



# Chapel Chimes

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Dear Friends,

I was honored to attend the Florin Manzanar Pilgrimage on April 28-30 with a group of nearly 60 others from Sacramento and the Bay Area. It was an amazing experience. Titus and Donna (Komure) Toyama invited me to join the 15<sup>th</sup> annual 3-day pilgrimage from Sacramento to Manzanar National Historic Park to help me better understand the Japanese American WWII experience. Dozens of Parkview members have attended the pilgrimage through the years. On Friday morning we met the bus in the parking lot of the Florin Buddhist Church, the same lot where, during WWII, 600 members of the Florin community were forcibly removed to Manzanar. Gathering in the space where US government-sanctioned racial injustice devastated Japanese American families was a heart-rending beginning to our pilgrimage. Our group was comprised of former WWII incarcerated and their family members, Muslim Americans, a terrific Taiko drum group, local college students, and others involved in civil and human rights efforts in our area. The 3-day pilgrimage was a blend of cultural and religious exchange, education, and fellowship. With lots of snacks, laughter, and interesting discussions. And an entertaining bus trivia game. The pilgrimage was organized by the Florin Japanese American Citizens League–Sacramento Valley (Florin JACL-SV) and the Council on American Islamic Relations–Sacramento Valley/Central California (CAIR-SV/CC).

After a 3-year Covid hiatus, this year Andy Noguchi and a dedicated leadership team brought together people from a variety of backgrounds to honor and remember the past, address the injustices of the present, and work toward a future that includes justice for all groups suffering systemic injustices. Stan and Christine Umeda, Judy Fukuman, Titus and Donna (Komure) Toyama, Betsy Eskridge and I attended from Parkview. I had learned very little about the Japanese incarceration camps in my VA textbooks. The pilgrimage gave me an opportunity to learn of the suffering endured at the camps, through an on-site museum exhibit, and by hearing stories from five camp survivors: Stan and Christina Umeda, Judy Fukuman, Sam Shimada, and Sachi Louie. Their resilience and willingness to stand with others who are being targeted by discrimination and racial hatred is both humbling and inspiring. On our tour of the Manzanar camp, I was impressed that, even with the hardships, there were accomplishments like growing much of the food they ate and the creation of beautifully landscaped gardens. It is vital that this disturbing chapter in US history be taught in our schools. One survivor said incarceration at the camp caused her family such pain that many of them rejected speaking Japanese again or learning Japanese culture.

The original Manzanar Committee members dedicated their lives to creating the Manzanar National Historic Park because “for decades, no one spoke of the camp experience.”



Photo courtesy of Judy Fukuman

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They first began with “talking and sharing the story, which led to healing within the Japanese American community.” Years later, the “Redress Movement,” provided an official apology from the U.S. government and payment of \$20,000 to survivors of the camps. The Civil Liberties Act of 1988 acknowledged that the injustices of the camps were driven by “race prejudice, war hysteria, and a failure of political leadership.” Japanese Americans are now teaching the world about the injustice of the incarceration camps and offering support to Muslim Americans who have been targeted since the World Trade Center attacks on 9/11. They also form partnerships with Indigenous Americans in their fight to preserve their land, protect sacred places, natural resources, and historical culture.

Sue Kunitomi arrived at Manzanar in May 1942, at age 19. Years later, Sue Kunitomi Embrey was the driving force behind the Manzanar Committee. She worked to ensure that this site and its stories would be preserved to protect the human and civil rights of all. “Manzanar should become a monument to our core values of democracy and civil rights,” Embrey said. “Our message is simple: Speak out, demand equal justice under the law for everyone, no matter who they are or where they come from.” Amen!

-Pastor Sarah

## Report from Session

At the April 13 meeting of Session, the following matters were voted upon and/or discussed:

- Calif. State Nonprofit Security Grant Program – resolution passed authorizing Maurine Huang, Elizabeth Eskridge, and Lois Van Beers to act as the authorized agents on behalf of Parkview on matters related to the security grant program;
- Parkview to Support Loomis United Church of Christ and Pastor Casey Tinnin – voted to send letter of support and \$200 donation to UCC’s church security fund and LGBTQ youth program fund. The Loomis church and Pastor Tinnin and his family have been threatened for supporting LGBTQ youth;
- Parkview’s Handbook Policy Updates and Revisions – discussed need to update the policies in the near future;
- Summerfest Fundraiser Report – approved Parkview’s setting up of a PayPal account to



facilitate purchase of tickets and donations for fundraiser to be held at the Lucky Jade Restaurant on June 25, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.;

