



# Chapel Chimes

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Dear Friends,

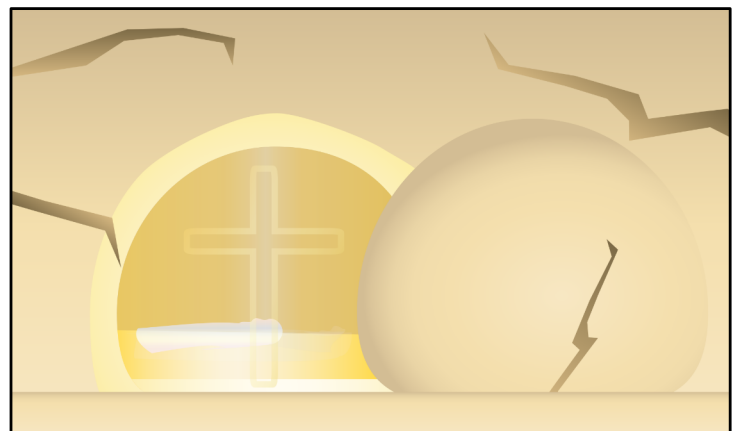
Presbyterian minister and author Frederick Buechner writes this about Easter, originally published in his book, *Whistling in the Dark: A Doubter's Dictionary* (1993):

*Christmas has a large and colorful cast of characters including not only the three principals themselves, but the Angel Gabriel, the Innkeeper, the Shepherds, the Heavenly Host, the Three Wise Men, Herod, the Star of Bethlehem, and even the animals kneeling in the straw . . . . We have seen them represented so often that we would recognize them anywhere. The manger is as familiar as home. We have made a major production of it. With Easter, it is entirely different. The Gospels are far from clear as to just what happened. It began in the dark. The stone had been rolled aside. Matthew alone speaks of an earthquake. In the tomb there were two white-clad figures or possibly just one. Mary Magdalene seems to have gotten there before anybody else. There was a man she thought at first was the gardener. One account says Peter came too with one of the other disciples. Elsewhere the suggestion is that there were only the women and that the disciples, who were somewhere else, didn't believe the women's story when they heard it. There was the sound of people running, of voices. Confusion was everywhere.*

*It is not a major production at all, and the minor attractions we have created around it—the bunnies and baskets and bonnets, the dyed eggs—have so little to do with what it's all about that they neither add much nor subtract much. It's not really even much of a story when you come right down to it, and that is of course the power of it. It doesn't have the ring of great drama. It has the ring of truth. If the Gospel writers had wanted to tell it in a way to convince the world that Jesus indeed rose from the dead, they would presumably have done it with all the skill and fanfare they could muster. Here there is no skill, no fanfare. They seem to be telling it simply the way it was. The narrative is as fragmented, shadowy, incomplete as life itself. When it comes to just what happened, there can be no certainty. That something unimaginable happened, there can be no doubt.*

Jesus rose. On Easter we celebrate His resurrection. The symbol of Easter is the empty tomb. We resonate with that emptiness, for we long to be filled. A person who is "full" can look at their life and say, Wow! My every need is met, every fear is silenced, and every obstacle is overcome. Most of us would say, that's what I want. That's what I'm aiming for. That's what I've been working my whole life for. Because we all want to be full? Right? If we think that we're complete, that our lives are fine as is, then this special day, this Easter message, this reality of the resurrected Christ isn't for us. Because Easter isn't for full people. It isn't for the "I-have-it-all-together" people. No. Easter is for empty people. Empty is everything. Come to worship at 10 am on Easter Sunday, April 9, to find out more.

- Pastor Sarah



# News

## Report from Session

Led by Pastor Sarah, the Feb 16 meeting of Session was a retreat where Session members discussed and prayed about how to best lead Parkview to a closer, loving relationship with God, Jesus Christ, and each other in the coming year.



The following business items were raised and acted upon as well:

- Approval of 2023 Mission Donation - \$2,250 to be donated to the South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership (SSIP) food closet. Donation to be redirected from the Parkview Multicultural Intern Ministry account;
- Approval to Accept the California State Nonprofit Security Grant award to Parkview of \$105,700.

