



Chapel Chimes

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Coming Full Circle

On September 29, 2020, I celebrated my 29th anniversary of ordination as a PC(USA) Minister of the Word and Sacrament. I can hardly believe that I have been ordained for 29 years! As a friend wrote on my Facebook page, “This is the date that you were ordained, but you were in ministry even much longer than this date.” And he is absolutely right. I think I am someone who has always had “The Call.” A childhood friend reminded me once that as kids I made them play “Church” with me. I would give my few friends a “hymnal” and then collect the “offering.” I seem to recall that I also said a little prayer. What’s interesting is that when I got older, I didn’t see “The Call” in me. Everyone else could see it, but I could not. After I graduated from Sacramento State University, I wasn’t sure what I was going to do next, but suddenly so many people came out of the woodwork telling me I should go to seminary. I was stunned. I remember telling my parents that I was thinking about going to seminary, and my mom said to me, “I always knew you were going to go to seminary.” I wanted to say to her, “If you knew, then why didn’t you tell me earlier?” I had no idea that other people saw this potential in me when I didn’t. So I listened to my community. I applied to seminary, and I was accepted.

I went through my first semester of school, and I thought to myself, “What am I doing here? I don’t belong.” It was so tough. But then the second semester came along and instead of all of the academic work, I was also put into a church setting. I was assigned to work with Rev. Norman Fong in San Francisco’s Cameron House in Chinatown. It was when I was put in a church setting that suddenly . . . I felt called. It finally clicked. It felt right. Most people have The Call and then go to seminary. I went to seminary and then had The Call. What’s interesting is that I felt at home in an Asian American ministry setting. It’s interesting to see 29 years later how life has come full circle, and I am doing ministry, once again, in an Asian American setting and feel at home. It’s one of the reasons I am so proud to be supervising the residency program. I know intimately the value of the in-church experience before ordination, and I am so proud of Parkview for having a residency program as part of its ministry.

During these past 29 years, I have had my ups and downs in ministry. To be sure, there are definitely moments when I have contemplated leaving church ministry to serve in a different capacity. Yet, I have stayed in the ring. I am still in ministry. I am still Called. Why? Because I have been bitten by the “Jesus Bug.” If there was anything else in the world that I could do, I would do it in a heartbeat, but I truly cannot. I have stayed in ministry all these years because of my love for Jesus, his ministry, his inspiring work, and love to transform the world anew. I am compelled to continue telling the Good News of Jesus’ transformative way of being and how we, too, can live into hope. As the old hymn says:

I love to tell the story

‘Twill be my theme in glory

To tell the old, old story

Of Jesus and his love

I have officially been telling this story for 29 years...whew! I can hardly believe it!
Let’s keep it going for another 29 years!

Blessings,
Pastor Pamela



Pamela's Ordination 1991

News

Mental Wellness Workshops Continue

October at Parkview is Mental Wellness month. David Woods Bartley has already conducted one workshop, but there is still time to participate in one or all of the remaining workshops. They will take place on Tuesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm. *Click here* to join the Zoom meeting at the designated time.

- Oct 13 - Understanding Mental 'Hellness'
- Oct 20 - Rebuilding a Life Divided
- Oct 27 - Learning the Language of Mental Health

Coffee Hour Outreach to Elders Planned

Some of our elders are not in the virtual loop. There are those without Internet, with limited vision, or other needs. Some have expressed a sense of disconnect with Parkview Church. Let's help our community connect!



The Outreach Committee is planning an Outreach "Coffee Hour" project to bring goodies, printed Daily Devotionals, and more to elders who are becoming disengaged from our beloved Parkview Church. Here are two ways you can help:

- From your Buddy Contacts, identify which elders would appreciate a greater connection to Parkview. Please send us your recommendations and let us know if your buddy has dietary restrictions, reading limitations, living situation restraints, or other conditions that we should know about. Send a current address.
- Let us know if you are able to help with deliveries. This is a chance to connect and care for each other! All volunteers must wear masks and comply with social distance policies to ensure the health of our Parkview family.

To volunteer, please contact Carla Hart or Veronica Gould. By God's Grace, we share the Love in our hearts with our dear beloved elders during a difficult time.

