



Chapel Chimes

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As We Celebrate Jesus' Birth

Christmas is around the corner, and for many around the world we have received a great gift: a vaccine. I know that there are differing views on whether individuals will choose to be vaccinated or not, yet it is a universal sigh of relief that the vaccine means there is light at the end of the tunnel and an end to this pandemic. Who would have thought nine months ago that we would still be socially distanced today? The irony is not lost on me that it takes nine months for a full-term pregnancy, and here we are in the season of Advent getting ready to celebrate the birth of baby Jesus.

This pandemic has put a strain on us all during this "Covidtide," and Parkview is most certainly birthing into a new era on how to do church. Last Sunday we celebrated our first communion together using the Zoom interface. I imagine what all of Jesus' disciples would have thought, if they had had a crystal ball and could see how the Cup and the Bread were being received in the year 2020. I think "mind blowing" would be an understatement. And "mind blowing" will be an understatement when we finally get to worship once again in each other's presence in 2021. As we look to the new year, there will be some new changes at Parkview. The Pastor Nominating Committee is working diligently to secure a permanent pastor for the congregation, so rest assured that that is in the works.

After three years, Rola's residency will end on December 31 as she moves on to her next pastoral position. I know that Rola has touched the lives of many at Parkview, and we are grateful for her pastoral care and leadership, especially during the transitional time between Pastor Aart's leaving and my arrival. It has been remarkable to watch Rola in action in her pastoral care, powerful preaching, organizational skills, and her tech savviness. She has a lot of energy for the ministry, and she brings a unique voice to the Gospel which beckons all of us to hear. Rola's final Sunday will be December 27. She will preach during the Sunday morning Zoom worship followed by a drive-by goodbye in front of the church from 1-3pm. Rola, our Parkview family is grateful for all that you have done, and we wish you the very best!

Blessings!
Pastor Pamela

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that God who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:3-6)



Session bids Rola a fond farewell at the Dec Session meeting

News

Coffee Hour Returns with a New Schedule

Everyone is welcome to stay on the Zoom worship service every other Sunday to enjoy our fellowship. PPW (Parkview Presbyterian Women), Mariners, and Jujikai have offered to host the coffee time. Here is the hosting schedule:



Dec 27 Jujikai	Apr 18 Mariners
Jan 10 PPW	May 2 Jujikai
Jan 24 Mariners	May 16 PPW
Feb 7 Jujikai	May 30 Mariners
Feb 21 PPW	Jun 13 Jujikai
Mar 7 Mariners	Jun 27 PPW
Mar 21 Jujikai	July 11 Mariners
Apr 4 PPW	July 25 Jujikai

Pastor Nominating Committee Hard at Work

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has been meeting frequently since August, working its way through the application process required by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Our initial task has been to complete a detailed form called the Ministry Information Form, which includes fill the blank, multiple choice, and narrative questions. Once completed, it must be approved by Parkview's Session and the Presbytery Committee on Ministry (COM). The COM will facilitate access to the national Church Leadership Connection (CLC) database, which contains listings of available positions and ministers seeking employment.

Because of the sensitive nature of the PNC's responsibilities, its proceedings and work is kept confidential. This provides all candidates with an assurance of fair and equal access to information and the application process, while also ensuring confidentiality for candidates applying for positions outside their current place of employment.

Committee members are Donna Komure Toyama, chair; William Yee, vice-chair; Herning Grissom, Maurine Huang, Haruko Sakakibara, Wade Tambara, and Gary Younglove.

Submitted by Maurine Huang, member, PNC

Thoughts on Prayer

My spouse and I share similar non-Christian family backgrounds. As children we did not see or learn about prayer at home. My widowed mother became a Christian after friends invited her to church. Mother began saying prayer before each meal, or as she said, "give thanks to God." But prayer mostly remained a mystery to us as mother used formal Cantonese whenever she prayed to show respect to God - leaving us in the dark because we literally did not understand what she was saying.



I met my future husband at my mother's church. We heard prayers during Sunday services. I participated in some uncomfortable prayer circles during small group bible studies. Otherwise I thought saying grace before meals and helping our children with bedtime prayers was enough. When my mother went into hospice six years ago, I did not understand then as I do now the comfort and power of a shared prayer.

Parkview's pastoral team led a study on prayer this year that led me to a more personal understanding of prayer - it is as simple and wonderful as having a conversation with your best friend, God. How would you go about renewing a friendship, becoming best friends again? I know I need to devote regular time to talk and listen to God. As a member of Parkview's Prayer Team, I have accountability and the privilege of uplifting you when you need prayer. Our monthly support meetings and periodic prayer training sessions are refreshing and motivating!

Submitted by Judy Yee

Financial Report as of November 30, 2020:

	November	Total Yr 2020
Income:	\$36,971.74	\$130,859.89
Expenses:	\$5,964.73	\$95,311.64
Difference:		\$35,548.25

News - continued

Kansha Korner

Our residents' column on their recent activities.

Rola writes:

Wow! My last Kansha Korner article!

When I first arrived here, our resident Chelsea Page interviewed me and asked me what drew me to Parkview and what I was most excited about; you can find this article in the Jan 2018 newsletter. Almost three years later, I would like to revisit and re-answer these questions.

At the time I wrote that I felt God leading me to this congregation; that was part of the truth. To be honest, I was so scared and nervous about leaving the comfort of my home to go serve an American church with a Japanese heritage and culture in a place called "Sacramento!" I kept asking myself, "What's a 'Sacramento' anyway?! And what are baby boomers?" I didn't see any babies upon arriving; neither did I see any of the famous California beaches!

