



Chapel Chimes

727 T Street, Sacramento, CA • July/August 2023

Dear Friends,

This summer marks the 45th year I've been lacing up running shoes for a daily run. After I graduated from high school, I decided to imitate my athletic older brother and run several miles each day. John was an amazing athlete who played point guard on his high school basketball team and held the school high jump record for many years. I also played basketball and ran track, but no records were ever in danger of toppling from my high school career.

After high school graduation, I put my Asics Tigers to good use many a sultry summer afternoon on the wide roads of our Staunton neighborhood. John mapped out a 2+ mile course that took us up steep Pill Hill (where the doctors lived) then down by our former elementary school before turning for home. These summer jaunts came in handy when I headed off to Davidson College that fall and competed in the Freshman Cake Race. This genius idea entailed running a 3-mile loop around campus which ended on the college track where long tables in the infield were laden with freshly-baked cakes. Always the tortoise, never the hare, I was surprised to be the first woman across the finish line. Being in the South, ladies first, and all that, I got my first choice of all the cakes. What a great day! I still have a picture (somewhere) of me proudly holding my bakery prize.

When Dwight and I served a church in Monterey, CA, I used to take our Husky, Wilbur, running with me. He came in handy on the steep hills. "Mush, Wilbur! North to the nearest cross street!" It worked great until a squirrel ran across the road. The words shoulder dislocation spring easily to mind. Wilbur has long since passed on to the great Iditarod trail in the sky, so these days I run by myself. Running outside in the morning is one of my favorite times of day. It's a great time to think and pray. I'm reading a devotional book, *Jesus Calling*, by Sarah Young. A recent entry began this way:

Bring Me your mind for rest and renewal. Let Me infuse My Presence into your thoughts. As your mind stops racing, your body relaxes and you regain awareness of Me. This awareness is vital to your spiritual well-being; it is your lifeline, spiritually speaking...In addition to the dimensions of space and time, there is the dimension of openness to My Presence. This dimension gives you glimpses of heaven while you still reside on earth. This was part of my original design for humankind. Adam and Eve used to walk with Me in the garden, before their expulsion from Eden. I want you to walk with Me in the garden of your heart, where I have taken up permanent residence. (p. 151)

I love to walk with God in the garden of my heart, to run with God down country lanes in VA, or up on the levee in the Pocket. I thank God for the beauty of the seasons as they unfold in the trees and sky around me. I celebrate God's Presence in the summer sunshine and the scuttling clouds, in freshly mown grass and answered prayer, in the taste of fresh blackberries, in the wildflowers along the roadside, and in the blessings of finding God all along the way. May your summer days be filled with walks with God in the garden of your heart, with scenic drives and shaved ice, and a sense of gratitude for God's gifts to you in all of life.

- Pastor Sarah



*Much gratitude to the Summerfest planning committee:
Haruko Sakakibara, Judy Yee, Carla Hart, Jonathan Sakakibara, Maurine Huang, Terri
Bowman (not pictured: Donna Komure-Toyama)*

News

Report from Session

At the June 8 meeting of Session, the following matters were voted upon and/or discussed:



- **Summerfest Fundraising Update** – Treasurer Betsy Eskridge was able to obtain confirmation from the Presbytery that Parkview is a section 503(c)(3) organization, which will entitle Parkview to a more favorable interest rate for PayPal use purposes. As of this date, ten table sponsors and 147 tickets have been sold;
- **Session Request for Income Information in Monthly Financial Report** - Session instructed our Treasurer to create a line item in the budget which shows income from specific fundraisers such as income from Summerfest and Showtime, the fall talent show fundraiser;
- **Safety and Security Grant Update** – William Yee advised that the Committee has prioritized security projects around the building, i.e., surveillance cameras updating fencing and exterior lighting. Besides the grant from the State, Parkview also has approximately \$8,200 left from the Presbytery, who awarded funds to Parkview for security upgrades;
- **Homeless Camper on Lawn in Front of Church** – Pastor Sarah and Carla have spoken to camper Joseph and ascertained that he may be willing to accept housing assistance from Sacramento Hope Cooperative. Session voted to give Joseph 2 weeks from this date, June 8, to find housing. Update: Pastor Sarah was informed that Joseph completed a survey for Hope Cooperative and is now on a wait list for shelter housing, including housing in a respite center;
- **Mobile Shower Ministry Request** – Be Encouraged Inc., a faith based non-profit, has approached Parkview about using our parking spaces to host a mobile shower trailer for use by the homeless. Pastor Sarah spoke to Tara from Be Encouraged and she advised that they are seeking to use the spaces during a weekday from 10 am to 2 pm. Parkview would provide lunch for the homeless. After discussion, Session had further questions such as the number of gallons of water to be used and paid for by Parkview, whether Parkview would need a permit, and whether Be Encouraged carries liability insurance. Session also asked if Session members could view the ministry in action. Further discussion to follow;
- **Church Liability Insurance Coverage** – Parkview’s

