



Chapel Chimes

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Dear Friends,

I like to mow the lawn. Lots of folks like to dig in the dirt, plant flowers or cultivate vegetable gardens and fruit trees. Not me. There is no green in my thumbs. But I do like to cut grass. Maybe it's because I didn't own a home with a lawn until after age 40. I was happy to let Dwight mow the lawn when it belonged to the landlord. But now that our name is on the mortgage papers, my hands are on the steering wheel of the riding mower. We don't have one of those fancy mowers with precision turning levers. We have a 22-year-old black Murray 21 HP mower that Dwight tunes up each spring. He sharpens the blades and checks the plugs, recharges the battery and tightens the bolt to keep the platform from dragging. With Dwight tending to it, the mower still runs well. Well, at least it did until the belt broke, again. This summer Dwight's been mowing the nearly 3 acres around our house by hand. That's a workout. I did it a few times, just for 'fun.' I was glad to climb back on the riding mower. When I stopped by to visit Carla and Loy Hart recently, Loy said he'd mowed the grass that afternoon. In the August heat. I was mighty impressed. I could almost smell the fresh-cut grass.

Mowing the lawn gives you time to look around at the beauty of God's creation, and it gives you time to think. And pray. For things on your mind and for people you love. For our world that struggles violently with issues of diversity and racism, poverty, and meanness. For global economic equity, so that everyone has food to eat, a place to live that's safe, and a yard with grass to mow, if they want one. Mowing the lawn also gives me something I don't get much in my line of work. Measurable results. Riding around the yard, row by row, I can see a salad of thick grass, complete with mushrooms, transformed into a manicured yard again. But how do you quantify increased devotion to God? By the amount of time spent reading the Bible and praying? Perhaps. By loving actions and forgiveness freely offered? Absolutely. But much of the spiritual life is hidden. It's been described as a process, a journey. As mystery.

Mowing the lawn is predictable. You cut the grass, it looks and smells great, you get something cold to drink, you're done. The spiritual life is more like the ocean, with shifting tides. Our passion for God ebbs and flows, our commitment to spiritual practices revs up or fades away, depending on the day, or the year. It's not easy to know if we're deepening in faith, hope, and love. So often the work of God's Spirit in us happens quietly and gradually. Life is unpredictable; there are many unanswered questions and lots of suffering out there. In the midst of it all, we as the Church work to nurture the spiritual life of those around us, to feed the hunger for meaning so apparent in our world. Maybe that's why, as a pastor, I'm so fond of the line in *The Little Prince* by Antoine de Saint-Exupery: "It is only with the heart that one can see rightly, what is essential is invisible to the eye." Here's to satisfying joys like mowing the lawn, and opportunities to enhance the lives of the world community with God's saving grace, justice and peace.

- Pastor Sarah



Pastor Sarah picks out her back-up mower!

News

Report from Session

At the August 10 meeting of Session, the following matters were voted upon and/or discussed:



- Security Grant Program – William Yee updated Session on efforts to install equipment to improve church security. Session approved a motion authorizing William to execute a contract with a surveillance camera vendor to purchase and install camera equipment for an amount not to exceed \$35,000. The contract will provide for the installation of 7 cameras and include a license for 10 years;
- Temporary Fence – In late July, early August, the wooden fence surrounding Parkview was vandalized. Session approved a motion authorizing Parkview to lease temporary metal fencing for 6 months from Blain Stumpf Construction Fence Rental in the amount of \$785.80. In the meantime, efforts will be taken to research and hire a contractor to install permanent fencing;
- Workers Compensation Insurance – In order to avoid overlapping insurance coverage, Session approved a motion to cancel Parkview's existing policy with the State Fund as Parkview now has coverage through its new carrier, Church & Casualty Insurance;
- Money Market Fund Account – In anticipation of the funds that will be needed to pay for the security upgrades to the church, Session approved a motion authorizing the church treasurer to open a money market fund account with Charles Schwab. The account will be funded from the proceeds of an existing certificate of deposit that soon will mature and will provide liquidity to pay for the upgrades;
- What does it mean to be a Matthew 25 Church? – Pastor Sarah led us in a discussion of what Matthew 25 asks us to do as Christians. Further discussion about compassion will follow. Session will also follow-up with the Be Encouraged Shower Ministry asking if Session members can visit that ministry in action;
- Date for Church Evacuation Drill – September 24, more information to follow;
- Pastor and Session Reports – Pastor Sarah is exploring a weekly time for prayers and discussion in order to discern Parkview's direction. The Healing Prayer Team is ready to serve and is considering how best to meet the needs of the congregation; Donna Komure-Toyama explained

