



Chapel Chimes

727 T Street, Sacramento, CA • January 2023

Dear Friends,

Part 1: Grown Up New Year's List

When I lived in Virginia, we played Christmas music at our house while decorating the Christmas tree, wrapping gifts, making cookies or cocoa, or yelling at the dog to stop barking. I know some of you have Fa-La-La'ed enough to last a lifetime, but I enjoyed hearing our Christmas albums each year. Nat King Cole was a nostalgic favorite, and we also enjoyed Amy Grant's Christmas albums. One of the songs on her *Home for Christmas* album is "Grown Up Christmas List". The refrain goes like this:

*No more lives torn apart
That wars would never start
And time would heal all hearts
And everyone would have a friend
And right would always win
And love would never end
This is my grown-up Christmas list.*

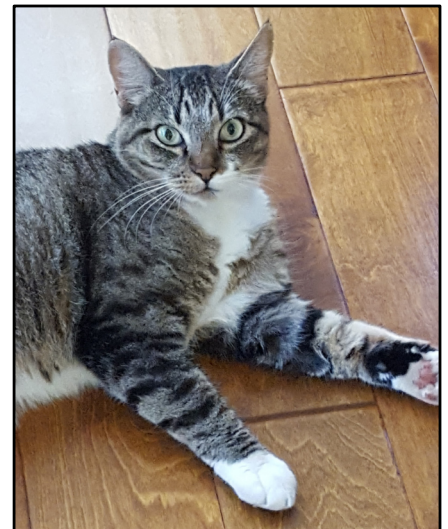
I don't know if Santa brought you everything you wanted for Christmas this year, but I think Amy Grant's grown-up list is a great prayer for Christmas and for the New Year. Thinking of what she prayed for got me thinking about my New Year's list for Parkview Church...

I pray we experience God's presence in life-giving ways as we worship God and grow in our faith and our reliance upon God's Spirit. I pray that Parkview continues to be a welcoming and caring church family in the midst of the complexities of life. A place where we can talk about real life difficulties and questions that are challenging us in our faith. A place to share learnings and frustrations and nurture that for which we are most hopeful. A sacred space where God can bring each of us more fully alive as we notice the movements of the Spirit in the Biblical stories and in the stories of our lives. In 2023, I pray that each of you would grow in your yearning to know God and be known by God. I pray that you would put yourself in the place of greatest opportunity to grow in faith and compassion and in understanding how God wants you to live by studying Scripture and talking with others about their lives and faith journeys. We have each been given the gift of a brand New Year. Seek out and celebrate all the life and light you can gather, to the glory of God.

Part 2: Miss Socks

She showed up on my back deck last summer, a friendly tabby cat with four white feet. I named her Miss Socks. I filled a bowl with dry cat crunchies and another with water, and left them on the back deck. When I went outside Miss Socks ran over and rubbed against my leg, purring as I petted her head. This cat belongs to someone, I thought. Four or five other cats routinely climbed off the wall behind my condo onto my back deck, but Miss Socks showed up every day. Maybe it was the wet food I added to her menu or the pet bed I left out for her, but Miss Socks stuck around. She was at the sliding glass door each morning waiting for breakfast. This cat belongs to someone, I thought. Months went past, I kept feeding Miss Socks, she kept purring. And chasing acorns across my deck. She was friendly and playful.

This cat belongs to someone, I thought. I pet her so much, I figured I better get her vet-checked and get her a rabies shot. It wasn't pretty, but I managed to smush her into the cat carrier. When it was our turn, I told the vet tech that she was a stray I'd been feeding for months but she was so friendly I knew she'd been someone's pet. The tech checked her for a microchip and found one! I was given



News

a website to report the chip number in the system. Even with a chip, it's often difficult to locate a former owner. They may have moved or passed away. After thirty days if no one claimed her, I could get more vaccines for her. I was mostly concerned about whether she could get pregnant. Is she spayed, I asked? The vet tech checked but couldn't tell. Then she looked again. "Miss Socks isn't spayed," she said, "he's neutered. Miss Socks is Mr. Socks!" We both laughed, and I apologized to Mr. Socks for any gender confusion I may have caused him.

