



Chapel Chimes

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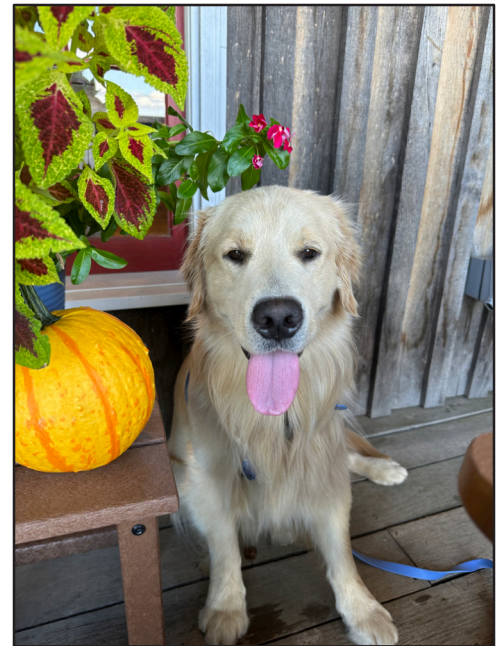
Dear Friends,

When Titus announced in church that he was the organizer for Parkview's 2023 Team for My Sister's House Run for a Safe Haven, he mentioned that some Parkview participants walk the 5K event and others run it. He said some of the runners were slightly competitive. He didn't mention that he is by far the fastest member of the Parkview team. Last year Titus took 3rd place in his age group. That's impressive. He admits that he has a 'home court advantage' since he frequently runs at the park. Titus knows that the Nave family can be a tad competitive as well. Sports events, board games, you name it, we all go for the win. I didn't tell Titus that I had once raced a man in a motorized wheelchair in Virginia during a morning run. He let me win. I take any wins I can get on a Monday morning. Our neighbor Jeff, and his German Shepherd, Zoey, ride on the streets in our neighborhood so Zoey can get exercise. The first time I ran past Jeff and his service dog, Zoey barked and lunged at me. I froze. I pay close attention to big barking dogs with large teeth. Jeff apologized and told Zoey to mind her manners. The next time I saw them, Jeff stopped way up the street and sat with Zoey until I passed them. "Don't bark at Miss Sarah," he told Zoey. "Thanks, Jeff!" I said. "Hi, Zoey!" I said, and thought, "Thanks for not biting me!"

Seeing Jeff and his pal Zoey in the neighborhood reminded me of a wonderful documentary Dwight and I watched on PBS a while back, "Through a Dog's Eyes." It's the story of Jennifer Arnold, founder of Canine Assistants, who raises service dogs on her farm near Atlanta, Georgia. The show details the whole process from newborn puppy to well-trained service partner. Jennifer Arnold's inspiration for her remarkable career arose from a challenge in her own life. She was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis as a teenager. Her father helped Jennifer find a renewed sense of purpose with the idea of owning a service dog and training dogs for others in need. It took years, but that dream came true with Canine Assistants. Nowadays Arnold and her husband, a veterinarian, and their staff match applicants for service dogs with what she calls dogs with special abilities for people with special needs. As with any relationship, communication seems to be the key. She said dogs want to please us, but they don't speak our language, so we have to help them behave in ways that work for us.

Watching dogs and humans interact in such mutually beneficial ways made me wonder if we are learning to understand God's language, the language of love and service, in our time on earth. Are we learning to obey God's commands? Is it our heart's desire to please God, and love God? Do we enjoy serving God and giving our best to God each day? God is so patient with us, so encouraging, and so loving. I hope we bring God even a fraction of the joy that those dogs bring their owners. Here's to being devoted and teachable and responsive to God's Spirit, guiding us as we learn God's language of love, so we can serve others well and bring joy to God's heart.

In service with you to the glory of God,
Pastor Sarah



*Fall Greetings from Whidbey,
Pastor Sarah's grand-furbaby*

News

Report from Session

At the September 14 meeting of Session, the following matters were voted upon and/or discussed:



