



Chapel Chimes

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AAPI Heritage Month

Dear Friends,

May is Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month. This is a time when we pay tribute to the generations of Asians and Pacific Islanders who have enriched America's history and are instrumental in its future success. This month-long celebration came into place in 1991 when Congress unanimously passed it and then President George H.W. Bush signed it into law. So why May? "May is significant to the AAPI community for two reasons. On May 7, 1843, the first Japanese immigrant arrived in the United States. More than 20 years later, on May 10, 1869, the first transcontinental railroad was completed, a project more than 20,000 Chinese workers participated in." (<https://www.etonline.com/asian-american-and-pacific-islander-heritage-month-how-it-started-and-how-to-celebrate-164426>).

The AAPI community has made boundless contributions that enhance and strengthen the United States, whether through film and the arts, technology and medicine, or engineering and ingenuity. And Parkview Presbyterian Church has made boundless contributions to strengthen humanity and compassion for the greater good. For instance, I have been told that after WWII, when American citizens of Japanese descent were returning from the concentration camps, they discovered that their homes were no longer theirs. They had been confiscated, leaving families nowhere to go. Parkview opened its doors and six families, who would have otherwise been homeless, lived throughout the church buildings. It is stories such as these of the AAPI community which reignite our belief in human compassion, the strength of the spirit, and resolve to do what is right. Parkview lives out the DNA of the Golden Rule to "love one's neighbor as themselves." (Matthew 7:12)

Just like 75 years ago, Parkview longs to be in community, for we are stronger together. Well, we have some very good news on that front. The Session has approved a reopening date for our church building. We will return to socially distanced, masked, in-person services on July 25th! There is a lot of work to be done to officially re-open the doors. See page 5 for more information. In the meantime, we are on our way, and we look forward to this time of celebration!

Peace & Shalom

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson".

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

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



*Kaitlin Toyama at Parkview's Tsuru for Solidarity Event
Photo courtesy of Kris Sasaki (2020)*

News

Thoughts on Prayer

This morning I took my cat to the vet. Afterward, I proceeded to start the car up to leave and drive home. Unfortunately, I heard the dreaded sound of an engine struggling to turn over. After a while, I heard nothing. In disbelief,



I made a call to AAA to get assistance in jumping my battery. Well, it turns out that I have not been driving enough to keep my battery charged!

Since the pandemic started last year, I have eliminated my 35+minute daily commute, occasional trips to the Bay Area, and driving to Parkview for worship and choir practices among other trips. In addition, in January, we moved from the Elk Grove area to a neighborhood closer into the city, so shopping trips and other errands are much shorter. I sometimes even bike or walk to the post office, library, or store. I am really enjoying not going to the gas station every week and wearing out my tires. But now all of this driving conservation had caused my battery to fail when I needed it.

This experience brought to my mind about one's prayer life and how we actually need to do things to keep our prayer life alive. It does not just happen. The Bible provides us with guidelines. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 says: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." We need to constantly be in prayer, having a thankful attitude as well as one of rejoicing. It is not always easy to do all of these things. But this text advises that constantly having an attitude of prayer and depending on God always is how God wants us to live. Matthew 6: 5-13 talks about Jesus teaching his disciples about prayer. He tells them not to pray just to be seen by others; instead, our prayers are just between us and God. He also gives them the Lord's Prayer as a model prayer.

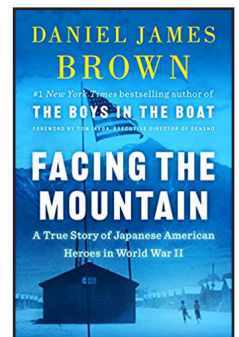
Back to my car battery. I have realized I need to be more aware of how much I am driving or not driving. Maybe I will look into a battery tender. This week I

have an appointment in Elk Grove, so I will get some good freeway driving on Hwy 99. Oh, and my cat is doing okay. She is 17 years old, and she is needing more checkups as she ages. A lot of life seems to be about taking care of things, and our prayer life is no exception. We need to find encouragement in the Bible, during worship services, and from others. Thanks be to God who cares about and loves us so that God wants to hear from us in prayer.

Submitted by Nancy Arata-Fong

Official Book Launch for "Facing the Mountain"

This new book by Daniel James Brown covers the WWII incarceration and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. *Densho*, the organization that is preserving Japanese American history, is hosting a book launch on May 11 at 5 pm PDT. Go to <https://densho.org/mountain/> for more information and to register for this free event.