When we got home, I gave Mr. Socks some tuna for being brave at the vet. Then I went online and entered his chip number in the Found Cat section of the Lost Pet website. A few minutes later I got a call from a woman named Suzi who said, "I just got a call from the Lost Pet company. They said you found our cat." "Oh wow!" I said, that's terrific! "I'm in shock," she said. "He's been missing for five years! It's a sad story. The neighbor across the street took a dislike to him after he went to the bathroom in her yard. She trapped him and drove him away. She wouldn't tell us or the police where she dropped him off. My family, my daughters, the whole neighborhood was devastated. We all loved him." "Where do you live," I asked? "Santa Rosa." How in the world did Mr. Socks, aka Señor Gato, aka Kitty, survive five years after being kidnapped and dumped nearly 100 miles away? What an amazing story!

Suzi and her daughters decided to drive to Sacramento the following Sunday after church to pick up their long-lost kitty. When they arrived, it took him a few minutes to feel comfortable around them. After all, it had been five years! But they sat quietly and let him sniff them as they gave him soft pats on the head. They thanked me for finding him and offered to pay for his vet visit. I declined and told them I was delighted to be part of their family reunion. They loaded him into a carrier and headed back to Santa Rosa. The next day Suzi called to say that Senor Gato was taking turns sitting on their laps, purring up a storm. Kitty was home for Christmas. Yay!

Happy New Year!
Pastor Sarah

Report from Session

At the December meeting of Session, the following actions were taken and matters discussed:



- Elders to Help with Communion – Pastor Sarah has requested assistance with communion. Elders will volunteer to assist at service and prepare elements;
- Creation of Special Funds Line Item in Treasury – In order to better oversee donations to Parkview, Session will approve the creation of any special fund before it is designated in the treasury;
- Proposed Budget for 2023 - will show the organizations who will be the recipients of funds from Parkview's mission/outreach donations; investment income will be shown as a separate line item in the budget;
- Cookie Baking at Wind Youth Center and Homeless Respite Center – ministry to bake cookies by Parkview volunteers approved;
- Donations of Warm Winter Wear to Wind Youth Center and the Homeless Respite Center – thank you for everyone who donated the numerous coats and other clothing as well as Cup of Noodle soup;
- Self-defense Class at Parkview – beginning level class to teach fundamental self-defense awareness for all ages to be held on January 29, 2023, at 11:30 a.m., in the social hall. \$5 donation requested;
- Church Insurance Costs Under Review.
- "Snow Day" (no Parkview service) on January 1, 2023 – Congregation is encouraged to attend other church services either in person or by Zoom or spend time with family and friends;
- Active Shooter Training - to be held in near for Jan 22, 12:30 pm at the church by Sacramento Police Department representative;
- Session Recognition – Session extends its appreciation and thanks to Christine Umeda for her efficient work as Clerk of Session. Christine resigned as Clerk and Terri Bowman has graciously agreed to become the Clerk effective January 2023. Session also recognizes and thanks William Yee and the Personnel Committee for their diligent work preparing performance evaluations for our Pastor, Office Manager, and Choir Director.

- Christine Umeda, Clerk of Session
Steve Hanway, Carla Hart

Pattie Hashimoto, Donna Komure-Toyama
Irene Uno, William Yee

News

Parkview Poinsettia Donations 2022

Thanks to all the kind donors who brought beautiful poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary this holiday season. The abundance of colorful blooms created a festive worship space for Christmas.

Donations in Memory of . . .