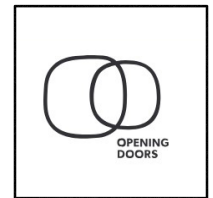
- Donation for Maui Relief – As part of the Aloha offering drive in August, Parkview members donated \$3,240 for Maui relief efforts. More research will be done, including any input from the Congregation, to determine an agency or agencies who will receive these funds;
- Visit from Teachers at William Land School – on October 5, at 3:10 p.m., several teachers from nearby William Land School will visit Parkview as the church has been designated as a “safety place” for the school. Parkview will offer drinks and light refreshment for the teachers. In addition, Pastor Sarah will review records to determine any obligations that Parkview may have agreed to as a safe place;
- Resignation of Carla Hart from Session – With much sadness and gratitude for her leadership, Session agreed to accept the resignation of Carla Hart. Election of Elders and other church officers will occur in January 2024;
- Budget for 2024 – the Personnel Committee will be asked to recommend any salary adjustments for purposes of establishing a budget for the coming year;
- Youth Enrichment Session – Jana Nakase-Lee reported that Sunday school will be held on the first and third Sunday of the month. Activities for the youth will include teaching compassion for the homeless and knitting scarves for donations as a community service project. Many thanks to Jana, Lois Van Beers, Julie Chew, and Lynn Yamamoto for donating their time to teach Sunday school;
- Safety and Security Grant Update – Session agreed that new fencing to secure the church grounds is a priority. William Yee reported that Parkview will need to obtain a permit for the fencing to be built which will require approval of architectural plans. Lighting and camera installation are the other areas to be addressed;
- Reports –
 - Pastor Sarah in Virginia from September 18-26;
 - Rev. Larry Emery will be preaching on September 24;
 - Parkview’s Healing Prayer Team is available to take individual appointments;
 - Worship Team World Communion is October 1;

- Congregation Evacuation Drill – new date is October 15;
- Ethnic Concerns Consultation at Zephyr Point – October 6-8;
- Stargazing Church Event at the Yolo Causeway – October 14, time TBD;
- My Sister’s House Run – October 28;
- Mosaics All-Presbytery Gathering – October 28, 4-8 p.m.;
- Parkview Thanksgiving Showtime – November 12, after worship.

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

Appreciation for Opening Doors Donations

A big shout-out of thanks to all who responded to Opening Doors’ recent request for items to furnish two new Welcome Houses. These houses are being used to provide housing for the Venezuelans, Colombians, and Guatemalans who had been sent unannounced to Sacramento a few months ago. While the urgency of the request prevented us from making an organized, church-wide effort, as we have done in the past, several members of Parkview indicated that they had made donations. Andie Paschal, Volunteer Coordinator, indicated that she had received donations from individuals whose names she did not recognize, and she expressed her gratitude. Opening Doors has a standing monthly drop-off day: the third Wednesday of each month, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Please contact Andie Paschal, Volunteer Coordinator, at volunteers@openingdoorsinc.org for further information.



- Submitted by Maurine Huang

Financial Report as of September 31, 2023:

	September	Total Yr 2023
Income:	\$6,669.44	\$121,521.04
Expenses:	\$14,649.61	\$137,996.74
Difference:		(\$16,475.70)

News

Volunteer Spotlight: Miko Kumagai

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

Like many of our wonderful volunteers, Miko works on more than just one worship team. She serves as one of the Japanese scripture readers, is a greeter, and also serves as an usher. Miko may be one of our newer Parkview members, but we are grateful she has stepped up to serve in so many ways. Thank you, Miko!



Parkview at the ACC Ohana Walk 2023

Ohana means family, and our Parkview Church family showed up in a big way on September 16 at ACC's 2nd annual Ohana Walk. The 2023 Walk raised \$91,750 for ACC, \$5000 of which was donated to Maui relief efforts.

Parkview Team captain, Titus Toyama, reported we had 35 participants. At the mile 2 checkpoint, walkers met friendly Parkview members at a table displaying our terrific church banner and historic Parkview photos. Our volunteers provided hearty greetings and lollipops to encourage walkers on their way on a sunny Saturday. Honorable mention to Gary and Diane Younglove who showed up early but had to take a detour to the hospital when Gary tripped and broke his clavicle before the walk began.

Many thanks to Captain Titus and everyone who walked and helped at our table. Your community spirit helped make the 2023 Ohana Walk a great success!



Parkview Bids Farewell to May O. Lee

On September 17, Parkview held a special coffee hour to celebrate our beloved May O. Lee, who has relocated to Seattle to be near family. May moved to Sacramento in 1975 and was a pillar in the community ever since. May is the founding director of Asian Resources, Inc. (ARI). May was also one of the founders of My Sister's House (MSH) in 2000, serving API and other women and children harmed by domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. What an inspiration May is to us all! Whether she's marching for social justice, prepping food in the church kitchen or visiting Parkview's older members with care packages, May brought God's love and light wherever she went. We are so blessed to have had May share church life and community service with us in the Parkview church family for the past seventeen years.

You can view the slideshow and video <https://parkviewpc.org/2023/10/08/parkview-bids-farewell-to-may-o-lee/>.



Pastor Sarah presents May a gift on behalf of Parkview

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/>.

