

Chapel Chimes

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Parkview is Back!

Dear Friends,

It is July 2021 and that means we are on the brink of finally ... Finally! ... opening up the church! Our last service, pre-Covid, was on March 15, 2020, and we will resume in-person services beginning July 25. I have had conversations with a number of people in the congregation, and I have asked, "What is it that you are most looking forward to when the church opens up?" The main response has been, "Just being in person once again - seeing people!" The Reopening Committee, Session, and Worship Committee have worked really hard and continue to do diligent work to get us all set for the big day. For all those who are able and interested, we will have a cleanup, organizing, and decorating of the sanctuary and church buildings on Saturday, July 24 from 8-11 am. The Personnel Committee has done a fantastic job of securing a janitorial service to clean the church, so the majority of the cleaning is done. If there are any little bits that we need to "touch up," then we can also do this on July 24.

Additionally, we have this fantastic sound system that has been gifted by the Tambara family. It is installed and raring to go for us all. We will also have a training day on that Saturday, July 24 from 10-11:30 am for all those who have been on the PA Operator team. Please join us if you would like to join the PA Operator team.

Please remember: if you are not ready to come to in-person worship services yet, we will still be live-streaming the services. Updated worship service information is always available on our website at *https://parkviewpc.org/worship-with-us/*.

Finally, I want to encourage you all to read the newsletter from cover to cover. This issue in particular contains important articles. The Pastor Nominating Committee has an update on its search for a permanent pastor, the Prayer Team has another inspiring article on prayer, and there are notices on a proposed building across from the church as well as bystander intervention training.

We are so close, my friends! Inch by inch ... step by step ... minute by minute ... hour by hour ... we are getting closer to being together. SEE you all very soon! Not just "see you," but SEE you! Can't wait!

Blessings my friends, Pastor Pamela

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



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Update from the Pastor Nominating Committee

It has been a while since Pastor Aart retired at the end of June 2019, and the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) would like to report in this article on our activities and progress in the search for the permanent pastor. The PNC was advised that we could not begin our work until the Mission Study Committee had completed its report, an Advocate had been appointed to be our liaison with the Presbytery, and the Interim Pastor received her interim pastor training which was postponed several times because of COVID-19. This caused several months of delay. Nonetheless, we began meeting informally via Zoom in August 2020, primarily to lay the groundwork for a good working relationship. In January 2021, we began to meet weekly, and have continued with this schedule since then.

Our first task was to complete the Ministry Information Form (MIF), a lengthy job announcement required by the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. that describes Parkview and answers questions about our "vision for ministry," the "emerging needs" of our community and congregation, how the pastor will address the vision and mission goals of Parkview, and the characteristics of the pastor being called to our church. We looked at MIFs from other churches and all PNC members participated in giving input to the content of this document. At the end of February 2021, the MIF was approved by the Session and the Presbytery.

The second task involved work on the application process. For that, we entered the MIF into a national database administered by the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. Candidates enter their application form called a Personal Information Form (PIF) to the same database. This database matches our church with potential candidates. In addition to this matching system, candidates can directly contact and submit their PIF to our PNC. As a result of these two methods, Parkview's PNC reviewed and evaluated a total of 67 PIFs, and contacted 15 candidates for further conversations and a possible interview.

To ensure that we continued to move forward in this process, PNC members had to work and prepare on

a regular basis between our meetings. This included reviewing and editing drafts of documents, evaluating and ranking candidates, comparing PIFs using a customized Excel spreadsheet, developing interview questions, conducting interviews, reviewing budget proposals, listening to recorded sermons and/or watching video sermons, talking to references, and keeping contact with the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. and Presbytery officials. Our meetings, sometimes with our Advocate present, usually run for 1-1/2 to 2 hours.

We can report that we are making good progress. Our discussions at the meetings have been robust, honest, and respectful. We begin and end each meeting with prayer and humbly seek God's guidance. Even though most of us did not fully understand what we were getting into by serving on the PNC, we can say that during this pastor search process, we have grown in our faith, learned to trust in God's love for Parkview, and seek to do our very best for Parkview Church and the congregation.