Submitted by Paula Fujiwara

Sweet Chili Chicken Fundraiser Set for June 5

As many of you know, Eddie Fong, Yvonne Fong, and Wade Tambara are planning Parkview's first ever Sweet Chili Chicken Fundraiser on Saturday, June 5, 2021.

Let's make this first fundraising event of 2021

a success by ordering lots of meals! You can help spread the word by emailing copies of the order form/flyer to your friends and family and by posting the event on Facebook or other social media.

This event is sold out! Thank your for your many orders!!

Submitted by Yvonne and Eddie Fong



News - continued

Kansha Korner

Our pastoral resident's column on her recent activities.

Dear Parkview,

It was such a joy to celebrate with you all at Rola's ordination at Westminster Presbyterian Church. There was something beautifully familiar about sitting in the pews and seeing the faces of friends. I was so touched to be asked to sing for Rola's ordination, and now I have my very own special "singer's mask" that allows me to sing to my heart's content!

I was especially grateful for Carla Hart's talk on behalf of Parkview. As Carla spoke about Rola's time at Parkview, I reflected on both Rola's ministry and Parkview's ministry through the formation of the Intercultural Residency Program. Friends, you have built an incredible ministry -- celebrate the fruits of your work!

All of you, through your prayers, encouragement, curiosity, engagement, generosity, and passion for life, have contributed to this program. You have empowered a future generation of pastoral leadership. Your faith has inspired us and helped us to expand our theological perspectives. Your love and hospitality supported us through challenging seasons.

I do not know what the future holds for Parkview or the residency program (perhaps God alone knows!), but I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to you. I am sure I join my voice with Chakrita, Chelsea, and Rola. Thank you for believing in us and entrusting us with the treasured gift of pastoral ministry.

Yours in Christ,
Veronica

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kansha means gratitude

Rola Gets Ordained!

Rola Al Ashkar, our former pastoral resident, was ordained on April 25, 2021. Many from our Parkview family were there to support her. You can view the slideshow at: <https://parkviewpc.org/2021/04/30/rola-al-ashkars-ordination/>.



*Veronica and Rola at Rola's ordination
Photo courtesy of Judy Fukuman*

Volunteer Spotlight: Greg Kristian

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

Even though Greg is a member of the GKI church, he also contributes to the Parkview community. You have probably seen him sing with the choir or helping clean the church during our annual cleanup day. He



and Veronica recently put the new trolleys together that hold our folding chairs. Greg also served last year as the Sacramento Presbytery's youth representative to the General Assembly. Thanks, Greg, for your efforts!

Events

- May 9. Worship Service.** 10 am via Zoom.
Worship Leader - Judy Fukuman
Japanese Reader - Mieko Davis
Pianist - Wade Tambara
Zoom Moderator - Lori Hart
- May 11. “Back To Basics” Study.** Topic: Lord’s Supper. 6:30-7:30 pm via Zoom.
- May 13. Session Meeting.** 1 - 3 pm via Zoom.
- May 13. Pastor Nominating Committee Meeting.** 6-8 pm via Zoom.
- May 15. Sweet Chili Chicken Fundraiser.** This event is sold out!
- May 16. Worship Service.** 10 am via Zoom.
Worship Leader - Liam Wright
Japanese Reader - Miyo Uchida
Pianist - Janet Hill
Zoom Moderator - Nancy Arata-Fong
- May 16. Coffee Time.** Immediately after worship service via Zoom. Hosted by PPW.
- May 18. Bible Study.** No Bible Study this week. New schedule to be posted soon.
- May 20. Pastor Nominating Committee Meeting.** 6-8 pm via Zoom.
- May 23. Worship Service.** 10 am via Zoom.
Worship Leader - Betsy Eskridge
Japanese Reader - Michael Wright
Pianist - Judy Yee
Zoom Moderator - Judy Yee
- May 27. Pastor Nominating Committee Meeting.** 6-8 pm via Zoom.
- May 30. Worship Service.** 10 am via Zoom.
Worship Leader - TBD
Japanese Reader - No Japanese Reading
Pianist - Jody Brown
Zoom Moderator - Judy Yee
- May 30. Coffee Time.** Immediately after worship service via Zoom. Hosted by Mariners.
- Jun 2. Worship Committee Meeting.** 6:30-7:30 pm via Zoom.
- Jun 5. Sweet Chili Chicken Fundraiser.** Please pick up your order behind the church. See attached flyer for details.
- Jun 6. Worship Service.** 10 am via Zoom.
Worship Leader - Kishwer Vikaas

Japanese Reader - Haruko Sakakibara
Pianist - Haruko Sakakibara
Zoom Moderator - May Lee

- Jun 6. Chapel Chimes Deadline.** Send articles/photos to officemanager@parkviewpc.org.
- Jun 9. Prayer Team Meeting.** 7:00-8:30 pm via Zoom.



