



Chapel Chimes

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Dear Friends,

A new church year began on Sunday, November 28, with the first Sunday of Advent. The four Sundays of Advent are often seen as the countdown to Christmas. Christmas merchandise has been in stores since before Halloween. Shopping lists are growing, and the number of shopping days is shrinking. Covid-safe travel and holiday gatherings are being planned. Trees need decorating, treats need baking, and presents need wrapping. And jammed somewhere in all this are the everyday goings on: work, school, meetings, volunteering, paying bills, appointments, errands. The temptation is to live what someone has called a “hurry-up, get busy, Christmas is almost here,” Advent. That kind of Advent can only lead to a “hurry-up, plow through dinner, open the presents, take down the tree, Christmas is over,” Christmas. There is another way.

Advent is a time when the Church stands up in the midst of all the busyness of life: shopping, cooking, decorating, gathering, and traveling, and asks us to slow down, to be still. For the four Sundays of Advent aren't the time when we prepare for Christmas, but the time in which we are being prepared for Christmas. We are to look and listen for the God who is always coming to us. During Advent, we reflect on who we are and whether our friendship with Christ is deepening our experience of God, and our relationships with each other. We look for Jesus in all the unexpected places: in the stuff of everyday life, and especially in the suffering, in the poor and needy. We wait for the angelic messenger that promises us that into the depth of our humanity, God will bear a child named Jesus.

Advent reminds us that waiting and watching are holy work. That's not easy to do any time, but especially in one of the busiest times of the year. And that may be why it's even more necessary now. So how do we do this? Silence is one way. Silence is a way of waiting, a way of watching and listening to what's going on inside us and around us. What might we discover if, for the season of Advent, we took five or ten or twenty minutes each day to sit in silence and stillness, watching and waiting? What would the Coming One show us, or say to us?

This December 24, the Parkview Worship team invites you to gift yourself with some Holy Night Quietude. Drop by church on Christmas Eve anytime between 7:30 and 9 p.m. for some quiet reflection in the candlelit sanctuary. Receive communion whenever you're ready. Stay as briefly, or as long, as you like, as you open yourself to God's loving presence on this most Holy Night. Family members and friends are always welcome, too.

The third verse of the beloved hymn, “O Little Town of Bethlehem” invites us to meet Christ in the sacred space of quiet watchfulness:

*How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in.*

Dear Parkview Church family, this holy season of Advent, what are you waiting for?

On the Advent journey with you,
Pastor Sarah



Choir singing on the 1st Sunday of Advent

News

Iu Mien Community News

On Thanksgiving Day, as many of us were enjoying sumptuous meals and family get-togethers, Iu Mien Community Services (IMCS) was featured in the Sacramento Book of Dreams, requesting \$5,000 to provide culturally appropriate groceries for their elderly and disabled clients.

From 2003 until the onset of Covid in spring 2020, IMCS hosted weekly gatherings of some 60-80 elderly and disabled Iu Mien refugees, providing a safe place for them to get together, learn community news, and share healthy snacks. When Covid ended the gatherings, IMCS switched to monthly distributions of culturally appropriate groceries, difficult to obtain for people with limited budgets and restricted transportation options. Because IMCS also has a limited budget, it has only been able to spend about \$5/client/month (married couples count as one client). A typical distribution might include a one or two lb. sack of rice, one or two bananas or other inexpensive fruits, a container of Pringles, and/or an 8 oz. bottle of Ensure or two boxes of juice.

In the past, Parkview Presbyterian Women has donated about \$100/year to help the elderly Iu Mien celebrate Thanksgiving. Hopefully, with the help of the Book of Dreams, IMCS will be able to substantially increase its ability to ensure enough healthy, culturally appropriate groceries for its elderly and disabled community members.

- Submitted by Maurine Huang

GKI's Final Worship Service at Parkview

After over ten years of sharing our home, Gereja Kristen Indonesia (GKI) will celebrate their final service at Parkview on Dec 26. In the new year they will be moving to Celtic Cross Presbyterian Church in Citrus Heights. Most of GKI's members live near that church, so it makes practical sense to worship there. GKI wrote to us that they "would like to also express our deepest thanks to you and the Parkview Church Session, for all of your generosity and help in being our most caring host for the past 10+ years we have been nesting at Parkview church." May they take God's blessing with them on this new leg of their ministry.



Parkview and GKI volunteers at the 2018 annual church clean up



Pastor Sarah's Official Email Address

Pastor Sarah is here and excited to be in ministry at Parkview. Please use pastor@parkviewpc.org for all email communications with Pastor Sarah. Thank you!



News cont'd.

Volunteer Spotlight: Lori Hart

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

Lori is a founding member of our fabulous tech team, which brings the worship service to online worshipers. She also proofreads the *Chapel Chimes*, no easy feat considering the fast turnaround time required. Thanks, Lori, for all you do!



