



Chapel Chimes

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Dear Friends,

“I should have gotten off before that last time around the ring.” That’s what I kept telling myself as I waited in the dirt for the ambulance to arrive. When we served a church in Monterey, I talked Dwight into giving me horseback riding lessons one year for my Christmas present. I’d had just a few lessons, but even as a beginner, I knew what it meant when Charlie, the tamest, steadiest horse in the stable, lay his ears back, dropped his head, and kicked up his hind legs. He wanted me off, no mistaking it. My instructor was shocked. “He’s never done anything like that before”, she said. “I promise it will never happen again.” I believed her. But now there I was, waiting for my ride to the emergency room, painfully aware that horses and promises don’t mix. Charlie had done it again later in the lesson, and that time, I went down. Notice I didn’t say I fell off.

After I called my father, the doctor, from the hospital to tell him what happened, and he learned there were no broken bones or damage to my spine, my father, the horseman from way back, edited my story. “Sarah, no one falls off a horse, you were thrown.” This from a man who grew up training other people’s horses, and who, as a boy when he wasn’t doing farm chores, trained the barn cats to ride ponies around the ring. My next question was an obvious one. “Dad, were you ever thrown off a horse?” “Yep, lots of times.” After my unplanned exit from Charlie’s back, I heard plenty of other people’s horse-related injuries. My sister landed on a wooden jump when the horse she was on refused it and sent her flying. A church deacon who visited me in the hospital said she’d been kicked in the head by a horse. Last year, Parkview members Aki and Miko Kumagai told us that they love horses. Both of them have made “unplanned exits” while riding.

They say you should do something every day that scares you. I’m not sure who thought that up, probably Oprah. I’m not sure why we’re encouraged to add fear to our daily regimen, but I have a hunch it has something to do with making sure we’ve still got a pulse. Which is why, more than a decade after my last day in the ring with Charlie, I drove to a barn in VA to take a riding lesson. Was I scared? A little. I was actually feeling pretty calm until my new riding instructor told me about the time she stopped her

runaway horse by pulling the reins to the side so the horse rolled over...onto her! She ended up in the hospital (do you see a pattern here?) with a concussion. Maybe I should have stayed home and searched for that big spider I saw in the garage; that was scary enough for several days’ worth of fear. But when I got to the barn, saw the horses and smelled the hay, and landed back in the saddle, I was more happy than scared.

My instructor was patient and encouraging. “You did great,” she said, as my feet hit the ground, relieved to be dismounting under my own power instead of being chucked off by horsepower. Find something you’re afraid of each day and do it, which is counter-intuitive in our fear-soaked culture. We usually shut down when we’re scared. We get jittery and stay inside and lock the door or jump out of our car and yell at someone. But faith, joy, and love require energy and effort. And openness. And risk. We can get hurt out there. We can get thrown off or knocked down. We can end up face-down in the dirt waiting for an ambulance. But what’s lost when we don’t climb back in the saddle? What’s gained by staying safe? Less time in the ER? Having a tombstone inscribed with the words, “He/She Played It Safe”? No thank you. As theologian Richard Rohr says, “Faith is not for overcoming obstacles; it is for experiencing them.” Here’s to practicing not only random acts of kindness each day, but random acts of fearlessness, too. Summer is here. Jump on a rollercoaster, eat a deep-fried Oreo at the fair, tell someone how much they mean to you, intervene when someone’s harshing on someone else, make that appointment for the dentist, cardiologist, or for a mammogram.



News

And carry this verse in your heart: “*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the defense of my life; whom shall I dread?*” (Psalm 27:1)

- Pastor Sarah

“*Tell me, what else should I have done? Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon? Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?*”

- The final line in *The Summer Day* by Mary Oliver

Thanks to Summerfest Sponsors, Donors & Volunteers

Thank you from the bottom of my heart to the many people who made Summerfest 2024 a successful event, specifically our sponsors, donors, and volunteers.

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Dessert Bakers: Nancy Arata-Fong, Mieko Davis, Sue Goodwin, Carla Hart, Lori Hart, Janet Hill, Donna Komure-Toyama, Jana Nakase-Lee, Sora (Nakase) Logue, Haruko Sakakibara, Lois Van Beers, Judy Yee

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Dessert Servers: Henry Sakai, Haruko Sakakibara, Others

A huge shout-out to Kris Sazaki, our wonderful office manager, who helped in so many ways to make Summerfest 2024 a great success. Go to <https://parkviewnpc.org/2024/06/26/summerfest-2024-is-one-for-the-books/> to view the slideshow of the event.