current carrier has increased the premium for the period June 1, 2023-June 1, 2024, by 11% to \$8,362. After much research and review by Session member Steve Hanway, another carrier, Church & Casualty, submitted a bid to provide an equivalent level of liability coverage for a premium of \$6,236. Session voted to accept the proposal of Church & Casualty;

- **Assembly Bill 506 Youth Organizations** – William Yee reported on a new law that requires finger printing for all church employees and those volunteers that supervise children who are considered mandated reporters of child abuse. As a first step toward compliance, Parkview must first designate a custodian of records in forms to be completed and submitted to the State. After discussion, Session designated the office manager to be the custodian of records for purposes of AB 506;
- **Building and Grounds** – Pastor Sarah reported that the garbage disposal and plumbing in the men’s restroom need to be repaired. A new industrial use coffee maker was purchased at a cost of \$550.

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

May O. Lee to Move to Seattle

Our beloved May Lee will be relocating in late September/October 2023 back to the Seattle area to be closer to siblings/family. May feels truly blessed these past seventeen years to have been part of this wonderful church family. At the Sep 17 coffee hour, people will have opportunity to share joys and laughter with May.



Financial Report as of June 30, 2023:

	June	Total Yr 2023
Income:	\$13,603.59	\$77,174.26
Expenses:	\$15,449.42	\$95,697.83
Difference:		(\$18,523.57)

News

Summerfest 2023 was a Big Success!

Parkview's Summerfest event on June 25 exceeded all our expectations. Thanks be to God! More than 150 people crowded into the banquet hall of Lucky Jade Restaurant for Parkview's first-ever Summerfest, a joyous event highlighting Parkview's community, reuniting with family and friends, and rejoicing being together again after the long COVID lockdown. As guests were assembling, Terri Atad led line dancing. Jonathan Sakakibara, the master of ceremonies, and Parkview's Pastor Sarah welcomed those attending. Dancers Miyo Uchida and Reiko Ivaska and singers Kishwer Vikaas and Leah Nishizaki, accompanied by family members, provided amazing entertainment.

Presbytery guests included the Rev. Wes Nordman, Bridge Presbyter; Pat Terry, Council chair and past Moderator; the Rev. Dr. Grace Suwabe, present Moderator; Alice Sundquist, chair, Vitality in Ministry Committee; Mary MacDonald, chair, Pastoral Vitality; and Gordon Zerkel, member, Congregational Vitality. The event was also attended by the Rev. Rola Al Ashkar, the Rev. Janice Kamikawa, and the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Moon.

In addition, we welcomed Josh Kaizuka and Andy Noguchi, co-chairs of Florin JACL; John Yoshikawa, board member, Sacramento JACL; Reije Boloyos, Executive Director, Asian Resources Inc., along with three Members at Large of the Asian Resources Board, Carolyn Hashimoto, Rick Uno and Chiaya Rawlins. Our own Titus Toyama also represented ACC Senior Services at Summerfest.

Final numbers are not yet in, but initial reports indicate we raised \$14,000!! Wow! That's so exciting!



Line Dancing at Summerfest 2023

Photo courtesy of Judy Fukunman

View the slideshow on our website:

<https://parkviewpc.org/2023/06/29/summerfest-2023-was-a-blast/>

This includes the Silent Auction and Marketplace, which raised over \$2000. Many thanks to all who donated wonderful items for the auction. Thanks also to those who bought them! Deep gratitude to Parkview's terrific Summerfest planning team: Co-chairs Maurine Huang and Donna Komure-Toyama, Terri Bowman, Carla Hart, Haruko Sakakibara, Jonathan Sakakibara, Titus Toyama, Judy Yee, and Gary Younglove for all their creativity, hours of planning, and loving service crafting such a memorable and successful fundraising evening! Many thanks to our office manager, Kris Sazaki, for her editing expertise and help with Internet ticket sales. Several people made videos of our line-dancing lesson. Paying them not to put dorky dancing footage (Pastor Sarah's!) online could be an untapped income stream for Summerfest! And please check the September *Chapel Chimes* for a complete list of Summerfest sponsors and donors.