what is being planned for our annual Aloha Sunday celebration set for August 20;

- City Management Training Request by Office Manager – Session approved a request by our office manager to enroll in a city management course that will be given in the fall and will be taken on the office manager's own time. The fee, to be paid by Parkview, is \$50;
- Upcoming Events – Asian Community Center's Ohana Walk to take place on September 16. Parkview will staff a table in order to provide water and church information to passing walkers; My Sister's House Fun Run set for October 28 and Parkview will have a team; in October, Pastor Grace Suwabe will be offering training to lay persons interested in learning how to conduct communion (more information to follow).

- Terri Bowman, Clerk of Session
Steve Hanway, Carla Hart

Pattie Hashimoto, Donna Komure-Toyama
Irene Uno, William Yee

Volunteer Spotlight: May O. Lee

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

Our beloved May Lee will be relocating in late September back to the Seattle area to be closer to family. Over the past seventeen years that May has worshiped at Parkview, she has been a stalwart volunteer in all aspects of church life. From serving on several worship teams before the pandemic to becoming our online greeter at the start of worship service after Parkview reopened, May continues to make sure everyone feels welcomed at Parkview. A church elder and member of PPW, she has always gone out of her way to visit our homebound seniors and make sure they remain part of the Parkview community with goodie bags from our church events. We are truly blessed to have had May as part of our community.



In the spirit of Aloha, Parkview will celebrate May at our September 17 coffee hour. People will have the opportunity to share joys and laughter with May. Please bring a favorite treat or dish to celebrate our love and gratitude for her. Allow extra time for parking as Our Lady of Guadalupe has a festival that day.

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Aloha Fest Celebrates Community

The Aloha Fest on August 20 was such a joyful event. Did you know "Hawaiian Sundays" was a tradition created at Parkview 30 years ago? When Wade Tambara started it as worship department chair, those Sundays in August were planned to allow people to come to church more casually when Parkview had no air conditioning! (In those days, people still wore coats and ties to church.) Every Sunday in August, they had different Hawaiian-themed performers during service. The final Sunday ended with a large potluck, including a whole roast pig donated by Juan and Delores Effan. The VFW ukulele band and a dance troupe entertained everyone.

What a beginning!! 30 years later, we dress much more casually to church and have one Sunday in August to celebrate. Following a spiritual service, the array of food on the table made everyone smile. There was a table where the grown-up former Sunday school students gathered with their kids, and several other friends of the church joined as guests.

We had a long Covid period that made us refrain from happy gatherings, and this lunch with more than 50 people chatting away enjoying great food was surely a sign that we are back to our normal Parkview life. We made the food plan based on the Third Sunday coffee hour team (Julie Chew, Lynn Yamamoto, Haruko Sakakibara), but Donna Komure-Toyama, Carla Hart, and Judy Fukuman quickly joined for Spam musubi making. Then, to our surprise, people kept adding all the other great food plates. What a feast it became!!! Christine and Stan Umeda's shaved ice table outside was a hit, too. Thank you Christine, for lining up all the different flavors.

Carla Hart and Lois Van Beers packaged the potluck goodies for May Lee to deliver to the seniors at home. Cleanup was done with great cooperation as well. All in all, it was a day that reminded us of our old Parkview hospitality and kindness. Thank you all so much!