Also to my own surprise, I read in my original answers that at the time, my main focus was getting a PhD. Only after I read that, did I remember my weekly conversations with pastor Aart during our mentoring sessions, in which we talked about future plans and how I was determined to pursue a PhD degree. It is remarkable to think how my time with you has shifted my priorities. I definitely still plan on continuing my academic journey, but parish ministry has been so enjoyable that I temporarily forgot all about it.

Serving you has been a lot of fun, empowering, reassuring, enriching, and encouraging. You have allowed me to grow in multiple ways and domains; your flexibility has allowed me to explore different ministries and to branch out to serve the church through the presbytery and the



national office. Besides ministry, my journey at Parkview has been enriched by knowing many of you closely. I've shared in your joys, celebrations, sicknesses, losses, fears, hopes, tears . . . and it has been a privilege and an honor to be made part of your lives and your journeys.



You have shown me care, hospitality, generosity, and graciousness beyond anything I would have ever expected, and I am forever grateful for this unique opportunity. I came to you nervous and scared and am leaving empowered and hopeful. I came with pain and fear and am leaving with so much love in my heart.

A pastor friend of mine told me that you will always have a love affair with your first church; so Parkview, our three-year long relationship won't be over!

Until we meet again, may God bless you and keep you, may God shine God's face upon you and be gracious to you, may God turn God's face toward you and give you peace.

Rola (pronounced Rulah ☺)



Photos

Left: Chelsea & Rola at the Obon Festival

Top Right: Veronica and Rola during the Children's Message

Bottom Right: At the Interfaith Refugee Support service

Events

Virtual Worship Services

Join us via Zoom for our interactive services. Login information is available at <https://parkviewpc.org/worship-with-us/>. View recorded sermons on our website at <https://www.parkviewpc.org/category/sermons/>.

Virtual Coffee Hour

The coffee hour is held every other week via Zoom directly after the worship service.

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.



Volunteer Spotlight: Bill Nagata

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

Besides leading the men's group and co-skippering the Mariners, Bill was one of the gardening angels, who tended the church grounds for many years. He also founded Parkview's Photo Club. He has managed to lead outings during the pandemic, keeping our members outdoors and safe. Thanks, Bill, for all your hard work!



- Dec 22. **Bible Study.** 6:30 - 7:30 pm via Zoom.
- Dec 24. **Christmas Service Video.** Available today on our website.
- Dec 25. **Christmas Day.** "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." (Romans 15:13)
- Dec 27. **Worship Service.** 10 am. Via Zoom. Worship programs available on our website.
- Dec 27. **Coffee Time.** Immediately after worship service via Zoom. Hosted by Jujikai.
- Dec 27. **Drive-By Car Rally for Rola.** 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Drive by Parkview and help give Rola our best wishes for the next step in her pastoral journey.
- Jan 3. **Chapel Chimes Deadline.** Send articles/photos to officemanager@parkviewpc.org.
- Jan 5. **Bible Study.** 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Via Zoom.
- Jan 7. **Pastor Nominating Committee Meeting.** 6:00 - 7:30 pm. Via Zoom.
- Jan 14. **Session Meeting.** 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Via Zoom.
- Jan 17. **Congregational Meeting.** Directly after worship service. See below.



Congregational Meeting - Votes via Zoom

Our next congregational meeting is scheduled for Jan 17, 2021, directly after worship service. Everyone is invited to stay on the Zoom meeting to attend the meeting. Official members of Parkview will be voting during the meeting. If you are an official member and would like to vote but do not have Zoom access, please email officemanager@parkviewpc.org or call the church telephone and leave a message. We will connect you with someone who can help you vote during the meeting.

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 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/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/>.

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!



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Parkview Session has voted . . .

- . . . to approve the 2021 budget as presented by the treasurer.
- . . . to abide by the 2019 policy to not show children's' faces in social media.
- . . . to hold a car rally for Rola Al Ashkar as she celebrates her final Parkview sermon as pastoral resident.
- . . . to present Pastor Pamela and Kris Sazaki gifts of appreciation.

New Members Class

Are you thinking about becoming an official member of Parkview Presbyterian? Official members vote at all congregational meetings, may serve on the Session, and perform other duties reserved for members. If

you would like to become a member before the next congregational meeting on Jan 17, please contact Pastor Pamela (pastor@parkviewpc.org) at your earliest convenience.



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In Celebration of Advent: Barbara Hiyama Zweig

In Memory of King Fong: Pamela Anderson (kitchen repairs)

In Memory of Harry Fujii: Brian & Karen Fujii

In Memory of Masuto Fujii: Brian & Karen Fujii

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In Memory of Christopher Honda: Eddie & Yvonne Fong

In Memory of Kathryn Komure: Pamela Anderson, Annette Shirai

In Memory of George Matsuoka: Jane Matsuoka

In Memory of Jim Monteverde: Gary & Diane Younglove

In Memory of Terry Nishizaki: Pamela Anderson, Carla Hart

In Memory of Joan (Fujii) Sakata: Pamela Anderson, Brian & Karen Fujii

In Memory of Mich Takechi: Pamela Anderson

In Memory of Eldine Van Beers: Pamela Anderson, John & Hannah Seno (building repairs)

In Memory of Bernice Younglove: Pamela Anderson

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