We ask that you keep us in your prayers and to lift up the following prayer as our work continues:

God, please be with the Pastor Nominating Committee. Continue to guide them and assure them of Your presence and love during this search. Help us, as members and friends of Parkview, to anticipate with



excitement and joy the completion of the Pastor Nominating Committee's work. Help us to be open and welcoming to whom You call to Parkview.

Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC): Herning Grissom Maurine Huang Donna Komure-Toyama (Co-chair) Haruko Sakakibara Wade Tambara William Yee (Co-chair) Gary Younglove

News - continued

Thoughts on Prayer

In the September 2020 *Chapel Chimes*, we gave you ten ways to pray including

- a familiar prayer the Lord's Prayer
- reading a Bible verse -Psalms 63
- singing a hymn *Amazing Grace*.

Did you know that you can also focus on different types of prayer or use models or tools to organize your prayers? Today we will discuss using the ACTS acronym. This helps you remember four main types of prayer:

- Adoration (praise God, recognize God's greatness,
- wisdom and creation)
- Confession (admit sin, need for God's mercy and forgiveness)
- Thanksgiving (gratitude for God's forgiveness, gifts, life, family, friends, simple daily things)
- Supplication (petition, ask for God's help for self, others, world).

You can also incorporate ACTS, in any order, in one "complete" prayer. Look for ACTS in the prayer Jesus taught to his disciples, the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13). We say this familiar prayer each week at Parkview. Do you agree that the phrases in italics are properly identified as Adoration[A], Confession[C], and Supplication[S]? While Thanksgiving is not explicitly stated in the Lord's Prayer, we need to be constantly thankful for God's blessings and protection!

Our Parent Who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. [A] Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,[S] and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,[C] and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,[S] for Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.[A] Amen.

Do you need tips on keeping your prayer time fresh or more focused? See our prayer resources *https://parkviewpc.org/prayer-resources/*.

Submitted by Judy Yee

Parkview Parking in Jeopardy

Efforts are underway to turn the parking lot across the street from the church into an apartment complex with 72 units but only 17 tenant parking spots. The units are small (app. 288 sq. ft) and are set to rent above market rate.



Pastor Pamela has alerady sent an email to the city planner and our city council member. Although the deadline for comments has passed, please consider emailing them. If you feel it is important to save the parking lot or to lessen the impact of parking on the nearby streets, please contact:

City Planner: Armando Lopez, Jr. ALopezjr@cityofsacramento.org 916.808.8239

AND/OR

Councilmember: Katie Valenzuela kvalenzuela@cityofsacramento.org

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Volunteer Spotlight: Neil Matsuoka

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

Summer brings sprinkler system problems. This year has been no different. Lucky for us, Neil has channeled his dad, George, who obsessed about Parkview's sprinkler system, and is getting the system back in working



order. Thanks, Neil, for all your hard work!

Events

- Jul 11. Worship Service. 10 am via Zoom. Worship Leader - Christine Umeda Japanese Reader - Mieko Davis Pianist - Janet Hill Zoom Moderator - Judy Yee
- Jul 11. Coffee Time. Immediately after worship service via Zoom. Hosted by Mariners.
- Jul 14. Prayer Team Meeting. 7 pm via Zoom.
- Jul 16. Choir Camp. Thru Jul 18. Email Ben Pryor (jereebenn@gmail.com) with questions.
- Jul 18. Worship Service. 10 am via Zoom. Worship Leader - TBD Japanese Reader - Miyo Uchida Pianist - Wade Tambara Zoom Moderator - Nancy Arata-Fong
- Jul 20. Bible Study. 6:30-7:30 pm via Zoom.
- Jul 24. Church CleanUp Day. 8-11 am. Help straighten up the sanctuary and tidy up the grounds. Masks required. Bring gloves.
- Jul 24. PA Operator Training. 10-11:30 am.
- Jul 25. Worship Service. 10 am in person and online. Worship Leader - TBD

Japanese Reader - Haruko Sakakibara Pianist - Janet Hill Tech Moderator - Lori Hart

- Aug 1. Worship Service. 10 am in person and online. Aloha Sundays begin! Worship Leader - Kishwer Vikaas Japanese Reader - Haruko Sakakibara Pianist - Haruko Sakakibara Tech Moderator - TBD
- Aug 1. Chapel Chimes Deadline. Send articles/ photos to officemanager@parkviewpc.org.
- Aug 4. Worship Committee Meeting. 6:30-8:30 pm via Zoom.

