



Chapel Chimes

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Dear Friends,

Valentine's Day is this month, and if you're not inclined to serve your special someone Kraft candy-flavored pink mac and cheese (yes, it's a thing) on February 14, you might say it with a poem: like Elizabeth Barrett Browning did with Sonnet 43. "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways. I love thee to the depth and breadth and height My soul can reach, ..." This English poet of the Victorian era reached rock star status and was short-listed for England's poet laureate upon the death of Wordsworth. EBB planned to count the ways she was devoted to her beloved, and then meet Robert Browning at a candle-light dinner at Waffle House. If heart-shaped hash browns don't set your heart aflutter, what does? What says love to me was a ginormous bag of cheddar caramel popcorn that Chelsea and Han-Bee sent me one year for Christmas. They mailed it from Oregon in mid-December and it arrived just in time for Valentine's Day! Due to Covid, we didn't get to spend Christmas with them that year, so receiving their holiday package full of delicious treats said love to me.

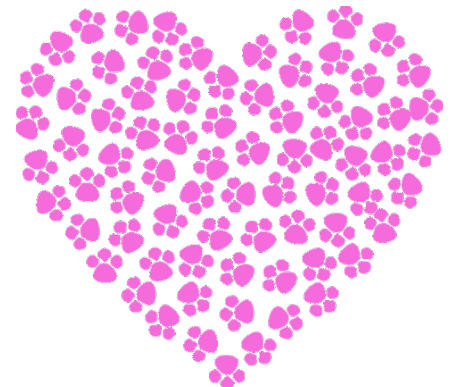
Dwight's willingness to welcome cats into our home says love to me, too. He knew I was a cat person, even if he wasn't, so there have been numerous beloved cats in the Nave household through the years. Chelsea wrote a story about one of them when she was in 6th grade. I share Chelsea's story "Yellow-Line Valentine" with her permission:

What comes to mind when you think of cats? Frisky crow chasers? Ferocious mice catchers? Furry lap nappers? These are things we think all cats have in common, but one little black feline didn't have this spark. Why? Read on to find out. My father and I were on our way to church one Sunday morning when Daddy saw something in the road. Naturally, I didn't look, because I can't stand seeing dead animals in the road. It makes me sad inside to see them run over. My dad pulled over and got out of the car to move the cat out of the middle of the road. It was lying on the yellow center line of the highway. Was it dead? I feared the worst. Dad pulled a pair of old jeans from the trunk, and picked the cat up. I thought it was alive, because I saw its tail swishing back and forth, back and forth. My dad laid the traumatized cat in a nearby yard and went up to the door and knocked. An elderly woman came to the door, and Dad told her what happened. She told us that she had lost a few of her cats on that road. They had also been hit by the fast-moving cars.

When the cat went to the bathroom, there was no blood, so we were relieved that there was no bleeding inside. But there was a little blood on his nose, where we think he was bumped when a car ran over him. Church was getting ready to start. We had to do something with this poor injured cat. We went looking for the owner. But no one claimed him. I really didn't want to leave the poor kitty behind. So, Daddy made a wonderful decision that warmed my heart. He decided we would take the cat to church with us. I was so happy! When we got to church, we put the black cat in a box in Daddy's office. The cat slept and slept! He was so traumatized from being run over, he had to sleep it off. After church, we went to visit him in Daddy's office. He was still asleep. What should we do with him? Since we already have two cats and two dogs at home, my parents decided to let him stay at the office. We brought cat crunchies and a litter box to help him feel at home. For the next two days, my parents called around to try to find his owner. In the meantime, Mom took the black kitty to the vet to get him neutered and vaccinated so that when someone wanted to adopt him, he'd be all set to go. After we paid the big vet bill, he really became our cat. We named him Valentine, because Valentine's Day was just around the corner, and all our money for a fancy Valentine's Day dinner went to pay the vet's bill. Last, but not least, we named him Valentine because he is what we call a kitty love. He loves to be petted, and carried around on my shoulder, and he has a sweet loud voice when he meows. When he's on his back you can pick him up, he's that kind of cat! I'm so glad he came to live at our house! The End

Thanks to dear Chelsea for her story of Yellow-Line Valentine. On this Valentine's Day, here's to having an abundance of whatever says love to you. Here's to Valentines that make us smile, be they funny or furry or crunchy (that caramel cheese popcorn is so good!), they bring God's love our way. Take time to count the ways. Happy Valentine's Day!