- Terri Bowman in memory of Daisy Seto
- Fumi Nakata in memory of Kenzi Nakata
- Tak and Judy Fukuman in memory of Judy's brother Kenneth Sakaishi
- William and Judy Yee in memory of their parents
- Titus Toyama and Donna Komure-Toyama in memory of George and Katie Komure and Zip and Lois Toyama
- Pattie Hashimoto in memory of her parents Dr. Masa Seto and Hideko Seto
- Nishizaki Family in memory of Terry
- Pastor Sarah in memory of her parents Dr. John and Patricia Todd
- Sue Lorens in memory of her mom May Hertel
- The Hills in memory of Bob and Dorothy Kubota
- Rick and Irene Uno in memory of their parents Dick Uno and Tsuru and Iwao Tamura
- Pattie Hashimoto in memory of Aunty Daisy



Volunteer Spotlight: Terri Bowman

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

Terri Bowman has graciously stepped up to be our new Clerk of Session. The Clerk of Session is the official record keeper of the church. Terri will work with the Presbytery to ensure our session minutes, membership, and other records are up to date and accurate. Thank you, Terri, for taking on this important role of the church!



PPW Christmas Social Hour Warms the Heart

PPW (Parkview Presbyterian Women) provided a delicious chicken soup lunch for those who attended Christmas service. Volunteers also took bagged lunches to our seniors who could not attend church. The soup filled our tummies and our souls. Many thanks to PPW for reminding us how much we love social hour at Parkview.



Donations in Honor/Celebration of...

- Rumi and Kazu Nozue in celebration of their 22nd wedding anniversary
- Dave McGill in honor of Ben Pryor
- Tak and Judy Fukuman in honor of their parents
- Dave McGill in honor of Wade Tambara
- Mana Nozue welcoming Yasuko Makino for her visit
- Dave McGill in honor of Janet Hill
- Yasuko Makino, Rumi, Kazu, and Mana Nozue in honor of Shigeharu Makino
- Dave McGill in honor of Haruko Sakakibara
- Jerry Champa in celebration of Christmas
- Maurine Huang in celebration of Christmas
- William and Judy Yee in celebration of Christmas



Altar Flowers Requested

We are thankful for participants of this beloved Parkview Church tradition. Your gifts of fresh flowers for the altar enhance our sanctuary and worship service. There are some open Sundays in January, March and April available in our 2023 calendar. We invite you to make a gift to God, a tribute to a loved one, or commemorate a special occasion with your floral gift. Please contact Judy Yee (judyfjee@yahoo.com) to get started.

Congregational Meeting Set for Jan 22

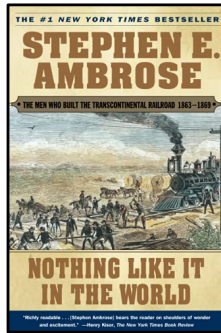
Our annual congregational meeting will take place after worship service on Jan 22. Please plan to attend either in person or online. Your vote matters!



News

January Book Club Meeting is Jan 26

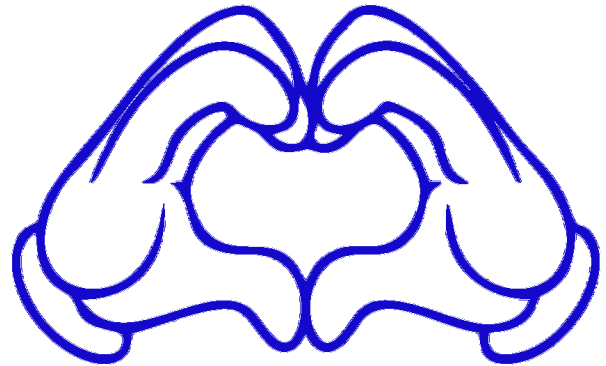
The December meeting was postponed due to illness and time conflicts, so we will discuss the same book on Jan 26 at 1 pm: *Nothing Like It in the World: The Men Who Built the Transcontinental Railroad 1865-1869*, by historian Stephen Ambrose. Email officemanager@parkviewpc.org for our meeting venue.



Thank You for Your Financial Pledges!

Many thanks to all of you who turned in 2023 pledge cards. 27 families have pledged to donate \$92,388.20 in 2023! That represents an increase of ten families and \$17,508.20. Wow!

