



Chapel Chimes

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Dear Friends,

“Summertime, and the livin’ is easy” is the first line of the amazing song “Summertime” from George Gershwin’s opera, “Porgy and Bess.” It’s summertime and the livin’ is easy unless you live in Sacramento and it’s 113 degrees outside, and the forecast is triple-digit temps for the next week. It’s hot in the South where I come from, but temps like these are brand new territory. No need to point out that it’s a dry heat . . . hot is hot, and it’s HOT out there. It’s summertime and the livin’ is easy unless you’re heading to work and an engine belt breaks.

The summer after she graduated from college, our daughter Chelsea worked at our local Habitat for Humanity where Dwight was the executive director. One morning I said good-bye to her as she dashed off to the office. About five minutes later I got a call. “Hi Mom,” Chelsea said in a surprisingly cheerful voice, considering what came next. “My car broke down, but a nice policeman is here helping me.” “What would you like me to do?” I asked. “You could come and rescue me.” She was about a mile from our house. “I’ll be right there.” When I arrived, Chelsea told me how a belt on her car that had been squeaking lately broke with a loud “Boom” as she was driving down the road. A police officer had just passed her going the other way, and came back to help. He managed to push the car, with her in it, along the side of the road and up a slight incline into a driveway of a nearby graveyard.

Chelsea mentioned how amazing it was that a police car had passed her right before it happened. Then a man stopped to help when he saw us peering under the hood. He took a look and told us it was the alternator belt that had blown. So, we called Dwight who brought a new belt home and got Chelsea back on the road before 11am. Getting all that rapid help with the car repair felt like God’s provision to us.

An entry I read in a devotional book, “Jesus Calling” by Sarah Young, includes these encouraging words:

Approach each new day with a desire to find Me . . . Before you get out of bed, I have already been working to prepare the path that will get you through this day. There are hidden treasures strategically placed along the way . . . blessings that reveal My Presence: sunshine, flowers, birds, friendships, answered prayer. I have not abandoned this sin-wracked world; I am still richly

present in it. Search for deep treasure as you go through this day. You will find Me all along the way.

Where have you noticed God’s provision in your life lately? Who has God sent your way to provide encouragement or a helping hand with a push up a slight incline or to steady you as you hang on for dear life in the midst of life’s storms? Or maybe you’ve served as God’s provision in someone else’s life?

A group of newcomers to Sacramento is finding God’s provision in their disrupted lives through a caring attorney named Kishwer Vikaas. A member of Parkview Church, Kishwer is a public defender in Sacramento and a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. Kishwer and an immigrant attorney friend, Patrick Gihana, are assisting Venezuelan residents sent to California by Florida Gov. DeSantis last year under the pretense of providing jobs. In June 2023, 36 residents from Venezuela and Colombia flew in from Florida to Sacramento. Two men in Florida were handing out tickets to California to migrants with the promise that a company would help them find jobs and a place to live if they got on the plane. When they arrived in Sacramento, the migrants were left stranded and at the center of a political battle over immigration.

On Monday evening, July 8, Kishwer and her legal associates helped the recent immigrants apply for special visas. Session approved this use of our social hall for this humanitarian endeavor. Thank you, Kishwer, for your compassionate heart and skillful legal assistance to folks who were lied to and tricked into leaving Florida. God blesses the world through the Parkview Church family! May God use each of us in countless ways, big and small, to help make others’ lives easier, and more blessed, this summer.

- Pastor Sarah



News

June Report from Session

At the June 13, 2024 meeting of Session, the following matters were reported, voted upon, and/or discussed:



