



# Chapel Chimes

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Dear Friends,

It's been more than 40 years, and I still don't know who gave me that enormous Valentine card. The almost-as-tall-as-me card that was propped outside my residence hall door on Feb 14 at the University of Kent in Canterbury. People in England signed their Valentines with silly rhymes like "looney tooney" or "kissy wissy," instead of their real name. It was likely from a friend in the Christian fellowship group, but no one ever 'fessed up' to putting it there. I have an idea who may have left it: a friend from a group I hiked the Lake District with later that Spring. I could try to find him on Facebook and ask if he was the phantom card giver. But sometimes it's fun just to keep things a mystery. Maybe it's because my paternal ancestors immigrated from Scotland and Ireland, but I've always been drawn to Celtic spirituality, which celebrates the mystery in life. When our daughter, Chelsea, and I visited Iona the year she studied at University of St. Andrews in Scotland, I came across a book of Celtic blessings, *Benedictus*, by poet John O'Donohue. I loved O'Donohue's notion of "this shy inner light that enables us to recognize and receive our very presence here as blessing."

I had heard many people talk about Iona as a 'thin place'- holy ground where the veil between this world and the eternal one is thin, places where we can sense God's presence in profound ways. *New York Times* columnist Eric Weiner describes these places where the distance between heaven and earth seem to collapse. "The ancient pagan Celts, and later, Christians, used the term to describe mesmerizing places like the wind-swept isle of Iona. Heaven and earth, the Celtic saying goes, are only three feet apart, but in thin places that distance is even shorter . . . Thin places transform us — or, more accurately, unmask us. In thin places, we become our more essential selves."

The windswept isle of Iona didn't feel thin to me during that November visit; it just felt cold. But several years later, on a trip to Israel, the Garden of Gethsemane was exquisitely thin. Where and when we will come across thin places in life remains a mystery. But those may be times where we return to that first garden, times where we experience the unity with God we used to have, and long for now. Maybe thin places offer glimpses not of heaven, but of earth as it's really meant to be. Just one look in our own backyards reminds us of the rest of the story: Paradise Lost. Sin entered the world through the willful disobedience of our ancestors, Adam and Eve, and their fellowship with God was broken. But we were created for companionship with our Creator, and that's why we keep listening for God's voice, and longing for God's company. This Valentine's Day, celebrate the people in your life who fill your heart with love, with hugs, with chocolate, and maybe even an enormous card. May you be captivated and comforted knowing, as John O'Donohue says, "the urgency with which God longs for you" and celebrate your very presence here on earth as blessing.

-Pastor Sarah

P.S. Parkview Church received a very special Valentine from Stan Umeda on Feb 7. Stan fashioned a beautiful, adjustable wooden podium for the top of the pulpit. It is functional fine art created by a master craftsman. Thanks, Stan, for your loving gift to us all!



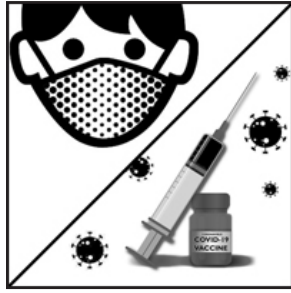
*Stan Umeda installs the new podium.*

# News

## PPC Vaccine Protocol a Success!

Congratulations, Parkview Family, for coming together in compliance with our Proof of Vaccination protocol. On Sunday, Jan 30, 52 people attended the worship service, 36 in person and 16 online. Check-in has become quick and easy since most of you have emailed a copy of your CDC vaccination card to the church. You can still email proof of vaccination to [vaccine@parkviewpc.org](mailto:vaccine@parkviewpc.org). Thank you for doing your part to provide reassurance and safety while caution of Covid remains very real.

- Submitted by Carla Hart



## W.O.W.! “Whispers of Worship”

During the season of Lent (the 40 days leading up to Easter), which begins on Sunday, Mar 6, the worship team will be inviting you to share your “W.O.W.” moments from worshipping together. A W.O.W. (Whisper of Worship) might be something that struck you during worship that you’ll think about during the week. It might be a memory or a feeling or nudge that came to you. W.O.W.s can be prompted by the scripture readings, the children’s message, the music, the sermon, or they might be something that you have never heard or thought of before. Everyone’s W.O.W. is different and unique! Our prayer is that by sharing our Whispers of Worship, we’ll be drawn closer to each other and to God, and that it will help us all to listen more closely for those “whispers” we might otherwise miss.



If you attend in-person worship, you’ll be given a post-it note with your bulletin and there will be time to reflect and write a few words during the service. Afterward, we hope you’ll leave your post-it notes on a white board that will be provided in the social hall, so we can share those Whispers together. It’s up to you whether you include your name or not. If you are attending worship via Zoom, we hope you’ll share in the Zoom chat, or email your Whispers to the church office during the week, and we’ll add those to the W.O.W.s that are left on the board.

