



Chapel Chimes

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Dear Friends,

Several years ago, I traveled from Virginia to a conference in Florida. The trip didn't go as planned. Trips often don't, but this one REALLY didn't. Just as I was ready to head for the airport, I got a text from American Airlines. They were sorry to inform me that my flight had been cancelled. But I had been booked on another, later flight which would arrive at 10pm that night. My seafood-dinner-and-walk-on-the-beach-with-a-friend was swept away like a sandcastle at high tide.

My pastor friend met me at the airport and drove us to a beach house in St. Augustine. We stopped at a CVS for "dinner." I got some sweet potato crackers and pink grapefruit-infused water. Not a tasty combo. The next morning, we got up early to watch the sun rise at the beach. But the beach access gate wouldn't open. The sun rose while we fiddled with the gate. There's a metaphor there somewhere, but I was too hungry to dwell on it. Back at the beach house, I had a packet of microwaved oatmeal and the rest of the pink grapefruit water. It tasted about as good as it sounds. But I was at the beach! And about to sit inside at a seminar for the entire day.

The seminar on Healing Prayer was held at the Christian Healing Ministries (CHM) center which was founded by Francis and Judith MacNutt. A former Catholic priest, MacNutt noticed that healing was an integral part of Jesus' work on earth that the church seemed to have left behind. He began to explore how Christian prayer has the capacity to restore both spiritual and physical wounds so that the Church can be an agent of healing in our world.

Francis MacNutt's wife and partner in ministry, Judith MacNutt, gave the presentation to our clergy group. She noted that Christians don't seem to have any more success in dealing with the sins and struggles in our lives than anyone else. She asked what is it in Christianity that equips us to deal with the troubles, addictions, and brokenness in our relationships and in our lives? Where is the power of God to transform us? Why are we so stuck, so un-Christlike, so much of the time? Scripture tells us that one of the works of the Holy Spirit is to transform us into new creations (2 Corinthians 5:17). Judith spoke about the role of God's Spirit working in us to transform our behavior and our attitudes, and heal our woundedness. As our relationship with God deepens, we become transformed, and then we become agents of transformation. But nothing happens through us until it first happens to us.

Jesus' death on a cross to forgive the sins of the world doesn't matter much to us unless we understand the devastating effects of sin in our own lives. Unless we are aware of our own need for God's grace, Easter makes little difference to us. The tomb may be empty, but so is Easter. It becomes just another holiday with great candy-receiving opportunities.

When we understand, not just intellectually but spiritually, that our sin separates us from God, and we say yes daily to reuniting with God through Jesus' Spirit, our lives and our prayer-lives will be changed. We become, as Scripture says, righteous, or right with God. Not sin-free, but forgiven. Not struggles-free, but empowered to live in new ways. Enlivened to pray like Jesus did, "Thy will be done." Or to say it another way, "Unite me, God, with your will. Help me to see your will and do your will." That's a powerful prayer.

Imagine what could happen if we prayed that way. For our own concerns, for our church, for Sacramento, for our world. Imagine what God could do in us and through us if we asked the Spirit to make it our heart's desire to be more like Jesus. More compassionate, more patient, more concerned about injustice, more God-centered. That's my prayer for all of us. Pastor Dwight and I were delighted to bring CHM classes to Parkview in 2022 and 2023. Parkview now has a team of seven healing prayer ministers ready to spend time in God's presence with anyone who requests prayer.



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March 31 will be my third Easter celebration at Parkview. This is a wonderful church, filled with wonderful people. And I long for each of you to know more fully the love and power of our risen Lord in your lives. This is what Jesus wants for us. This is what Jesus wants for His Church in the world. Romans 8:11 contains this promise: *“If the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”* Hallelujah, what a Savior!