- Pastor Sarah



News

Report from Session

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

- *Approval of 2023 Budget:* Treasurer reviewed and Session approved the 2023 budget to be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting. The approved budget includes a 3% service compensation increase to \$31,050 and a housing allowance of \$41,050 for our Pastor.
- *Clerk of Session Candidate:* Terri Bowman was elected as Clerk of Session for 2023.
- *Treasurer:* Betsy Eskridge was elected as Treasurer for 2023.
- *Presbytery Meeting Representative:* Maurine Huang selected as the representative from Parkview to attend meetings of the Presbytery.
- *Safety and Security Measures:* Installation of a Ring security camera for the front door is being researched by the Safety and Security Team. The security camera is a recommendation from the recent safety review of the church grounds.
- *Possible Fundraiser:* A possible spring social fundraiser and raffle to be held at a local restaurant has been suggested. More information such as the cost of the meal and type of food to be researched.
- *Restart of Sunday School:* Jana Nakase-Lee has volunteered to teach Sunday school twice a month beginning on Jan 22. Curriculum to include lessons in racial equality.
- *Communion Assistance:* Elders will assist Pastor with communion per schedule to be established.
- *Boundless Compassion Retreat:* Pastor Sarah will be attending a conference from Mar 1-6, with teachings by Joyce Rupp, which will focus on listening to the compassionate heart of prayer.
- *Healing Prayer Level 2:* to be held Feb 22-24. Although this is open to those who have completed Level 1, all are invited to observe.
- *Safety and Security Events:* Active shooter instruction to be held on Jan 22, after service, and basic self-defense instruction to be held on Jan 29, after service (cost \$5).
- Session Retreat – to be held on Feb 16.

- Terri Bowman, Clerk of Session
Steve Hanway, Carla Hart
Pattie Hashimoto, Donna Komure-Toyama
Irene Uno, William Yee



Ash Wednesday 2023 at Parkview – Imposition of Ashes at 5:00 pm

Feb 22 is Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is one of the most important dates on the Christian calendar because it marks the start of Lent. Ash Wednesday begins our six-week journey through Lent and Holy Week to Easter. Like any well-prepared traveler, we want to pack our bags to make sure we're ready for our journey. But Ash Wednesday is a time to be aware of our personal baggage, not the kind that fits in an airplane's overhead bin, but the baggage we rely on to get us through life. Things we'd rather not do without. Some give up things like their morning coffee or chocolate or desserts, their favorite food, TV, or social media, in order to limit their reliance upon them and increase their reliance on God. Jesus didn't just give up His morning coffee and cream cheese bagel during His forty days in the wilderness following His baptism. He gave up food completely!

Christians who want to identify with the hardships Jesus felt during those forty days may choose to give up things for Lent. Pope Francis says Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our spiritual lethargy. So, let's think about what it is that we may let go of this Lent, in order to hear the stories of Jesus' extravagant love for all more clearly, and follow him more closely on our spiritual journey. Since the Middle Ages, the Church has used ashes to mark the beginning of the holy season of Lent, when we turn back to God, remember our mortality and confess our sins.

You are invited to come to Parkview's sanctuary at 5:00 pm on Ash Wednesday to receive the sign of the cross in ashes on your forehead as a symbol of your love for God as we enter the season of Lent.



Volunteer Spotlight: Aki Kumagai

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

One of Parkview's newest members, Aki has jumped right in to serve as Japanese Bible reader, usher, and Zoom moderator! Thanks, Aki, for stepping up and filling in where it is needed.



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Parkview School of Healing Prayer Level 2 Scheduled for Feb 22-24

Rev.'s Sarah and Dwight Nave will offer Level 2 of Christian Healing Ministries School of Healing Prayer in late February. Many of the participants who completed Level 1 at Parkview in August 2022 will continue their journey of learning how to pray for the sick. The goal of the Schools of Healing Prayer is to restore healing to the importance it had in Jesus' own ministry and in the early Church. During Level 2 we'll study the Bible to learn about Jesus' healing ministry and learn practical ways about how to pray for those who are sick and in need of God's love. We will pray for each other and learn how to rest in God's loving presence, and listen to God's Spirit guiding us in prayer. Anyone at Parkview is welcome to sit in on a session or two of study Wednesday through Friday, Feb 22-24. Please let Pastor Sarah know if you're planning to come for a visit and we'll make sure to have a place for you at the table.