We’ll be sharing more as the time gets closer, but it’s never too early to be listening for those Whispers of Worship that touch you each Sunday as we draw closer to each other and to God during worship. What other response could there be to God’s amazing love, but, “WOW!?” We look forward to worshipping with you!

- Submitted by Sue Lorens for the  
Worship Team Donna Toyama,  
Haruko Sakakibara & Pastor Sarah

## Appreciation for Holiday Joy Gathering

Many thanks to all who participated in our Holiday Joy gathering on Dec 19, the Sunday before Christmas. Special thanks to those who brought delectable edibles to share and to those who helped with gift bags for our vulnerable members. While the pandemic forced us to cancel both our usual Christmas holiday gatherings, we were still able to find a way to celebrate.

- Submitted by Carla Hart, Maurine Huang,  
Haruko Sakakibara, Donna Toyama



## PPW General Member Meeting

This year’s general meeting of Parkview Presbyterian Women will take place on Mar 13 at 1 pm via Zoom.

Agenda:

- Approval of a new slate of officers, committee chairs, and members.
- Review and approval of revised bylaws.
- Decision of whether/when to hold an officer installation/celebration.

# News cont'd.

## Full Plates/Full Hearts 2022 Fundraiser

“This is a place where miracles happen for those who help here and those who get help. Praise the Lord.”



This centering affirmation is often said by volunteers before beginning work at the South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership Food Closet. SSIP is a wonderful channel for our compassion and instrument for God’s work, where we can extend our hands of faith, friendship, comfort, and prayer. Presently, 10 Parkview volunteers join folks from other faith communities to provide for our Sacramento neighbors in need.

SSIP’s Full Plates/Full Hearts 2022 fundraiser will be Mar 9, 6-7pm via Zoom. You’ll see Parkview volunteers May Lee and William Yee featured in a video. For more information, go to <https://www.ssipfoodcloset.org/events/full-plates-full-hearts>.

The Parkview Session has approved the donation of the remainder of Parkview’s Food Fund, \$940, for this SSIP fundraiser. You are invited to enhance Parkview’s donation with your individual contributions. Donate online or write checks payable to PPC, noting SSIP in the memo/comments.

- Submitted by Carla Hart

## Volunteer Spotlight: Haruko Sakakibara

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

You know Haruko as one of our wonderful pianists and flower arranger extraordinaire, but she also serves on the worship committee. She has spent the winter organizing our worship teams, who help make our in-person worship possible. See page 4 for more information on our worship teams. Thanks, Haruko, for all you do!



## Music to our Ears and Hearts

Many thanks to Parkview’s men’s quartet, Wade Tambara, Ben Pryor, Titus Toyama, Steve Hanaway, and pianist Haruko Sakakibara, for their lovely rendition of “Eat This Bread,” which they sang during worship on Feb 6. Their beautiful song helped prepare our hearts to receive the Sacrament of Communion that morning.



*Photo courtesy of Jonathan Sakakibara*

## Book Club is Back!

Jane Matsuoka played host to the Book Club’s first meeting since the pandemic hit. There was interesting discussion of “My Grandmother Told Me To Tell You She was Sorry,” by Frederik Backman. Please join us on March 17 for “Born a Crime,” by Trevor Noah.



*Photo courtesy of Kris Sazaki*



# News cont'd.

## Our Great Worship Team is There for You!

A lot of appreciation goes to those who have generously volunteered for monthly/bi-monthly rotations for the 2022 Worship Team. With their commitment, Sunday services have been going on very smoothly. Meet our teams:



- Parking Attendants: Phil Chew, Tak Fukuman, Russ Hart, Dave McGill, Gary Younglove
- Ushers: Julie Chew, Judy Fukuman, Tak Fukuman, Maurine Huang, Michael Wright
- Japanese Bible Readers: Mieko Davis, Haruko Sakakibara, Miyo Uchida, Michael Wright
- Zoom operators: Nancy Arata-Fong, Lori Hart, May Lee, Lois Van Beers, Judy Yee
- PA operators: Dave McGill, Cathy Nishizaki, Jonathan Sakakibara, Tom Tambara, Titus Toyama
- Chairpersons: Phil Chew, Betsy Eskridge, Judy Fukuman, Steve Hanway, Donna Komure-Toyama, Titus Toyama, Christine Umeda, Kishwer Vikaas, Liam Wright
- Greeters: Jerry Champa, Betsy Eskridge, Judy Fukuman, Bill Grissom, Herning Grissom, Carla Hart, Patty Hashimoto, Julie Howe, Mitch Lorens, Sue Lorens, Jana Nakase-Lee, Cathy Nishizaki, Haruko Sakakibara, Wade Tambara, Miyo Uchida, Irene Uno, Luda Wright, Lynn Yamamoto, Diane Younglove, Gary Younglove

Most of the teams have already met to confirm their roles, voice concerns, and offer suggestions for improvements. Very helpful and positive energy has been created. Read upcoming newsletters to learn what the different teams do. Maybe you will want to join next year's worship team!