- Longtime beloved Parkview member, May Mayeda, passed away June 8, 2024. Her family is making memorial arrangements for a service at Parkview in the fall.
- Rev. Jesse Larson will preach at Parkview on July 14. Pastor Sarah will be in VA that Sunday.
- Session voted to direct Treasurer Betsy Eskridge to pay liability insurance semiannually and pay workman's comp and umbrella policies annually to Church Mutual Insurance.
- Session voted to accept the proposed bid from Industrial Door Company in the amount of \$9,308.35 and to authorize payment of up to \$12,000 to complete the installation of two exit doors at the courtyard and in the choir room as part of the California State Nonprofit Security Grant Program.
- When updating Session on the security grant fence project, William Yee presented to Session the option to replace the current front yard wooden fence with a wrought iron fence that is restricted by the city to a height of 4 feet. He pointed out the height restriction of the front yard wrought iron fence will not offer more security than the current fence. When asked at church, many viewed the current wooden fence as more aesthetically pleasing. The current front yard fence and arbor was the original work and craftsmanship of Stan Umeda.
- Session voted to use Control Access as the wrought iron security fence vendor. The wrought iron fence will extend to the Kansha.
- Session ratified an email vote on Hailing Tang's request to co-host a fundraiser family movie event at Parkview with Parkview's Mariners group. The fundraiser is seeking donations of warm winter wear and financial donations for unhoused people in Sacramento and LA. Date to be set.
- Session approved a request from Haruko Sakakibara from Igor Veligan to give a half-hour violin/piano concert at Parkview after worship on Sunday July 7 to raise funds for Pastor Igor Bilorus' summer camp in Ukraine for Ukrainian children who have lost their father in the war.
- Parkview's 2024 Mother's Day and Father's Day

offerings will to be added to these funds.

- Summerfest 2024 is on Sunday, June 23 at 4:30 pm at Lucky Jade Restaurant. This fundraising fellowship evening is very well-organized by co-hosts Maurine Huang and Donna Komure-Toyama with many volunteers. 170 guests are expected to attend.
- Pathway to Healing event hosted by Parkview's Healing Prayer team is June 26-27 at Parkview. Facilitators are Revs. Dwight and Sarah Nave and Rev. Sheri Edwards. All are welcome.
- Session approved Pastor Sarah's request for reimbursement for Rev. Sheri Edwards' airfare to Parkview to serve as a facilitator for the Pathway to Healing event on June 26-27, and to pay for the publicity postcards Sachiko created for the event.
- Session approved a request from the Worship Team to give thank-you checks/gift cards to our Pianists and YES teachers on June 30, 2024.
- Teriyaki Sauce Making - Donna Komure-Toyama reported that one batch of teriyaki sauce of approximately 172 quart-size bottles had been made by Parkview volunteers. Subtracting the cost of ingredients and bottling supplies, and based on the sales price of \$12/bottle, the projected income from this batch of teriyaki sauce will be \$1,316.
- Hearty thanks were given to Irene Uno, Donna Komure-Toyama, and William and Judy Yee for cleaning the Kansha, providing new bedding and food treats, and welcoming Rev. Rola Al Ashkar on May 30, 2024. Thanks to Dave McGill for assisting Jun Tang with Kansha electrical repairs before Rola arrived.
- No session meeting in July.

- Submitted by Pastor Sarah

- Terri Bowman, Clerk of Session
Pattie Hashimoto, Jana Nakase-Lee,
Donna Komure-Toyama,

Irene Uno, William Yee, Gary Younglove

2024 Pledge Update

I am so grateful to be able to report that we now have 27 donor families who have pledged a total of \$97,220. These pledges go a long way toward helping us fund all the building upkeep, mission outreach, and everyday expenses at Parkview. Let's pray that Parkview continues to flourish as a caring community.



- Submitted by Pastor Sarah

News

Summerfest 2024 a Big Success!

More than 160 people crowded into the banquet room of Lucky Jade Restaurant Sunday evening, June 23, to celebrate Parkview's second annual Summerfest, a gala acclamation of Parkview's uniqueness. From line dancing to silent auction/marketplace to a surprise appearance by Elvis to a sumptuous nine-course Chinese banquet.

The evening started with line dancing led by veteran instructor Terri Assad, making her second appearance. Entertainers included a horn duo, our own Tia Kilpatrick with Ron Crisco. Elvis Presley made an appearance, complete with two adoring fans. Violinist Igor Veligan completed the entertainment, giving attendees a taste of his planned July 7 recital. Masters of ceremonies Jonathan Sakakibara and Titus Toyama effortlessly ushered us through the evening. An 18-item Silent Auction, combined with a well stocked Marketplace gave plenty of opportunity for shopping for unique one-of-a-kind gifts. Guests included the Rev. and Mrs. Joshua Trautman, Bridge Executive Presbyterian for the North Central California Presbytery, along with representatives of Florin and Sacramento Japanese American Citizens League, Asian Resources, and Asian Community Center. The evening culminated with a nine-course banquet, along with delicious home-made cookies, thoughtfully packaged into individual cellophane bags. Summerfest started a year and a half ago as a fledgling idea. It is blossoming into an event really showcasing Parkview's uniqueness. This has involved many eager volunteers and willing hands. Thank you all! A more comprehensive report will appear in the next *Chapel Chimes*. Go to <https://parkviewpc.org/2024/06/26/summerfest-2024-is-one-for-the-books/> to view the slideshow.

