



# Chapel Chimes

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Dear Friends,  
'Game On!' That's the text Dwight and I send our daughters, Chelsea and Han-Bee, in Portland when autumn begins. This year, autumn arrives on Sunday, September 22. For the Naves, 'Game On', means that leaf-catching season has officially begun. For years, our family members have competed to see who will be the first to catch a fall leaf mid-flight. Dwight and I have been known to stand under the maple trees in our front yard in Virginia on a windy fall day to try for our winning leaf, but it's a lot harder than it sounds. The leaves swirl down just out of reach, or you grab for one and miss it by a millisecond.

Hand-eye coordination has never been my thing, so after ten minutes of near misses in the front yard, I'd usually vow to catch my leaf on a morning run instead. Snagging a leaf from mid-air while running requires accurately judging time and distance as the leaves swirl down from the trees ahead. Lunging at the right moment to catch one without face-planting in a hole you didn't see while looking up at the falling leaves is the key.

And that is what made one year's win all the more memorable. I was walking down our driveway to the mailbox on the first day of our competition and saw a leaf slowly fluttering down. I stuck my hand out and it fell right in it. 'Game On!' 'Game Over!' Which is exactly what I texted Chelsea when I got back inside. She texted back, 'Nooooooo!' Then she mentioned that leaves in Portland hadn't changed color or started falling from trees yet. "Is that so?" I texted, not willing to revoke my historic win. Chelsea was gracious in defeat and vowed to redouble her leaf-catching efforts to beat Dwight and Han-Bee for second place.

Our Nave family traditions bring joy and fun and often, a little friendly competition, into our lives. I'm not sure when the leaf-catching contest started, but I'm glad it's still happening from coast to coast. I do know when we started visiting local pumpkin patches to choose a pumpkin each October. It was when I was pregnant with Chelsea, who was due to arrive in December. As I clambered onto the hay wagon bound for the fields, Dwight made a joke about the 'Great Pumpkin.' I knew he wasn't referring to orange gourds. He received cosmic payback over the years as Chelsea always chose the heaviest pumpkins, from the farthest

corner of the field, as her personal favorites, for Dwight to carry back and hoist onto the hay wagon.

Our traditions as a church family also bring joy and fun and help us mark significant times in our lives as a community. When we celebrate Aloha Sundays in August with Aloha shirts and leis, and have amazing food and frozen treats during Aloha coffee hour, we connect with Parkview's past when the church wasn't air-conditioned, and people wore light, comfy clothes to keep cool. When we gather at a memorial service to give witness to Christ's resurrection and honor a beloved church member's life, we share happy memories as well as heartache. Our many traditions unite us as a church family as we celebrate life's special moments together. So, perhaps, standing in the yard gazing up at the sky, seeing the golden slant of autumn sun on fluttering leaves while gauging where to be positioned to catch a falling leaf, might be one way of reclaiming the sacredness of the seasons of life.

No doubt you and your family have your own ways of celebrating special moments, or marking the God-moments in your lives. Through a shared meal, some friendly competition, watching the sunset, saying good-bye to a beloved pet, or giving the gift of uninterrupted attention.

May our love for God continue to grow through all the seasons as we remember "the dream of Eden that shimmers at the edges of things," as author Douglas McKelvey writes in his book, *Every Moment Holy*. As we "remember that work and play and suffering and celebration are all sentences in a good story being told by God, a story arcing its way to a new creation." Amen!