- Presbyterian Church (USA) Matthew 25 Congregation – voted to become a Matthew 25 church which means that Parkview desires to build congregational vitality and works to dismantle structural racism and systemic poverty. There is no cost to the church and the Matthew 25 principles will be listed on Parkview’s website;
- Mariners and Jujikai Adult Worship Groups – at recent meeting of Mariners, they discussed whether the two groups should combine. Jujikai members will be contacted and polled;
- Thank You Protocols Revised – donation acknowledgments will no longer be sent to church members who receive an accounting of their donations at the end of every calendar year. This change will result in cost savings for Parkview;
- Updates and Reports: Pastor Sarah will be attending the Manzanar pilgrimage on April 30 and Pastor Doug Able will preach in her place; church exit drill to be scheduled on a Sunday in the near future; Healing Prayer Level 3 training to be held July 5-7; kitchen stoves repaired at a cost of \$900.

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

## Summer is Coming, So is Summerfest!

Save Sunday afternoon, June 25, to hail the beginning of summer at our first-ever Summerfest celebration dinner and fundraiser. We will enjoy fun, fellowship, food (a nine-course Chinese banquet), a silent auction, entertainment, and more. Our gala event will be held at Lucky Jade Restaurant, 7007 South Land Park Drive, starting at 4:30. Individual tickets are \$60; table and event sponsorship opportunities are also offered. The deadline for ticket purchases and table sponsorships is June 11; event sponsorships are available up to the day of the event. Tickets may be purchased online at the Parkview website, [Parkviewpc.org](http://Parkviewpc.org), or clearly marked checks may be sent to the church or given to Donna Toyama or Maurine Huang. Hope to see you there!



- Submitted by Maurine Huang



# News

## In Memoriam: Jane (Komure) Matsuoka

Jane passed away in her sleep on April 26, two weeks shy of her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday. She started attending Parkview in 1965 and officially became a member in April 1966. Throughout the years, Jane was a member of PPW, choir, and book club. She also served for many years as Clerk of Session and volunteered tirelessly on the worship team and church events. The memorial service will be held at Parkview on Saturday, June 3, at 11 am.



## Volunteer Spotlight: Jana Nakase-Lee

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

Jana, a member of Book Club, serves as a worship leader and Youth Enrichment Session (YES) teacher. Following a Covid hiatus, Jana reorganized the youth teaching time during worship, recruited teachers, and now YES is up and running! She was also a member of the re-opening committee, which was charged with getting Parkview reopened after the pandemic. In January, Jana organized the Parkview field trip to the Japanese American Collection at Sac State University. Thanks, Jana, for all you do for Parkview!



## Thank You, CROP Walkers and Supporters!

A big SHOUT OUT OF THANKS to all those who made our annual Church World Service CROP Walk a huge success. Some 20 people walked up to three times around Southside Park, raising \$3,250 in online donations, plus several donations in the form of checks which, as of this writing just a week later, have not yet been fully tallied. An astonishing 27 online donations were made anonymously! As we returned to Parkview from our walk, we were treated to a lovely smorgasbord of culinary delights prepared by our PPW Circle 2. What a delightful event it was! What makes it really special is that, as part of supporting Church World Service's overall worldwide mission of disaster relief, refugee resettlement, and community building, our funds are going locally; following its model of working with local agencies, Church World Service will return 25% of what our walk raised to support South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership.

- Submitted by Maurine Huang



## Memorial Candle Lighting Service

On Sunday, May 28, 2023, Parkview will be remembering loved ones who have passed away during the last twelve months. We will be lighting candles for them during the 10 a.m. worship service. We invite you to join us in this Memorial Day event as we give thanks for the special people who have touched the lives of our church members. Please call the church office at 916.443.4464 or email [officemanager@parkviewpc.org](mailto:officemanager@parkviewpc.org) by May 23, if you would like to light a candle or have a candle lit for a loved one who has passed away since last Memorial Day. Please provide their name and relationship to you.



## Financial Report as of March 31, 2023:

	March	Total Yr 2023
Income:	\$8,278.29	\$45,584.60
Expenses:	\$18,615.98	\$52,048.27
Difference:		\$6,463.67

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## Support for Ukraine

For Mother's Day and Father's Day, there will be a special offering to assist the people of Ukraine impacted by the war. It will go directly to the Ukrainian Heritage Club of Northern California just like our Ukraine Fund Raising Concert on May 1, 2022 (nearly \$10,000.)