Volunteer Opportunity - Office Help

On occasion, Parkview has large projects that require tasks such as assembling, collating, and stapling pages together. For instance, our next large project is the collation of the annual report for distribution to the congregation. Would you be able to be part of a group of volunteers that will aid with such occasional projects? This work will take place at Parkview; and Parkview Covid protocols will be followed. If you are interested, please send an email at officemanager@parkviewpc.org. Thank you in advance for your help!

Your Donations Are So Important To Parkview

Your donations help pay for the salaries of our pastor, office manager, janitorial service, maintenance and repair of the building and grounds, and for all of the programs within our church such as Sunday school, choir, and outreach. With the exception of donations received for offerings, Easter, Aloha Sunday, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, once a donation is received, our office manager records the donation and sends a thank you letter to the donor acknowledging the donation. Under revised procedures, thank you letters are sent on a weekly basis. We thought you would like to know how donations to Parkview are acknowledged.



- If a donation is made in memory of someone who

has recently passed, a copy of the thank you letter is sent to the relative of the decedent. If the relative is not a Parkview member or attendee, and the donor wishes the relative to be notified of the donation, the donor should provide the office manager with the name and address of the relative.

- Likewise, if a donation is made to honor someone or celebrate an event such as a birthday, a copy of the thank you letter is sent to the honoree provided he or she is a church member or attendee such that the office manager has an address for the honoree.
- With regard to funerals or memorial services conducted at Parkview, a committee of Parkview Presbyterian Women (PPW) will meet with the family ahead of the service to receive direction about who will receive a copy of the thank you donation letters.
- With the exception of regular offerings, all donations, including donations for Easter, Aloha Sunday, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, are acknowledged in the *Chapel Chimes*.
- On occasion, a donation may be acknowledged in the *Chapel Chimes* before a thank you letter is sent to or received by the donor. In this situation, we ask for your patience and understanding for any delay.

Once again, thank you for your donations to Parkview! All donations are appreciated and put to use for our worship of God and Jesus Christ.

- Submitted by Irene Uno and
Donna Komure-Toyama

Financial Report as of November 30, 2021:

	November	Total Yr 2021
Income:	\$23,193.67	\$122,658.03
Expenses:	\$21,294.29	\$133,211.42
Difference:		(\$10,553.39)

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Food Closet Donations Accepted Thru Dec 12

A collection box will be in the social hall for donations (see below) for the South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership (SSIP) food closet. The mission of SSIP is “to maintain and operate an emergency food distribution program to help alleviate food insecurity for Sacramento area residents” by partnering faith-based organizations, local businesses (like Raley’s, Nugget Markets, Trader Joe’s and Grocery Outlet), and community members. If you are not able to drop off your donations at Parkview, you can also deliver them to Donna Komure-Toyama’s house, 2746 Marty Way, Sacramento 95818. Thank you!



- canned food
- tea bags and coffee
- dog and cat food (can and dry)
- baby diapers in several sizes
- adult incontinent products
- feminine hygiene products
- toilet paper (individually wrapped)
- tissue boxes

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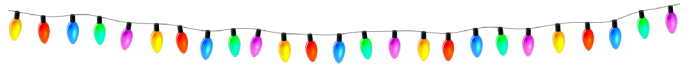
Choir Returns!

After over twenty (!) months, our beloved choir has returned! They performed on Nov 28, the first day of Advent, singing “Little Star” by Jill Gallina (see photo on page 1). All singers are invited to join the choir. Practice is Weds at 7 pm in the social hall. Parkview’s Covid protocols will be observed. Please contact Ben (Jerome) Pryor at jereebenn@gmail.com, if you are interested in joining the choir.



Gingerbread Houses Return to Parkview

Families and friends gathered in the social hall after worship service on Dec 5 to decorate gingerbread houses. Kids of all ages enjoyed putting their own special touches on their houses. Many thanks to Cathy Nishizaki for organizing the event. She went above and beyond to ensure the event adhered to Parkview’s Covid protocols. Participants also brought donations for the SSIP food closet (see article to the left). If you didn’t make it this year, pencil in the event in your 2022 calendar!



Share Holiday Joy on Dec 19

Join us right after worship service on Dec. 19 for an informal sharing of holiday joy. Bring your individually wrapped “delectable edibles” to share and/or exchange in the church courtyard. We will also be preparing goodie bags for some of our more vulnerable members and arrange delivery. While Covid has twice forced us to cancel our usual holiday gatherings, we can still find ways to celebrate. See you then.

- Carla Hart, Maurine Huang,
Haruko Sakakibara, Donna Komure-Toyama

Events, Etc.

Dec 12. Worship Service. 10 am in person/online.