- Pastor Sarah



# News

## August Report from Session

At the August 8, 2024 meeting of Session, the following matters were reported, voted upon, and/or discussed:



- **Update on Unhoused Couple Camping on Parking Lot Behind Church.** Private property signs were recently posted, and Pastor Sarah spoke to the couple letting them know that they can no longer sleep in the parking lot. The police department will be asked to patrol the area behind the church in the evenings to discourage camping. Pastor may also call 311 for city assistance and/or Hope Cooperative for possible housing options for the couple.
- **Safety and Security Grant Update.** William Yee reported that the outdoor lighting and installation of the security doors have been completed. The security doors will be rekeyed and alarmed. The City has yet to issue a permit for the construction of the fence citing further changes that the City planning department claims are necessary. Parkview continues to work with the City to resolve these issues. The fence project was first reviewed by the City's planning department in September 2023.
- **Welcome Letter.** Visitors who attend Parkview may be interested in information about the history, programs, and goals of the church. We will work on a letter that will address these subjects and be available at the church front door whenever new visitors attend.
- **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Sabbath.** Beginning in 2025, in any month where a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday occurs (3/30, 6/29, 8/31, 11/30), service will not be conducted at Parkview. Instead, church members are encouraged to spend time with family, take a nature walk, or attend worship service in other churches with the goal of establishing connections with churches in the surrounding community.
- **Summerfest Wrap-Up.** Treasurer Betsy Eskridge reported that the July financial report shows the net income from Summerfest is \$14,393. Thank you to everyone who made this fundraiser a success!

- **Mariners Fundraiser for the Unhoused.** On September 21, the Mariners will host a movie event fundraiser for the homeless. This fundraiser is a joint effort between the Mariners and Hailing Tang, who attends UCLA and attends church at Parkview with her parents.

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## Presbyterian Women 2024-2025 Bible Study: Let Justice Roll Down

Presbyterian Women and its *Horizon* magazine sponsor annual bible study sessions. For 2024-25, the theme is "Let Justice Roll Down - God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation." You can review the nine lessons in the study guide placed near the PPW mailbox in the church narthex. We have a limited number of study guides available for individual home use. Monthly group meetings for discussion and enrichment will be scheduled. Contact Judy Yee or Pastor Sarah for more information. Please note: this Bible study is different from the Parkview weekly Bible study, which takes place via Zoom on Tuesday evenings. Check the event schedule.



## Warm-Weather Clothing Drive

Join the Mariners and Hailing Tang, student volunteer for Serve LA, a non-profit organization serving the unhoused, in collecting warm-weather clothes for those in need. Monetary donations will be given to nonprofits serving the unhoused locally and in Los Angeles. Donations of warm-weather jackets, scarfs, gloves, and other accessories will be distributed to local nonprofits. Bring your donations to Parkview during the month of September or at the Mariners' movie event on September 21. (See [page 4](#) for more information on the movie event.) Kindly place your bags of clothing clearly marked for "Mariners" on the church stage. Pastor Sarah will then coordinate the distribution. Thank you for your generosity.



# News/Events

## Volunteer Spotlight: YES Team

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

We are forever grateful to our volunteers who shepherd the children – and now toddlers, too – during worship service. School has started, and so will YES (Youth Enrichment Session) and Keiki (toddler care), on September 8.



Three cheers to our team: Jana-Nakase Lee (chair), Julie Chew, Cathy Nishizaki, Ben Pryor, Kishwer Vikaas, and Lynn Yamamoto!

## Spreading the Spirit of Aloha

After worship service on August 18, 2024, worshipers gathered in the social hall to share the spirit of loving and Aloha. Our dear Fumi Nakata, 99 years young, embodies that spirit. Go to <https://parkviewpc.org/2024/08/23/parkview-shares-the-spirit-of-aloha/> to view the slideshow.



## Financial Report as of August 31, 2024:

	August	Total Yr 2024
Income:	\$8,409.23	\$121,440.03
Expenses:	\$14,448.71	\$129,141.74
Difference:		(\$7,701.71)

## 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/>.

### Sep 7: Ohana Walk. 8:30 am.

Join our Parkview team to walk and raise money for the Asian Community Center (ACC). Go to <https://www.accsv.org/ohana2024/> to register. Mahalo!