View the slide show of the Aloha Fest at <https://parkviewpc.org/2023/08/24/aloha-fest-a-celebration-of-community/>.

- Haruko Sakakibara
Worship Committee



Choir Activities & New Season

Parkview's choir has resumed practices on Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Parkview social hall. If you are interested in joining the choir, please talk to choir director Ben Pryor or any of the choir members. We sing a wide range of music (traditional, contemporary, pop), sing in different languages, and also work on music skills, like voice projection and rhythm. You are welcome to check us out during choir practice; no choir experience required.

In addition to choir practices and performances, we have a yearly summer choir retreat in July at Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center in Lake Tahoe. We enjoy spending time together and on August 23, we had our annual choir dinner. Thanks to Kishwer Vikaas and Wade Tambara for putting together our multi-course menu. The food was delicious at Sai Varee, a Thai restaurant in the Greenhaven/Pocket area.

- Submitted by Donna Komure-Toyama



*Kishwer Vikaas, Ben Pryor, Luda Wright & Dave McGill
Photo courtesy of Judy Fukuman*

Financial Report as of July 31, 2023:

	August	Total Yr 2023
Income:	\$24,947.27	\$102,121.53
Expenses:	\$16,090.63	\$111,788.46
Difference:		(\$9,666.93)

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Summerfest Wrap-up Meeting

The Summerfest Wrap-up Meeting took place after church Sunday, August 13, with 12 persons present. We reviewed what went well and what needs improvement, as well as receiving a final financial report prepared by Betsy Eskridge and Julie Chew. Some of the things mentioned which those present had appreciated included the overall organization of the event, the sense that everyone was working together toward a common goal, God's spirit of joy throughout the evening, reuniting with old friends and meeting new people, the line dancing, the terrific MC, the silent auction/marketplace, the overall quality of the food, the entertainment, and the abundant and delicious cookie bags.

Specific gratitude was expressed regarding the skill of our master of ceremonies Jonathan Sakakibara and the quality of the entertainment – dancers Rieko Ivaska and Miyo Uchida and singers Kishwer Vikaas, Leah Nishizaki, and Kashan Vikaas.

According to Betsy's figures, the gross income was \$21,516.57 and expenses were \$6,458.06, for a net income of \$15,058.51. Another \$40 donation was received almost two weeks after the meeting, raising that figure to \$15,098.51.

The Summerfest Committee is presently deciding whether or not to organize another Summerfest in 2024. You are invited to express your thoughts to co-chairs Donna Komure-Toyama or Maurine Huang.

- Submitted by Maurine Huang



Summerfest Committee: Titus Toyama, Pastor Sarah, Donna Komure-Toyama, Judy Yee, Carla Hart, Haruko Sakakibara, Jonathan Sakakibara, Jerry Huang, Maurine Huang

Thank You, Summerfest Supporters!

We would like to thank all who made our first-ever Summerfest fundraising celebration such a success. Overall, reviews have indicated that in addition to raising needed revenue for Parkview, it generated a great deal of goodwill, showcasing Parkview to all who attended. In addition to those mentioned in the last Chapel Chimes, we would like to thank sponsors and donors. While we have tried diligently to include everyone, please accept our profuse apologies if we missed someone. Thank you to all who purchased sponsorships. They include:



Table:

- Judy and Tak Fukuman
- Carla Hart
- Maurine and Jerry Huang
- May O. Lee
- Cathy Nishizaki
- Haruko and Jonathan Sakakibara
- Donna and Titus Toyama
- Kishwer Vikaas and Jerome Pryor
- Linda and Hach Yasumura
- Judy and William Yee

Gold:

- Julie and Phillip Chew
- Dave McGill
- Sarah and Dwight Nave
- Lois Van Beers

Silver:

