

Chapel Chimes

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# **Ensuring Parkview's Future**

Dear Friends,

November brings with it a time of thanksgiving. I, for one, am so grateful that I have been able to serve Parkview, especially during this extraordinary time of pandemic. Carla Hart recently emailed me: "I am grateful for Parkview bringing us together, many hearts, gifts, minds, where we can join together in One Spirit of Love to work, pray, and support one another."

So it is that I write to you today about Parkview's upcoming appeals. We may not be congregating in person, but the mission of the church continues. We are still committed to the upkeep of the church buildings and the salaries of our employees, but we also remain fully dedicated to the Parkview community. We want to serve as a beacon of light and hope.

Because of the pandemic, Parkview has canceled three major fundraisers: the 2020 spaghetti dinner, the 2020 breakfast buffet, and the 2021 seafood fest. We have appreciated your support of these events in the past and hope you will consider similar support now. We are sending out our traditional envelopes for Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings. You can also make offerings online at our website: *https://parkviewpc.org*.

This is also the time when Parkview's governing Session determines the budget for the upcoming year. From worship service and Christian education to our buddy system for shut-ins and other community outreach, Parkview strives to ensure that where funds are allocated, that is where Parkview's values lie. With that in mind, this newsletter has a pledge card for 2021 (see page 5). Having an indication of the size of next year's budget helps the Session better plan out the year. We would appreciate it very much if you could return it by Nov 30. Thank you for all you've contributed or hope to contribute to this remarkable Parkview community.

Sending you all love and prayers,

Rev. Dr. Amela Anderson

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson Interim Pastor

"I thank my God every time I remember you." (Philippians 1:3)

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The church is still chugging along: Betsy Eskridge, Parkview's treasurer, gets a special delivery of church mail.

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#### Worship Service to Move to Zoom

Starting Nov 29, we will be holding worship services via the Zoom meeting interface. Please watch the weekly e-letters for updated information. If you do not receive the weekly e-letters but would like to, send an email to *officemanager@parkviewpc.org* with your request.

#### New Worship Teams Sought

The Zoom format for worship service will allow more participation. Our services will be more inclusive and richer all around. Please let us know if you would like to serve on a worship team. It's easy to learn Zoom. Training is available, so don't let the technology worry you! Please email officemanager@parkviewpc.org with your interest. Thank you!

#### Chairperson

- 13 needed
- Serve 4-8 times per year
- Duties: lead the congregation through service, give prayer of dedication



#### Greeter/Monitor

- 13 needed
- Serve 4-8 times per year
- Duties: admit people to Zoom service, look for raised hands, and call on people to share joys and concerns

#### Japanese Reader

- 5 needed
- Serve 10 times per year
- Read the scripture readings in Japanese





#### Pray Always, Use Words When Necessary

Prayer is about paying attention to God, with Whom we are already in relationship. Prayer can be intimate in the sense of just talking to God about our day. It can simply be reporting, as one would to an intimate



confidant, one's thoughts about the day, concerns, and desires. Of course, God knows about our day already, but this is the whole point of being in a relationship! There are other forms of prayer that are not verbal, like meditation and contemplation. Members of the prayer team will remember our "breath" prayer workshop, which is an ancient Eastern practice. Jesus himself practiced prayer as meditation or contemplation. We read about him spending hours, and sometimes the whole night, in prayer.

An example of meditation is prayer is Lectio Divina, where a biblical text is read and re-read until a word or phrase emerges, and then one can stay with that idea for as long as one does.

Contemplation is the practice of internal silence; it is to sit silently in the presence of God. It involves the silent repetition of a mantra, a verse, or a short passage, in order to let your mind focus on that, and then the rest of the self can sink into silence.

- 1. What form of prayer works best for you?
- 2. Describe a time when you encountered the wondrous presence of God in prayer.

3. What things stand in the way and distract you from a Spirit-filled prayer?

4. What does it mean for your life to prioritize prayer?

It has been my privilege to help Janet Hill and Judy Yee start the prayer team. I trust that God will continue to be use this vital ministry to touch lives.

