



# Chapel Chimes

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Dear Friends,

I took a run on the levee by my house the last day of February. It was pouring rain with a high wind advisory. The cold wind blew the rain in sideways, raindrops hitting my face like wet shards of glass. I gave up complaining for Lent this year, so I'll just say the atmospheric conditions weren't conducive for a comfortable running experience. It was rain, not snow, but I immediately thought of the Iditarod. The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, aka the 'Last Great Race', begins this year on March 4. Each March since 1973, mushers and their dogs have made the historic trip in honor of the heroic 1925 emergency Alaskan medical mission. Thirty-four dog teams will be dashing through the snow from Anchorage to Nome this year. Here's a bit of the backstory on the Iditarod from History.com.

Children in Nome were infected with diphtheria, a lethal respiratory disease. Nome's only physician, Dr. Charles Welch, ordered a quarantine of the entire village of 1,400, but he knew the only way to ward off the fast-spreading disease was a life-saving serum. The nearest batch of serum was 1,000 miles away in Anchorage. Nome was inaccessible at that time of year by boat or open-cockpit airplanes. The nearest train station was in Nenana, a city 700 miles away. Dog sleds offered Nome the best possibility for a speedy delivery. A round-the-clock dog team relay was organized. On the night of January 27, 1925, a train whistle in the Nenana station announced the arrival of the life-saving cargo: a 20-lb. package of serum wrapped in protective fur. "Wild Bill" Shannon and his nine malamutes pounded trail on the first steps of the 694-mile "Great Race of Mercy" through the Alaskan wilderness. That night temperatures plummeted to -60°F, dangerously cold for Shannon and his dogs. If they breathed too deeply, they could frost their lungs and die. Despite running alongside the sled to keep warm, Shannon developed frostbite and hypothermia on the 52-mile leg before handing off the serum to the next dog team. More than 150 dogs and 20 drivers participated in the relay that took five-and-a-half days. Three weeks after the serum arrived in Nome, Dr. Welch lifted the quarantine. Balto, the dog that led the final miles of the relay, became a media superstar. In December 1925, a bronze statue of his likeness was unveiled in New York's Central Park. (The Naves make a pilgrimage to Balto's statue every time we're in NYC.)

A few years ago after Christmas, Dwight came up with a great way to motivate himself and other intrepid members of our family to get outside and exercise in the new year. He called it The Iditarod Challenge. The idea was, in a year's time, to walk or run 1,000 miles, the distance of the Iditarod. Our Iditarod Challenge began with great fanfare on January 1. Dwight clanged a pot with a wooden spoon – our version of a starting bell, and we ambled into the road in front of our house. The race was on! Dwight had devised a spread sheet with mileage and actual Iditarod check points for entering daily distances. Nothing says competition like racing to check points. I opted to follow my normal daily running routine to see if I could get to Nome first. In order to keep other competitors guessing who held the lead, Dwight and Chelsea kept mum about daily distances, only reporting when they reached a check point. It was a race between Dwight and his highly-competitive daughter. A race to second-place, that is. If my weekly mileage stayed on track, I'd arrive in Nome weeks ahead of them. It was great fun. Even without sled dogs.

In addition to seeing all the dogs bounding joyfully through the snow, one of my favorite parts of the Iditarod is the Red Lantern Award. Each year the red lantern is awarded to the last-place finisher. It has become a symbol of perseverance for the Iditarod, an Alaska tradition. It reminds me of the adventuresome spirit and determination those mushers and dog teams bring to the trail. And the adventuresome, devoted spirit we need as followers of Christ. As we journey, through rain or shine, through the weeks of this Lenten season on the way to Easter, may we be encouraged by the companionship of those who walk, run, or mush alongside us. Lenten Blessings to all!