Safety Is a Top Priority at Parkview

Keeping Parkview's church family and guests safe during worship and church activities is a top priority at our church. Parkview's Safety/Security Advisory Team members Hach Yasumura, Lois Van Beers, Maurine Huang, and William Yee are currently identifying potential security threats and assessing our church building and congregation's vulnerability in order to develop a security plan. Due to Parkview's history and our current intercultural church family, along with the recent increase in AAPI hate crimes, safety upgrades like outer door improvements, video surveillance equipment, additional exterior lighting, safety-compliant landscaping, and fence repair and reinforcement will be completed in coming months.



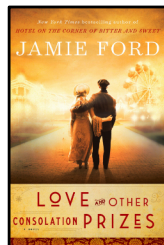
After worship on Jan 22, Sgt. Matt Young from the Sacramento Police offered an active shooter training at Parkview. Sgt Young gave a sobering power-point presentation. One key take-away was if someone comes into the building intending to do harm, it's past time for negotiation. Their mind is made up, and they will kill people until they are stopped. For Parkview's safety, we will strengthen the perimeter to lessen the opportunity for an attack. And, we will practice leaving the sanctuary through marked exits in the event of an active shooter incident. More details will follow as we prepare this practice drill.

The following Sunday, Jan 29, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Humphreys from Kovars Satori Academy in Elk Grove gave the Parkview church family a basic self-defense class in the social hall. They informed us that no matter how young or old we are, we can always do something to defend ourselves and others. The key is having confidence and courage, which Mr. Kelly defined as being scared and doing something anyway. A key take-away from the presentation is our need to be aware. Mr. Kelly said that when you are out and about, put your phone away, look around, and pay attention to who's nearby and what's going on. If someone does threaten you, step back but stay balanced, in case things escalate. In that case, strike a vulnerable part of the person's body: nose, eyes, ears, groin, or stomp on their toes. Then we practiced palm strikes on padded mitts held by the instructors. No one wants to think of being physically attacked, but preparing ahead of time, mentally and physically, provide skills and peace of mind.

- Submitted by Pastor Sarah

February Book Club Meeting

Please join the book club on Thurs, Feb 23 at 1:00 pm as we discuss the novel *Love and Other Consolation Prizes* by Jamie Ford. It's the story of a twelve-year-old half-Chinese orphan who is auctioned off at the Seattle World's Fair. Believe it or not, it was inspired by a true story. Please email officemanager@parkviewpc.org for our meeting venue.



Financial Report as of January 31, 2023:

	January	Total Yr 2023
Income:	\$12,700	\$12,700
Expenses:	\$18,613	\$18,613
Difference:		(\$5,913)

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Save the Date to Stargaze with Steve

Join Parkview friends for some stargazing fun Friday, March 17. Dr. Steve Lee and Jana Nakase-Lee will take us on a stargazing tour at an open sky destination, Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area off Chiles Road. Steve will point out planets and constellations and other cool celestial sights. Meet at church at 6:00 pm that night for a quick potluck dinner, then carpool to the site. (More detailed driving/parking directions to be come.) Bundle up, bring binoculars, invite your family and friends along for some galactic magic!



Photo Club Gets New Leadership

Judy Fukuman will assume leadership of the photo club. She has many years of experience as a portrait, group photographer, and videographer. For me, it's been a fun and challenging ride from the photo club's inception in 2019.

- Submitted by Bill Nagata

Food Closet Seeks Donations of Supplies

Could you save your cardboard egg cartons, rubber bands, and medium-size boxes* for SSIP? Parkview is one of the member churches of the South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership (SSIP) that operates the food closet out of Bethany Presbyterian Church. SSIP distributes food to the South Sacramento area and serves over 200 families each weekday.