- Submitted by Maurine Huang



Photo courtesy of Maurine Huang

Volunteer Spotlight: Victor Yee

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

Victor Yee is our own Music Man, facilitating our yearly excursion to the Music Circus. He has also served on the church's financial investment committee. Thank you, Victor, for all you do!



Parkview Members Help Complete Mural

Many thanks to members of our Parkview family who helped, whether financially or with labor, in the creation of the Hanami Line mural in Downtown Sacramento. It was wonderful to see Parkview folk participate in this special . . . and overdue . . . acknowledgment of the lost Japanese American community in Downtown Sacramento. The mural is located at 4th Street and Capitol Mall.

Go to <https://parkviewpc.org/2024/07/04/parkview-members-help-create-hanami-line-mural/> to read more about the mural and to view the slideshow.



Photo courtesy of Hach Yasumura.

Financial Report as of June 30, 2024:

	June	Total Yr 2024
Income:	\$3,228.22	\$73,369.60
Expenses:	\$22,597.98	\$98,885.23
Difference:		(\$25,515.63)

News

Veronica Is Engaged!

Veronica Gould, our former pastoral resident, has become engaged to her long-time boyfriend, Greg Kristian. They met each other at Parkview, so it is fitting that they will get married in the church next May! If you would like to send Veronica and Greg your best wishes, their mailing address is:
6700 Steeplechase Drive,
Apt 101
Windsor, CO 80550



Mariners Plan the Year

The Mariners met for their annual planning meeting on April 29, 2024. They're all looking forward to a year of fellowship and service.



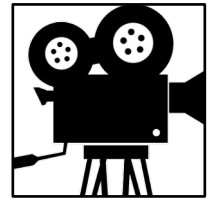
Look Who's 99!

Our dear Kenny Okawara recently celebrated his 99th birthday! Who knows the secret to his long life, but since Kenny has always been a lover of Parkview's famously delicious teriyaki sauce, maybe that's the secret! Congratulations, Kenny, on this great milestone!



Movie Time is Back!

A Parkview tradition is back again! Mariners will be hosting a Movie Time fundraiser on Sept 21, 2024 in the late afternoon at Parkview. Mariners are partnering with Hailing Tang, who represents the UCLA non-profit Christian Homeless Outreach, with donations benefiting the unhoused. Join us for fellowship, food, fun, and an enjoyable movie. More details and updates to follow.



Meet Our Handyman Hero!

Our church is old! Those of you who are homeowners know full well how often things go kablooy - not to mention what it takes to just maintain things. We are so grateful we have found the perfect handyman, Jun Tang. Jun was not only able to fix the wiring in the social hall to brighten our lights (replacing them was simply too expensive!), but Jun has run over to the church at a moment's notice to repair water leaks, etc. Being able to prop open the Heiwa doors* is pure joy, thanks to Jun. He can even take care of the fragile long shades in the sanctuary. Say hi to Jun and his family at worship service!



* If anyone would like a bowling ball (our previous doorstep), please notify the office manager soon!

Aloha Sundays Are Coming

Wear your island clothing and bring some Aloha to worship service during August. Aloha is usually defined as love, affection, peace, compassion, and mercy and is commonly used as a greeting. But "Aloha" means so much more. It comprises complex ways of being and of interacting with and loving all of creation. An ethic of care and respect for all people and all elements of the land is wrapped up in aloha; it is a way of showing connection and reverence. Let's show our Aloha spirit this August! Leis will be provided.



News/Events

Pathway to Healing

Parkview's Healing Prayer team hosted a two-day Pathway to Healing event on June 26-27 at Parkview. It was a time of joy and blessings. We gathered in the sanctuary to sing worship songs and moved to the social hall where Rev. Dwight Nave taught about the Biblical basis for healing prayer and types of prayer. We studied Jesus' healing ministry and learned about physical, inner, and spiritual healing prayer. Discussions and hand-outs and prayer sessions made this event lively and memorable. Parkview members and friends gathered in God's presence, listening, loving, praying, sharing stories, and eating delicious snacks. We noticed God at work relieving physical symptoms and bringing love and peace when we prayed for each other. 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.



