

Chapel Chimes

727 T Street, Sacramento, CA • November 2023

Dear Friends,

At our April 2023 session meeting, Parkview's elders voted to join the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Matthew 25 movement, along with 1,162 congregations in our denomination who have also embraced the vision. What's the Matthew 25 movement and why did Parkview sign on as a member congregation? The Matthew 25 movement is based on a passage from Matthew's Gospel- Matthew 25:31-46, the final story in Jesus' public teaching ministry. These verses are known as the parable of the sheep and goats. In this parable, Jesus makes clear that what we do matters to God, and how we treat others is important to God. When we welcome others, we welcome Christ; when we bring together people who are divided, we are doing God's reconciling work. We are called to serve Jesus by helping the most vulnerable in society. From affordable housing to equitable educational and employment opportunities to healing from addiction and mental health issues to enacting policy change – there are many ways to live out the principles of the Matthew 25 movement.

The Matthew 25 movement focuses on three key areas: dismantling structural racism, building congregational vitality, and eradicating systemic poverty. In our church's mission and vision statements, Parkview is described as a multicultural care-giving community that seeks "to honor our Japanese-American heritage wrought out of the unique blend of communal and Christian values, immigrant experience, and the suffering of incarceration." Having experienced collective experiences of suffering, racial discrimination and injustice, working for justice and living in solidarity with those who suffer and are treated unjustly is a core value for Parkview. We are a welcoming, inclusive, innovative community, actively seeking to serve God and humankind with love and creativity and humility. Parkview has been a Matthew 25 congregation for many years. Our elders just made it official by signing on with the Presbyterian Church's movement this year. At our session meetings this fall, the elders and I are studying Matthew 25 and discussing what these verses mean to us as individuals, and as a church. I will be preaching on key areas of the Matthew 25 movement during November.

Here's an interesting point to ponder from Matthew 25:31-46: Jesus makes his kingdom accessible to not only the big-time, lavish doers in the world, but to all the small doers in the world, too. Look at the services that are rendered to those in need . . . they are all so basic: providing food and drink, clothing, hospitality, shelter, visiting troubled people. These basic, unflashy services are given Jesus' highest honors. Big miracles aren't happening in this story, little ministries are. Yet it is in these little ministries that the miracle of the big mystery - eternal salvation - occurs. Jesus calls us to perform ordinary acts of compassion to those in need in our daily lives. As we do, we continue Christ's work of proclaiming the good news of God's loving welcome, justice and peace for all.

Thankful to be on the journey with you, Pastor Sarah



"For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
I was a stranger and you welcomed me,
I was naked and you clothed me,
I was sick and you visited me,
was in prison and you came to me."
(Matthew 25:35-36)

Report from Session

At the October 12 meeting of Session, the following matters were reported, 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. After further research, Session voted to donate the following: \$1,000 to Maui Strong (similar to the Sacramento Regional Foundation); \$1,000 to the Hawaiian Council (provide shelter, food, and financial help to residents); and, \$1,240 to the Maui Food Bank;
- Visit from Pastor Igor Bilorus from Ukraine on October 15, Pastor Bilorus will speak to the congregation about his church in war torn Ukraine. Also, violinist Igor Veligan and his spouse, pianist Mira Veligan, will perform for us. Session authorized a pulpit supply payment of \$150 to Pastor Bilorus and Parkview will take up offerings for his church on October 15 and 22;
- Update of Lighting Fixtures in Social Hall William Yee reported that Parkview received a bid to install new light fixtures in the social hall for \$800 to \$1,000, from electrician Jun Tang. Parkview will purchase the fixtures. We will ask Lois Van Beers, who has worked on this issue, to contact Hobrecht Lighting to visit Parkview to suggest the appropriate fixtures. The broken fixture in the sanctuary also needs to be repaired as well;
- Security Team Seeks Input William Yee reported that the City of Sacramento will not approve the installation of a 6-foot fence next to the sidewalk on 8th Street. The City recommends a 4 foot fence instead. Congregational input on fencing, cameras, and lighting will be sought in a meeting on October 15, after service;
- Annual Staff Evaluations To be completed by the Personnel Committee in October and November;
- Report from Pastor Sarah Pastor Sarah is looking into hosting a series of holy listening and prayer/discernment meetings beginning in January. All will be invited and more information to follow. Pastor Sarah will also work on an article for Chapel Chimes about how minimum required distributions from IRA and 401(k) plans can be a source of stewardship;

• Upcoming Events – November 12 (Thanksgiving Showtime; sign up by October 31); November 19 (congregation evacuation drill)

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

Volunteer Spotlight: YOU!