At the Mar 9 meeting of Session, the following matters were voted upon and/or discussed:

- Pulpit Supply Fee – Increase in amount to be paid to a visiting pastor or speaker increased to \$200 from \$150;
- On-Site Alcohol Usage Policy – Question raised and discussed. Pastor Sarah to provide additional information for further discussion;
- Approval of Parkview Audit Team – Steve Hanway and Pattie Hashimoto approved as members;
- Treasurer's Report – Our treasurer reported that the amount remaining from the funds donated in 2020 from the Presbytery, donations, and the Building Fund Account is \$8,242.94. These funds are earmarked for the safety, security, and health of the church. Treasurer also confirmed that the tiered investments in bank certificates of deposit held by Charles Schwab are continuing as previously approved by Session;
- Assistance of Police Department – Pastor Sarah reported that the police department recently was very helpful in dealing with an individual who parked without permission in one of the spaces behind the church;
- Pastor's Report – Pastor Sarah will conduct a Good Friday service via Zoom at 6 pm this year in lieu of the joint service usually

conducted with the Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church. Best wishes to SJUMC's Pastor Yamada Foor, who has accepted another position within the Methodist Church.

- Pastor Sarah also reported that a very successful healing prayer level 2 workshop took place on February 22-24;
- Kitchen Stove Repair and Kansha Update Assessment – Stove to be repaired in near future. Parkview is looking for someone who can assess the condition of the Kansha house and recommend repairs and updating;
- Upcoming events – Summerfest Banquet fundraiser to be held on June 25, at Lucky Jade Restaurant in Sacramento.

- Terri Bowman, Clerk of Session

Steve Hanway, Carla Hart

Pattie Hashimoto, Donna Komure-Toyama

Irene Uno, William Yee

## Volunteer Spotlight: YES Team

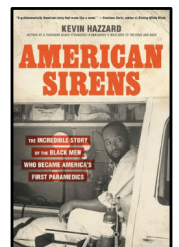
*Parkview is fueled by its volunteers, many working behind the scenes to keep the church going.*

After having to shut down all Christian education when the pandemic hit, we are so happy to be able to bring the bi-monthly Youth Enrichment Session (YES) to Parkview. This would not have been possible without our great YES team: Julie Chew, Jana Nakase-Lee, Cathy Nishizaki, Lois Van Beers, and Lynn Yamamoto. Thank you for all your hard work.



## April Book Club Meeting

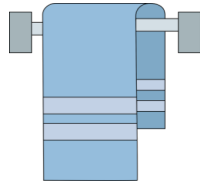
Join the PPC Book Club on Thurs, Apr 27 at 1:00 pm as we discuss Kevin Hazzard's "American Sirens: The Incredible Story of the Black Men Who Became America's First Paramedics." This is the rich and troubling hidden history of the Black origins of America's paramedics. Email [officemanager@parkviewnpc.org](mailto:officemanager@parkviewnpc.org) for our meeting venue.



# News

## Towels for Opening Doors a Success

Thank you to all who donated so generously to PPW's just-completed towel drive for Opening Doors. As of Sunday, Mar 25, we have received a total of \$120 in cash donations and 190 items: 60 bath towels, 48 hand towels, 16 wash cloths, 1 hoodie towel, 49 kitchen towels, 15 dish towels, and 1 pot holder



Your generosity is most appreciated. It will make the lives of newly arrived refugees easier and help them feel more welcome in Sacramento. Blessings to all!

- Submitted by Maurine Huang

## God's Love Made Tangible Through Work

Thank God for South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership (SSIP), an amazing network of faith communities, business and community partners, and volunteers working together to provide superb nourishment and relief for our neighbors with limited economic resources. Before the pandemic, the food closet served around 80 clients a day, but we now serve more than 200 a day. This past February, we gained 116 new households, and that number is expected to grow. We are taking on the growth within the same square footage and with the same number of daily volunteers. Even so, the food closet continues to be a place of joy. God's love flows from SSIP throughout the Sacramento community.