Oct 14: “Stargazing” Rain or Shine!

Meet at Parkview at 5:30 p.m. for some fellowship over supper. Jana will be making a pot of mild vegan chili and rice. Salads, desserts, or other dishes are welcome but not necessary.



If there is not too much cloud cover, we will caravan/carpool to the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area at 6:30. But if the sky is too cloudy, we will partake in alternative astronomy indoor options! Please rsvp to jana_lab@yahoo.com so that plenty of chili is made.

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

Oct 15: Special Worship Service Guest.

Pastor Igor Bilorus is from Ukraine and will speak at Parkview during worship service on October 15. Pastor Igor will give an update on his ministry



delivering supplies and condolences to women and their children, who’ve lost their husband/father in the current war with Russia.

Violin virtuoso Igor Veligan, who gave a *benefit concert at Parkview* in support of Ukraine, will also be in attendance to provide wonderful music during morning worship.

Please join us to hear how God’s love is helping mend broken hearts and lives in war-torn Ukraine.

Oct 15: Loaves & Fishes 40th Anniversary Party.

4 pm. Join friends of Loaves & Fishes, as they host 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 17: Bible Study. 6 pm via Zoom.

Oct 18: Choir Practice. 7 pm in the social hall.

Oct 21: Loy Hart Memorial Service.

11 am at Parkview. Please join Carla Hart and family after the service for a reception at *Urban Roots* (1322 V Street).



Oct 22: Worship Service. 10 am.

Worship Leader - Judy Fukuman
Japanese Reader - Michael Wright
Pianist - Janet Hill
Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Lois Van Beers
Sound System - Kaz Nozue
Parking - Dave McGill
Parking Barriers (Sat) - Dave McGill
Ushers - Betsy Eskridge, Carla Hart

Upcoming Events

Greeters - Pattie Hashimoto, Gary Younglove

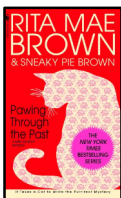
Altar Flowers - Carla Hart

Oct 24: Bible Study. 6 pm via Zoom.

Oct 25: Choir Practice. 7 pm in the social hall.

Oct 26: Book Club Meeting

The PPC Book Club will meet on Thurs, Oct 26 at 1 pm to discuss the Mrs. Murphy mystery (yes, Mrs. Murphy is a cat!), *Pawing through the Past*, by Rita Mae Brown. For our meeting venue, email Kris Sazaki at officemanager@parkviewpc.org.



Oct 29: Worship Service. 10 am.

Worship Leader - Jonathan Sakakibara

Japanese Reader - Miyo Uchida

Pianist - TBD

Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Lori Hart

Sound System - Dave McGill

Parking - Russ Hart


Parking Barriers (Sat) - Jonathan Sakakibara

Ushers - Bill Grissom, Herning Grissom

Greeters - Mana Nozue, Rami Nozue

Altar Flowers - Jana Nakase-Lee

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

Get your running shoes ready, lace up, and run to make a difference! Join  **My Sister's House** your Parkview team for the 20th annual Run for a Safe Haven at William Land Park. Support My Sister's House and its goal of "working toward homes without violence and lives without fear." Parkview is a long-time supporter of My Sister's House. Register as a team member at www.runforasafehaven.com. Contact team leaders for more information. Ready, set, sign up!

Titus Toyama (titus.toyama@gmail.com)

Carol Sakai (hawaiiianlcsn@gmail.com)

Oct 29: Newsletter Deadline. 5 pm. Email photos and/or articles (350 word max.) to officemanager@parkviewpc.org.

Oct 31: Deadline for Thanksgiving Showtime



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THANKSGIVING SHOWTIME
11:20-12:30 Sun, Nov 12, 2023
LET'S GATHER UP THE HARVEST OF OUR TALENTS AND FINANCIAL DONATIONS TO SHOW OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD!
APPLICATION DEADLINE : OCT 31
PLEASE EMAIL
SAKAKIBARAHARUKO@GMAIL.COM

Nov 1: Choir Practice. 7 pm in the social hall.

Nov 5: Worship Service. 10 am. Communion will be celebrated.

Worship Leader - Titus Toyama

Japanese Reader - Haruko Sakakibara

Pianist - Haruko Sakakibara

Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Lois Van Beers

Sound System - Cathy Nishizaki

Parking - Carl Odell

Parking Barriers (Sat) - Tak Fukuman

Ushers - Luda Wright, Michael Wright

Greeters - Betsy Eskridge, Carla Hart

Altar Flowers - Irene Uno, Rick Uno

Communion Elders - Judy Fukuman, William Yee

YES - Lynn Yamamoto

Nov 5: PPW General Meeting. Directly after worship service, in person or online.