### Sep 8: Worship Service. 10 am. Communion will be celebrated.

Worship Leader: Jonathan Sakakibara  
 Japanese Reader: Haruko Sakakibara  
 Pianist: Nancy Arata-Fong  
 YES: Jana Nakase-Lee, Lynn Yamamoto  
 Communion Elders: Terri Bowman, Hach Yasumura  
 Online Moderator/Greeter: Judy Yee  
 Sound System: Lois Van Beers  
 Parking: Carl Odell  
 Parking Barriers (Sat): William Yee  
 Ushers: Haruko Sakakibara, Diane Younglove  
 Greeters: Carla Hart, Lynn Yamamoto  
 Altar Flowers: Nancy Arata-Fong

### Sep 8: Blessing of the Hands. During worship service.

Many health care workers and chaplains participate in “the blessing of the hands”. It’s a moment when a prayer is offered: “God, please use these hands to bring help and healing, bless these hearts as they serve and ache and rejoice with others.” Then, as oil was used as a base for healing and blessing in ancient times, a little oil is placed on the hands with these words of blessing, “Bless these hands as they serve as the hands of Christ.”



# Events

On Communion Sunday, September 8, we will offer this blessing is available to anyone who wants to be reminded that the labor of our hands, whatever kind of work that is, from diapering an infant to writing an email, from playing the piano, to calming an anxious parent, to delivering the mail, can be holy work, when it is dedicated to God. Everyone is welcome to receive this blessing from God on their hands.

**Sep 10: Weekly Bible Study Starts.** 6 pm via Zoom. We'll be studying the Gospel of Matthew. Please note: this is the weekly Bible study via Zoom. See [page 2](#) for the monthly PW Bible study.



**Sep 12: Session Meeting.** 1 pm in the social hall.

**Sep 14: May Mayeda Memorial Service.** 11 am. Please contact Carla Hart ([carlab.hart@gmail.com](mailto:carlab.hart@gmail.com)), if you can provide a dessert, set up, help serve the luncheon, make small floral arrangements, or clean up. [Click here](#) to read May's obituary.



**Sep 15: Worship Service.** 10 am.  
Worship Leader: Sue Goodwin  
Japanese Reader: Mieko Davis  
Pianist: Wade Tambara  
Online Moderator/Greeter: Aki Kumagai  
Sound System: Jonathan Sakakibara  
Parking: Phillip Chew  
Parking Barriers (Sat): Titus Toyama  
Ushers: Maurine Huang, William Yee  
Greeters: Russ Hart, Diane Younglove  
Altar Flowers: In Memory of May Mayeda  
Coffee Time: Nancy Arata-Fong, Lori Hart, Irene Uno  
**Please note:** arrive early to park as Our Lady of Guadalupe's annual fair takes place on September 15. Remember, we can park at the California Democratic Party Headquarters at 9<sup>th</sup> & S Streets.

**Sep 19: Road Trip to Empire Mine State Park.**

Everyone at Parkview is invited to join the Mariners on our next field trip. This time we are heading up to Empire Mine Historic State Park in Grass Valley on Thursday, September 19. We plan to meet there at 10:30 am and have a potluck lunch after visiting the park. For those wanting to see more of the area, head a few more miles up the road to visit quaint Nevada City later that afternoon.



Email Gary Younglove ([garyyounglove@yahoo.com](mailto:garyyounglove@yahoo.com)) or text him at 916.747.2963 for more information.

**Sep 19: PW Bible Study.** 6 pm, pastor's office. Theme: Environmental Justice

**Sep 21: Together We Rise.** 10 am - 2 pm.

Join co-host ACC for the Together We Rise: United Against Hate event at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento. Go to <https://parkviewpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Together-We-Rise-Event-Flyer.jpg> to view the flyer.



**Sep 21: Movie Time is Back! 4 pm.**

Please support and join the Mariners for fellowship, fun, and caring for those in need. Bring your donation of warm-weather clothing (see [page 2](#) for more info) and a potluck dish to share. Hot dogs, popcorn, and drinks will be served. 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!