- Submitted by Maurine Huang

Recognizing Generous 2024 Summerfest Auction and Marketplace Supporters and Volunteers

Folks attending the 2024 Summerfest were able to bid on an amazing 19 auction baskets and art! Donors to the auction and marketplace were listed in the event program, which included a colorful auction guide with photos and descriptions, created by co-chairperson Maurine Huang. Again many thanks to Parkview (including Mariners and Presbyterian Women groups) and Sakura Chorus members and families, Lexus of Sacramento, Morton Golf and Kaye Yuen for your generous donations. And many thanks to our volunteers:

Business Connections: Judy Fukuman, Sherri Yee, Victor Yee

Basket Coordination/Creation: Terri Bowman, Carol Sakai, Irene Uno, Judy Yee

Marketplace Coordination: Haruko Sakakibara

Set-up, Marketplace Staff, Clean-Up: Nancy Arata-Fong, Terri Bowman, Mandy (Yee) Fong, Nami Fong, Judy Fukuman, Carla Hart, Vicquie Lee, Carol Sakai, Henry Sakai, Irene Uno, Lynn Yamamoto, Judy Yee, Sherri Yee, Victor Yee

- Submitted by Judy Yee

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Volunteer Spotlight: Carol Sakai

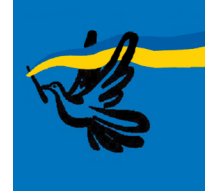
Parkview is fueled by its volunteers, many working behind the scenes to keep the church going.

Besides serving as communion elder, you'll often find Carol quietly working to bring events (Music Circus, Music Time, Silent Auction) to Parkview. Thank you, Carol, for all you do!



Ukraine Concert Raises Funds for Summer Camps

This past July 7, we hosted our second major fundraiser for Ukraine, a sublime concert by Igor Veligan and Natsuki Fukasawa. This time we raised over \$7392 for summer camps for Ukrainian children who lost parents in the war.



Many thanks to Haruko Sakakibara for coordinating this amazing event. Click on the following link to read more about the concert and to view the slideshow.

<https://parkviewpc.org/2024/07/12/benefit-concert-for-ukraine-raises-over-550>

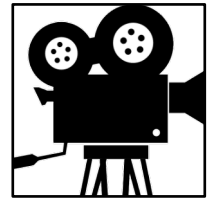
July Report from Session

There was no Session meeting in July. The next Session meeting took place on August 8, 2024. Those minutes will appear in the September edition of the *Chapel Chimes*.



Movie Time is Back!

Join the Mariners and Hailing Tang, student volunteer for Serve LA, a nonprofit organization serving the unhoused, for the Parkview traditional Movie Event on Saturday, September 21 at 4 pm at Parkview. Monetary donations will be given to nonprofits serving the unhoused locally and in Los Angeles.



Donations of new and gently used blankets, jackets, gloves, and scarfs will be distributed locally to nonprofits.

Everyone please support and join us for fellowship, fun and caring for those in need. Bring a potluck dish to share. Jonathan will be grilling hot dogs, another Parkview tradition at movie time.

The movie will be "WALL-E", the 2009 Academy Award winning Pixar feature film about a robot that cleans up the earth and allows humans to return and live there. This timely film was chosen by our own Parkview technical audio and visual team, Titus and Jonathan. See you at the movies!

Parkview Opens Its Doors to Immigrant Help

On Monday evening, July 8, 2024, Parkview hosted a group of volunteer immigration attorneys in the church's social hall to offer free legal consultations to migrants from Venezuela and Colombia. The event was organized by Parkview member Kishwer Vikaas and immigration attorney Patrick Gihana. Click on the following link to read the full article: <https://parkviewpc.org/2024/07/12/immigration-attorneys-help-migrants-at-parkview/>. Thank you, Kishwer, for all your hard work on behalf of immigrants!



Aloha Sundays Are Here!

Wear your island clothing and bring some Aloha spirit 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; it is a way of showing connection and reverence. Let's show our Aloha spirit this August!



During August, we gratefully accept your Aloha offerings. We ask for four offerings during the year: Aloha, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter.

Financial Report as of July 31, 2024:

	July	Total Yr 2024
Income:	\$39,661.20	\$113,030.80
Expenses:	\$15,807.80	\$114,693.03
Difference:		(\$1,662.23)

News/Events

New Doors Installed at Parkview

As part of the Security and Safety grant that was awarded to Parkview, two new security doors have been installed. One leads from the kitchen hall to the courtyard. The second one is an emergency exit in the choir room. Many thanks to Lois Van Beers for organizing the door installation.



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 starts mid August. Check weekly email for exact date.
- Fitness Fun
- Youth Enrichment Session (YES)



Aug 11: Worship Service. 10 am.

Worship Leader: Carla Hart

Japanese Reader: Michael Wright

Pianist: Nancy Arata-Fong

Online 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 13: Prayer Team Meeting. 7:15 pm via Zoom.

Please note new date.

Aug 18: Worship Service. 10 am.