- Pattie Hashimoto
- Linda and Bill Nagata
- Fumi Nakata
- Cathy Nishizaki
- Carol and Jack Sakai
- Sakura Chorus

Bronze:

- Mizue and Akihiko Kumagai
- May Mayeda

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Silent Auction and Marketplace donors, including cash donors:

- Taeko Houston
- Maurine Huang
- Sue Lorens
- Parkview Community
- Parkview Mariners
- Chiaya Rawlins, Pacific Auction Company
- Haruko Sakakibara
- Carol and Jack Sakai
- Kris Sasaki
- Irene and Rick Uno
- Kazuko Vargas
- Judy and William Yee
- Sherri and Victor Yee
- Sachiko Yoshikawa

Other supporters:

- Mieko and Ian Davis
- Frank Hirota
- Barbara Horiuchi
- Rev. Janice Kamikawa
- Kathryn McKenzie
- Jennifer Nishizaki Ngo
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- Parkview Presbyterian Women
- Helen Sakaishi
- Yumiko Swan
- Patricia Terry
- Marielle Tsukamoto

We are grateful for the generous financial support and goodwill for Parkview's first-ever Summerfest event. God blessed Summerfest abundantly through your support. Thanks to all of you, and thanks be to God.

Healing Prayer Workshops

On July 12, 2023, seven Parkview members completed the third level of Healing Prayer training and were commissioned as a team to pray for the sick and those seeking God's loving presence. Beginning in August 2022, Carla Hart, Terri Bowman, Janet Hill, Donna Komure-Toyama, Sue Lorens, Haruko Sakakibara, and Judy Yee met at Parkview with facilitators Rev. Dwight Nave and Pastor Sarah, Rev. Sheri Edwards, and Dawn Zepernick to learn about the Biblical basis for healing prayer and how to pray for healing as effectively as possible.



During three five-day sessions in 2022 and 2023, the group studied Jesus' healing ministry and learned about physical, inner, and spiritual healing prayer. Discussions and feedback based on handouts and workbooks, videos and lectures, and practicums with the group and facilitators made these class sessions lively and memorable. The group enjoyed eating meals together and praying for each other. We saw God at work relieving physical symptoms and bringing love and peace when we prayed for each other and others who requested prayer.

Parkview's Healing Prayer team is available to meet with anyone who would like to spend time in God's presence and receive prayer. We know it is God's Spirit at work through us, not our own abilities, that brings loving, sometimes miraculous results in prayer. We are grateful for the opportunity to share God's loving compassion with anyone who seeks to connect with God. Please contact Pastor Sarah or any member of the healing prayer team if you'd like prayer.

Prayer: Miracle-working God, we rejoice in the hope you give us that we can be made into a New Creation, transformed until we become more like Jesus. May Your will be done here, as it is in heaven. Come, Lord Jesus, live in us, heal the world through us. Amen.

Submitted by Pastor Sarah

Financial Report as of August 31, 2023:

	August	Total Yr 2023
Income:	\$13,448.47	\$114,851.60
Expenses:	\$11,558.67	\$123,347.13
Difference:		(\$8,495.53)

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/>.

Sep 10: **Worship Service.** 10 am.

Worship Leader - Dave McGill
Japanese Reader - Mieko Davis
Pianist - Janet Hill
Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Judy Yee
Sound System - Lois Van Beers
Parking - Gary Younglove
Parking Barriers (Sat) - Neil Matsuoka
Ushers - Luda Wright, Michael Wright
Greeters - Mieko Davis, Haruko Sakakibara
Altar Flowers - Hach & Linda Yasumura

Sep 12: **Bible Study.** 6 pm via Zoom.

Sep 13: **Choir Practice.** 7 pm in the social hall.

Sep 14: **Session Meeting.** 1 pm.

Sep 16: **Ohana Walk.** 8:30 am.

Contact Titus Toyama for information. Register at www.acsv.org.



Sep 17: **Worship Service.** 10 am.