The SSIP mission expands as the need for emergency food increases. We seek more cold storage for perishable food and also space for non-perishable items; more vans for pick-ups; and larger working space for volunteers to work in. We are improving hospitality for clients with covered waiting areas. We are collaborating with community agencies (including Opening Doors, My Sister's House, La Familia, Sac City USD Family Services, WEAVE and more) to broaden food outreach.

SSIP is an impressive channel for God's love in the community. Experience the good will and join us as a volunteer: <https://www.ssiptfoodcloset.org/>.

- Submitted by Carla Hart

## Security Grant Update

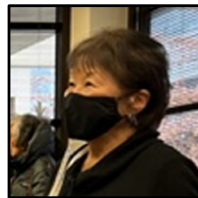
Now that Parkview has been awarded the substantial CA state security grant, the Security team is hard at work attending webinars, filling out forms, and working with the State liaison to ensure we use the funds correctly. Many thanks again to the team for handling such an important task: Maurine Huang, Lois Van Beers, Hach Yasumura, and William Yee.



- Submitted by Pastor Sarah

## Judy Fukuman Honored by JACL

Our very own Judy Fukuman will be honored at the NCWNP (Northern CA - Western NV - Pacific) District Awards Banquet and Celebration on Apr 1. She will receive the Daruma - Unsung Hero award. She has served the Florin Japanese American Citizens League for countless years. Many of you will know her tireless efforts in organizing the annual Mochi Madness event. Congratulations, Judy!! You're our hero.



## Summerfest, a New Thing: Save the Date!

"Behold, I will do a new thing," the Lord told the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 43: 19), "now it shall spring forth." We at Parkview will do a new thing with our upcoming Summerfest event. Save the afternoon of Sunday, June 25, for our inaugural Summerfest celebration dinner and fundraiser. It will be held at Lucky Jade Restaurant, 7007 South Land Park Drive, and will feature great food, fun, and fellowship. Planning is underway now. Please contact Donna Komure-Toyama at [donnaktoyama@gmail.com](mailto:donnaktoyama@gmail.com), if you have any questions or suggestions.



- Submitted by Maurine Huang

Due to the early publication of the April newsletter, the financial reports for both March and April 2023 will be published in the May *Chapel Chimes*.

# News

## Presbyterian Women Celebrate!

On Sunday, March 26, our social hall resounded with happy voices as Parkview Presbyterian Women (PPW) members and friends enjoyed a lunch program celebrating the installation of its 2023 officers and committee chairs. The last indoor installation celebration was held in 2019! Rev. Rola Al Ashkar, our beloved former pastoral resident, served as our guest pastor, leading the worship service and conducting the installation.



Our invited luncheon speaker, Ms. Rejie Baloyos, Executive Director, Asian Resources Inc. (ARI), was introduced by member May Lee, founder of ARI. Ms. Baloyos shared her personal journey as an immigrant. She spoke passionately about the many ARI-supported programs serving immigrants and youth in our community and emphasized the importance of networking to effectively and efficiently meet client needs. She was excited to announce a new endeavor to form a Youth Leadership Academy. Newly installed PPW Moderator, Judy Yee, presented Ms. Baloyos with a donation check to ARI for almost \$700 from PPW and individuals.

Many thanks to outgoing moderator, Donna Komure-Toyama, for her nurturing leadership of PPW and the sweet felt bunny mementos she hand created and gifted to us. Kudos to the Activities Committee for planning and coordinating the cheerful table decor and party favors. Much appreciation to all of you helping with set up, parking, serving, and clean up. View the slideshow at <https://parkviewpc.org/2023/03/27/ppw-2023-officer-installation-and-luncheon/>.

- Submitted by Judy Yee



Photo courtesy of Judy Fukuman

## Support Church World Service CROP Walk

Parkview Presbyterian Women rejoices in inviting you to join us in supporting the annual Church World Service (CWS) CROP Walk on Sunday, Apr 23 right after church.