Worship Leader: Donna Komure-Toyama

Japanese Reader: Haruko Sakakibara

Pianist: Janet Hill

Online Moderator/Greeter: Aki Kumagai

Sound System: Lois Van Beers

Parking: Tak Fukuman

Parking Barriers (Sat): Dave McGill

Ushers: Betsy Eskridge, Irene Uno

Greeters: Tia Kilpatrick, Irene Uno

Altar Flowers: Jerry & Marilyn Champa

Coffee Time: Julie Chew, Jana Nakase-Lee, Haruko Sakakibara



*Join us on Sundays for Pastor Sarah's summer sermon series:
Summer of Love*

Events

Aug 18: Aloha Coffee Hour. After worship service.

Everyone is invited to bring an Aloha treat to coffee hour. Additional volunteers in the kitchen will be appreciated. Many thanks to the Aloha Coffee Hour Crew: Julie Chew, Miko Kumagai, and Jana Nakase-Lee.



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

This is a reminder for those who have already purchased tickets.



Aug 25: Worship Service. 10 am.

Worship Leader: Liam Wright
Japanese Reader: Aki Kumagai
Pianist: Nancy Arata-Fong
Online Moderator/Greeter: Judy Yee
Sound System: Titus Toyama
Parking: Carl Odell
Parking Barriers (Sat): Neil Matsuoka
Ushers: Carla Hart, Donna Komure-Toyama
Greeters: Pattie Hashimoto, Gary Younglove

Altar Flowers: Jerry & Maurine Huang

Aug 25: Newsletter Deadline. 5 pm. Email photos and/or articles (350 word max.) to officemanager@parkviewpc.org.

Sep 1: Worship Service. 10 am. Communion will be celebrated.

Worship Leader: Christine Umeda
Japanese Reader: Mieko Davis
Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara
Communion Elders: Terri Bowman, Hach Yasumura
Online Moderator/Greeter: Judy Yee
Sound System: Tom Tambara
Parking: Gary Younglove
Parking Barriers (Sat): Russ Hart
Ushers: Luda Wright, Michael Wright
Greeters: Bill Grissom, Herning Grissom
Altar Flowers: Stan & Christine Umeda

Sep 8: Worship Service. 10 am.

Worship Leader: Dave McGill
Japanese Reader: Miko Kumagai
Pianist: Nancy Arata-Fong
YES: Jana Nakase-Lee, Lynn Yamamoto
Online Moderator/Greeter: Judy Yee
Sound System: Lois Van Beers
Parking: Dave McGill
Parking Barriers (Sat): TBD
Ushers: Judy Fukuman, Tak Fukuman
Greeters: Carla Hart, Lynn Yamamoto
Altar Flowers: Nancy Arata-Fong

Save the Date!

- Sep 14. May Mayeda memorial service.
- Sep 15. Our Lady of Guadalupe Festival. Come early to park. Remember, you can park at the California Democratic Party Headquarters at 9th & S Streets.
- Sep 21. Movie Time. (See [page 3](#))



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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: Jun Tang, Joshua Trautmann

In Celebration of Her Birthday: Fumi Nakata

In Memory of May Mayeda: Carol Beatty & Francine Bradley, Jerry & Marilyn Champa, Fumi Nakata, Jack & Carol Sakai, Carey Yamanaka

In Memory of Kenzie Nakata: Fumi Nakata

In Memory of Lorrinda Fong Shimizu (sister of Judy Yee): Rick & Irene Uno

In Support of Summerfest: Vicquie Lee, David & Barbara Horiuchi, Taeko Houston, Timothy & Gail Riden (see also [page 2](#))

In Support of Ukrainian Summer Camps: Terri Bowman, Bess Bailey, Kenny Chang, Phillip & Julie Chew, Susan Lamb Cook, Betsy Eskridge & Lois Van Beers, Ferraz Family, Brian & Nami Fong, Frances Freitas, Tak & Judy Fukuman, Yuriy & Irina Geletyuk, Marco Gonzales & Nury Encico, Sue Goodwin, Sumiyo Guerena, Steve Hanway, Pattie Hashimoto, Brian & Karen Hill, Katsuko Hirota, Taeko Houston, Jerry & Maurine Huang, Ralph Hughes, Arthur & Gloria Imagire, Grend Inoue, Ken Iwanaga, Yumiko Iwanaga, Amy Kawahara, Tia Kilpatrick, Aki & Miko Kumagai, May O. Lee, Vicquie Lee, Kerry Martin, Neil Matsuoka & Kris Sasaki, Noriko Meguro, James & Ronda Mewsching, Bill & Linda Nagata, Fumi Nakata, Dwight & Sarah Nave, Michael Newmann, Allison Neuwana, Cathy Nishizaki, Leah Nishizaki, Jennifer Nishizaki-Ngo, Robert Olson, Keiko Rothfield, Jack & Carol Sakai, Jonathan & Haruko Sakakibara, Stan & Susan Shibata, Victor & Shigeko Shibata, Elizabeth Shelle, Worth & Janet (Landis) Summers, Lucy Toyama, Titus & Donna (Komure) Toyama, Stan & Christine Umeda, Lynn Yamamoto, Hach & Linda Yasumura, Gary & Diane Younglove

In Support of YES (Youth Enrichment Session): Dave McGill



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