



Chapel Chimes

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Interim Pastor Training

It is a new year! Thank goodness 2021 has arrived! As each day passes, it means that it gets us one step closer to getting back to normal and being able to be in one another's presence once again. 2021 also means that this will be the year that you will get your permanent pastor as well. The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is working hard to get everything in order for the search to begin. In the meantime, I was asked to give a report on my recent interim training and what I had learned. So I would like to share that with you now.

I began my interim training work in 2001. It had been such a long time since I had done the original training that I recently embarked on taking Interim Training Week 1 and Week 2, once again, to get a refresher. The first thing I learned is that the term "interim pastor" is being replaced with "transitional pastor." I've also learned about where Parkview is in its process of calling a new permanent pastor:

- Parkview is on target with its proceedings to search for a permanent pastor with your PNC.
- The Mission Study is complete and ready to attach to the Ministry Information Form which the PNC is in the process of writing.
- The interim pastor's main duty is to help put structures and processes into place to help the new, incoming permanent pastor. These structures and processes include committees, supervising staff, and Book of Order procedures.

According to the Office of the General Assembly, here are some duties a congregation can expect from an interim pastor:

Like all pastors, Interim/Transitional Pastors offer the congregations they serve:

- *Worship leadership and preaching*
- *Pastoral care*
- *Work with the session to provide for the life and ministry of the congregation.*
- *Administrative work, including supervision of other staff persons.*
- *Staff support for programs and committees of the congregation.*

In addition, an Interim/Transitional Pastor leads a congregation during the transition time after an installed pastor has departed, helping the congregation prepare to welcome the leadership of a new installed pastor. Interim/Transitional Pastors understand the dynamics of a congregation in transition, including feelings of grief, loss, and, sometimes, relief or anger. Interim/Transitional pastors will help the session provide for continuity of essential programs, and may assist the session in assessing needs for changes in programs and ministries of the congregation.

I also learned from this training that *all* churches and *all* pastors are in transitional ministry, especially during this time of Covid. This pandemic has dramatically altered the way all of us will do church. Moving forward, hybrid online and in-person worship services will, most likely, be the norm once the lockdowns lift.



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But most of all, what I got out of this training is the reconfirmation of what I already know, that Parkview is an amazing church and that every other church in the Presbyterian Church (USA) is trying to become a Parkview with its multicultural diversity. I am so lucky and so blessed to be the Interim Pastor here at Parkview for such a time as this. Thank you so much for welcoming me into your community and for giving me and my family such a warm welcome. It is a pleasure to be with you all and from the bottom of my heart, I look forward to our time together in 2021 and especially when we can meet face to face.

Blessings,
Pastor Pamela



Year of the Ox begins Feb 12



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.

Thoughts on Prayer

This is Part I of Sue Lorens' article on praying. Part II will appear in next month's edition of the Chapel Chimes.



I was fortunate enough to be raised in a Christian home where we attended church and prayed - at least at dinner time and before bed. Sometimes, the prayers were memorized and recited (you might know, "Now I lay me down to sleep..."), but often, we did a "Talk-to-God" prayer, which was not scripted and was more of a conversation about our day or something we were thankful for. As I went through youth group and became an adult, I participated in lots of small groups where sharing our concerns and celebrations was a critical part of connecting with others, and I got more comfortable with praying aloud with other people. I think prayer is an essential part of connecting ourselves with God.

WHY should we pray? The Bible tells us that God loves us and wants to be in a relationship with us - THAT is why he sent Jesus and why we celebrate Christmas! Well, just like any other relationship, the parties have to spend time together getting to know each other and sharing their experiences. God wants us to spend time with Him and one of the ways we do that is to pray. It may feel like you're having a one-sided conversation at first, but with practice, and with spending time in the Bible and learning to listen for God's voice in your life, it can become a wonderful time of closeness with our creator and savior.

But HOW do I pray? To me, prayer is as simple as a conversation with God. Think about anyone else you want to have a close personal relationship with, and how you'd want to be able to talk with them. God is no different! Even though He is all-knowing, he still wants us to share the things we're worried about, the things we're hoping for, the questions we have and so much more. Next month I'll share just a few of my favorite ways to pray

- Submitted by Sue Lorens

News - continued

Kansha Korner

Our resident's column on her recent activities.

A wise friend once told me that “all ministry is transitional ministry.” The truth is that the ministry of the church is God’s ministry, entrusted to us for a time. In my time at Parkview, we have experienced several transitions in leadership. We have ordained new elders, begun new committees, and welcomed the guidance of our session and pastoral leadership. As we turn the corner of a new year, we send our love and well-wishes to Rola, who has begun a new journey at Westminster Presbyterian Church.



*Rola, Judy Fukuman, and Veronica
at Rola's drive-by farewell party, Dec 27*

As I stated in my New Year sermon, times of transition can bring new hope, creativity, and imagination. This is a time to dream dreams about the future God is calling us to. This is a time to wonder together, what dream is God dreaming for us?

