



Chapel Chimes

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Aloha!

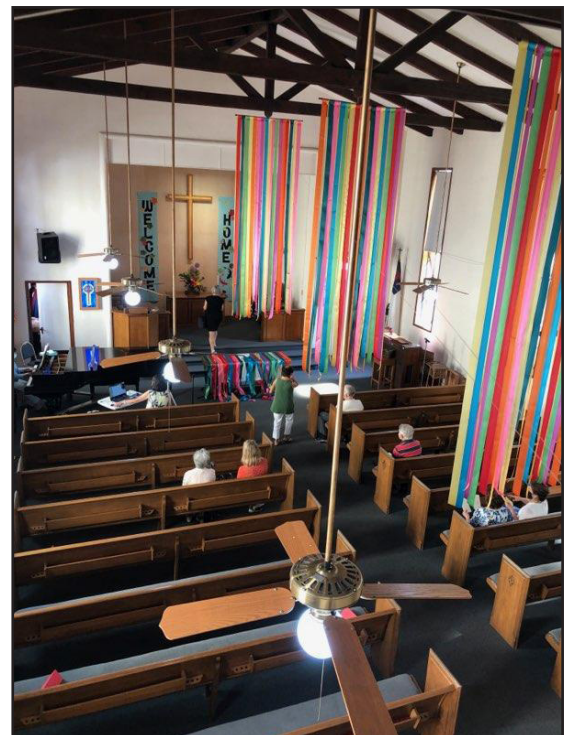
Dear Friends,

I cannot begin to describe to you how happy I was that we were able to finally open the church on July 25. When we closed our doors on March 15, 2020, I never imagined that it would take 16 months, that's 509 days, for us to finally do another in-person service. It was so nice to be in each other's presence! I just knew that we needed for the church sanctuary to represent the joy of being together again. That's why the worship committee asked Judy Fukuman to create beautiful banners to put at the back of the altar. The signs say "Welcome Home." We wanted to welcome everyone home after being away from the church for so long. But it is also a long-standing message. We know that these banners are going to be up for some time, and we wanted the message to be timeless. If a new person comes into the church for the first time, we want them to feel like they have finally found their church home. The church was also decorated with beautiful, colorful streamers to represent celebration, joy, hope, new beginnings, birthdays, you name it! We just wanted to make it look like a party, and the colorful streamers also fit perfectly with our Aloha month. You can view a slideshow of the day on the "Events" page of our website at <https://parkviewpc.org/2021/07/29/parkview-reopened-july-25-2021/>. At this time, we are not hosting any coffee hours, but we look forward to the day when we can do that. We are going to be as cautious as we can be as we lean into this new season of our church.

Meanwhile, the legacy project (see page 2) continues to do its work, and the committee is asking for anyone to share any old photos or memories they may have of Parkview's work and legacy in the church and the community. There is a long piece of butcher paper in the social hall where are you can write down key moments in Parkview's history. The committee would greatly appreciate your words, thoughts, memories, and photos.

Parkview is a special place and continues to remain active. Bible Study takes place Tuesdays at 6:30 pm, prayer team meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm, the youth and young adults have been doing some fun activities as well, and the photo club has been meeting to shoot pics. We will also be welcoming Jana Lee into membership in mid-August. For being in the middle of a pandemic, Parkview has done exceedingly well! It is such a joy and pleasure to work and serve alongside you and with you. Like Apostle Paul said in Philippians 1:3, "I thank my God every time I think of you!"

Peace and shalom,
Pamela



*Parkview reopens July 25, 2021
Photo courtesy of Pamela Anderson*

News

Parkview Legacy Project Established

A PPC Legacy project ad hoc committee has been formed to create, preserve, and share the church's historical past from 1912 to the present. The committee meets once



a month via Zoom and plans to complete the project in a year's time. Members are: Nancy Arata-Fong, Paula Fujiwara, May Lee, Wade Tambara, Christine Umeda, and Hach Yasumura.

We need your help. What we're looking for is written descriptions, photos, and videos of church activities and milestones. Examples such as:

- 1940. Groundbreaking ceremony at 727 T Street
- 1945. Hostel to help families returning from incarceration
- 1976-77. Jan Ken Po Gakko began a summer program for children to learn about the Japanese cultural and heritage.
- 2015. Multi-cultural pastoral training program

How can you help? A timeline has been set-up in the social hall. Please help us fill in information about the many activities the church has either developed or supported in the community. Notepaper and pens are available to add your comments. Please include the following details:

- Date/s.
- Activity
- What information or materials or photos you may have
- Contact information

If you are not able to attend worship in person and want to add materials or photos, kindly contact Christine Umeda at 916-607-2841 or email cfumeda@me.com. In addition, can you help us with contact information for family members of former Issei and Nisei members?