Nov 7: Bible Study. 6 pm via Zoom.

Upcoming Events

Nov 8: Worship Team Meeting. 5:20 pm via Zoom.

Nov 8: Choir Practice. 7 pm in the social hall.

Nov 9: Session Meeting. 1 pm in the social hall.

Nov 12: Worship Service. 10 am.

Worship Leader - Carla Hart

Japanese Reader - Aki Kumagai

Pianist - Janet Hill

Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Judy Yee

Sound System - Titus Toyama

Parking - Tak Fukuman

Parking Barriers (Sat) - Dave McGill

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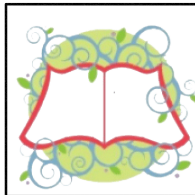
Altar Flowers - Ian & Mieko Davis

Coffee Hour - Carla Hart, Miko Kumagai, Rumi Nozue

Nov 12: Thanksgiving Showtime. After worship service.

Nov 19: Card-Making Workshop.

Join fellow Parkview family and friends 1:00 - 3:00 pm at *Beverly's Unique Scrapbooking* in South Hills Shopping Center for a craft project that will be fast and easy: 4 cards with 2 designs with a template so that multiple cards can be made at home. Get ideas on how to use the design for other projects. Cost is \$25/person. Supplies needed: scissors and double stick adhesive tape. Contact donnaktoyama@gmail.com to sign up. Class limit is 10 participants.



Save the Dates!

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



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

Dec 3: Christmas Luncheon. See attached flyer.



The original Parkview church sign

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.

Special Offerings: Rose Hironaka

In Honor of May O. Lee: Gloria Imagire, Neil Matsuoka & Kris Sazaki

In Joyous Celebration of May's PPC Family: May Lee

In Honor of Stan Umeda's 88th Birthday: Fumie Shimada

In Memory of Eiko Fujiwara: Brian & Leah Kanegawa

In Memory of Loy Hart: Susan Doi, Jerry & Maurine Huang, May Lee, Neil Matsuoka & Kris Sazaki

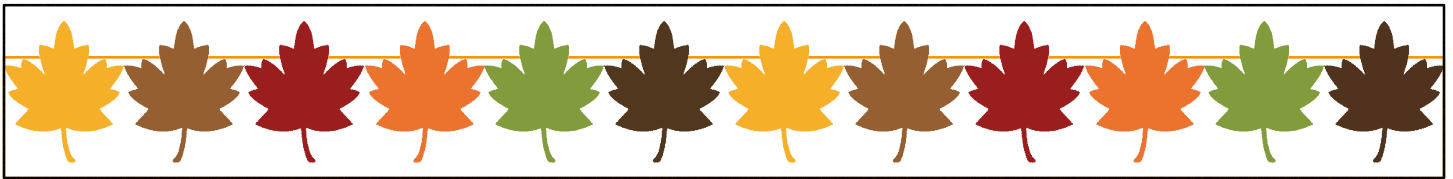
In Memory of Kazuko Hayashi: Darrell & Karen Thomas

In Support of the ECC Conference: Dave McGill

In Support of Maui Relief: Betsy Eskridge & Lois Van Beers

In Support of the Parkview Choir: Jane Matsuoka Family

In Support of the 2023 Ohana Walk: Jonathan and Haruko Sakakibara



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.

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Parkview's Christmas Luncheon 2023

Sunday, December 3rd, 2023. Starting at 1:00 p.m.

Aviator's Restaurant
6151 Freeport Blvd.
Sacramento, CA

Cost:

Price: \$28 per adult. \$14 for children (5-9).

Please sign up and pay by November 20th.

1. **To sign up:** text, email or fill out and mail the form below to Cathy Nishizaki:
 - o Text: (916) 207-7168
 - o Email: cathyjnish@gmail.com
 - o Mail: 452 Deer River Way, Sacramento, CA 95831

2. **To make a payment:** Mail check payable to Parkview Presbyterian Women. Write "Christmas Luncheon" in message line. Mail the check to Betsy, address below:

attn: Betsy Eskridge, PPW Treasurer
4646 Del Rio Road
Sacramento, CA 95822

Parkview Christmas Luncheon 2023 @ Aviator's. Dec 3rd. Starting 1:00PM

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of adults (\$28/per person) _____ Number of kids (age 5-9, \$14 per kid) _____

Number of kids (5 & under, Free) _____

Please list the names of each of your guests, including yourself:

Grand Total. \$ _____

Any changes to your original entry, contact Cathy Nishizaki (916) 207-7168