Worship Leader - D. Komure-Toyama

Japanese Reader - M. Wright

Pianist - W. Tambara

Tech Moderator - L. Van Beers

Sound System - T. Tambara

Parking - T. Fukuman

Usher - M. Huang

Greeters - H. Sakakibara, I. Uno

Online Greeter - May Lee

Dec 19. Worship Service. 10 am in person/online.

Worship Leader - T. Toyama

Japanese Reader - M. Uchida

Pianist - J. Hill

Tech Moderator - N. Arata-Fong

Sound System - TBD

Parking - P. Chew

Usher - M. Huang

Greeters - B. Eskridge, M. Uchida

Online Greeter - May Lee

Dec 19. Sharing of Holiday Joy. See page 4 for details.

Dec 24. Holy Night Quietude. See insert to right.

Dec 26. Worship Service. 10 am in person/online.

Worship Leader - S. Hanway

Japanese Reader - M. Davis

Pianist - H. Sakakibara

Tech Moderator - L. Hart

Sound System - T. Toyama

Parking - R. Hart

Usher - J. Chew

Greeters - TBD

Online Greeter - May Lee

Jan 2. Worship Service. 10 am in person/online.

Worship Leader - C. Umeda

Japanese Reader - H. Sakakibara

Pianist - J. Hill

Tech Moderator - L. Van Beers

Sound System - TBD

Parking - G. Younglove Usher - TBD

Greeters - TBD

Online Greeter - May Lee

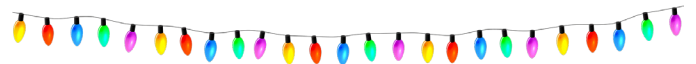
Jan 2. Chapel Chimes Deadline. Send articles/photos to officemanager@parkviewpc.org by 5 pm.

Jan 5. Worship Committee Meeting. 6 pm via Zoom.

Jan 12. Prayer Team Meeting. 7 pm via Zoom.

Jan 13. Session Meeting. 1 pm via Zoom.

Jan 23. Congregational Meeting. Please note revised date.



Worship with Us In Person or Online:

Login info is available at <https://parkviewpc.org/worship-with-us/>. Worship programs are posted on our website.

Contact Us:

Office phone: 916.443.4464

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave: pastor@parkviewpc.org

Christine Umeda: session@parkviewpc.org

Kris Sazaki: officemanager@parkviewpc.org

Request Prayers:

Use the prayer request form on our website, or send an email directly to prayer@parkviewpc.org.

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.

Holy Night Quietude

Dec 24 • 7:30 - 9 p.m

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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 (4x), Robin Durston, Ken Okawara, Rev. Dr. Deetje Tiwa (GKI)

In Appreciation for Recovery from Hip Surgery: Christine Umeda

In a Warm Welcome to Pastor Sarah: Jonathan & Haruko Sakakibara

In Memory of Grace Fujii: Brian & Karen Fujii

In Memory of Harry Fujii: Brian & Karen Fujii

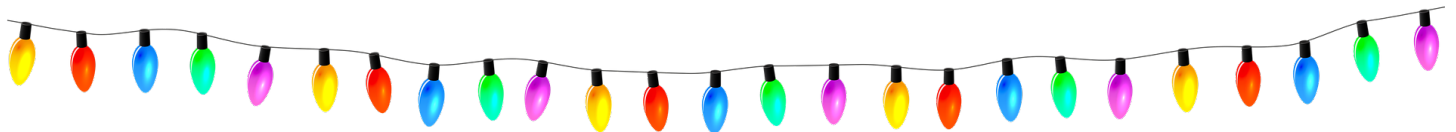
In Memory of Joan Sakata: Brian & Karen Fujii

In Memory of Shiro Tokuno: Merijune Tokuno

In Support of Building Repairs/Repairs from Vandalism: Pattie Hashimoto

Thanksgiving Offerings: Kevin & Sylvia (Ryugo) Campbell, Phillip & Julie Chew, Betsy Eskridge & Lois Van Beers, Tak & Judy Fukuman, Carla Hart, Pattie Hashimoto, Steve & Janet Hill, Brian & Leah (Fujiwara) Kanegawa, Dave McGill, Bill & Linda Nagata, Fumi Nakata, Cathy Nishizaki, Jonathan & Haruko Sakakibara, Miyeko Takechi, Wade Tambara, Titus & Donna (Komure) Toyama, Rick & Irene Uno, William & Judy Yee, Gary & Diane Younglove, Richard & Joyce Yuki

Christmas Offerings: Kevin & Sylvia (Ryugo) Campbell, Phillip & Julie Chew, Tak & Judy Fukuman, Carla Hart, Pattie Hashimoto, Steve & Janet Hill, Kerry & Sue Ann Kashiwagi, Bill & Linda Nagata, Fumi Nakata, Stan & Susan Shibata, Hach & Linda Yasumura, Richard & Joyce Yuk



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.
- **In Person.** You may drop off your donation during worship service.

Thank you!