I believe Parkview Presbyterian Church is here for a reason. We have gifts and talents that make us unique among the churches of Sacramento. There is a mission and ministry that we are especially equipped to fulfill. Perhaps our multicultural community is called to racial and ethnic reconciliation, justice, and healing. Maybe our heart of justice will respond to the housing or food crises in our city. Or will the activists among us

lead the way for policy changes that seek the wellbeing of the city?

I give thanks to God for the ministry of this church in the residency program. Your vision to empower a new generation of pastoral leaders in the church (and especially women!) is inspiring. As I enter into my final six months of ministry with Parkview, I am reminded of the day we attended Chelsea's ordination. I am reminded of the day Rola's visa was approved and she envisioned a new ministry start. I am reminded that I, too, have a future in ministry, thanks to the love and support that has been poured into me here in this place.

May God continue to bless the ministries of Parkview!

Yours in Christ,
Veronica

Rola's Farewell Party

You can view more photos of the party as well as Judy Fukuman's beautiful video slideshow on our website at:

<https://parkviewpc.org/2020/12/29/our-fondest-farewell-to-rola-al-ashkar/>

Volunteer Spotlight: Phil Chew

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

Phil has been our trustee for around ten years, serves on the buildings and grounds committee, and is always ready with a helping hand, no matter the task. The term “trustee” is no longer being used, so Phil is standing for election as our “President of the Corporation!” Thanks, Phil, for all your hard work!



Events

- Jan 10. Worship Service.** 10 am. Via Zoom.
Worship Leader - Titus Toyama
Japanese Reader - Haruko Sakakibara
Pianist - Haruko Sakakibara
Zoom Moderator - Lori Hart
- Jan 10. Coffee Time.** Immediately after worship service via Zoom. Hosted by PPW.
- Jan 12. Bible Study.** 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Via Zoom.
- Jan 13. Prayer Team Meeting.** 6:00-8:00 pm. Via Zoom.
- Jan 14. Session Meeting.** 1:00-3:00 pm. Via Zoom.
- Jan 14. Pastor Nominating Committee Meeting.** 6:00 - 7:30 pm. Via Zoom.
- Jan 17. Worship Service.** 10 am. Via Zoom.
Worship Leader - Donna Komure-Toyama
Japanese Reader - Michael Wright
Pianist - Wade Tambara
Zoom Moderator - May Lee
- Jan 17. Congregational Meeting.** Directly after worship service. See “Congregational Meeting - Votes via Zoom” on page 2.
- Jan 19. Bible Study.** 6:30-7:30 pm. Via Zoom.
- Jan 21. Pastor Nominating Committee Meeting.** 6:00-7:30 pm. Via Zoom.
- Jan 21. Media Committee Meeting.** 6:30-7:10 pm. Via Zoom.
- Jan 24. Worship Service.** 10 am. Via Zoom.
Worship Leader - Christine Umeda
Japanese Reader - Mieko Davis
Pianist - Wade Tambara
Zoom Moderator - Nancy Arata-Fong
- Jan 24. Coffee Time.** Immediately after worship service via Zoom. Hosted by Mariners.
- Jan 26. Bible Study.** 6:30-7:30 pm. Via Zoom.
- Jan 28. Pastor Nominating Committee Meeting.** 6:00 - 7:30 pm. Via Zoom.
- Jan 31. Worship Service.** 10 am. Via Zoom.
Worship Leader - Betsy Eskridge
Japanese Reader - Miyo Uchida
Pianist - Janet Hill
Zoom Moderator - Lori Hart
- Feb 4. Pastor Nominating Committee Meeting.** 6:00-7:30 pm. Via Zoom.

Feb 7. Chapel Chimes Deadline. Send articles/photos to officemanager@parkviewpc.org.



Virtual Worship Services

Join us via Zoom for our interactive services. Login information is available at <https://parkviewpc.org/worship-with-us/>. Worship programs are available on our website. 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.



Bible Study Series: Science & Religion

Join us Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm Jan 12 - Feb 2 as we explore the connection between science and religion. The Zoom ID for these meetings is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88568722967>.



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/>.

Contact Us:

Office phone: 916.443.4464
(Please leave a message.)

Website: www.parkviewpc.org

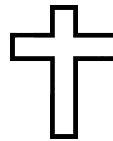
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In Memoriam



Grace Fujii
Jan 11, 1922 - Dec 24, 2020

Eiko Fujiwara
Sep 27, 1927 - Dec 28, 2020



Financial Report as of December 31, 2020:

	December	Total Yr 2020
Income:	\$17,338.85	\$148,198.74
Expenses:	\$14,834.84	\$110,156.48
Difference:		\$38,052.26

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, please contact Pastor Pamela (pastor@parkviewpc.org) at your earliest convenience.



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