- Pastor Sarah



# News

## Parkview Awarded Security Grant!

In February 2023, Parkview's Security and Safety Team of Lois Van Beers, Maurine and Jerry Huang, Hach Yasumura, and William Yee, received the terrific news that Parkview's California State Nonprofit Security Grant Program proposal has been selected to receive funding. The security grant from the State of California features an award up to the amount of \$105,700!! Hurrah! This award is earmarked for enhancements to the security and safety features of the church. A state representative will provide guidelines for us to implement our proposal in the coming months. We are so grateful to God for this source of funding to improve the physical security of our building and upgrades to enhance safety for Parkview's worship services and other church events. Many, many thanks to our Security/Safety team for all its hard work to secure this grant.

- Submitted by Pastor Sarah



## Prayer Requests - A Heartfelt Invitation

God, and your Parkview Prayer Team, want to hear from you! We love to pray with and for you! Here are four ways to have the Prayer Team (PT) pray for you:

- Make a request during Joys and Concerns during every Sunday worship, either online or in person.
- Contact a member of the Prayer Team, especially if you want it kept confidential. Catch us at church too!
  - Janet Hill (hillfamily75@hotmail.com) Tel. 916.698.7569
  - Judy Yee (judyfyee@gmail.com) Tel. 916.204.9005
  - Other members: Nancy Arata-Fong, Steve Hanway, Sue Lorens, and Titus Toyama.
- Use the PRAY FOR ME feature on Parkview's website. This method can be kept confidential.
- Attend the monthly PT meeting on the first Tuesday of each month, at 7:15 pm. Look for the link in the weekly email or contact a PT member.

Let the PT know how we can help. Lord, hear our prayers!

## Veronica Gould is Ordained!

Congratulations to our former pastoral resident, Veronica, who was ordained on Mar 5 at Zion Lutheran Church in Loveland, CO. You can reach her at 1303 N Wilson Ave Apt. #301, Loveland, CO 80537.



## Volunteer Spotlight: Parkview Prayer Team

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

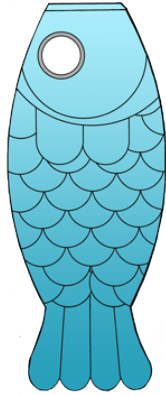
Many thanks to our Parkview Prayer Team, which was formed in 2020. You have prayed with us and for us, bringing us closer to God in good times and bad, bringing us comfort in time of grief and celebrating with us our many gratitudes. Everyone is welcome to join the Prayer Team. Just contact any current member: Janet Hill, Judy Yee, Nancy Arata-Fong, Steve Hanway, Sue Lorens, and Titus Toyama. Bless you, Prayer Team!



# News

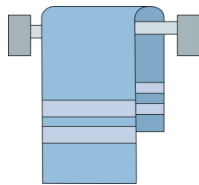
## One Great Hour of Sharing

Throughout the season of Lent, we will be collecting donations for PC(USA)'s annual One Great Hour of Sharing campaign. Your contributions will help provide relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. OGHS currently supports projects in over 100 countries. Please write "OGHS" in the Notes section of our online donation form or on your check. Thank you for your compassion and generosity.



## 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 through 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](mailto:andie@openingdoorsinc.org) to arrange for a drop-off during one of Opening Doors' monthly drop-off days. Next drop-off day is Wednesday, Mar 29, 12-2 pm.

- Submitted by Maurine Huang

## Stargazing with Steve

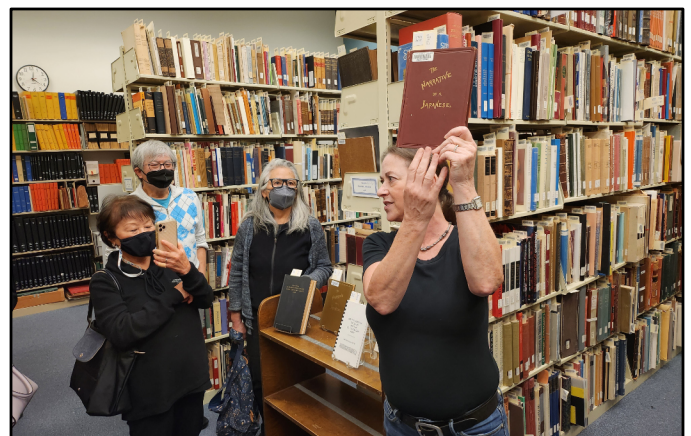
Join Parkview friends for some stargazing fun Friday, March 17. Dr. Steve Lee and Jana Nakase-Lee will take us on a stargazing tour at an open sky destination, Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area off Chiles Road. Steve will point out planets and constellations and other cool celestial sights. Meet at church at 6:00 pm that night for a quick potluck dinner, then carpool to the site. Bundle up, bring binoculars, invite your family and friends along for some galactic magic! Check the Parkview online calendar for any last-minute cancellation due to weather!