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/>.

Look Who's on Summer Break!

- Bible Study
- Choir
- Fitness Fun
- Youth Enrichment Session (YES)



July 12: Choir Retreat.

Thru Jul 14 at Zephyr Point. Text Ben Pryor (916.397.6983) for more information.



July 14: Worship Service. 10 am.

Guest Preacher: Rev. Jesse Larson
Worship Leader: Jana Nakase-Lee
Japanese Reader: Aki Kumagai
Pianist: Nancy Arata-Fong
Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Lori Hart
Sound System: Jonathan Sakakibara
Parking: Russ Hart
Parking Barriers (Sat): Russ Hart
Ushers: Judy Fukuman, Tak Fukuman
Greeters: Carla Hart, Lynn Yamamoto
Altar Flowers: Kevin & Lisa Imura

July 21: Worship Service. 10 am.

Worship Leader: Steve Hanway
Japanese Reader: Haruko Sakakibara
Pianist: Janet Hill
Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Aki Kumagai
Sound System: Titus Tambara
Parking: Tak Fukuman
Parking Barriers (Sat): Dave McGill
Ushers: Maurine Huang, William Yee
Greeters: Irene Uno, Diane Younglove
Altar Flowers: Rick & Irene Uno
Coffee Time: Carla Hart, Lynn Yamamoto, Linda Yasumura

Events

July 21: Northern California Japanese Christian Church Retreat at Zephyr Point. Thru July 26.

July 27: YES Pool Party. 4-7 pm.
For YES students and families.



July 28: **Worship Service.** 10 am.
Worship Leader: Judy Fukuman
Japanese Reader: Miko Kumagai
Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara
Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Judy Yee
Sound System: Lois Van Beers
Parking: Dave McGill
Parking Barriers (Sat): Neil Matsuoka
Ushers: Aki Kumagai, Miko Kumagai
Greeters: Betsy Eskridge, Luda Wright
Altar Flowers: Cathy Nishizaki

July 28: **Newsletter Deadline.** 5 pm. Email photos and/or articles (350 word max.) to officemanager@parkviewpc.org.

August: **Aloha Sundays.** See [page 4](#).

Aug 4: **Worship Service.** 10 am. Communion will be celebrated.

Worship Leader: Titus Toyama
Japanese Reader: Aki Kumagai
Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara
Communion Elders: Donna Komure-Toyama, Titus Toyama
Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Lois Van Beers
Sound System: Jonathan Sakakibara
Parking: Gary Younglove
Parking Barriers (Sat): Neil Matsuoka
Ushers: Terri Bowman, Julie Chew
Greeters: Sue Goodwin, Cathy Nishizaki
Altar Flowers: Glenn & Evelyn Kubota

Aug 6: **Prayer Team Meeting.** 7:15 pm via Zoom.

Aug 7: **Worship Team Meeting.** 5:15 pm via Zoom.

Aug 11: **Worship Service.** 10 am.

Worship Leader: Carla Hart
Japanese Reader: Michael Wright
Pianist: Nancy Arata-Fong
Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Lori Hart
Sound System: Dave McGill
Parking: Russ Hart
Parking Barriers (Sat): Titus Toyama
Ushers: Diane Younglove, Gary Younglove
Greeters: Judy Fukuman, Diane Younglove
Altar Flowers: William & Judy Yee

Aug 22: **Parkview at the Music Circus.** 2 pm.

This is a reminder for those who have already purchased tickets. Please note this is the corrected date.



Save the Date!

- Sep 07. Ohana Walk. Early registration ends July 15.
- Sep 14. May Mayeda memorial service.
- Sep 21. Movie Fundraiser Event. (See [page 4](#))



Mother's Day Joy

Thank You for Your Support!

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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 Donations: Betty Louie, Daniel & Haumei Ko

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

In Memory of Our Fathers: Brian & Leah Kanegawa

In Memory of May Mayeda: Terri Bowman, Carla Hart, Bill & Linda Nagata, Hach & Linda Yasumura, William & Judy Yee

In Support of Ukrainian Children's Summer Camps: Michiyo Ellingson, Steve Hanway, Amy Kawahara, Bill & Linda Nagata, Elizabeth Schelle, Stan & Susan Shibata, Hach & Linda Yasumura

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

Summerfest Sponsors and Donors will be acknowledged in the August newsletter.

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.