- Submitted by Haruko Sakakibara  
(Worship Committee)

## A Day in the Life as a PPA

I was "volunteered" to write a short description of our tasks and duties as a Parkview Parking Attendant (PPA). Before I begin, I would like to thank all the volunteers for sacrificing their Sunday mornings to be a PPA. We get up very early,



(some at 5 am), just to be the first person at church. Hach Yasumura was the exception, because he beat us to church EVERY Sunday to make coffee and set up. I am sad to see Hach retire and will miss his coffee. My Sunday morning as a PPA starts by checking to see if anyone is parking in our spaces. Next, I set up the barriers and rope off the back lot. Once the barrier is up, I open up the church.

I start with unlocking the sliding gate (the combination is stored in my phone's address book), then proceed to unlocking the rest of the church. I go back to the parking lot and check to see if anyone tried to sneak under the rope. If all is good, I head back inside to turn on all the lights. (Don't ask me what happens when things aren't good.) I head back outside to do a quick check around the church to see if anyone is sleeping on church grounds. I pick up trash and sometimes sweep the front entrance.

The next task is to monitor the parking lot and greet all those who pass by with "Buenos Dias," "Good morning," "Jo Sun" or "Ohayogozaimasu." I drop the rope for all church members (pray for the daredevils who park next to the telephone poll), and laugh at the parking-challenged members. Once church begins, I proceed to lock all of our attendees inside so you are safe and can't escape to go watch Sunday football at the local pub.

All kidding aside, being a Parkview Parking Attendant (PPA) is challenging (especially in bad weather), but with a good positive attitude, you will get through the tough times. As my mom use to say "Smile, laugh, and be happy. Life is too short." By the way, I get up at 5 am every day no matter what.

- Submitted by Phil Chew

# Events, Etc.

**Feb 13. Worship Service.** 10 am in person/online.  
Worship Leader - Donna Komure-Toyama  
Japanese Reader - Mieko Davis  
Pianist - Wade Tambara  
Zoom Moderator - Lori Hart  
Sound System - Tom Tambara  
Parking - Dave McGill  
Usher - Maurine Huang  
Greeters - Judy Fukuman, Jana Nakase-Lee  
Online Greeter - May Lee

**Feb 13. Pianist Meeting.** Directly after service.

**Feb 15. NO Bible Study.**

**Feb 20. Worship Service.** 10 am in person/online.  
Worship Leader - Titus Toyama  
Japanese Reader - Miyo Uchida  
Pianist - Janet Hill  
Zoom Moderator - Lois Van Beers  
Sound System - Cathy Nishizaki  
Parking - Russ Hart  
Usher - Julie Chew  
Greeters - Jerry Champa, Carla Hart  
Online Greeter - May Lee

**Feb 21. Pastor Sarah on Vacation.** Thru Feb 28.

**Feb 22. NO Bible Study.**

**Feb 27. Worship Service.** 10 am in person/online.  
Guest Pastor - Rev. Kim Nelson  
Worship Leader - Steve Hanway  
Japanese Reader - Michael Wright  
Pianist - Janet Hill  
Zoom Moderator - Nancy Arata-Fong  
Sound System - Titus Toyama  
Parking - Phil Chew  
Usher - Michael Wright  
Greeters - Patty Hashimoto, Gary Younglove  
Online Greeter - May Lee

**Mar 1. Lent Begins.**

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• **Prayer Corner** •  
• *“I am praying to you because I know you will* •  
• *answer, O God. Bend down and listen as I* •  
• *pray.” (Psalm 17:6)* •  
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**Mar 1. Prayer Team Meeting.** 7 pm via Zoom.  
**Mar 2. Worship Committee Meeting.** 6 pm via Zoom.

**Mar 6. Worship Service.** 10 am in person/online.  
Worship Leader - Christine Umeda  
Japanese Reader - Haruko Sakakibara  
Pianist - Haruko Sakakibara  
Zoom Moderator - Lori Hart  
Sound System - Jonathan Sakakibara  
Parking - Gary Younglove  
Usher - Judy Fukuman  
Greeters - Bill Grissom, Hering Grissom  
Online Greeter - May Lee

**Mar 6. Chapel Chimes Deadline.** Send articles (350-word maximum) and photos to officemanager@parkviewpc.org by 5 pm.

**Mar 8. Bible Study.** 6 pm via Zoom.

**Mar 10. Session Meeting.** 1 pm via Zoom.

**Mar 17. Book Club Meeting.** 1 pm. “Born a Crime” by Trevor Noah.



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## Contact Us:

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