Why is it important to turn in a pledge card? A pledge card helps the Session determine its budget for the upcoming year. If we know approximately how much people intend on donating, we can better set the budget and plan for other fundraising. You do not need to be an official member of the church to submit a pledge card. If you have an idea of how much you plan on donating to Parkview, just let us know. While we emphasize the spiritual health of the church, we do not want to neglect its financial health. And don't worry, if you do not turn in a pledge card. We are grateful for any and all donations.

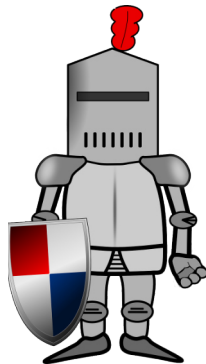


Active Shooter Training Scheduled for Jan 22

This year we put together a team tasked with reviewing and increasing safety and security for Parkview's buildings and congregation. Hach Yasamura, Lois Van Beers, William Yee, and Maurine Huang met with area police officers and security advisors to see how to improve security at Parkview. One of the suggestions from the police was to offer an Active Shooter Training to help us prepare for an attack on our building or church family. Parkview will host an Active Shooter Training with Officer Young on Sunday, January 22 at 12:30 pm, following the annual congregational meeting. Please attend this important presentation if you want to be equipped to respond in the event of an attack. Together we will be trained for something we hope and pray never occurs.

Basic Self-Defense Class for All Ages/Abilities

Start your new year with a self-defense training session at Parkview! After worship on January 29, 2023 at 11:30, Mr. Kelly of Kovars Satori Academy of Martial Arts (Laguna Elk Grove) will offer a class in basic self-defense at Parkview. Cost is \$5 per person. Mr. Kelly will teach self-defense skills for all ages and abilities. Everyone is invited to attend. Friends and family are welcome. Mr. Kelly will demonstrate skills for everyone no matter what their physical capabilities. Please bring comfortable clothes and shoes. Join us at Parkview on Jan 29 as we increase our awareness and ability to respond to threatening situations for ourselves and others.



Financial Report as of December 31, 2022:

	December	Total Yr 2022
Income:	\$22,428	\$165,080
Expenses:	\$18,603	\$180,808
Difference:		(\$15,728)

Upcoming Events

Worship with Us In Person or Online:

Login info and worship programs are available at <https://parkviewpc.org/>.

- Jan 8: Worship Service.** 10 am.
Worship Leader - Jana Nakase-Lee
Japanese Reader - Mieko Davis
Pianist - Janet Hill
Zoom Moderator - Judy Yee
Sound System - Titus Toyama
Parking - Tak Fukuman
Parking Barrier (Sat) - Tak Fukuman
Ushers - Judy Fukuman, Tak Fukuman
Greeters - Carla Hart, Lynn Yamamoto
Online Greeter - May Lee
Altar Flowers - Pattie Hashimoto
- Jan 10: Bible Study.** 6 pm via Zoom.
- Jan 10: Prayer Team Meeting.** 7:15 pm via Zoom.
- Jan 11: Worship Team Meeting.** 5 pm via Zoom.
- Jan 11: Choir Practice.** 7 pm in the social hall.
- Jan 12: Session Meeting.** 1 pm in person.
- Jan 15: Worship Service.** 10 am.
Worship Leader - Steve Hanway
Japanese Reader - Miko Kumagai
Pianist - Nancy Arata-Fong
Zoom Moderator - Aki Kumagai
Sound System - Jonathan Sakakibara
Parking - Phillip Chew
Parking Barrier (Sat) - Russ Hart
Ushers - Maurine Huang, William Yee
Greeters - Miyo Uchida, Diane Younglove
Online Greeter - May Lee
Altar Flowers - Steve Hanway
- Jan 16: PPC Legacy Project Meeting.** 7 pm via Zoom.
- Jan 17: Bible Study.** 6 pm via Zoom.
- Jan 18: Choir Practice.** 7 pm in the social hall.
- Jan 22: Worship Service.** 10 am.
Worship Leader - Judy Fukuman
Japanese Reader - Michael Wright
Pianist - Haruko Sakakibara
Zoom Moderator - Lori Hart
Sound System - Kaz Nozue
Parking - Dave McGill
Parking Barrier (Sat) - Neil Matsuoka

Ushers - Luda Wright, Michael Wright
Greeters - Betsy Eskridge, Luda Wright
Online Greeter - May Lee

Altar Flowers - TBA

Jan 22: Congregational Meeting. Directly after worship service.