Submitted by Rola Al Ashkar

News - continued

#### Kansha Korner

Our residents' column on their recent activities.

#### Veronica writes:

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:1)

A dear friend of mine in college once told me that for her, faith was about "learning and re-learning gratitude." That has always stuck with me. Scientists now suggest that having a regular practice of gratitude can have a positive impact on our mental health. Gratitude can help rewire our brains. It seems like no coincidence, then, that almost every religious tradition in the world places a high value on gratitude. As Christians, we are called to gratitude not only in times of prosperity but also in times of hardship.

In many ways, this year has been hard for me. We began with a season of transition as we welcomed Pastor Pamela as our interim minister, and we envisioned the year ahead. Quickly, those visions were dashed as the coronavirus pandemic spread to the United States. In the following months, I broke two bones in my right hand, struggled through seasons of depression, and experienced social isolation and loneliness. My path towards ordination hit roadblocks along the way. I heard helicopters hovering overhead as people took to the streets in protest, and I saw dozens of armed officers outside my bedroom window. Clouds of smoke hung in the air, and ashes covered the ground.

I felt the sting of political division in my own family as we pressed on through a heated election year.

Giving thanks in all circumstances is not easy. There is a lot this year to draw our attention away from gratitude and the gifts God has given us. But I believe God is



with us for the long-haul, even (or maybe especially) at our low points. This year, I am grateful for the use of my hands in a way I couldn't appreciate last year. I am grateful for breath and clean air. I am grateful for every postcard, phone call, letter, text, email, and Zoom meeting that broke through the loneliness. I am grateful for the Kansha, which has become a haven.

Most of all, friends, I am grateful for your support. You believed in my call when I felt like ordination was an impossible goal. Thank you.

Yours in Christ, Veronica



kansha means gratitude



## **Volunteer Spotlight: Donna Komure-Toyama** *Parkview is fueled by its volunteers, many of whom work behind the scenes to keep the church going.*

Donna has served in almost every capacity at Parkview. She currently serves on the Session and the Pastor Nominating Committee. She steps up whenever we need help. Thank you, Donna, for all you do!



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 every other week 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.



Financial Report as of October 31, 2020:			
	October	Total Yr 2020	
Income:	\$14,299.22	\$93,888.15	
Expenses:	\$8,502.85	\$89,346.9	
Difference:		\$4,541.24	

- Nov 15. Worship Service. 10 am. Via FB Live.
- Nov 15. Coffee Time. Immediately after worship service via Zoom. Jujikai hosts this week.
- Nov 19. Pastor Nominating Committee. 6:00 pm via Zoom.
- **Nov 22.** Worship Service. 10 am. Via FB Live. There is no coffee time today.
- Nov 24. Worship Committee Meeting. 6:30 7:30 pm via Zoom.
- Nov 26. Thanksgiving Day. "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." (1 Chronicles 16:34)
- Nov 28. Advent Bag Distribution. 10:00 am noon. See below for details.
- Nov 28. Teriyaki Sauce Sale. During Advent bag distribution. \$10 per quart. Checks only.
- Nov 29. Worship Service. 10 am. Via Zoom. Check the weekly letter for details.
- Nov 29. Coffee Time. Immediately after worship service via Zoom.
- Dec 1. Bible Study. 6:30 7:30 pm. Via Zoom.
- Jan 17. Congregational Meeting. Directly after worship service. Save the date!

### Advent Bags Available on Sat, Nov 28

Parkview Presbyterian Women and Christian Education are teaming up to offer all families an advent bag filled with a book of daily devotions and other treasures to mark the Advent season. Drive by the church



between 10 am and noon to pick up your bag.

# Parkview Session has affirmed. . .

• the ballot decision of the official members to extend the Residency program through June 30, 2021.



#### 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 bi-weekly virtual coffee time 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/prayerresources/*. 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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#### In Memoriam

Kiyoshi Fujiwara Aug 1, 1922 - Oct 19, 2020



Thank you for your pledge. You can cut out the pledge card to the right, if you do not receive one in the mail. We would appreciate it very much, if you could return your pledge card by November 30, 2020.