Worship Leader - Sue Lorens
Japanese Reader - Miyo Uchida
Pianist - Nancy Arata-Fong
Zoom Moderator/Greeter - Aki Kumagai
Sound System - Tom Tambara
Parking - Tak Fukuman
Parking Barriers (Sat) - Russ Hart
Ushers - Donna Komure-Toyama, William Yee
Greeters - Miyo Uchida, Diane Younglove
Altar Flowers - Bill & Herning Grissom
YES: Jana Nakase-Lee, Lynn Yamamoto

Sep 17: **Coffee Time in Honor of May Lee.**

Nancy Arata-Fong, Terri Bowman, Lori Hart, Linda Nagata, Carol Sakai, Irene Uno

Sep 18: **PPC Legacy Project Meeting.** 7 pm via Zoom.

Sep 19: **Bible Study.** 6 pm via Zoom.

Sep 20: **Choir Practice.** 7 pm in the social hall.

Sep 24: **Worship Service.** 10 am.

Worship Leader - Jonathan Sakakibara
Japanese Reader - Michael Wright
Pianist - Nancy Arata-Fong
Zoom Moderator/Greeter - Lori Hart
Sound System - Kaz Nozue
Parking - Dave McGill
Parking Barriers (Sat) - Tak Fukuman
Ushers - Aki Kumagai, Miko Kumagai
Greeters - Betsy Eskridge, Tia Kilpatrick
Altar Flowers - Dave McGill

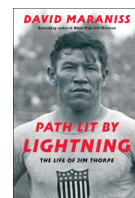
Sep 24: **Newsletter Deadline.** 5 pm. Email photos and/or articles (350 word max.) to officemanager@parkviewpc.org.

Sep 26: **Bible Study.** 6 pm via Zoom.

Sep 27: **Choir Practice.** 7 pm in the social hall.

Sep 28: **Book Club Meeting**

The PPC Book Club meet on Thurs, Sep 28 at 1 pm to discuss *Path Lit by Lightning: The Life of Jim Thorpe*, by David Maraniss. Email Kris Sasaki at officemanager@parkviewpc.org for our meeting venue.



Oct 1: **Worship Service.** 10 am. Today is World Communion Sunday. Communion will be celebrated.

Worship Leader - Betsy Eskridge
Japanese Reader - Aki Kumagai
Pianist - Haruko Sakakibara
Zoom Moderator/Greeter - Lori Hart
Sound System - Cathy Nishizaki
Parking - Gary Younglove
Parking Barriers (Sat) - Dave McGill
Ushers - Terri Bowman, Julie Chew
Greeters - Judy Fukuman, Luda Wright
Altar Flowers - Miyo Uchida

Oct 3: **Bible Study.** 6 pm via Zoom.

Oct 3: **Prayer Team Meeting.** 7:15 pm.

Upcoming Events

Oct 6: Ethnic Concerns Consultation Event.

Thru Oct 8. For more information and to register, go to <https://zephyrpoint.org/programs/adult/ecc/>.



Parking Barriers (Sat) - Russ Hart
 Ushers - Donna Komure-Toyama
 Greeters - Tia Kilpatrick, Irene Uno
 Altar Flowers - Jonathan & Haruko Sakakibara
 Coffee Time: Russ Hart, Dave McGill, Titus Toyama

Oct 7: Wakamatsu Pilgrimage.

A bus will be available (\$40/\$50) at the Tenrikyo High Church on the 6th Street side of Southside Park. For more detailed information and to register for the pilgrimage, go to <https://www.nichibei.org/wakamatsu-pilgrimage/>.



Oct 15: Loaves & Fishes 40th Anniversary Party.

4 pm. Loaves & Fishes is hosting their 40th anniversary celebration at St. Marks United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way, near Country Club Center. Bring refreshments, if convenient. Go to <https://stmarks.umd.com> for more information.

