



Chapel Chimes

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I returned safe and sound from Atlanta on Wednesday evening; wish I could say the same for the Yees' car. William was kindly beaded to SMF to give me a ride home when a hurrying youngster rear-ended his car. I'm so grateful that William was unbarred when the back of Judy's car got crunched. He came on to SMF to pick me up. Wow! That's Parkview hospitality on full display! Heartfelt thanks to all who prayed for my well-being while I was in GA. Pastor Sheri and I had a lovely time greeting voters at the second polling station we served; the first one told us to take a hike. They didn't recognize our organization and were being vigilant. We were glad they were protecting the voters. No incidents where we were, though two GA precincts received bomb threats that day. It was meaningful to see democracy at work. Thanks again for all your support.

Dear Friends,

November is traditionally known as a time of gratitude. With Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of November each year, we're encouraged to count our blessings all month, (all year) long. This November, I'm grateful for the opportunity that my friend Rev. Sheri Edwards and I had to spend Election Day 2024 as one of the hundreds of nonpartisan poll chaplains and peacekeepers stationed outside national polling places to ensure people feel empowered to exercise their right to vote. In our country, voter suppression efforts, disinformation, and violent rhetoric have undermined people's confidence in the process and damaged their sense of security. In October, Sheri and I received training as poll chaplains from Faiths United to Save Democracy (FUSD), which operates the nation's largest poll-chaplain initiative. The Rev. Adam Russell Taylor, one of the leaders of FUSD, said, "Protecting the rights of voters is something that should matter to all Americans. We want to be messengers of truth, combatting disinformation and providing moral witness around the need to finish this election in a way that is fair and safe." So, our mission in Atlanta on Tuesday, November 5, is to be a calming and moral presence, to answer questions about the voting process, and to use de-escalation techniques to deal with any efforts to harass or intimidate voters.

Marc Ramirez wrote an article about poll chaplains

in USA TODAY on Oct 27, 2024 entitled, "Poll Chaplains' National Mission: To Protect the Sacred Right to Vote." Ramirez mentioned Bridget Moix, who served as a poll chaplain in Ohio in 2022. She recalled being outside a Cincinnati area polling site when a young Black man approached the site nervously before going inside. When he finally exited, she said, his demeanor had completely transformed, all smiles.

"Looks like that went well," she told him as he passed. "Yeah," she recalled him replying. "I thought there would be guys with guns here." "That stuck with me," said Moix, general secretary for Friends Committee on National Legislation, a Quaker peace and equality organization that is among Faiths United to Save Democracy's national partners. Ramirez reported that along with Arizona and Ohio, the FUSD's campaign's approximately 1,000 poll chaplains and peacekeepers will target key zip codes in eight other battleground states – Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas and Wisconsin – where Election-Day problems are believed to be more likely. "This is about making sure the sacred right to vote is safeguarded for everyone, particularly the most vulnerable," said Barbara Williams-Skinner, Skinner Leadership Institute's co-founder and CEO. "The right to vote has become overly politicized," said Rev. Adam Russell Taylor, of Sojourners. "We want to restore faith in the elective system and make the right to vote a moral and bipartisan cause." Sites selected to be staffed by poll chaplains are within zip codes identified as vulnerable locations, usually impoverished areas where voter suppression efforts

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like new voter identification requirements or barriers to mail-in voting have occurred, or where threats of violence have taken place.

In Georgia, the Rev. Cynthia Hale worries about the threat of violence given the political atmosphere. In 2020, she said, “We had situations where men have driven by in pickup trucks with guns in the back, and we don’t know how far those threats are going to go. It’s a consequential election, and our democracy is on the line. I have confidence that our secretary of state has done everything possible to make sure we have a safe, free, and fair election.” That kind of accountability is crucial, she said, especially given the accusations of voter fraud that followed the 2020 election in Georgia. Such disinformation remains rampant, despite multiple audits that showed no evidence of wrongdoing.

Rev. Hale said principles of justice and equality align with major faith teachings of love for God and one’s neighbor. “Voting is a precious gift that has been given to us as Americans, and as people of faith it’s important for us to make sure everyone has the opportunity to participate in a safe and fair way.” Rev. Sheri and I join with our Parkview Church family in taking seriously God’s mandate to protect the most marginalized. We know it’s often poor voters who are targeted with voter suppression tactics. When more people are able to freely exercise their “sacred right” to vote, our democracy is stronger, and we all benefit.