# Events

**Sep 22: Worship Service.** 10 am.  
Worship Leader: Jonathan Sakakibara  
Japanese Reader: Michael Wright  
Pianist: Janet Hill  
YES: Julie Chew, Cathy Nishizaki  
Online Moderator/Greeter: Lori Hart  
Sound System: Titus Toyama  
Parking: Russ Hart  
Parking Barriers (Sat): Tak Fukuman  
Ushers: Aki Kumagai, Miko Kumagai  
Greeters: Betsy Eskridge, Luda Wright  
Altar Flowers: Michael & Luda Wright

**Sep 22: Blessing of the Backpacks.** During worship service. We will offer a blessing for the backpacks that are carried to and from school by Parkview Church children and youth. Each day, these backpacks represent work the students have to do when they go to school. We celebrate their opportunity to learn and gain knowledge about math, reading, history, music, and other subjects. And about life. So, we will bring the backpacks and our children and youth before God for a blessing. Please bring your backpack with you on September 8! Invite some friends to come with you and bring their backpacks, too!



**Sep 29: Worship Service.** 10 am.  
Guest Pastor: Rev. Rola Al Ashkar  
Worship Leader: Phillip Chew  
Japanese Reader: Miyo Uchida  
Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara  
Online Moderator/Greeter: Lori Hart  
Sound System: Titus Toyama  
Parking: Carl Odell  
Parking Barriers (Sat): TBD  
Ushers: Bill Grissom, Herning Grissom  
Greeters: Tia Kilpatrick, Miyo Uchida  
Altar Flowers: Miyo Uchida

**Sep 29: Newsletter Deadline.** 5 pm. Email photos and/or articles (350 word max.) to [officemanager@parkviewpc.org](mailto:officemanager@parkviewpc.org).

**Oct 1: Prayer Team Meeting.** 7:15 pm via Zoom.

**Oct 6: Worship Service.** 10 am. Communion will be celebrated.

Worship Leader: Betsy Eskridge  
Japanese Reader: Haruko Sakakibara  
Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara  
Communion Elders: Steve Hanway, Irene Uno

YES: Ben Pryor, Kishwer Vikaas  
Online Moderator/Greeter: Lois Van Beers  
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Parking: Gary Younglove  
Parking Barriers (Sat): William Yee  
Ushers: Terri Bowman, Julie Chew  
Greeters: Judy Fukuman, Luda Wright  
Altar Flowers: Ben Pryor & Kishwer Vikaas

**Oct 6: Parkview Presbyterian Women General Meeting.** After worship service.

All are welcome to attend our Fall general meeting. Do you want to know more about Parkview Presbyterian Women's purpose and activities? We will receive financial and committee reports, discuss future projects and activities, and accept suggestions/volunteers for the 2025-26 slate of officers and committee members. Terri Bowman and Judy Yee will also provide highlights of their experience attending the recent Triennial Gathering of Presbyterian Women in St. Louis.



## Save the Date!

- **Oct 13.** Blessing of the Animals.
- **Oct 18-20.** Ethnic Concerns Consultation at Zephyr Point.
- **Oct 26.** Run for a Safe Haven for My Sister's House.



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**In Gratitude:** Dwight & Sarah Nave

**In Gratitude for Healing:** Tak & Judy Fukuman

**In Memory of Kiyoshi Fujiwara:** Brian & Leah (Fujiwara) Kanegawa

**In Memory of May Mayeda:** Steve & Janet Hill

**In Memory of Lorrinda Fong Shimizu (sister of Judy Yee):** David & Nancy (Arata) Fong, Tak & Judy Fukuman, Carla Hart, May Lee

**Aloha Offerings:** Brian & Leah (Fujiwara) Kanegawa, Fumi Nakata, Michael & Luda Wright



## 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.

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