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

You keep the church going! There are too many volunteers to mention in this short space. Look at our call for worship team volunteers below. In addition, many thanks to Julie Chew, our depositor, Carla Hart and Maurine Huang, our office



volunteers, our officers, Session members. Thank you all for sharing your talents with Parkview.

2024 Parkview Sunday Worship Teams

Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, Parkview has been able to maintain delightful and thriving Sunday services in 2023. Now it's time to set the 2024 schedule. If you'd like to maintain your current schedule, we thank you very much. However, please let us know by November 19, if you are NOT able to come back in the same capacity or would like to change your schedule for 2024. Contact any Worship Committee member or email sakakibaraharuko@gmail. com. New volunteers can sign up through November 30.

Working together in worship certainly builds our warm sense of community, so it would be great if you know anyone you think we should contact to invite to be part of the worship volunteers. We especially need more help with ushers, PA operators, parking attendants, and parking barrier attendants on Saturdays.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in 2023 and for promptly responding to my emails when substitutes needed to be found. I feel very happy about getting to know you better through my weekly reminder work.

- Submitted by Haruko Sakakibara

We welcome anyone who would like to join any worship team. We specifically need more parking attendants, pianists, Zoom moderators, sound system operators, and ushers. Please remember: more team members mean less frequency in the rotation. Training is available!

Chairperson

- Serve 4-5 times per year
- Duties include: lead the worship service
- Current Team: Betsy, Carla, Christine, David, Donna, Haruko, Jana, Jonathan, Judy F, Liam, Phillip, Steve, Sue, Titus



Greeter (2)

- Serve 6 times per year
- Duties include: be the welcoming faces of Parkview and help new people sign in
- Current Team: Betsy, Bill, Carla, Cathy, Diane, Gary, Judy F, Herning, Irene, Leah, Lynn, Luda, Mana, Miyo, Pattie, Rumi, Sue, Tia



- Serve 6 times per year
- Duties include: light altar candles, pass offering plates, count loose offerings
- Current Team: Aki, Betsy, Carla,
 Donna, Gary, Herning, Jonathan,
 Judy F, Julie, Maurine, Michael, Miko, Lynn, Luda,
 Tak, Terri, William



- Serve 12 times per year
- Duties include: prepare and perform preludes, interludes, postludes, and accompany hymns and other parts of the service.
- Current Team: Haruko, Janet, Nancy, Wade
- Other instruments welcome!

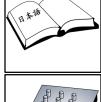


Japanese Bible Reader

- Serve 9 times per year
- Duties include: read the weekly Bible verse in Japanese
- Current Team: Aki, Haruko, Mieko, Miko, Miyo, Michael

Sound System Operator

- Serve 6-7 times per year
- Duties include: operate the PA system, adjust the volume of mics during the service
- Current Team: Cathy, David, Jonathan, Titus, Tom





Zoom Operator

- Serve 13 times per year
- Duties include: manage the cameras for the online service and communicate with the online worshipers.
- Current Team: Aki, Judy Y, Lois, Lori



Parking Attendant

- Serve 9 times per year
- Duties include: open the church, remove parking barriers, and monitor the Parkview parking lot from 9 am until worship starts
- Current Team: Carl, David, Gary, Phillip, Russ, Tak



Parking Barrier Set-Up Team

- Serve 7-8 times per year
- Duties include: rope off our parking lot on Saturday to secure the spaces
- Current Team: Dave, Jonathan, Neil, Russ, Tak, Titus, William



Communion Elder

- Serve 1-2 times per year
- Duties include: help serve communion
- Current Team: Carol, Carla, Christine, Donna, Gary, Hach, Herning, Irene, Maurine, Steve, Terri, Titus, William
- Open to all church elders. Contact Carla Hart (carlah.hart@gmail.com), if you want to serve



Coffee Hour

- Serve 1-2 times per year
- Duties include: prepare and serve light refreshments
- Current Team: Carla, Cathy, Diane, Donna, Evelyn, Haruko, Irene, Jana, Janet, Judy F, Judy Y, Julie, Linda Y, Lynn, Lois, Lori, Luda, Mieko, Miko, Miyo, Nancy, PPW, Rumi, Russ, Sue, Terri, Titus



• Contact Carla Hart (carlah.hart@gmail.com), if you want to serve

YES (Youth Enrichment System) Teacher

- Serve 2-3 times per year
- Duties include: monitor and provide children with youth activities
- Current Team: Jana, Julie, Lois,
- Contact Jana Nakase-Lee (jana_lab@yahoo.com), if you would like to become a YES teacher.

