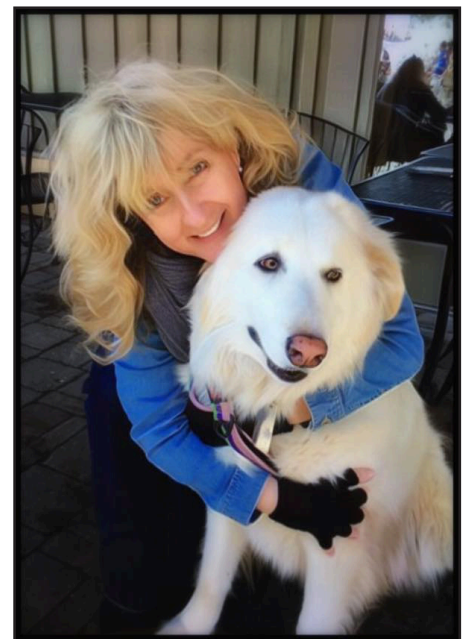
I feel like this is kind of the story with Parkview and the pandemic at this time in the life of the church. When we were forced to shut down this past March, it's like our feet were slipping and sliding, and we were getting dragged and pushed, and our faces had the look of, "What is going on?!" We are now starting to get our "legs" and getting some traction as we move forward. We are on our way to the point where we will be "cooking with gas." And I am really looking forward to the day when we will take off, and we will be flying! I know it will happen, we are just working in unprecedented times and still learning the ropes.

We continue our Sunday morning worship services with Facebook Live to get the interactive style of worship followed by a time of fellowship with a zoom coffee hour. We are getting creative with social distanced gatherings such as the drive-in movies and photography classes. More of our church committees (Worship, Christian Education, Youth and Young Adults, Buildings & Grounds, Media, and Prayer Team) are up and running, so if you would like to be on any of them please let me know. I am working closely with the Session and the Pastor Nominating Committee will be up and running soon once the Presbytery assigns Parkview an Advocate from the Committee on Ministry. Parkview is an amazing church. We have been thrown into something that is well out of our element and we are on our way to gaining ground. It is an honor and privilege to be with you all during this season. We are hitting our stride, and I look forward to us getting even stronger.

Blessings,

Pastor Pamela

"And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus." 9Hebrews 12:1-2)



Pastor Pamela with a Friend

News

2020 Breakfast Buffet Canceled

We announce with heavy hearts that we have canceled the 2020 breakfast buffet. Our concerns lie with the safety of our volunteers and all those who might attend this popular event. We also do not anticipate the city opening up to that extent by the end of September. Many thanks to Eddie and Yvonne Fong, who have spearheaded our breakfast buffet for over ten years. We are grateful to them for their efforts to create a different kind of Parkview fundraiser. Stay tuned!



Online Greeters Sought

Would you like to participate more in the worship service? The pastoral staff is looking for people to monitor Facebook Live during worship service. The duties are outlined below. Please contact officemanager@parkviewpc.org as soon as possible, if you are interested. Thank you!

- Enter a welcoming statement shortly before the beginning of the service to introduce yourself as the online greeter.
- Welcome people in the comments section of Facebook Live.
- Greet any new visitor and offer to send contact information to the pastoral staff, if desired.
- Monitor the comments and forward any missed comments to the pastoral staff.



Aloha Sundays Start Aug 2

We may be worshipping digitally, but let's still celebrate Aloha Sundays. Don your casual Hawaiian wear, put on a lei, and make some island fare for coffee hour! If you have more ideas on how we can keep this tradition alive, contact the pastoral staff.



Introducing the Prayer Place and Prayer Warriors

Parkview is truly blessed with a new ministry called the Prayer Team (PT), and we are excited to introduce its Prayer Warriors to you: Herning Grissom, Nancy Arata-Fong, Sue Lorens, Steve Hanway, Titus Toyama, Judy Yee, and Janet Hill! They answered the call for volunteers and personally pray for each of the prayer requests received during Sunday service or those received through Parkview's website. Rola Al Ashkar, our pastoral resident, provides invaluable guidance and support to the team.



Another exciting introduction is the PT's "The Prayer Place" column in the *Chapel Chimes*. Our goal is to support the growth of individuals in their prayer practice by providing example prayers, resources, and personal stories so anyone can become comfortable with praying, whether alone or in a group.

"The Prayer Place" will begin in August and feature a new topic about praying, followed by lessons in the Friday letters to help you understand and practice your "prayer muscle." Our first topic will be "What is Prayer?"

If you have any ideas or questions for our column, or want to join the PT, please contact us at prayer@parkviewpc.org.

Volunteer Spotlight: Judy Yee

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

Judy has been instrumental in getting our prayer group up and running. She moderated the July 5th coffee hour and led the joys and concerns portion of the meeting, which allowed the pastoral staff a much needed break.



Thank you, Judy, for praying for us at Parkview and for guiding others in prayer practice.

News - continued

Kansha Korner

Our residents' column on their recent activities.

Veronica writes: Last year Rola and I attended the preaching pastors conference at Zephyr Point. Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka taught us that there is a deep need for ministry to move from “high tech” to “high touch.” In our technology-saturated world, websites, live streams, and newsletters (even this one!) cannot replace community connections. Yet we are in a season of physical separation. Many of us cannot leave our homes. We may be living alone or with loved ones. Perhaps our loved ones have become a bit harder to love as the stress presses down on us. If you are experiencing loneliness, you are certainly not alone-- it seems to be the most common symptom of the coronavirus.