As noted in the June 30, 2023 Friday email message, Haruko wrote an email to the Summerfest team which expressed not only the financial benefits of our Summerfest fundraiser but also the friendship bonds that sharing such a joyous time together creates. Working together toward a common goal generates such good will and happiness. Pastor Sarah's daughters enjoyed the Summerfest event so much, and they also loved assembling cookie bags for Summerfest dessert at church on Saturday afternoon. It was so fun to laugh as we packed delicious cookies in bags. Thank you, bakers and packers! That joy was evident at Summerfest, too. There was such a spirit of celebration. It was God's Spirit bringing us closer to each other, and to God as we shared a common purpose: to glorify God and God's Church, and to have fun and a delicious meal.

Last year, when Jerry Huang suggested the idea of having a banquet as a Parkview fundraiser, we wondered if it could work. Now we know! Parkview is filled with generous donors and willing workers who truly know how to make a new idea become a blessed reality. What a blessing it was to share this Summerfest adventure with the Parkview church family. I thank God for the outpouring of love and financial support and sharing of talents that came together to create a truly unforgettable event. Thank you, dear Parkview family and friends!

- Submitted by Pastor Sarah &
Maurine Huang

News

Kudos to the Summerfest Cookie Team!

On June 24, dozens upon dozens of cookies were brought to the church kitchen to assemble for the Summerfest. 172 full cookie bags of five varieties and many more for the second helpings were packed. Everyone worked together, having so much fun with laughter and finished all the packing in just one hour!! Such great teamwork. Way to go, Parkview!! A lot of appreciation for everyone who spent time baking at home. It is work of love and patience. Maurine Huang's Summerfest label for the bags made them look really authentic, and the nice sized bags Donna Komure-Toyama provided were just right for the fun packaging. With appreciation,

Summerfest Cookie Table Committee
Judy Fukuman & Haruko Sakakibara

Cookie Bakers:

Julie Chew (chocolates)
Carla Hart
Lori Hart
Aimee Hill (owner: Manifest Baking)
Rugen and Taeko Houston
Judy Fukuman
Donna Komure-Toyama
Sue Lorens
Cathy Nishizaki
Haruko Sakakibara
Yumiko Swan
Christine Umeda
Irene Uno
Lois Van Beers
Luda Wright
Linda Yasumura
Judy Yee

Packers:

Han-Bee
Julie Chew
Judy Fukuman
Donna Komure-Toyama
Chelsea Nave
Sarah Nave
Cathy Nishizaki
Haruko Sakakibara
Yumiko Swan
Miyo Uchida
Irene Uno
Judy Yee

Update on CWS/CROP Walk

We at Parkview can be proud of how well we did on the recent Church World Service CROP Walk. Of the five Sacramento-area teams participating in the spring CROP Walk, we had the largest number of walkers (15) and raised the most funds, \$3,250 online and \$280 through checks for a grand total of \$3,530. Overall, online donations for all five teams were \$6,986. We raised almost half of that amount! Ms. Heather Willson, who is the Church World Service representative in charge of the overall Sacramento CROP Walks, stated, "That is amazing and so appreciated!"

Founded in 1946, Church World Service is an ecumenical agency with 37 "member communions" (denominations) which have chosen to put aside minor theological differences and work together for the betterment of humankind. It has a worldwide presence, focusing on disaster relief, refugee assistance, including permanent resettlement in the United States, and community building. Our denomination, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), is a member denomination. Last year, within days of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Church World Service had a team in neighboring Moldova, identifying needs and helping agencies in Moldova address those needs.

- Submitted by Maurine Huang



SSIP Seeks New Administrative Assistant

South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership Food Closet has an immediate opening for an administrative assistant. Part-time position (25 hours per week) Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Pay range from \$17 per hour. For additional information, visit www.ssipfoodcloset.org or call Simon Yeh, Food Closet Manager, at 916-428-5290. Submit resume and cover letter by July 28:

E-mail: info@ssipfoodcloset.org

Mail or hand-deliver: 5625 24th Street, Sacramento, CA 95822

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/>.

July 14: Choir Retreat. Through July 16.

July 16: Worship Service. 10 am.