Altar Flowers

- Serve 1 time per year
- Duties include: provide altar
- Current Team: countless!
- Contact Judy Yee (judyfyee@gmail. com, if you would like to donate altar flowers



- Parkview Worship Committee Sue Goodwin, Donna Komure-Toyama, Haruko Sakakibara, Pastor Sarah Nave

Support for Ukraine

On October 15, Parkview held a special service to reiterate its support for the people of Ukraine. Pastor Igor Bilorus from Ukraine spoke during worship. You can view his talk by clicking



here. As of this writing, Parkview raised another \$2,000 for Ukraine from Pastor Igor's visit. Read more about Pastor Igor's visit and view the slideshow https://parkviewpc.org/2023/10/19/special-serviceraises-funds-for-support-of-ukraine/.

Charitable Giving Through Your IRA

Did you know you can donate to charities through your IRA account? There are benefits to doing so:

• You can satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) in the year you make a qualified charitable distribution (QCD).



- Your QCD is not included in your adjusted gross income.
- This is a tax efficient way to make a charitable gift if you use standard deduction.

There are some requirements:

- You must be $70\frac{1}{2}$ or older at the time the distribution is made.
- The distribution must be an otherwise taxable distribution from an IRA.
- The distribution must be made directly to an organization (such as Parkview) eligible to receive tax deductible contributions.

More information and advice at https://www. presbyterianfoundation.org/ira-distributions/ or contact our office manager at officemanager@parkviewpc.org.

2024 Stewardship Pledge Cards

Pastor Sarah recently reached out to Parkview: "We have within us the power to change the world. Parkview is strong as we each grow, as we each give, as we each live our lives in God's love and service. Will you join with others in our church family who are making small and large changes in living and giving that will support the ongoing work of Parkview Church?" Go to https://parkviewpc.org/2023/11/06/ making-small-and-large-changes-in-living-and-giving/ to read her letter in full. You can print out this pledge card, if you would like to make a pledge for 2024. Just return it to the church by December 15. Thank you so much!

, pKV/r.	2024 Stewardship Pledge Card
PARKVIE HA	"Each one must do just as they have decided in their heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)
TERIAN CHO	\$ per □ Week □ Month □ Year
Name(s):	
Address:	
Email:	
Phone:	

ECC 2023

With a theme of "This is the Moment," some 50 people gathered at Zephyr Point for the 51st annual Ethnic Concerns Consultation (ECC). Featured speaker, the Rev. Dominique Dubois Gilliard, pointed out that truth and reconciliation are not synonymous, but emphasized that if we tell the truth, we can begin to understand what it takes to reconcile. People of color, he reminded us, need representation at the decision-making level. He gave several examples of individual, institutional, and systemic racism. For instance, he reminded us that the bail bond system impacts more heavily on impoverished individuals, who are disproportionately people of color, because they are not likely to have the resources to pay bail. Because of such discrepancies, institutional racism can continue, even when institutions do not intend to make distinctions based on race.

A breakout session, led by the Rev. Dr. Robert Azzarito, pastor of Sierra Vista Community Church and Dr. Beatrice Russell, a faculty member at California State University, Sacramento, warned of the dangers inherent in white Christian nationalism, a growing movement that is presently on the rise in U.S. politics. They introduced a recent article by Adam Russell Taylor which outlines several characteristics of Christian nationalism in U.S. politics. These include:

- the candidate stokes fear through an "us-versusthem" rhetoric, demonizing the "other"
- the candidate promotes a revisionist history of the United States as being "a Christian nation"



Group photo of ECC participants

- the candidate talks about the US being "chosen" without acknowledging the way we have continued to fall short of our founding principles
- the candidate demonizes racial justice commitments or dismisses them as being "woke." A meaningful Sunday worship service at the outdoor Donaldson Amphitheater was led by the Rev. Sarah Reyes-Gibbs, who, with Chuck Lauren, a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church/Stockton, also served as co-moderator of the event and provided a brief history of the ECC. Founded in 1973, the ECC provides a means by which it can enable spiritual growth and cultural awareness, as it advocates for racial and economic justice issues in the Church and in society.