Since Igor and Mira Veligan lived in Odessa for six years while studying at Odessa State Conservatory, they made an effort to directly contact someone in the city of Odessa. This is the detailed report I received from Mira:

"The situation in May, 2022 was so critical in that city since there were heavy battles there. It is close to Russia. Lots of wounded soldiers were in the hospitals but the government could not help them at all. We had the direct contact with Andrey Tantsyura, who is the leader of the volunteers there. Therefore, with that money, they bought lots of VAC machines, machines for wound care and treatment. Money also went for many other medical supplies and to buy an old van to move wounded soldiers from the battle field to the hospitals. It was extremely helpful since there was not enough transportation. Thank you so much for the help from the people in your church! They are so amazing!!"

She also sent me a video of a wounded soldier. This is the translation of his words from Ukrainian. "Good day. I am Serhiy. I got injured on the battlefield near city Kherson. Right now, I am in the hospital in Odessa. I would like to thank Ukrainian Heritage Club in Northern California for money for my medication, treatment, and surgery. Glory to Ukraine!"

- Submitted by Haruko Sakakibara

## Parkview becomes a Matthew 25 Church!

At our April 2023 session meeting, the PPC elders voted to answer the call from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to be actively engaged in our community for the sake of the gospel by working toward:



- building congregational vitality
- dismantling structural racism
- eradicating systemic poverty

We believe that these urgent tasks are a direct response to the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and an expression of our commitment to be His faithful followers in this time and place.

Helping our neighbors, our community, and those in need around the world through acts of service and financial support has been part of Parkview Church since our founding. We have been a Matthew 25 Church for over 110 years! We just made it official in April 2023.

In Matthew 25:31-46, Jesus explains what God wants for the world as He describes acts of mercy we can do to care for others. What we do for others demonstrates what we really think about Jesus' words to us: feed the hungry, give those without homes a place to stay, look after the sick. Sacramento has so many challenges, which gives us so many opportunities to work together to bring the redemptive love of God to our neighbors!

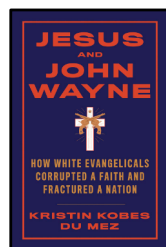
## Pride Parade is June 11

Save the date! Parkview will march . . . dance along the parade route right after church. As an inclusive church, we stand, and march, with our brothers and sisters and allies in the LGBTQ community. God welcomes and loves us all!



## May Book Club Meeting

Join the PPC Book Club on Thurs, May 25 at 1 pm as we discuss *Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation* by Kristin Kobes. The title speaks for itself! Email [officemanager@parkviewpc.org](mailto:officemanager@parkviewpc.org) for our meeting venue.



## Financial Report as of April 30, 2023:

	April	Total Yr 2023
Income:	\$9,197.03	\$54,781.63
Expenses:	\$14,299.43	\$66,347.70
Difference:		\$11,566.07

# 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/>.

### **May 14: Worship Service.** 10 am.

Worship Leader - Carla Hart  
Japanese Reader - Aki Kumagai  
Pianist - Nancy Arata-Fong  
Zoom Moderator - Aki Kumagai  
Sound System - Titus Toyama  
Parking - Phillip Chew  
Parking Barrier (Sat) - William Yee  
Ushers - Judy Fukuman, Tak Fukuman  
Greeters - Mana Nozue, Rumi Nozue  
Online Greeter - May Lee  
Altar Flowers - William & Judy Yee

### **May 15: PPC Legacy Project Meeting.** 7 pm via Zoom.

### **May 16: Bible Study.** 6 pm via Zoom.

### **May 17: Choir Practice.** 7 pm in the social hall.

### **May 21: Worship Service.** 10 am.

Worship Leader - Donna Komure-Toyama  
Japanese Reader - Miyo Uchida  
Pianist - Janet Hill  
Zoom Moderator - Judy Yee  
Sound System - Tom Tambara  
Parking - Tak Fukuman  
Parking Barrier (Sat) - Tak Fukuman  
Ushers - Maurine Huang, William Yee  
Greeters - Miyo Uchida, Diane Younglove  
Online Greeter - May Lee  
YES - Lynn Yamamoto  
Altar Flowers - Bill & Linda Nagata