Submitted by Christine Umeda

Thoughts on Prayer

Have you ever noticed that when it comes to the Lord's Prayer, the Presbyterians are the only ones who say "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors"? All other denominations, the Lutherans, Episcopalians, Catholics, Methodists, etc.



say "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespassed against us." When Presbyterians say the prayer, it's definitely more succinct! But it is also a nod to our Scottish heritage. John Knox, who was based out of Edinburgh, Scotland, really helped formalize the Presbyterian denomination. So why do we say "debts" instead of "trespasses"? Rev. John Stuart, the pastor of Erin Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, Tennessee, has provided a good explanation:

"Most of what we believe as Presbyterians comes from Scotland. In Scotland, there is no law of trespass, unlike their English counterparts. This meant that when it came to saying the Lord's Prayer, the words 'trespass' and 'trespasses' had no meaning for the Scots people. Scots, however, knew all about debts and debtors because it was mainly a merchant economy in the 16th century. Calvinists also believed in the substitutionary atonement of Christ, which emphasizes the fact that Jesus sacrificially substituted Himself on the Cross for us. This means that we are completely indebted to Him, so when we say 'forgive us our debts' in the Lord's Prayer, we are actually saying, "Forgive us of the sinful things in our lives that nailed Jesus to the Cross." And when we add the phrase 'as we forgive our debtors,' we are actually asking God to forgive us in the same way that we deal with the personal injuries, wounds, and hurts which other people inflict upon us."

So now, my friends, whenever you pray "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors," you know the deeper meaning behind it. May we all do our part to be intentional about forgiveness for ourselves, for each other, and to God.

Submitted by Pamela Anderson

News - continued

Altar Flowers Return to Parkview

Fresh flower donations for the church altar resume September 5, 2021. We are looking for new flower donors through next August. Please email Haruko (sakakibaraharuko@gmail.com), if you can donate



flowers. View the donation schedule on the church calendar: <https://parkviewpc.org/calendar/>. We have followed the floral tradition established by Toshi Tambara for many years, but some changes are necessary due to current COVID-19 concerns. Below is a summary of the revised floral donation process approved by the PPW cabinet.

- Donors will receive a reminder email about a month ahead of their scheduled Sunday from either Haruko Sakakibara or Judy Yee, the flower coordinators.
- The donor is now in charge of both the floral presentation and clean up.
- Donations should be fresh flowers arranged in vases/containers or floral plants in pots. If you bring in loose flowers/bouquet, there are vases below the kitchen sink available for your use.
- Please place the arrangement on the altar in the sanctuary by 9:45 am and remove it after the service.
- If the donors will not be physically present at church, they can prearrange with a church volunteer to handle their flowers. Please make a request and provide details when you respond to the initial email reminder you receive from us.

We have a rotation of volunteers to ensure the smooth flow of altar floral presentations: Haruko (1st Sunday), Judy (2nd Sunday), Cathy (3rd Sunday) and Donna (4th Sunday). We are seeking a volunteer for the occasional 5th Sunday and to serve as an alternate. If you can help, please contact Haruko.

Submitted by Haruko Sakakibara and Judy Yee

Volunteer Spotlight: Lois Van Beers

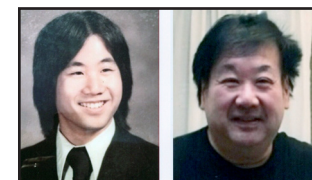
Parkview is fueled by its volunteers, many of whom work behind the scenes to keep the church going.

A stalwart member of PPW, Lois quietly goes about volunteering wherever and whenever needed. She has organized the annual udon sale, participated in clean-up efforts, and does outreach to our more isolated members. Thanks, Lois, for all your efforts!



Keith Takechi Honored

Upon Keith Takechi's death, the Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle issued the following statement: The Consulate-General of Japan expresses



its heartfelt condolences to the family of Professor Keith Takechi, who dedicated his life to promoting Japanese art and culture. The consulate had the pleasure of working with Prof. Takechi for nearly two decades. Perhaps most notable was the collaborative establishment of Amanogawa, the Japanese Government Scholarship Alumni Association, to which Prof. Takechi devoted unwavering support. A gifted presenter who shared his passion for classical and popular Japanese art, Prof. Takechi was also featured in a lecture series at the Seattle Asian Art Museum, speaking on the history of manga. He will be remembered for his contributions to strengthening US-Japan relations. Our thoughts are with his family, friends, and colleagues.

Events

Aug 8. Worship Service. 10 am in person/online.
Worship Leader - TBD
Japanese Reader - Mieko Davis
Pianist - Janet Hill
Tech Moderator - Judy Yee
Sound System - TBD
Parking - D. McGill

Aug 10. Bible Study. 6:30-7:30 pm via Zoom.

Aug 11. Prayer Team Meeting. 7 pm via Zoom.