## Documents Sought for JA Collection

Parkview members went to the Sac State library on Jan 8 to hear about the *Japanese American Archival Collection*. Julie Thomas, one the archivists, gave an enthralling introduction to the collection. She highlighted the many documents that reference or were donated by Parkview members. Christine Umeda, for example, has donated several items, including her cassette tapes of people testifying about the incarceration during the redress movement. These cassettes have been digitized and can be accessed through the library.

Julie is always on the lookout for documents/photos/recordings of the Japanese American experience. If you have items you would consider donating to the collection, please contact Julie Thomas at [jthomas1@csus.edu](mailto:jthomas1@csus.edu) or 916.278.5240.



## Financial Report as of February 28, 2023:

	February	Total Yr 2023
Income:	\$24,606	\$37,306
Expenses:	\$14,819	\$33,432
Difference:		\$3,874

# Upcoming Events

## Deadline for PPW Luncheon Order Mar 10

Please turn in your lunch order with payment by Mar 10! Contact Cathy Nishizaki or Carol Sakai. The PPW luncheon takes place after worship service on Mar 26 in the social hall.



## Rola Al Ashkar to Guest Preach Mar 26

Pastor Rola, our very own former pastoral resident, will be back in Parkview's pulpit as she gives the guest sermon on Mar 26. Welcome back, Rola!



## Happy Birthday, Mr. Rogers!

Wear a cardigan to church on Mar 19 to help celebrate Mr. Rogers' birthday! Won't You Be My Neighbor Day is celebrated every year on his birthday (Mar 20). The day honors, celebrates, and appreciates the late Fred Rogers, the immensely popular host of the preschool TV series "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" which ran from 1968 to 2001. Mr. Rogers was also a Presbyterian minister. Ordained by the Pittsburgh Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church in 1963, Mr. Rogers' mission as an ordained minister was to minister to children and their families through television.



## Mariners Luncheon Scheduled for Mar 28

Ahoy all Mariners! The annual calendaring luncheon will be held Mar 28 at 11 am at Aviators Restaurant. Contact Bill Nagata ([blnagata@yahoo.com](mailto:blnagata@yahoo.com)) with any questions.



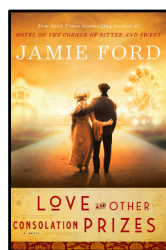
## Save the Date for Summerfest!

Mark your calendars for Sunday afternoon, June 25, for Parkview's Summerfest celebration banquet and fundraiser! This exciting and delicious event will be held at Lucky Jade restaurant from 4:30 to 7:00pm. Only 150 tickets will be available for this time of great food and fun fellowship. Stay tuned for more details!



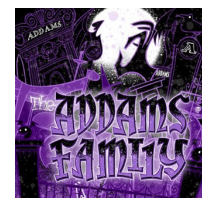
## March Book Club Meeting

Because the February Book Club meeting had to be cancelled due to illness and travel, we will discuss last month's book selection on Thurs, Mar 23 at 1:00 pm. Join us for a look at *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](mailto:officemanager@parkviewpc.org) for our meeting venue.