Aug 8. Worship Service. 10 am in person and online. Worship Leader - TBD Japanese Reader - Mieko Davis

Pianist - Janet Hill Tech Moderator - Judy Yee

Aug 12. Session Meeting. 1:00-3:00 pm via Zoom.

Virtual Worship Services will Continue

Join us 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

Please check the Parkview calendar on updates on coffee hour once in-person worship begins. *https://parkviewpc.org/calendar/*.

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 Pastor Pamela's devotionals 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.



Online Bystander Intervention Training Available

In light of the rise in anti-AAPI hate and crime, Parkview's Session encourages you to join a bystander intervention training to become more aware of how we can become more proactive in doing our part to diffuse these difficult situations. The next three sessions are July 15, 19, 27. Go to *https://www. ihollaback.org/bystanderintervention/* to register for this free training.





The church is closed until July 25, 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/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:

| Office phone: | 916.443.4464 |
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| (Please leave a message.) | |

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| Financial Report as of June 30, 2021: | | |
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| | June | Total Yr 2021 |
| Income: | \$15,811.00 | \$70,740.85 |
| Expenses: | \$14,239.14 | \$66,680.23 |
| Difference: | | \$4,060.62 |

Download the PPC Calendar to Your Smartphone!

It doesn't matter which kind of calendar you have: Google, iPhone, Yahoo. Go to www.parkviewpc.org/calendar and click on the link at the bottom of the calendar to add the calendar to yours. You're just a click away from having the PPC calendar at your fingertips!



Aloha Sundays Begin Aug 1!

Get out your Hawaiian and other island casual wear to don during the hot days of August. Although Parkview now has air conditioning, we still enjoy these casual days that date back to when it was just too hot to dress up for church! If you are attending church online, it will still be fun to dress in your casual fare. Does anyone have jammies with palm trees on them?



Aloha Offerings

Thank you in advance for your Aloha offering. Parkview traditionally requests donations four times a year: Easter, Aloha (August), Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Beyond the everyday expenses of salaries, supplies, ministries, dues, etc., your donations help pay for all the extra expenses that crop up. Although the church has been closed, we still need to keep everything in order. This year, for example, we've installed new ADA-compliant and low-flow toilets and upgraded some of the sewer pipes from the original clay (!!) pipes that still exist on the property. Plans are now underway to build more fencing to protect the property. So again, thank you for helping Parkview thrive.

"Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the Lord." (Haggai 1:8)

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 oder. Thank you for your patience. Contact officemanager@parkviewpc.org with any questions.

Special Offerings: Brandon & Christina Chaw, Robin Durston, Brian & Leah Kanegawa
In Memory of Susan Champa: Ken & Gloria Okawara
In Memory of Dr. Pan K. Fong: Eddie & Yvonne Fong (choir)
In Memory of Kiyoshi & Eiko Fujiwara: Joyce Fujiwara & Timothy Paulson, Paula Fujiwara
In Memory of ACC Founder Chewy Ito: Eddie & Yvonne Fong (kitchen repairs)
In Memory of Pat Maga: Eddie & Yvonne Fong (kitchen repairs)
In Memory of Toshio Matsumoto: Eddie & Yvonne Fong (choir)
In Memory of Toshio & Lily Matsumoto: Glen Matsumoto
In Memory of John Paneda: Eddie & Yvonne Fong (choir)
In Memory of Bob Tamura (Irene Uno's brother): Eddie & Yvonne Fong (choir)
In Memory of Keith Takechi (Miyeko Takechi's son): Gloria Okawara, Tak & Linda Saito, Stan & Christine Umeda, Gary & Lisa Yuki



How to Donate

- By Mail. You may send checks made out to Parkview Presbyterian Church. Please do not send cash.
- **Online.** Please go to *https://www.parkviewpc.org/* and click on the "Support Parkview" tab and select "General Fund." Use the Notes section to provide additional information about your donation, i.e. "in memory of" or "xx fund." You can use credit card or bank transfer, donate one time only or set up regular donations.

Thank you!