- Happy Easter from Pastor Sarah

Report from Session

At the February 8, 2024 meeting of Session, we discussed Parkview’s mission giving program. In December 2023, Session had voted to approve a donation of \$5,000, to the SSSIP food closet. At the February meeting, Session discussed donating \$2,500 to the Davis Community Church Mosaics program conducted by Pastor Stephen Moon. Pastor Sarah provided additional information about Mosaics, an outreach program for college students attending U.C. Davis. Mosaics provides a welcoming environment where college students from diverse backgrounds can gather for food and fellowship while learning about the Christian faith. After discussion, Session voted to donate \$2,500 to this worthwhile outreach program. The rest of the February meeting consisted of a retreat where Pastor Sarah led us in a Bible study of Mark 10:46-52. We also discussed what God may be calling Parkview to see. At the end of the retreat, Session members ate lunch together at Lucky Jade Restaurant, the site of Parkview’s Summerfest 2024 fundraiser.



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

Financial Report as of February 29, 2024:

	February	Total Yr 2024
Income:	\$28,089.80	\$36,856.45
Expenses:	\$15,522.84	\$29,115.57
Difference:		\$7,740.88

Join the Remarkable SSIP Team!

The South Sacramento Interfaith Partnersip (SSIP) is responding to the growing food insecurity in Sacramento. The rapidly rising cost of living has pushed many people into financial distress and food insecurity has grown. During 2021, SSIP put food on the tables of 27,727 households. This increased to more than 66,000 households in 2023. That is just two years of growth, and an end is not in sight. Throughout these demanding economic times, SSIP has been a strategic and successful community resource for our neighbors facing hunger.

SSIP Food Closet	2021	2022	2023
Households served	27,727	45,524	66,074
increase from previous year	3%	64%	45%
Individuals served	96,114	136,382	185,373
increase from previous year	9%	42%	40%

We request your help to keep up with our community’s needs. Join the SSIP volunteers who are working with an expansive alliance of businesses and organizations to feed the hungry in Sacramento. One of the volunteer roles at the SSIP Food Closet might be right for you:

- Bagging food for distribution
- Driving vans to pick up the food donations from the grocery store
- Carrying food to the client’s car
- Checking in clients at registration
- Serving on committees to further the mission
- Maintaining the facilities and grounds

Please consider this opportunity to serve and email volunteers@SSIPfoodcloset.org if you are interested in joining the team of volunteers that serves over 300 families visiting us each day. Include any specific information about your desires or skill set so we can begin to know you better. Talk to other Parkview volunteers about the fulfillment of this work. Our helping hands and loving hearts become prayer in action.

- Submitted by Carla Hart

News

Diversity Equity Inclusion Belonging Training Comes to Parkview April 14, 12-2 pm

The desire for equity and inclusion is a core value of Parkview Church. We believe that all are equally welcome in God's community, regardless of age, ability, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, or other identification. We believe God calls us to work in our society and world to end any injustice and discrimination perpetrated on people.

Join us at Parkview on Sunday, April 14 after worship for a light lunch and a 2-hour interactive DEIB training with facilitator Europa Grace from Oakland. This training provides a comprehensive introduction to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging, with a focus on LGBTQ+ identities, experiences, biases, and practices that create more inclusive spaces. During the training, Europa Grace will guide our discussion as we examine subtle and overt biases and consider plans to promote equity for LGBTQ+ community members. Key identities, terms, and concepts related to gender, sexuality, and LGBTQ+ communities will be defined.

Please invite interested friends and family to join in this free event as we increase our knowledge and language of equity and inclusion in our church, our families, and our community.

- Submitted by Pastor Sarah

Volunteer Spotlight: Lois Van Beers

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

As a member of the Security and Safety Team, Lois has been instrumental in getting new outdoor lighting installed. The beautiful lights have definitely increased our security at night. She co-chaired the very successful udon fundraiser and also serves as an online moderator and on the sound system worship team. Thanks, Lois, for all you do!



One Great Hour of Sharing

Every year, Parkview collects donations through Easter Day to help support three of PC (USA)'s programs: Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Please write OGHS in the note section of your section or online donation. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Parkview's CROP Walk is May 5

PPW invites you to join us after church on Sunday, May 5, to support hunger alleviation, disaster response, and community building by participating in our annual CROP walk. Funds raised will support Church World Service, an ecumenical faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster. Twenty-five percent of the CROP Walk funds raised is returned to Sacramento to support local hunger fighting efforts through South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership. To sign up, click on the link: <https://events.cropbungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/parkview-presbyterian-church-sacramento>. PLEASE NOTE: Our walk date is May 5, not April 28 as stated on some parts of the CROP website.