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.

Devotionals

Read devotionals posted by Pastor Pamela or Veronica on our website at <https://parkviewpc.org/category/devotionals/>.

Prayer Requests

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

Happy Mother’s Day!

Mother’s Day is May 9 this year. To all of you who are mothers or have nurtured someone, we salute you! “Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.” (Proverbs 31:31)



Connections

The church is closed, but we will stay connected!

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/>.

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Parkview is Reopening!!

It's official! The Session has approved July 25 as the official reopening of Parkview to in-person worship services. The Reopening Committee (Rev. Pamela Anderson, Jana Nakase-Lee, Kris Sazaki, Wade Tambara, and Rick



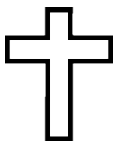
Uno) has conducted research, sent out a survey to the parishioners, and is currently hammering out detailed recommendations to the Session on new protocols. The committee is still working out the details, but you can expect that reservations will be required for the time being. More details will follow.

“Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life.” (Proverbs 13:12)

Financial Report as of April 30, 2021:

	April	Total Yr 2021
Income:	\$12,980.88	\$49,926.18
Expenses:	\$9,802.49	\$43,507.04
Difference:		\$6,419.14

In Memoriam



Keith Takechi
(son of Miyeko Takechi)
Died: April 6, 2021

Robert (Bob) Tamura
(Irene Uno's brother)
Born: April 12, 1950
Died: April 12, 2021

In Joy



Darian Chaw
Born: April 6, 2021
Parents:
Brandon and Christina Chaw

Thank you for your support of Parkview Presbyterian!

Thank you so much for your kind and generous donations. Acknowledgment letters and postings in the *Chapel Chimes* may be in reverse order. Thank you for your patience. Contact officemanager@parkviewpc.org with any questions.

Special Offerings: Robin Durston, Victor & Sherri Yee (kitchen repairs)

In Celebration of the Birth of Darian Chaw: Marc & Pamela Anderson

In Memory of Susan Champa: Fumi Nakata

In Memory of Osame Doi: Carla Hart

In Memory of Margaret Francesconi: Eddie & Yvonne Fong (kitchen repairs)

In Memory of Kiyoshi Fujiwara: Victor & Sherri Yee

In Memory of Marian Hayashi (Carla Hart's mother): Phillip & Julie Chew, Fumi Nakata, Titus & Donna Toyama, Rick & Irene Uno, Victor & Sherri Yee

In Memory of May Hertel (Sue Lorens' mother): Phillip & Julie Chew, Titus & Donna Toyama, Victor & Sherri Yee

In Memory of Tosh Matsumoto: Carla Hart, Glen Matsumoto, Ken Okawara, Wade & Tom Tambara (kitchen repairs), Titus & Donna Toyama

In Memory of Tosh & Lily Matsuomoto: Jerry & Maurine Huang

In Memory of Jerry Nishizaki (Terry Nishizaki's brother): Titus & Donna Toyama

In Memory of Maki Okawara: Ken Okawara

In Memory of Tada & Jane Sato: Sue Sato

In Memory of Edgar Schell: Eddie & Yvonne Fong (kitchen repairs)

In Memory of Bob Tamura (Irene Uno's brother): Marc & Pamela Anderson, May Lee, Titus & Donna Toyama, Rick & Irene Uno, William & Judy Yee

In Memory of Keith Takechi (Miyeko Takechi's son): Robert Iwasa

In Memory of Milt Yee: May Lee

In Memory of Barbara Hiyama Zweig: Eddie & Yvonne Fong (kitchen repairs), Carla Hart

Easter Offerings: Phillip & Julie Chew, Steve & Barbie Fujinaka, Ken Okawara, Wade Tambara, Titus & Donna Toyama

One Great Hour of Sharing: Jane Matsuoka, Titus & Donna Toyama, Rick & Irene Uno, Hach & Linda Yasumura, Victor & Sherri Yee, William & Judy Yee



How to Donate

- **By Mail.** You may send checks made out to Parkview Presbyterian Church. **Please do not send cash.** Thank you!
- **Online.** Please go to <https://www.parkviewpc.org/> and click on the "Support Parkview" tab. 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."