- Pastor Sarah

October Report from Session

At the October 24, 2024 meeting of Session, the following matters were reported, voted upon, and/or discussed:



• South Sacramento Interfaith

Partnership (SSIP): Session voted to reaffirm Parkview’s relationship with the SSIP food closet program for 2025. The amount of the mission donation in support of SSIP will be determined when the 2025 budget is discussed and approved.

- **NCCP Representative:** Session voted to approve Maurine Huang as Parkview’s 2025 Representative on the North Central California Presbytery. Session is grateful for Maurine’s interest in and willingness to serve on the Presbytery.

- **5th Sunday Sabbath:** Session and Pastor Sarah agreed that an informational meeting with the congregation will be set soon to discuss the pros and cons of the proposal of foregoing service in any month where a 5th Sunday occurs, beginning in 2025.
- **Ethical Conduct Policy:** Session discussed the North Central California Presbytery’s recently adopted ethics policy and has further questions. As such, Pastor Sarah will contact the Presbytery for further information about the current need for such a policy and why church leadership within the Presbytery are also being asked to adopt the ethics policy;
- **Piano Information:** Session decided not to move the pianos that are currently in the social hall and Heiwa.
- **Wrought Iron Fence and Surveillance Cameras Installation:** The fence installation is set to begin on October 29 and camera installation in November. These installations are financed by the security grant.
- **Mariners Movie Night Event:** \$1,355 raised with the proceeds to be split between Serve L.A. and Mercy Pedalers in Sacramento. In addition, youth from Wind Youth will be able to visit Parkview and choose donated items of warm clothing.
- **Pastor’s Report:** Pastor Sarah will travel to Atlanta to serve as a poll chaplain in the upcoming election from November 3-6. Session wishes her safe travels.

Items for Future Discussion:

1. Tribute Garden fundraiser idea as suggested by Christine Umeda;
2. Possible renaming of Parkview Presbyterian Church to Parkview Church.
3. Updating of church policy manual.

- Submitted by

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

Donna Komure-Toyama,
Irene Uno, William Yee, Gary Younglove

The October 2024 Financial Report will be published in the December newsletter.
Thank you for your patience.

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Parkview Raises Money for My Sister's House

Parkview members and friends showed their support for My Sister's House by participating in its 21st annual Run for a Safe Haven. Over 500 runners and walkers registered for the event, held on Saturday October 26 at Land Park. The Parkview team included Judy and Tak Fukuman, Lois Van Beers, Betsy Eskridge, Hach Yasumura and his granddaughter Kimi Aoki, Marilyn Champa, Rev. Sarah Nave, Megan Toyama, Donna Komure-Toyama, and Titus Toyama.



Parkview members and friends are long-time supporters of My Sisters House. Its mission is to serve Asian, Pacific Islander, and other underserved women and children impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking, job training, and community services. Go to <https://parkviewpc.org/2024/10/31/parkview-runs-for-a-safe-haven/> to view the slideshow.

Thank you Parkview Team members and supporters!
- Submitted by Titus Toyama

Help the Reaching Out Christmas Event Dec 14

Parkview will be joining Faith Presbyterian Church, Bethany Presbyterian Church, and Mercy Ministries on December 14, from 1-3 pm to host Reaching Out, a resource fair to improve the quality of life for folks in need. Read on to see how you can help.



Reaching Out is held once a month, weather permitting, in the Bethany Courtyard at 5625 24th St., next to the SSIP check-in. Non-food items are provided (pet food, school supplies, clothing, books, toiletries, more), warm snacks, showers, companionship, prayer, music, and a loving place for community to gather. Together we can bring joy to our neighbors who need a helping hand. How can you help?

- Volunteer from 1-3 pm.
- Donate toiletries (small travel sizes are perfect).
- Donate gently used or new gifts for visitors to wrap and give to a loved one.

A box for donations will be available in the social hall through December 8. Contact Carla Hart for more information: carlab.hart@gmail.com or 916-709-3305. Thank you for your compassion and generosity.

Sign Up for the 2025 Worship Team!

Your participation in volunteering for the weekly worship makes it possible for all of us to enjoy the welcoming Sunday services. 2024 went so smoothly that heartfelt appreciation goes to everyone who participated on the worship team. The Parkview spirit is very gentle about last-minute changes and represents our understanding and caring community. I would like to express the Worship Committee's heartfelt appreciation for everyone's cooperation. As 2024 is soon coming to an end, we are making a new rotation for 2025.