"For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God." (1 Thessalonians 3:9)

RARKVIEL	2021 Stewardship Pledge Card
PRESEVTERIAN CHURC	"In every way and everywhere we accept this with all gratitude." (Acts 24:3)
	\$ □ Week □ Month □ Quarter □ Year
Name(s):	
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Grateful Acknowledgment to the following members and friends for their generous donations. Please note that thank you letters and postings may be posted in opposite order. Thank you for your patience in the processing of your donation. Contact officemanager@parkviewpc.org if you have questions about your donation.

Special Offerings: Joyce Fujiwara & Timothy Paulson, Victor & Sherri Yee (kitchen repairs)

- In Celebration of the Birth of Granddaughter Rylie Shiroi: Randy & Lillie Shiroi
- In Celebration of Victor Yee's 80th Birthday: Gordon & Merrily Wong
- **In Memory of King Fong:** Tak & Judy Fukuman, May Lee, Jack & Carol Sakai, Jonathan & Haruko Sakakibara, Wade & Tom Tambara (kitchen repairs), Titus & Donna Toyama, Stan & Christine Umeda (kitchen repairs)
- In Memory of Kiyoshi Fujiwara: Jerry & Marilyn Champa, Phillip & Julie Chew, Betsy Eskridge & Lois Van Beers, Steve & Barbie Fujinaka, Joyce Fujiwara & Timothy Paulson, Paula Fujiwara, Russ & Lori Hart, Jerry & Maurine Huang, Glenn & Evelyn Kubota, May Lee, Jane Matsuoka, Kinjiro Nakatogawa, Valerie Namba, Cathy Nishizaki, Ken Okawara, Ryugo Family, Tak & Linda Saito, Jonathan & Haruko Sakakibara, Edwin & Julie Tadokoro, Herbert & Stephanie Tsang, Stan & Christine Umeda, Jane Watanabe, T. Watanabe, Ken & Gale Yamamoto, William & Judy Yee
- In Memory of Papa Haroldson: Eddie & Yvonne Fong (kitchen repairs)
- In Memory of Kathryn Komure: Jerry & Marilyn Champa, Phillip & Julie Chew, Betsy Eskridge & Lois Van Beers, Eddie & Yvonne Fong (kitchen repairs), Steve & Barbie Fujinaka, Tak & Judy Fukuman, Russ & Lori Hart, Jerry & Maurine Huang, Janice Kamikawa, May Lee, Fumi Nakata, Jonathan & Haruko Sakakibara, Daisy Seto, Wade & Tom Tambara, Stan & Christine Umeda, Rick & Irene Uno, Lynn Yamamoto, Victor & Sherri Yee, William & Judy Yee
- In Memory of Nobuo & Kazumi "Corky" Kurita: Nobuo & Kazumi Kurita Family
- In Memory of Terry Nishizaki: Dennis & Theresa Kubo, Carey Yamanaka
- In Memory of Mich Tekechi: Ken Okawara, Wade & Tom Tambara
- In Memory of Mike Tatro: Eddie & Yvonne Fong (kitchen repairs)
- In Memory of Eldine Van Beers: Jerry & Marilyn Champa, David & Nancy Fong, Tak & Judy Fukuman, May Lee, Fumi Nakata, Jonathan & Haruko Sakakibara, Titus & Donna Toyama, Stan & Christine Umeda, Rick & Irene Uno, Lois Van Beers & Betsy Eskridge, Lynn Yamamoto
- In Memory of Evelyn Wong: Eddie & Yvonne Fong (kitchen repairs)
- In Memory of Bernice Younglove: Fumi Nakata
- In Support of the Asian Pacific Community Counseling: Phillip & Julie Chew, Betsy Eskridge & Lois Van Beers, May Lee, William & Judy Yee
- In Support of the Food Fund: Dave McGill
- In Support of Parkview Presbyterian Women: Fumi Nakata
- Thanksgiving Offerings: Jonathan & Haruko Sakakibara