- Submitted by Maurine Huang

Volunteers Beautify Parkview

On Monday, November 6, after heavy rains, 16 dedicated Parkview family and friends shopped for supplies and/or showed up to clean up the Japanese garden. Not only did they clear away overgrowth, they discovered beautiful garden elements in the process. Now we can bring in the Japanese garden specialist to trim the trees.



Volunteers also installed eight planters in the street verge in front of the church. Two camellia plants will be planted in the two planters at the loading zone, while plants from the late Jane Matsuoka's garden were donated to fill the planters. We can use more drought-tolerant plants for the planters, so please check your garden and let us know if you have something to donate. You can view the slideshow at https://parkviewpc.org/2023/11/06/garden-angels-beautify-parkview/.

Many thanks to our garden angels: Julie Chew, Phillip Chew, Tak Fukuman, Bill Grissom, Maurine Huang, Jana Nakase-Lee, Dan McGill, Dave McGill, Sarah Nave, Neil Matsuoka, Jonathan Sakakibara, Kris Sazaki, Lois Van Beers, Hach Yasumura, Diane Younglove, Gary Younglove. What a blessing they are!

- Submitted by Pastor Sarah

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/.

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) - Titus Toyama
Ushers - Judy Fukuman, Tak Fukuman
Greeters - Bill Grissom, Herning Grissom
Altar Flowers - Ian & Mieko Davis
Coffee Time - Carla Hart, Miko Kumagai,
Rumi Nozue

Nov 12: Thanksgiving Showtime

Stay after worship service for our Thanksgiving Showtime, where we can enjoy people's special talents and give special thanks. Stay for a special



tea time. View the program at https://parkviewpc.org/2023/11/03/thanksgiving-showtime-2023-is-nov-12/.

- Nov 14: Bible Study. 6 pm via Zoom.
- Nov 15: Choir Practice. 7 pm in the social hall.
- **Nov 16: Session Meeting.** 1pm in the social hall.
- Nov 19: Worship Service. 10 am.

Worship Leader - Donna Komure-Toyama

Japanese Reader - Miyo Uchida

Pianist -Janet Hill

Zoom Moderator/Greeter - Aki Kumagai

Sound System - Tom Tambara

Parking - Phillip Chew

Parking Barriers (Sat) - Neil Matsuoka

Ushers - Lynn Yamamoto, William Yee

Greeters - Miyo Uchida, Diane Younglove

Altar Flowers - Terri Bowman

Nov 19: Congregation Evacuation Drill

During the worship service, we will all evacuate the church through the back door



as a drill. It pays to be prepared.

- Nov 20: PPC Legacy Meeting. 7 pm via Zoom.
- Nov 21: Bible Study. 6 pm via Zoom.
- Nov 22: Choir Practice. 7 pm in the social hall.
- Nov 26: Worship Service. 10 am.

Worship Leader - Liam Wright

Japanese Reader - Miko Kumagai

Pianist - Janet Hill

Zoom Moderator/Greeter - Lori Hart

Sound System - Lois Van Beers

Parking - Dave McGill

Parking Barriers (Sat) - William Yee

Ushers - Aki Kumagai, Miko Kumagai

Greeters - Luda Wright, Lynn Yamamoto

Altar Flowers - Tak & Judy Fukuman

Nov 26: Decorating Sanctuary for Christmas.

Directly after worship service.

Nov 26: Newsletter Deadline. 5 pm. Email photos and/or articles (350 word max.) to

officemanager@parkviewpc.org.

Dec 3 Worship Service. 10 am. Communion will

be celebrated.