- Submitted by Maurine Huang

Sacramento's Pride March 2024

Love is Love is Love!
Sacramento's Pride March 2024 is on Sunday, June 9, so mark your calendars to save the date!



Last year, Parkview was for the first time an official parade entry, and we danced the odori "One Plus One" to the delight of the parade viewers. But our Parkview Presbyterian Church banner also had an impact! While standing and waiting for the march to begin, one passerby took a photo of the banner to send to her parent to show that God's love is blind to gender and sexual orientation. Later in their television coverage, Fox40 News misidentified us as "clergy members from Parkview Presbyterian Church," but still, what a wonderful message we shared!

This year, we hope to have an even larger contingent of Parkview members and friends and plan to offer a rainbow of colors of hapi coats and Parkview Pride t-shirts to purchase, if desired. Please let Jana Nakase (jana_lab@yahoo.com) know if you are interested in participating this year as a dancer, a walker, or waiting at Parkview to share lunch fellowship when the parade participants return. Please let her know as soon as possible, so that she and Kris can start organizing the Parkview parade wear. Thank you!

- Submitted by Jana Nakase

Upcoming Events

Worship with Us In Person or Online:

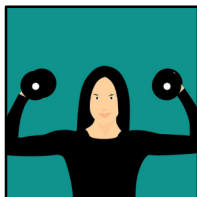
You can find login info for worship and Zoom meetings as well as worship programs at <https://parkviewpc.org/>.

Mar 10: **Worship Service.** 10 am.

Worship Leader: Dave McGill
Japanese Reader: Miko Kumagai
Pianist: Nancy Arata-Fong
Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Lori Hart
Sound System: Jonathan Sakakibara
Parking: Phillip Chew
Parking Barriers (Sat): Neil Matsuoka
Ushers: Judy Fukuman, Maurine Huang
Greeters: Carla Hart, Lynn Yamamoto
Altar Flowers: Dave McGill
YES: Jana Nakase-Lee, Lynn Yamamoto

Mar 10: **Free Fitness Class.** 11:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Get Fit! Keep Fit! Come join in the fitness fun!



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

Mar 13: **Worship Team Meeting.** 5:20 pm via Zoom.

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

Mar 14: **Session Meeting.** 1 pm in the social hall.

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

Worship Leader: Sue Goodwin
Japanese Reader: Miekko Davis
Pianist: Janet Hill
Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Lori Hart
Sound System: Jonathan Sakakibara
Parking: Dave McGill
Parking Barriers (Sat): Russ Hart
Ushers: Maurine Huang, Titus Toyama
Greeters: Miyo Uchida, Diane Younglove
Altar Flowers: Sue Goodwin

Mar 17: **PPW Installation Luncheon.** After worship service.

All the Parkview congregation is invited to the PPW Installation Potluck luncheon, with a special photographic presentation by Bill Nagata featuring "North to Jasper and the Canadian Rockies." Please join us and bring a main dish, salad, fruit, dessert, or any of your favorite foods to share. If interested, please email Carol Sakai at hawaiianlcsn@gmail.com with your name, number of people in your party, and dish you are planning on sharing.



Mar 18: **PPC Legacy Meeting.** 7 pm via Zoom.

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

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

Mar 24: **Palm Sunday Service.** 10 am.

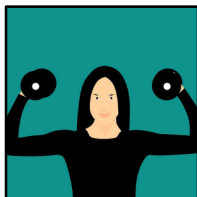
Worship Leader: Jonathan Sakakibara
Japanese Reader: Michael Wright
Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara
Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Judy Yee
Sound System: Dave McGill
Parking: Russ Hart
Parking Barriers (Sat): Dave McGill
Ushers: Aki Kumagai, Miko Kumagai

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Greeters: Sue Goodwin, Cathy Nishizaki
Altar Flowers: Aki & Miko Kumagai

Mar 24: Free Fitness Class. 11:30 am - 12:15 pm.

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Mar 24: NO PPW Bible Study.

Mar 26: No Bible Study. Holy Week

Mar 27: Choir Practice. 7 pm in the social hall.

Mar 29: Good Friday.

Mar 31: Easter Worship Service. 10 am.