### **May 23: NO Bible Study.**

### **May 24: Choir Practice.** 7 pm in the social hall.

### **May 25: Book Club Meeting.** 1 pm. See page 4.

### **May 28: Worship Service & Memorial Candle Lighting Service** 10 am.

Worship Leader - Phillip Chew  
Japanese Reader - Miko Kumagai  
Pianist - Janet Hill  
Zoom Moderator - Judy Yee  
Sound System - Lois Van Beers  
Parking - Phillip Chew

Parking Barrier (Sat) - Jonathan Sakakibara  
Ushers - Aki Kumagai, Miko Kumagai  
Greeters - Betsy Eskridge, Lynn Yamamoto  
Online Greeter - May Lee  
Altar Flowers - Steve & Janet Hill

### **May 30: NO Bible Study.**

### **May 31: Choir Practice.** 7 pm in the social hall.

### **Jun 4: Worship Service.** 10 am. Communion will be celebrated.

Worship Leader - Sue Lorens  
Japanese Reader - Haruko Sakakibara  
Pianist - Haruko Sakakibara  
Communion Elders - Cathy Nishizaki, Hach Yasumura  
Zoom Moderator - Lois Van Beers  
Sound System - Cathy Nishizaki  
Parking - Gary Younglove  
Parking Barrier (Sat) - Dave McGill  
Ushers - Terri Bowman, Julie Chew  
Greeters - Sue Lorens, Titus Toyama  
Online Greeter - May Lee  
Altar Flowers - Lois Van Beers

### **Jun 3: Memorial Service for Jane Matsuoka.** See page 3.

### **Jun 6: Prayer Team Meeting.** 7:15 pm via Zoom.

### **Jun 7: Worship Team Meeting.** 5 pm via Zoom.

### **Jun 8: Session Meeting.** 1 pm.

### **Jun 11: Pride Parade.**

### **Jun 25: Summerfest.** 4:30 pm. See page 2.

### **Jul 27: Parkview at Music Circus.** 2 pm. Reserved seating only for The Addams Family.



May is  
Asian American  
Pacific Islander  
Heritage Month

# 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:** John Hingtgen

**In Celebration of Granddaughter Kaya's 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday:** Titus & Donna (Komure) Toyama

**In Celebration of Jonathan's Birthday:** Jonathan & Haruko Sakakibara

**In Memory of Joyce Honda:** Daryl Honda, Hach & Linda Yasumura

**In Memory of Nettie F. Muramoto, Geroge G. Muramoto & Joan Shiraki:** Gene Muramoto

**In Memory of Kenzie Nakata:** Fumi Nakata

**In Memory of Grace S. Ouye:** Cary Yamanaka

**In Memory of Kiki & Grace Ryugo:** Kevin & Sylvia (Ryugo) Campbell

**In Memory of Daisy Seto:** Mike & Lucky Seto

**In Prayer for Valerie Gnassounou:** Miyo Uchida

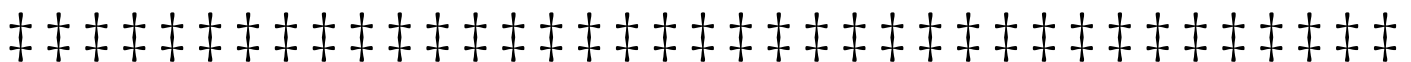
**In Support of the Choir:** Dave McGill

**In Support of the Easter Musicians:** Tak & Judy Fukuman, Steve Hanway, Cathy Nishizaki, Jonathan & Haruko Sakakibara

**In Support of the Loomis Church Fund:** Pattie Hashimoto, May Lee, Dwight & Sarah Nave, Titus & Donna (Komure) Toyama

**One Great Hour of Sharing:** Phillip & Julie Chew, William & Judy Yee

**Easter Offering:** Terri Bowman, Kevin & Sylvia (Ryugo) Campbell, Ian & Mieko Davis, Carla Hart, Pattie Hashimoto, Brian & Leah Kanegawa, Shiro & Mabel Kazato, Glenn & Evelyn Kubota, Dave McGill, Fumi Nakata, Cathy Nishizaki, Jonathan & Haruko Sakakibara, Wade Tambara, Titus & Donna (Komure) Toyama, Miyo Uchida, Rick & Irene Uno, Carey Yamanaka, Hach & Linda Yasumura, William & Judy 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.





# Summerfest 2023

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Make check payable to Parkview Presbyterian Church, write "Summerfest" in the Memo section, and send the check and completed form to:

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Sacramento, CA 95811