The CWS mission is to eradicate hunger and poverty and to promote peace and justice at the national and international level through collaboration with partners abroad and in the US.

Church World Service makes it easy to join and donate. The easiest way to sign up to walk or make a donation is to go to Parkview's customized Sacramento CROP Walk website, found at:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/parkview-presbyterian-church-sacramento>. If you prefer to write a check, make it out to either Parkview Presbyterian Women or Church World Service, with a notation that it is for our CROP Walk. If you are not able to participate in the walk, please consider making a donation to support Parkview's walkers. That can be done through the above link or through a check, as indicated above.

As of this writing, we are one of four teams registered for the Sacramento CROP Walk, with ten team members and \$915 already raised. We are off to a good start. Again this year, as last year, 25% of the total Sacramento CROP walk will support South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership. Last year's overall Sacramento CROP walk raised slightly under \$11,700, of which 25%, or \$2,971, went to South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership. We at Parkview raised \$3,250, the most of any team. We were one of six Sacramento teams, and with 16 participants, had the most walkers. Unlike many groups, CWS emphasizes working in partnership with local and regional ecumenical agencies. In Sacramento, it partners with Opening Doors to resettle refugees. One way CWS funds its operations and introduces people to its work is by asking local faith communities to organize CROP walks. Of the funds raised, 25% is retained locally and the remaining 75% is forwarded to Church World Service.

Please consider walking and/or supporting a Parkview walker. You can sign up and solicit donations through the above-cited website. I will be happy to answer any questions. Thank you.

- Submitted by Maurine Huang

# News

## Revamped Museum Exhibit a Must-See!

“Uprooted: An American Story” is the completely revamped exhibit at the California Museum about the Japanese American incarceration during WWII. New York designer Kevin Sayama was responsible for the dramatic exhibit redesign. He was also the keynote speaker at the grand reopening on March 11. “Uprooted” is a safe place to tell stories of a shared history and desire for justice.

Christine Umeda will lead a tour of the exhibit for Parkview on Thurs, April 20 at 1 pm. Email her ([cfumeda@icloud.com](mailto:cfumeda@icloud.com)) with your commitment by Apr 15.



Photo Credit: Paul Kitagaki Jr. [pkitagaki@sacbee.com](mailto:pkitagaki@sacbee.com)

## Mariners Set Schedule for the Year

The Mariners social group met at Aviators Restaurant on Mar 28 for a fun lunch and to set their activity schedule. View the slideshow at <https://parkviewpc.org/2023/03/29/mariners-2023-planning-luncheon/>.



Photo courtesy of Hach Yasumura

## Holy Week Worship

**Apr 2:** Palm Sunday Service  
Celebrate Communion

**Apr 7:** Good Friday Service  
A simple online service of scripture readings and prayers. Zoom ID: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81122762663>.

**Apr 9:** Easter Sunday Service  
Christ is Risen! Celebrate Easter joy with special music on Easter morning at our 10:00 worship! Parkview’s choir will sing a joyful anthem on this special morning, and Parkview’s energetic church member, Tia Kilpatrick, will herald Christ’s resurrection accompanying the Easter hymns on her French horn.

We are also delighted that a UOP student quartet under the direction of Igor Veligan, the violin performer at our Ukrainian fundraiser, will provide special music in worship and play the Easter prelude and postlude. Christ is Risen indeed!



## Easter Day Festivities

After our beautiful, blessed . . . and musical Easter worship service, we will have an Easter egg hunt for the children. PPW’s Circle 3 will host a waffle bar with fruit, Canadian bacon, and sausage! Please join us.



## Parkview Goes to the Music Circus

Join Parkview at the Music Circus on Thursday, July 27, at 2:00 pm to see the Sacramento premiere of “The Addams Family.” Tickets are group discounted to \$70 per ticket for great seats. Contact Cathy Nishizaki ([cathyjnish@gmail.com](mailto:cathyjnish@gmail.com)) or Carol Sakai ([hawaiianlcsn@gmail.com](mailto:hawaiianlcsn@gmail.com)) for reservations. Payment is due to Betsy Eskridge (4646 Del Rio Road, Sacramento, CA 95822) by June 4. Make checks payable to Parkview Presbyterian Women (PPW) and write “Music Circus” in the Notes section. Dinner to follow at Sellands on Broadway. See you at the Music Circus!