Worship Leader - Steve Hanway

Japanese Reader - Miko Kumagai

Pianist - Janet Hill

Zoom Moderator - Aki Kumagai

Sound System - Jonathan Sakakibara

Parking - Gary Younglove

Parking Barriers (Sat) - Neil Matsuoka

Ushers - Maurine Huang, Diane Younglove

Greeters - Miyo Uchida, Diane Younglove

Online Greeter - May Lee

Altar Flowers - Edwin & Lisa Imura

July 16: Fellowship Time. After worship service.

Carla Hart, Jana Nakase-Lee, Linda Yasumura

July 17: PPC Legacy Project Meeting. 7 pm via Zoom.

July 20: Session Meeting. 1 pm. Note special date.

July 23: Worship Service. 10 am.

Worship Leader - Judy Fukuman

Japanese Reader - Haruko Sakakibara

Pianist - Haruko Sakakibara

Zoom Moderator - Lori Hart

Sound System - Kaz Nozue

Parking - TBD

Parking Barriers (Sat) - Jonathan Sakakibara

Ushers - Aki Kumagai, Miko Kumagai

Greeters - Betsy Eskridge, Luda Wright

Online Greeter - May Lee

Altar Flowers - Gloria Okawara

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

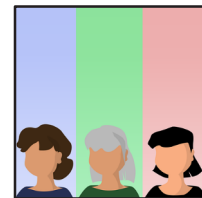
Bible Study on Summer Break

Bible Study will return in September. In the meantime, let Pastor Sarah know which topics you would like to discuss.



PPW Meeting Slated for July 30

Save the date! Sunday, July 30, 2023 will be the next general meeting of Parkview Presbyterian Women. It will start at 11:15 am, immediately following Sunday worship Service in the sanctuary. Also available will be the option to join in by Zoom.



Simply stay on or join the worship service Zoom call. On the agenda for discussion will be mid-year committee reports. Also the Activities Committee (Cathy Nishizaki, Carol Sakai and Sherri Yee) will gladly accept any suggestions for future activities or outings so please present them at the meeting.

July 30: Worship Service. 10 am.

Worship Leader - Phillip Chew

Japanese Reader - Miko Kumagai

Pianist - Nancy Arata-Fong

Zoom Moderator - Aki Kumagai

Sound System - Dave McGill

Parking - Carl Odell

Parking Barriers (Sat) - Dave McGill

Ushers - Terri Bowman, Julie Chew

Greeters - Leah Nishizaki, TBD

Online Greeter - May Lee

Altar Flowers - Kishwer Vikaas

July 31: Pastor Sarah on Vacation. Thru Aug 9.

Aloha Sundays are Back!

It's a tradition at Parkview during the month of August that folks come to worship in casual summery or Hawaiian attire, bringing with them the spirit of aloha. Even though you'll often hear aloha used as a greeting, it's also a way of life.



You can use aloha to send out kindness, positive intentions, and respect to others. That's what we strive for at Parkview. Stay tuned for a special event at the end of the month as well. Aloha!

Aug 6: Worship Service. 10 am. Communion will be celebrated.

Guest Preacher: Rev. Stephen Smith

Worship Leader - Titus Toyama

Japanese Reader - Michael Wright

Pianist - Janet Hill

Upcoming Events

Zoom Moderator - Lois Van Beers
Sound System - Cathy Nishizaki
Parking - Gary Younglove
Parking Barriers (Sat) - William Yee
Ushers - Luda Wright, Michael Wright
Greeters - Sue Lorens, Titus Toyama
Online Greeter - May Lee
Altar Flowers - Glenn & Evelyn Kubota

Aug 6: Hiroshima Day.

Aug 13: Worship Service. 10 am.

Worship Leader - Carla Hart
Japanese Reader - Aki Kumagai
Pianist - Haruko Sakakibara
Zoom Moderator - Judy Yee
Sound System - Titus Toyama
Parking - Tak Fukuman
Parking Barriers (Sat) - Russ Hart
Ushers - Diane Younglove, Gary Younglove
Greeters - Judy Fukuman, Diane Younglove
Online Greeter - May Lee

Aug 20: 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 - Phillip Chew
Parking Barriers (Sat) - Dave McGill
Ushers - Irene Uno, TBD
Greeters - Tia Kilpatrick, Irene Uno
Online Greeter - May Lee
Altar Flowers - Michael & Luda Wright

Aug 20: Fellowship Time. After worship service.

Julie Chew, Haruko Sakakibara, Lynn Yamamoto

Aug 27: Worship Service. 10 am.