As a pastoral caregiver, my heart aches for you all. My heart aches when I cannot be present to celebrate joys or hold space for sorrow. My heart aches when I see the empty pews and miss the simple gifts of a handshake, a hug, or a smile. As we have worked so hard to get online, to be “high tech,” I worry about what we have left behind. I worry about how we can recover the “high touch” that makes our Parkview community so special.

I hold close to my heart the bright reminders of “high touch” ministry which is continuing to take new shape in our community. Phone calls, emails, and letters from contact buddies. Socially distanced teriyaki sauce deliveries. Video chats with the children. (Lucas and Liam remarked at how big Sora has gotten!). Praying with the community at noon, joined together by the power of the Holy Spirit. The prayers of the people. Coffee hour.

Thank you for your patience, love, and support as we discover together what it means to provide a ministry of presence and “high touch” here at Parkview.

Yours in Christ, Veronica

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.



Kiki Ryugo's 100th Birthday June 2012

*Front Row: Terri Bowman, Kiki Ryugo, Daisy Seto
Back Row: Hach Yasumura, Donna Komure-Toyama,
Carla Hart, Tak Fukuman, Yvonne Fong, Eddie Fong*

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kansha means gratitude

Parkview Session has voted . . .

- The Session met on July 9. Actions taken will be reported in the August *Chapel Chimes*.

Parkview's Virtual Church

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.

Noon Daily. Communal Prayer

Lord hear our prayers! Spiritually connect with others from the Parkview Family at noon each day. Set aside time to recognize God's presence, to affirm God's love for us, and to pray individually in your own homes or wherever you are. God will surely hear our strong collective voices!

Daily Devotionals.

Read a daily devotional posted by Pastor Pamela, Rola, or Veronica everyday except Sundays on our website at <https://www.parkviewpc.org/category/daily-devotionals/>.

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 pastor invites you to. Please do not travel to the store for special elements. Use any elements you have available to you. God understands.



Financial Report as of June 30, 2020:

	June	Total Yr 2020
Income:	\$7,002.61	\$60,524.87
Expenses:	\$10,189.11	\$56,438.51
Difference:		\$4,086.36

Jul 11. Photo Club Meeting I. 8:00 - 10:30 am. Basic photography will be covered. Meet at amphitheater at William Land Park. Bring masks. Contact Bill Nagata (blnagata@yahoo.com) for more information.

Jul 12. Worship Service. 10 am via FB Live.

Jul 12. Virtual Coffee Hour. 11 am via Zoom.

Jul 14. Pentecost Study. 6:30 pm via Zoom. See below for more information.

Jul 18. Photo Club Meeting II. 8:00 - 10:30 am. Basic photography will be covered. Meet at amphitheater at William Land Park. Bring masks. Contact Bill Nagata (blnagata@yahoo.com) for more information.

Jul 19. Worship Service. 10 am via FB Live.

Jun 19. Virtual Coffee Hour. 11 am via Zoom.

Jul 21. Pentecost Study. 6:30 pm via Zoom.

Jul 26. Worship Service. 10 am via FB Live.

Jul 26. Virtual Coffee Hour. 11 am via Zoom.

Aug 2. Worship Service. 10 am via FB Live.

Aug 2. Virtual Coffee Hour. 11 am via Zoom. Aug 2. Chapel Chimes Deadline. Email articles/photos to officemanager@parkviewpc.org.

Aug 9. Worship Service. 10 am via FB Live.

Aug 9. Virtual Coffee Hour. 11 am via Zoom. Aug 2. Chapel Chimes Deadline. Email articles/photos to officemanager@parkviewpc.org.

Aug 13. PPC Session Meeting. 1 pm via Zoom.



Pentecost Study: Justice, Silence & Social Change

Tues, June 16. 6:30 - 7:30 pm

We are using the book *Interrupting Silence* by Walter Brueggeman to explore themes of justice, silence, and social change in the scriptures and daily life.

Click <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88568722967> to join the Zoom meeting at the scheduled time.

Click <https://www.pcusastore.com/Products/0664263593/interrupting-silence.aspx> to purchase the book (\$9.10).

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:

There is a prayer request form on the Parkview website, or you can also send an email directly to prayer@parkviewpc.org.

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/>.

Newsletter, Friday Letter, or Both?!

The *Chapel Chimes* is published on or around the middle of each month. As you know, it contains stories about church activities, along with announcements and a calendar of events scheduled over the coming month.

The *Friday Letter*, on the other hand, is published every Friday and is focused on the upcoming week. It contains any last-minute date and time changes, worship service information, and a timely note from Pastor Pamela. If you would like to receive the Friday letter via email, please email officemanager@parkviewpc.org and request to be added to the Friday Letter list. Happy reading!



Contact Us:

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(Kris has the phone with her at home, so she can respond to your message.)

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Veronica Gould: pastoralresident@parkviewpc.org
Christine Umeda: session@parkviewpc.org
Kris Sazaki: officemanager@parkviewpc.org

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heima means peace

Got Recipes?

Since we can't meet at church to share all that yummy Parkview food, we have started to post people's favorite recipes on our website. Want to try a quick bread or homemade pork bao? Find these and more recipes on our website at <https://parkviewpc.org/category/events/cooking/>.



Do you have any recipes to share? Please send them and a photo to officemanager@parkviewpc.org.

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: Megan Toyama

In Celebration of Scott's Graduation from College: John & Hannah Seno

In Support of Jujikai: Dave McGill

In Memory of Milt's 70th Birthday: May Lee

In Memory of Robert Matranga: Eddie & Yvonne Wong

In Memory of George Muramoto: Art & Ann Inouye

In Memory of Frank Wong: Eddie & Yvonne Wong



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