In addition to the food from the Food Bank and the USDA, SSIP collects food donated from grocery stores and then hands it out to households. The food closet often gets big flats of eggs that volunteers split up into 1/2-doz. packages and secures with rubber bands. But we're running low on those supplies.

Bring your donations to church, and an SSIP volunteer from Parkview will bring them to the food closet. Thanks so much!

- Submitted by Lois Van Beers

*medium-size boxes must fit through the takeout window (no wider than 15" and no taller than 20")

Photo Club Takes Field Trip to Alameda

Three members of the Photo Club attended Veterans Day festivities aboard the USS Hornet aircraft carrier, on Nov 11, 2022. The CV-12 version of the USS Hornet was commissioned in 1943 and saw action in the WWII Pacific theater, the Vietnam War, and was the recovery ship for Apollo 11 in 1969. On board the carrier is a tribute to the men who served in the Military Intelligence Service, 100th Infantry Battalion, and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team (the 100th was absorbed into the 442nd and "Go For Broke" became its motto). The carrier was decommissioned in 1970 and berthed in Alameda as an air, sea and space museum.

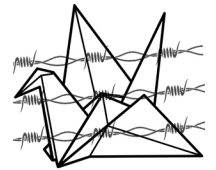
- Submitted by Bill Nagata



*Bill Nagata, Maurine Huang, Linda Nagata,
Jonathan Sakakibara*

Northern California Time of Remembrance

"Uprooted! An American Story: The Power of Education and Preservation in an Evolving World" will take place Saturday, March 11, 1:00 - 3:00 pm. [Click here](#) to register for the event at the California Museum on O Street. \$15 general, \$10 students, free for ages 18 and under.

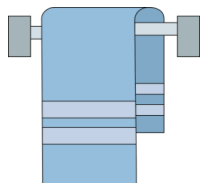


February 19 marks the 81st anniversary of Executive Order 9066, which authorized the evacuation of all persons deemed a threat to national security from the West Coast to "relocation centers" further inland. In the next 6 months, over 122,000 men, women, and children of Japanese ancestry were sent to ten incarceration camps. We will remember.

Upcoming Events

Towels for Opening Doors Inc.

Parkview Presbyterian Women invites the Parkview community to join them in collecting towels to help Opening Doors, the refugee resettlement agency affiliated with Church World Service. We have helped Opening Doors in the past. Items we are collecting new or gently used:



- bath towels
- washcloths
- dish towels
- dishcloths.

We will be collecting these between Ash Wednesday Feb. 22 and Sunday, March 26. A large bin for that purpose will be available in the social hall, clearly marked.

If you have other items you would like to donate, please contact Ms. Andie Paschal, Opening Doors' volunteer coordinator, who can be reached at 916-701-0714 or at andie@openingdoorsinc.org to arrange for a drop-off during one of Opening Doors' monthly drop-off days. Upcoming drop-off days are Tuesday, Jan 31, 10-12 am; Thursday, Feb 23, 1-3 pm; and Wednesday, Mar 29, 12-2 pm.

- Submitted by Maurine Huang

Congregation Met on Jan 22

Thank you to everyone who attended the annual congregational meeting in person and online. We formed a quorum, which meant we were able to vote in our officers and our new Clerk of Session, Terri Bowman. Access the online edition of the 2022 Annual Report on our website at: https://parkviewpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/AnnualReport2022_01_22REVISED.pdf



PPW Installation Luncheon slated for Mar 26

Invitation open to PPW members and to all.

Location: Church social hall
Time: After church service
Speaker: Rejie Baloyos, Executive Director of Asian Resources, Inc.
Cost: \$20.00 per person, includes sandwich, salad, and dessert



RSVP to:

- Cathy Nishizaki
Email: cathyjnish@gmail.com
Text: 916.207.7168
- Carol Sakai
Email: hawaiianlcs@gmail.com
Text: 951.788.4278

Please include the name of attendee, contact phone number and email address, and selection of sandwich from list below.

Deadline for sandwich order and receipt of payment is Mar 10.

Send check to: PPW
c/o Betsy Eskridge
4646 Del Rio Road, Sacramento, CA 95822
Check payable to PPW and in note section state "Installation luncheon."