Worship Leader - Christine Umeda

Japanese Reader - Haruko Sakakibara

Pianist - Haruko Sakakibara

Zoom Moderator/Greeter - Lois Van Beers

Sound System - Jonathan Sakakibara

Parking - Carl Odell

Parking Barriers (Sat) - Neil Matsuoka

Ushers - Terri Bowman, Julie Chew

Greeters - Terri Bowman, Sue Goodwin

Altar Flowers - Victor & Sherri Yee

Communion Elders - Gary Younglove,

Lynn Yamamoto

YES - Lynn Yamamoto

Upcoming Events

Dec 3: Christmas Luncheon

Start the holiday season with your Parkview family at the PPW Christmas luncheon, starting at 1 pm at Aviator's restaurant. See the attached flier for details. Deadline for registration is Nov 20.



Dec 5: Bible Study. 6 pm via Zoom.

Dec 5: Prayer Team Meeting. 7:15 pm via Zoom.

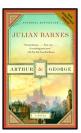
Dec 6: Worship Team Meeting. 5:20 pm via

Zoom.

Dec 6: Choir Practice. 7 pm in the social hall.

Dec 7: PPC Book Club Meeting.

We'll meet at noon to discuss Julian Barnes' novel Arthur and George. It's based on the true story about Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and the lesser known George Edalji, a solicitor of Indian descent. Email officemanager@parkviewpc. org the office manager for meeting location.



Dec 10: Worship Service. 10 am.

Worship Leader - Titus Toyama Japanese Reader - Mieko Davis Pianist - Nancy Arata-Fong Zoom Moderator/Greeter - Judy Yee Sound System - Kazu Nozue Parking - Tak Fukuman Parking Barriers (Sat) - Russ Hart

Ushers - Bill Grissom, Herning Grissom Greeters - Judy Fukuman, Pattie Hashimoto Altar Flowers - Marilyn Champa

Financial Report as of October 31, 2023:

October Total Yr 2023
Income: \$10,679.20 \$132,240.24
Expenses: \$14,549.95 \$152,546.69
Difference: (\$20,306.45)

Dec 10: Poinsettias for Parkview!

Starting December 10, please bring a poinsettia to church to help decorate the sanctuary. Tags will be available, if you would like to donate your poinsettia in honor of someone or



something. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Dec 10: Gingerbread House Decorating

Bring your friends and family to create unique gingerbread houses. Cost is \$15 per house. Pay on the day of the event. Contact Cathy Nishizaki, if you wish to participate: tel. 916.207.7168 or email cathyjnish@gmail.com. Click



here to view the full-sized poster. Many thanks to Hannah, Sora, and Mieko Davis for the wonderful poster!

Dec 14: Session Meeting. 1 pm in the social hall.

In Gratitude

Thanks to multiple calls and emails to Sacramento's 311 service by office manager Kris, Hach Y., Pastor Sarah, and Council Member Katie Valenzuela, on Thursday morning, November 2, police and 311 workers cleared Joseph's encampment in front of Parkview. We also contacted Hope Cooperative, a local emergency housing agency, who attempted to talk to Joseph and offer him a shelter space.

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 Honor of May Lee: Phillip & Julie Chew

In Memory of Loy Hart: Phillip & Julie Chew, Betsy Eskridge & Lois Van Beers, Tak & Judy Fukuman, Carla Hart, Stephen & Janet Hill, Bill & Linda Nagata, Fumi Nakata, Jack & Carol Sakai, Tom Tambara & Wade Tambara (PPW), Titus and Donna (Komure) Toyama, Stan & Christine Umeda, Rick & Irene Uno, Lynn Yamamoto, Victor & Sherri Yee, William & Judy Yee, Gary & Diane Younglove

In Memory of Harry & Grace Fujii: Brian & Karen Fujii

In Memory of Kazuko Hayashi: Carla Hart

In Support of the Musician Fund: Titus and Donna (Komure) Toyama

In Support of Ukraine Relief: Anonymous, Jody Brown, Phillip & Julie Chew, Betsy Eskridge & Lois Van Beers, Tak & Judy Fukuman, Sue Goodwin, Keiko Kagami, Steve & Jana (Nakase) Lee, Neil Masuoka & Kris Sazaki, Bill & Linda Nagata, Dwight & Sarah Nave, Cathy Nishizaki, Jonathan & Haruko Sakakibara, Titus and Donna (Komure) Toyama, Stan & Christine Umeda, Michael & Luda Wright, Gary & Diane Younglove

Thanksgiving Offering: Dave McGill, Bill & Linda Nagata, Jonathan & Haruko Sakakibara



How to Donate:

You may drop off your donation during worship service. In Person.

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.



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