Jan 22: Active Shooter Training. See page 4.

Jan 24: Bible Study. 6 pm via Zoom.

Jan 25: Choir Practice. 7 pm in the social hall.

Jan 29: Worship Service. 10 am.

Worship Leader - Phillip Chew

Japanese Reader - Aki Kumagai

Pianist - Nancy Arata-Fong

Zoom Moderator - Lois Van Beers

Sound System - Dave McGill

Parking - TBA

Parking Barrier (Sat) - Dave McGill

Ushers - Aki Kumagai, Miko Kumagai

Greeters - Mana Nozue, Rumi Nozue

Online Greeter - May Lee

Altar Flowers - TBA

Jan 29: Self-Defense Class. See page 4.

Jan 31: Bible Study. 6 pm via Zoom.

Feb 1: Worship Team Meeting. 5 pm via Zoom.

Feb 1: Choir Practice. 7 pm in the social hall.

Feb 5: Worship Service. 10 am.

Worship Leader - Titus Toyama

Japanese Reader - Haruko Sakakibara

Pianist - Janet Hill

Zoom Moderator - Lois Van Beers

Sound System - Jonathan Sakakibara

Parking - Gary Younglove

Parking Barrier (Sat) - TBA

Ushers - Terri Bowman, Julie Chew

Greeters - Mitch Lorens, Sue Lorens

Online Greeter - May Lee

Altar Flowers - Titus & Donna Toyama

Feb 7: Bible Study. 6 pm via Zoom.

Feb 7: Prayer Team Meeting. 7:15 pm via Zoom.

Feb 8: Worship Committee Meeting. 5 pm via Zoom.

Feb 22: Healing Prayer Level 2. Thru Feb 24 at Parkview.

Thank You for Your Support!

Many thanks to all of you who contribute to Parkview through your generous pledged offerings! Additionally, thanks so much to the following for their generous special 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: Calvin Asoo, Jennifer Nishizaki-Ngo, May-Ling Wang

In Celebration of Parkview's 110th Anniversary: Christine Kizuka

In Celebration of the 50th Birthday of Their Son, Corey: Tak & Judy Fukuman

In Celebration of Hach Yasumura's Birthday: Hach & Linda Yasumura

In Memory of Harry & Grace Fujii: Brian & Karen Fujii

In Memory of Helen S. Kishi: Donald Kishi

In Memory of Helen Otow, Mother of Chris Kuratomi: Tak & Judy Fukuman

In Memory of Carnegie Ouye, Sr: Cary Yamanaka

In Memory of Lois Toyama: Titus & Donna (Komure) Toyama

In Memory of Sandra Brown Yakel: Jody Brown

Thanksgiving Offerings: Phil & Julie Chew

Christmas Offerings: Terri Bowman, Phil & Julie Chew, Ian & Mieko Davis, Betsy Eskridge & Lois Van Beers, Tak & Judy Fukuman, Pattie Hashimoto, Brian & Leah (Fujiwara) Kanegawa, Glenn & Evelyn (Ching) Kubota, May Lee, Jane Matsuoka, Dave McGill, Bill & Linda Nagata, Fumi Nakata, Cathy Nishizaki, Gloria Okawara, Ken Okawara, Stan & Susan Shibata, Randy & Lillie Shiroy, Miyeko Takechi, Wade Tambara, Titus & Donna (Komure) Toyama, Rick & Irene Uno, Carey Yamanaka, Hach & Linda Yasumura, William & Judy Yee, Victor & Sherri Yee, Richard & Joyce Yuki



How to Donate:

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

By Mail. Make checks 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 a credit card or bank transfer; donate one time only or set up regular donations.