## Save the Date for Music Circus!

Join fellow Parkview family members for the Music Circus production of "Addams Family." More information to follow in a future newsletter, but please note the following:



- date: Thurs, Jul 27
- time: 2:00 pm
- Price: \$70 per ticket

# Upcoming Events

## Worship with Us In Person or Online:

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

**Mar 12: Worship Service.** 10 am. Communion will be celebrated.

Worship Leader - Christine Umeda

Japanese Reader - Mieko Davis

Pianist - Nancy Arata-Fong

Zoom Moderator - Judy Yee

Sound System - Jonathan Sakakibara

Parking - Russ Hart

Parking Barrier (Sat) - Russ Hart

Ushers - Judy Fukuman, Maurine Huang

Greeters - Carla Hart, Lynn Yamamoto

Online Greeter - May Lee

Altar Flowers - Aki & Miko Kumagai

**Mar 14: NO Bible Study.**

**Mar 15: Choir Practice.** 7 pm in the social hall.

**Mar 17: Stargazing with Steve.** 6 pm. See page 3 .

**Mar 19: Worship Service.** 10 am.

Worship Leader - Sue Lorens

Japanese Reader - Miyo Uchida

Pianist - Haruko Sakakibara

Zoom Moderator - Lori Hart

Sound System - Tom Tambara

Parking - Dave McGill

Parking Barrier (Sat) - Titus Toyama

Ushers - Maurine Huang, Titus Toyama

Greeters - Miyo Uchida, Diane Younglove

Online Greeter - May Lee

Altar Flowers - Sue Lorens

**Mar 20: PPC Legacy Project Meeting.** 7 pm via Zoom.

**Mar 21: NO Bible Study.**

**Mar 22: Choir Practice.** 7 pm in the social hall.

**Mar 23: Book Club Meeting.** 1 pm. See page 4.

**Mar 26: Worship Service.** 10 am.

Worship Leader - Jonathan Sakakibara

Japanese Reader - Michael Wright

Pianist - Nancy Arata-Fong

Zoom Moderator - Lori Hart

Sound System - Lois Van Beers

Parking - Gary Younglove

Parking Barrier (Sat) - Dave McGill

Ushers - Aki Kumagai, Miko Kumagai

Greeters - Betsy Eskridge, Luda Wright

Online Greeter - May Lee

Altar Flowers - Aki and Miko Kumagai

**Mar 26: PPW Installation Luncheon.** After worship service in the social.

**Mar 28: Mariners Calendaring Luncheon.** 11:00 at Aviators. See page 4.

**Mar 28: NO Bible Study.**

**Mar 29: Choir Practice.** 7 pm in the social hall.

**Apr 2: Palm Sunday Worship Service.** 10 am.

Worship Leader - Betsy Eskridge

Japanese Reader - Aki Kumagai

Pianist - Haruko Sakakibara

Zoom Moderator - Judy Yee

Sound System - Cathy Nishizaki

Parking - Phillip Chew

Parking Barrier (Sat) - William Yee

Ushers - Terri Bowman, Julie Chew

Greeters - Judy Fukuman, Miyo Uchida

Online Greeter - May Lee

Altar Flowers - TBD

**Apr 4: NO Bible Study.**

**Apr 6: NO Joint Good Friday Worship Service with SJUMC.**

**Apr 9: Easter Sunday Worship Service.**

Worship Leader - Jana Nakase-Lee

Japanese Reader - Mieko Davis

Pianist - Haruko Sakakibara

Zoom Moderator - Judy Yee

Sound System - Titus Toyama

Parking - Dave McGill

Parking Barrier (Sat) - Jonathan Sakakibara

Ushers - Diane Younglove, Gary Younglove

Greeters - Marilyn Champa, Cathy Nishizaki

Online Greeter - May Lee

Altar Flowers - Glenn & Evelyn Kubota

**Apr 11: Prayer Team Meeting.** 7:15 pm via Zoom.

**Apr 12: Worship Team Meeting.** 5 pm via Zoom.:

**Apr 13: Session Meeting.** 1 pm.

# 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](mailto:officemanager@parkviewpc.org) with any questions.

**Special Offerings:** Deborah Hedberg

**In Celebration of Her Birthday:** Leah Kanegawa

**In Celebration of Her Birthday:** Haruko Sakakibara

**In Gratitude for Pastoral Care:** Jane Matsuoka

**In Memory of Daisy Seto:** Terri Bowman, Fumi Nakata

*We thank you in advance for your Easter offering.*

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## 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.