Sandwiches to be purchased from Earl of Sandwich. Select one:

- Veggie (feta, cucumber, onions, lettuce, tomato, Italian dressing)
- Chipotle Chicken with Avocado (grilled chicken, bacon, cheddar, chipotle sauce)
- Original 1762 (roasted beef, cheddar, horseradish sauce)
- Cuban (carnitas, ham, Swiss, pickles, cuban mustard)
- Holiday Turkey (cornbread stuffing, cranberry, mayonnaise, gravy on the side)

We look forward to you joining us in this celebration.

Carol Sakai, Sherri Yee and Cathy Nishizaki
PPW Activities Committee
Judy Yee, Vice Moderator

Upcoming Events

Worship with Us In Person or Online:

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

- Feb 12: Worship Service.** 10 am.
Worship Leader - Carla Hart
Japanese Reader - Aki Kumagai
Pianist - Nancy Arata-Fong
Zoom Moderator - Judy Yee
Sound System - Kaz Nozue
Parking - Dave McGill
Parking Barrier (Sat) - Neil Matsuoka
Ushers - Donna Komure-Toyama, Lynn Yamamoto
Greeters - Judy Fukuman, Diane Younglove
Online Greeter - May Lee
Altar Flowers - Betsy Eskridge & Lois Van Beers
- Feb 14: NO Bible Study.**
- Feb 15: Worship Team Meeting.** 5 pm via Zoom.
- Feb 15: Choir Practice.** 7 pm in the social hall.
- Feb 16: Session Retreat.**
- Feb 19: Worship Service.** 10 am.
Worship Leader - Donna Komure-Toyama
Japanese Reader - Miyo Uchida
Pianist - Nancy Arata-Fong
Zoom Moderator - Aki Kumagai
Sound System - Tom Tambara
Parking - Russ Hart
Parking Barrier (Sat) - William Yee
Ushers - Diane Younglove, Gary Younglove
Greeters - Tia Kilpatrick, Irene Uno
Online Greeter - May Lee
Altar Flowers - Phillip & Julie Chew
- Feb 20: PPC Legacy Project Meeting.** 7 pm via Zoom.
- Feb 21: NO Bible Study.**
- Feb 22: Imposition of Ashes.** See page 2.
- Feb 22: Healing Prayer Level 2.** Thru Feb 24 at Parkview. See page 3.
- Feb 22: NO Choir Practice.** Contact choir director for date change.
- Feb 26: Worship Service.** 10 am.
Worship Leader - Liam Wright
Japanese Reader - Miko Kumagai
Pianist - Janet Hill

Zoom Moderator - Lori Hart
Sound System - Jonathan Sakakibara
Parking - Phillip Chew
Parking Barrier (Sat) - Titus Toyama
Ushers - Carla Hart, Betsy Eskridge
Greeters - Pattie Hashimoto, Gary Younglove
Online Greeter - May Lee
Altar Flowers - May Lee

- Feb 28: Bible Study.** 6 pm via Zoom.
- Mar 1: Pastor Sarah at Conference on Prayer.** Thru Mar 6.
- Mar 1: Choir Practice.** 7 pm in the social hall.
- Mar 5: Worship Service.** 10 am.
Worship Leader - Dave McGill
Japanese Reader - Haruko Sakakibara
Pianist - Janet Hill
Communion Elders: Herning Grissom, Terri Bowman
Zoom Moderator - Lois Van Beers
Sound System - Kaz Nozue
Parking - Gary Younglove
Parking Barrier (Sat) - Neil Matsuoka
Ushers - Terri Bowman, Julie Chew
Greeters - Bill Grissom, Herning Grissom
Online Greeter - May Lee
Altar Flowers - Bill & Herning Grissom
- Mar 7: Bible Study.** 6 pm via Zoom.
- Mar 7: Prayer Team Meeting.** 7:15 pm via Zoom.
- Mar 8: Worship Team Meeting.** 5 pm via Zoom.
- Mar 9: Session Meeting.** 1 pm in person.
- Mar 11: Time of Remembrance of Executive Order 9066.** See page 4.
- Mar 17: Stargazing with Steve.** 6 pm. See page 4.
- Mar 26: PPW Installation Luncheon.** See page 4.

*“Let all that you do
be done in love.”*

(1 Corinthians 16:14)

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