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

Aug 15. Worship Service. 10 am in person/online.
Worship Leader - TBD

Japanese Reader - Miyo Uchida
Pianist - Wade Tambara
Tech Moderator - Nancy Arata-Fong
Sound System - Dave McGill
Parking - Tak Fukuman

Aug 17. Bible Study. 6:30-7:30 pm via Zoom.

Aug 22. Worship Service. 10 am in person/online.
Worship Leader - Christine Umeda
Japanese Reader - Haruko Sakakibara
Pianist - Haruko Sakakibara
Tech Moderator - Lori Hart
Sound System - TBD
Parking - TBD

Aug 24. Bible Study. 6:30-7:30 pm via Zoom.

Aug 29. Worship Service. 10 am in person/online.
Worship Leader - Betsy Eskridge
Japanese Reader - No Japanese Reading
Pianist - Nancy Arata-Fong
Tech Moderator - Lori Hart
Sound System - TBD
Parking - Dave McGill

Sep 1. Worship Committee Meeting. 6-7 pm via Zoom.

Sep 5. Worship Service. 10 am in person/online.
Worship Leader - TBD
Japanese Reader - Haruko Sakakibara
Pianist - Haruko Sakakibara
Tech Moderator - TBD
Sound System - TBD
Parking - D. McGill

Sep 5. Chapel Chimes Deadline. Send articles/photos to officemanager@parkviewpc.org.

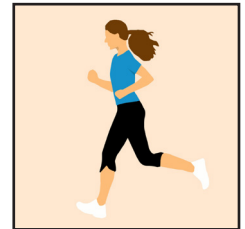
August Bible Study

Please join Pastor Pamela for a discussion of joy and the Book of Philippians, one of the most joyous books of the Bible. "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4)



Save The Date for My Sister's House!

Run for a Safe Haven will take place this year on Saturday, Oct 23, 10 am at William Land Park. More Details will come later to join Parkview's team! Go to <http://www.my-sisters-house.org/> for information on this



great organization. My Sister's House serves Asian and Pacific Islander and other underserved women and children impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking by providing a culturally appropriate and responsive safe haven, job training, and community services..



Oline 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. August sessions are Aug 13, Aug 18, and Aug 23. Go to <https://www.ibollaback.org/bystanderintervention/> to register for this free training.



Connections

Worship with Us:

Sundays, 10 am. Join us online, too. Login information is available at <https://parkviewpc.org/worship-with-us/>. Worship programs and recorded sermons are available on our website.

Request Prayers:

Use the prayer request form on our website, or send an email directly to prayer@parkviewpc.org. Look for more prayer inspirations and tips in the PPC's Friday emails and at the Prayer Resources webpage at <https://parkviewpc.org/prayer-resources/>. Make praying a habit.

Pray with Us:

Daily Noon 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 wherever you are.

Devotionals

Read Pastor Pamela's weekly devotionals on our website at <https://parkviewpc.org/category/devotionals/>.

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:

Look for our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/436815866711522/>.

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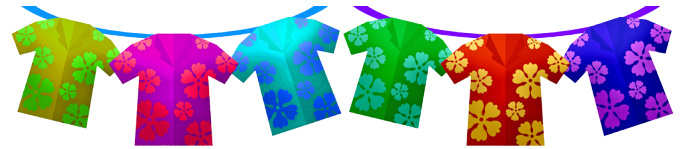
Download the PPC Calendar to Your Smartphone!

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)*

Financial Report as of July 31, 2021:

| | July | Total Yr 2021 |
|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Income: | \$7,497.59 | \$78,238.44 |
| Expenses: | \$15,231.64 | \$81,911.87 |
| Difference: | | (\$3,673.43) |

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: Anonymous (2x), Robin Durston, Helen Sakaishi, Tom Tambara (dishwasher fund)

In Gratitude for Leah's Recovery from Surgery: Cathy Nishizaki

In Memory of Susan Champa: Eddie & Yvonne Fong (dishwasher fund)

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

In Memory of Evelyn Hart (Russ Hart's mother): Jerry & Marilyn Champa, Russ & Lori Hart

In Memory of Marian Hayashi (Carla Hart's mother): Bill & Linda Nagata

In Memory of May Hertel (Sue Lorens' mother): Bill & Linda Nagata

In Memory of Irene Koutchis: Eddie & Yvonne Fong (choir)

In Memory of Richard Mayai: Eddie & Yvonne Fong (choir)

In Memory of Toshio Matsumoto: Bill & Linda Nagata

In Memory of George Muramoto: Art & Ann Inouye

In Memory of Bob Tamura (Irene Uno's brother): Bill & Linda Nagata

In Memory of Keith Takechi (Miyeko Takechi's son): Miyeko Takechi, Bill & Linda Nagata

In Memory of George Tom: Eddie & Yvonne Fong (dishwasher fund)

In Support of the Food Fund: Dave McGill

Aloha Offerings: May Lee, Bill & Linda Nagata, Fumi Nakata

Easter Offerings: May Lee



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!