My Sisters House Virtual 5K

The run this year is virtual, so everyone can join! I have created a Parkview team for My Sisters House virtual 5K, which takes place on Oct 31. To register, go to <http://runforasafehaven.com/> and look for:



- Parkview Warriors and Angel Team. The team is open to all Parkview congregation, friends and family.
- \$30 for virtual 5k includes a tshirt
- Register as soon as possible. We need at least 10 participants to qualify as a team.
- T-shirt pick up is Oct 16 and Oct 23 from 11am-5pm at Fleet Feet on J Street.

Submitted by Yvonne Fong

Volunteer Spotlight: Jonathan Sakakibara

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

Jonathan is a member of the media committee and has been serving as our videographer, filming all the wonderful greetings from our Parkview family. (View them on the Events page of our website.) He also has served on several worship teams and volunteered at our fundraisers, including the raffle team. Thanks for all you do, Jonathan!



Financial Report as of September 30, 2020:

	September	Total Yr 2020
Income:	\$5,089.05	\$79,588.93
Expenses:	\$9,539.45	\$80,844.06
Difference:		(\$1,255.13)

News - continued

Kansha Korner

Our residents' column on their recent activities.

Rola writes:

As you read this, less than three months separate me from the end of my journey at Parkview! It has been a rich journey, in which I not only learned about intercultural ministry, but I also got the chance to be involved with mid-councils and the National office. I would like to give you an overview of my current ministry outside Parkview.



I am currently involved with four different national offices. The first is the office of Vital Congregations, which is an initiative to revitalize the PCUSA churches. I joined the team over two years ago. I helped write resources for the initiative, envisioned parts of it, and am currently one of their coaches, in charge of five presbyteries that I connect with on a monthly basis to check their progress and provide help, if needed.

Secondly, some of you will remember Samuel Son, who visited Parkview back in November. He is the moderator of an intercultural leaders gathering that I am part of. We usually meet once a month via Zoom, but during the summer we met more frequently to plan and prepare for the Intercultural Transformation national gathering that just ended on Sept 26 and which some of you attended.

As I wrote to you before, I am an apprentice with the office of 1001 New Worshipping Communities. This office coaches and supports individuals who want to start new church plants. As I get ready to start my yoga-based New Worshipping Community that will be nested at Westminster Presbyterian Church, I continue to attend weekly meetings with cohorts walking through similar journeys as well as monthly meetings with my coach.

I am also serving on the board of the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) which is the big umbrella under which all of the above offices operate. The PMA board sets the policies and advises the General Assembly on programs and strategies for the ministries of the Presbyterian Church. As a member of the PMAB, I also serve on two national committees also in charge of setting policies and mission work plans and budgets for the various ministries of the PMA.

At the local level, you all know by now that the Presbytery of Sacramento and the Presbytery of Stockton are coming together to form the Presbytery of North Central California. Since summer, I have been on a planning and envisioning team along with other members of the two presbyteries; this team is looking into setting policies and procedures, plans and visions for our newly formed presbytery.

And finally, I recently joined the Syria and Lebanon Partnership Network (SLPN). This network partners with my former Presbyterian church in Lebanon and Syria and supports its ministry. I am serving as Vice Moderator of the Steering Committee of the SLPN. This is all exciting work, and I am grateful for having this wonderful opportunity to serve in multiple capacities and appreciate your and the pastoral team's continuous support.

Yours in Christ,
Rola

Upcoming Events

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/>.

Prayer Requests

Submit your prayer requests via the website or email prayer@parkviewpc.org. Our volunteer coordinators are Janet Hill and Judy Yee.

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.