Worship Leader: Phillip Chew
Japanese Reader: Miko Kumagai
Pianist: Wade Tambara
Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Lori Hart
Sound System: Cathy Nishizaki
Parking: Carl Odell
Parking Barriers (Sat): Jonathan Sakakibara
Ushers: Luda Wright, Michael Wright
Greeters: Betsy Eskridge, Luda Wright
Altar Flowers: Edwin & Lisa Imura
YES/Toddler Time: Jana Nakase-Lee, Lynn Yamamoto
Coffee Time: PPW Circle 1

Mar 31: Easter Egg Hunt.

After coffee time. Many thanks to Julie Chew and Cathy Nishizaki.



Apr 2: Newsletter Deadline. 5 pm. Email photos and/or articles (350 word max.) to officemanager@parkviewpc.org.

Apr 2: NO Bible Study.

Apr 2: Prayer Team Meeting. 7:15 pm via Zoom.

Apr 7: Worship Service. 10 am. Communion will be celebrated.

Worship Leader: Betsy Eskridge
Communion Elders: Carol Sakai, Irene Uno
Japanese Reader: Haruko Sakakibara
Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara
Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Lois Van Beers
Sound System: Titus Toyama
Parking: Gary Younglove
Parking Barriers (Sat): Neil Matsuoka
Ushers: Terri Bowman, Julie Chew
Greeters: Judy Fukuman, Miyo Uchida
Altar Flowers: Edwin & Lisa Imura
YES: Kishwer Vikaas

Apr 10: Worship Team Meeting. 5:20 pm via Zoom.

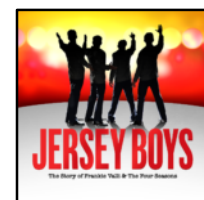
Apr 11: Session Meeting. 1 pm in the social hall.

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for the following events. Details to follow in weekly emails and newsletters.

- Apr 28: Sakura Chorus concert
- May 05: Crop Walk
- May 08: Kris in Berlin thru June 06
- June 09: Pride Parade
- June 23: Summerfest
- Aug 28: 2 pm. Music Circus

PPW invites you to get on your dancing shoes and join us for the Music Circus Premiere of "Jersey Boys: The Story of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons," on Wednesday, August 28, 2pm. Group discount rate of \$71.50 per person. Limited number of tickets. Sign up information and details to follow.



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 Her Birthday: Leah (Fujiwara) Kanegawa

In Celebration of Her Birthday: Haruko Sakakibara

In Memory of Russell Ogata: Linda Yamamoto

In Memory of Daisy Seto: Fumi Nakata

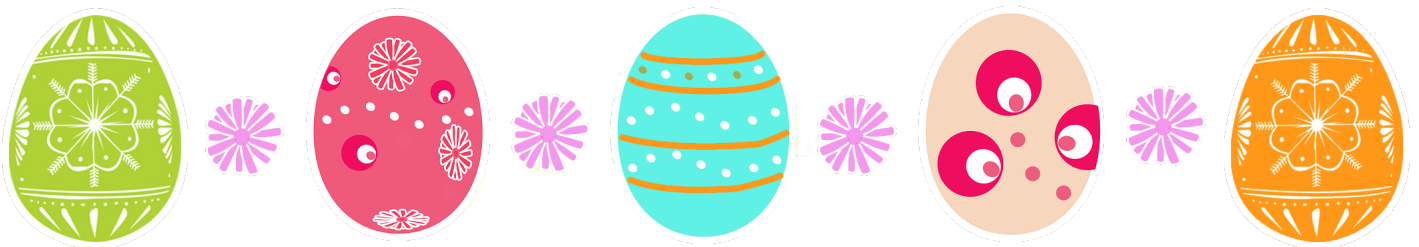
In Support of Parkview Presbyterian Women: Dave McGill

In Support of Sakura Chorus: Dave McGill

In Support of Youth Enrichment Session (YES): Lynn Yamamoto

Easter Offering: Richard & Joyce Yuki

Thank you in advance for your Easter offering.



How to Donate:



In Person. You may drop off your donation during worship service.
By Mail. Make checks payable to Parkview Presbyterian Church. Please do not send cash.
Online. Please go to <https://www.parkviewpc.org/>, 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.