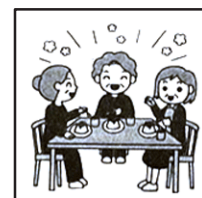


Oct 8: Worship Service. 10 am.

Worship Leader - Jana Nakase-Lee
 Japanese Reader - Mieko Davis
 Pianist - Nancy Arata-Fong
 Zoom Moderator/Greeter - Judy Yee
 Sound System - Titus Toyama
 Parking - Tak Fukuman
 Parking Barriers (Sat) - Neil Matsuoka
 Ushers - Diane Younglove, Gary Younglove
 Greeters - Sue Lorens, Haruko Sakakibara
 Altar Flowers - Ian & Mieko Davis

Fridays: Tanoshimi-Kai Senior Lunch.

11 am - 12:15 pm. The Buddhist Church of Sacramento hosts a lunch every Friday from 11:00 am - 12:15 pm. They play bingo, too! Donations are welcome to help defray the costs. Transportation is available through ACC Rides. Contact Barbara Nakatomi at 916.813.5440 for further details. Monthly volunteers to serve lunch are also sought.



Oct 14: Stargazing.

Save the date! Details will follow in future weekly emails.



Save the Dates!

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events. Details will follow in upcoming weekly emails and newsletters.



Oct 15: Worship Service. 10 am.

Worship Leader - Steve Hanway
 Japanese Reader - Miko Kumagai
 Pianist - Janet Hill
 Zoom Moderator/Greeter - Aki Kumagai
 Sound System - Jonathan Sakakibara
 Parking - Phillip Chew

Oct 28: Run for a Safe Haven (My Sister's House)

Oct 28: Intercultural Mosaics presbytery-wide gathering at Davis Community Church

Nov 12: Thanksgiving Showtime

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.

In Celebration of Granddaughter Tymiko's College Graduation: Robert & Janet Okino

In Celebration of the 2023 Watanabe - Otow - Kawamura Family Reunion: Titus & Donna (Komure) Toyama

In Celebration of Stan Umeda's 88th Birthday: Calvin Asoo, Mary Asoo, Roy & Yoko Asoo, David Hironaka, Rose Hironaka, Stacey Inouye, Kerry & Sue Ann Kashiwagi, Rita Inoway, Breanne Matsuura, Cathy Nishizaki, Andy Noguchi & Twila Tomita, Stan & Christine Umeda

In Gratitude for Pastoral Care: Anonymous

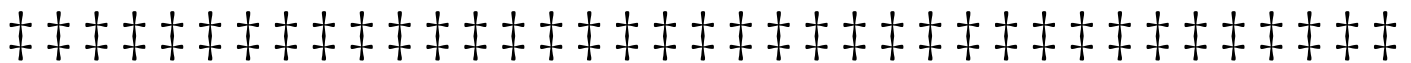
In Memory of Kiyoshi Fujiwara: Brian & Leah (Fujiwara) Kanegawa

In Memory of Jane Matsuoka: Kevin & Sylvia (Ryugo) Campbell, Carla Gordon, William & Judy Yee

In Memory of Ruby Uno: Tak & Judy Fukuman, Carolyn Ishii, Titus & Donna (Komure) Toyama

Aloha Offering: May Lee, Bill & Linda Nagata

Maui Relief: Hazuki Battino, Phillip & Julie Chew, Dave & Nancy (Arata) Fong, Brian & Leah (Fujiwara) Kanegawa, Tak & Judy Fukuman, Carla Hart, Russ & Lori Hart, Steve & Janet Hill, Maurine Huang, May Lee, Sue Lorens, Dave McGill, Yoshie Nakase, Fumi Nakata, Cathy Nishizaki, Quang Huy Ngo, Jonathan & Haruko Sakakibara, Titus & Donna (Komure) Toyama, Stan & Christine Umeda, Rick & Irene Uno, Michael & Luda Wright, William & Judy Yee, Gary & Diane Younglove



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. Thank you for your generosity.