- Oct 11. **Worship Service.** 10 am via FB Live.
- Oct 11. **Virtual Coffee Hour.** Immediately after worship service via Zoom.
- Oct 13. **Mental Wellness Workshop.** 6:30-7:30 pm via Zoom. Topic: Understanding Mental 'Hellness.'
- Oct 15. **Pastor Nominating Committee.** 6:00 pm via Zoom.
- Oct 18. **Worship Service.** 10 am via FB Live.
- Oct 18. **Virtual Coffee Hour.** Immediately after worship service via Zoom.
- Oct 20. **Mental Wellness Workshop.** 6:30-7:30 pm via Zoom. Topic: Rebuilding a Life Divided.
- Oct 25. **Worship Service.** 10 am via FB Live.
- Oct 25. **Virtual Coffee Hour.** Immediately after worship service via Zoom.
- Oct 27. **Mental Wellness Workshop.** 6:30-7:30 pm via Zoom. Topic: Learning the Language of Mental Health
- Nov 1. **Chapel Chimes Deadline.** Email articles/photos to officemanager@parkviewpc.org.
- Nov 3. **Election Day.** Vote! There is no Bible Study tonight.
- Nov 4. **Prayer Team Meeting.** 7 pm via Zoom.
- Nov 5. **Pastor Nominating Committee.** 6:00 pm via Zoom.
- Nov 10. **Bible Study.** 6:30-7:30 pm via Zoom. Informal check-in session.
- Nov 12. **Session Meeting.** 1 - 3 pm via Zoom.
- Nov 17. **Bible Study.** 6:30-7:30 pm via Zoom. Informal check-in session.
- Nov 19. **Pastor Nominating Committee.** 6:00 pm via Zoom.
- Nov 24. **Thanksgiving Day.** "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." (1 Chronicles 16:34)

Connections

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. Look for more prayer inspirations and tips in the PPC's Friday letters and at the Prayer Resources webpage at <https://parkviewpc.org/prayer-resources/>. Make praying a habit.

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/>.

Contact Us:

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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.



Parkview Session has recorded . . .

- the baptism of Irene Uno (9/6/2020)
- the membership of Ireno Uno (9/6/2020)
- the membership of Luda Wright (9/6/2020)
- the membership of Michael Wright (9/6/2020)
- the death of Mich Takechi (9/7/2020)

Vacation Bible School - June 1960

*Front: Janet Kubota Hill, Amy Mori, Keith Sato, Elaine Mayeda Powers, Unknown, Leah Fufimara Kanegawa
Back: Kenny Kubota, Clifford Sanbongi, Unknown, Sara Yamagata Ward, Gloria Fujita, Unknown, Wade Tambara
Teacher on Left: Misako Mori*

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Special Offerings: David & Katherine Ang, Carla Hart (mental health project), Victor & Sherri Yee (kitchen repairs)

In Celebration of Irene Uno's Baptism: Valerie Namba, Rick & Irene Uno

In Celebration of Their 50th Wedding Anniversary: Bill & Linda (Fujii) Nagata

In Celebration of Kiyoshi Fujiwara's 98th Birthday: Brian & Leah (Fujiwara) Kanegawa

In Memory of Tim Ching: Glenn & Evelyn (Ching) Kubota

In Memory of Bessie Chow: Eddie & Yvonne Fong (kitchen repairs)

In Memory of King Fong: Phillip & Julie Chew, Jerry & Maurine Huang, Hach & Linda Yasumura

In Memory of Joan Fuji: Annette Shirai

In Memory of Harry Fujii: Grace Fujii, Bill & Linda (Fujii) Nagata

In Memory of Dayly Lee: Eddie & Yvonne Fong (kitchen repairs)

In Memory of Terry Nishizaki: Phillip & Julie Chew, William & Christine Fong, Steve & Barbie Fujinaka, May Mayeda, Valerie Namba, Kenny Okawara, Tak & Linda Saito, Jonathan & Haruko Sakakibara, Annette Shirai, Randy & Lillie Shiroy, Gary & Diane Younglove

In Memory of Margie Quan: Eddie & Yvonne Fong (kitchen repairs)

In Memory of Yukie Okasaki: Fumi Nakata

In Memory of Mich Takechi: Phillip & Julie Chew, Robert & Eng Ho Low Iwasa, May Mayeda, Bill & Linda Nagata, Fumi Nakata, Miyeko Takechi, Stan & Christine Umeda, Hach & Linda Yasumura

In Memory of Eldine Van Beers: Phillip & Julie Chew, Jerry & Maurine Huang, Hach & Linda Yasumura, Victor & Sherri Yee

Aloha Offerings: Phillip & Julie Chew, Betsy Eskridge & Lois Van Beers, Tak & Judy Fukuman, Pattie Hashimoto, Fumi Nakata



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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.”