Worship Leader - Liam Wright
Japanese Reader - Miko Kumagai
Pianist - Janet Hill
Zoom Moderator - Lori Hart
Sound System - Lois Van Beers
Parking - Tak Fukuman

Parking Barriers (Sat) - Neil Matsuoka
Ushers - Judy Fukuman, Tak Fukuman
Greeters - Pattie Hashimoto, Gary Younglove
Online Greeter - May Lee

Altar Flowers - Jerry & Maurine Huang

Aug 27: Aloha Fest. After worship service. Watch the weekly emails for details.

Aug 27: Newsletter Deadline. Email photos and/or articles (350 word max.) to officemanager@parkviewpc.org.

Sep 3: Worship Service. 10 am. Communion will be celebrated.

Worship Leader - Christine Umeda
Japanese Reader - Haruko Sakakibara
Pianist - Haruko Sakakibara
Zoom Moderator - Lois Van Beers
Sound System - Jonathan Sakakibara
Parking - Tak Fukuman
Parking Barriers (Sat) - TBD
Ushers - Luda Wright, Michael Wright
Greeters - Bill Grissom, Herning Grissom
Online Greeter - May Lee

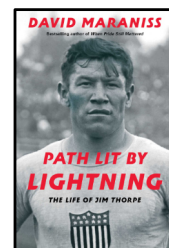
Altar Flowers - Stan & Christine Umeda

Sep 10: Worship Service. 10 am.

Worship Leader - Dave McGill
Japanese Reader - Mieko Davis
Pianist - Janet Hill
Zoom Moderator - Judy Yee
Sound System - Kaz Nozue
Parking - Gary Younglove
Parking Barriers (Sat) - TBD
Ushers - Judy Fukuman, Tak Fukuman
Greeters - Carla Hart, Lynn Yamamoto
Online Greeter - May Lee
Altar Flowers - Hach & Linda Yasumura

September Book Club Meeting

The PPC Book Club is on summer break. We will reconvene on Thurs, Sep 28 at 1 pm to discuss *Path Lit by Lightning: The life of Jim Thorpe*, by David Maraniss. Please email Kris at officemanager@parkviewpc.org for our meeting venue.



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.

For Father's Day: Brian & Leah (Fujiwara) Kanegawa

In Celebration of Grandson Koji's Graduation: Stan & Christine Umeda

In Gratitude for Spiritual Guidance: Anonymous

In Recognition of Memorial Day: Ken Okawara

In Honor of Judy Yee: Craig & Lucienne Wong

In Honor of Rick & Irene Uno: Andy Noguchi & Twila Tomita

In Memory of Kiyoshi & Eiko Fujiwara: Joyce Fujiwara & Tim Paulson

In Memory of Jane Matsuoka: Terri Bowman, Jody Brown, Betsy Eskridge & Lois Van Beers, Tak & Judy Fukuman, Joyce Fujiwara & Tim Paulson (corrected), Carla Hart, Pattie Hashimoto, Stephen & Janet Hill, Jerry & Maurine Huang, Brian & Leah (Fujiwara) Kanegawa, May O. Lee, Jerry & Carol Leong, Laurie Lundgren, Bob Marshall & Carolyn Ishii, Doug Kubo, Kaz & Naoko Masuno, San Masuno & Francisco Matute, Matsuoka Family, May Mayeda, Dave McGill, Stu & Meg (Masuno) McLaughlin, Bill & Linda Nagata (PPW), Val Namba, Sarah Nave, Cathy Nishizaki, Ben Pryor & Kishwer Vikaas, Randy & Lillie Shiroy, Alan & Lisa (Chew) Sumida, Tom Tambara (Choir), Wade Tambara (Choir), Titus & Donna (Komure) Toyama, Herbert & Stephanie Tsang, Kevin and Susan (Yamaguchi) Wong, Stan & Christine Umeda, Rick & Irene Uno, Lynn Yamamoto, Carey Yamanaka, Victor & Sherri Yee, Gary & Diane Younglove

In Memory of Dr. George Muramoto: Art & Ann Inouye

In Memory of George Wong: Marilyn Champa

In Memory of Ruby Uno: Rick & Irene Uno

In Prayer for Safe Travel to Japan: Stan & Christine Umeda

In Support of Ukraine Relief: Jonathan & Haruko Sakikibara, Titus & Donna (Komure) Toyama (the total donated is now over \$1,000.)

Thank you in advance for your Aloha 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.