- Mahalo from the PPW Activities Committee  
Cathy Nishizaki, Carol Sakai, & Sherri Yee

# Upcoming Events

## Worship with Us In Person or Online:

You can find login info for worship and Zoom meetings as well as worship programs at <https://parkviewpc.org/>.

**Apr 2: Palm Sunday Worship Service.** 10 am.  
Communion will be celebrated.

Worship Leader - Betsy Eskridge  
Japanese Reader - Aki Kumagai  
Pianist - Haruko Sakakibara  
Communion Elders - Cathy Nishizaki, Irene Uno

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: Bible Study.** 6 pm via Zoom.

**Apr 4: Prayer Team Meeting.** 7:15 pm via Zoom.

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

**Apr 5: Choir Practice.** 7 pm in the social hall.

**Apr 6: Good Friday Worship Service.** 6 pm via Zoom.

**Apr 9: Easter Sunday Worship Service.** 10 am.

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: Bible Study.** 6 pm via Zoom.

**Apr 12: NO Choir Practice.**

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

**Apr 16: Worship Service.** 10 am.

Worship Leader - Steve Hanway  
Japanese Reader - Miko Kumagai  
Pianist - Nancy Arata-Fong

YES - Julie Chew

Zoom Moderator - Lori Hart

Sound System - Jonathan Sakakibara

Parking - Russ Hart

Parking Barrier (Sat) - Russ Hart

Ushers - Donna Komure-Toyama, Irene Uno

Greeters - Tia Kilpatrick, Irene Uno

Online Greeter - May Lee

Altar Flowers - Edwin & Lisa Imura

**Apr 17: PPC Legacy Project Meeting.** 7 pm via Zoom.

**Apr 18: Bible Study.** 6 pm via Zoom.

**Apr 19: Choir Practice.** 7 pm in the social hall.

**Apr 23: Worship Service.** 10 am.

Worship Leader - Judy Fukuman  
Japanese Reader - Michael Wright  
Pianist - Janet Hill  
Zoom Moderator - Aki Kumagai

Sound System - Kaz Nozue

Parking - Phillip Chew

Parking Barrier (Sat) - Dave McGill

Ushers - Betsy Eskridge, Lynn Yamamoto

Greeters - Pattie Hashimoto, Gary Younglove

Online Greeter - May Lee

Altar Flowers - Dave McGill

**Apr 27: Book Club Meeting.** 1 pm. See page 4.

**Apr 30: Worship Service.** 10 am.

Worship Leader - Haruko Sakakibara

Japanese Reader - Mieko Davis

Pianist - TBD

Zoom Moderator - Lois Van Beers

Sound System - Dave McGill

Parking - Tak Fukuman

Parking Barrier (Sat) - Neil Matsuoka

Ushers - Bill Grissom, Herning Grissom

Greeters - Cathy Nishizaki, Leah Nishizaki

Online Greeter - May Lee

Altar Flowers - Nancy Arata-Fong

# 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:** Mayling Wang

**In Appreciation of the Prayer Team:** Titus & Donna (Komure) Toyama

**In Memory of Sandra Yakel Brown:** Jody Brown

**In Memory of Jerry Okumura:** Fumi Nakata

**In Memory of Masako Watanabe (Sakura Chorus):** Tak & Judy Fukuman

**In Support of Pastor Continuing Education:** Jerry & Maurine Huang, Titus & Donna (Komure) Toyama

**In Support of PPW:** Dave McGill

**One Great Hour of Sharing:** Jane Matsuoka, Dave McGill, May Lee, Fumi Nakata

**Easter Offering:** Jane Matsuoka, Jack & Carol Sakai, Randy & Lillie Shiroy

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



## 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.