Please email me (sakakibarabaruko@gmail.com) by November 30, if you want any changes in your volunteering schedule or if you would like to join the worship team. You can decide the frequency of your participation. Many thanks go to those who serve multiple roles. If anyone is okay with multiple roles, please let me know.

Here are the roles for each Sunday: worship leader, pianist, Japanese reader, sound system operator, parking attendant, Zoom moderator, greeter (2), usher (2). We are specifically looking for more pianists, sound system operators, parking attendants, greeters, and ushers.

Serving as a greeter is very good entry work to try. You will begin to understand how the worship service is planned and will become acquainted with folks more closely.

- Submitted by Haruko Sakakibara



Volunteer Spotlight: Titus Toyama

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

We are used to seeing Titus working the parking lot and the PA system or serving as worship leader, but did you know that he has been our fearless leader for the Ohana Walk and the Run for a Safe Haven Walk/Run? Gathering the Parkview family and friends to help out in the community is a great way to further our mission. Thanks, Titus, for all you do!



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Clothing Giveaway Helps Local Youth

This past August, the Mariners teamed with Hailing Tang to raise money and gather winter clothing for the unhoused. Half the money raised went to Serve LA, where Hailing volunteers while studying at UCLA. The other half went to Mercy Pedalers in Sacramento. The generous Winter Warm donations were displayed in a “boutique” on two Sundays. Young people from Wind Youth were invited to choose clothing and snack on homemade cookies. Best of all was time shared between Parkview congregants and the youngsters. The remaining Winter Warm clothing will be donated to local organizations that serve our unhoused neighbors. Thanks to all who contributed!

- Submitted by Carla Hart



Fencing Installation Has Begun!

The new fencing is getting installed! As part of the safety and security grant, we are getting new fencing around most of the property. The beautiful wooden fencing in the front of the church will remain as a welcoming symbol to come worship. With the bright and beautiful lighting, the new doors, and this new fencing, Parkview is getting a much-needed facelift, making it more beautiful and more secure. Thanks go once again to the Safety and Security Grant team and especially William Yee and Lois Van Beers, who have supervised the fencing, door, and lighting installations.



2025 Pledge Card

There is still time to submit a pledge to fund the church for 2025. Pastor Sarah writes, “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?” You can print this card and return it to Parkview. Pledge cards are due on December 8 in order for us to better determine our budget for 2025. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and generosity.



2025 Stewardship Pledge Card

“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)

\$ _____ per Week Month Year

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____



THANKSGIVING SHOWTIME

NOVEMBER 17, 2024 : 11:20-12:30

AT SANCTUARY

PARKVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

727 T STREET, SACRAMENTO



PROGRAM

- Tia Kilpatrick: Horn Duo
 - Sora Davis: Piano “The Juggler,” “Forest Drums,” “Party Songs”
 - Kara and Lexi Tanoue: Song with Ukulele
 - Lucas Wright: TBA
 - Richard Tang: Taekwondo Presentation
 - Hana Davis: Gymnastics Floor Routine
 - Liam Wright: piano
 - Photo Club Presentation
 - Sakura Chorus: “Racoon Drumming at Shojoji Temple, “Cosmos”
 - Mayumi Hata (Sakura Chorus Pianist):Piano pieces
by Ryuichi Sakamoto
 - Taeko Houston (Sakura Chorus Singer): Sharing Recent Craft Work
 - Parkview Presbyterian Church Choir: “Stand by Me”
- Thanksgiving Offering Donations**---
- Donna T. Komure: Japanese Minyo Dancing,
Let’s dance! “Ichi tasu Ichi (1 + 1)”



Join us for a Thanksgiving Coffee Hour in the Social Hall



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

Worship Leader: Carla Hart
Japanese Reader: Aki Kumagai
Pianist: Wade Tambara
YES: Jana Nakase-Lee, Lynn Yamamoto
Online Moderator/Greeter: Judy Yee
Sound System: Dave McGill
Parking Barriers (Sat): Titus Toyama
Parking: Dave McGill
Ushers: Judy Fukuman, Tak Fukuman
Greeters: Bill Grissom, Herning Grissom
Altar Flowers: Bill & Herning Grissom

Nov 10: **Special Fellowship Time.**

Light refreshments will be served.

Nov 12: **NO Weekly Bible Study.**

Nov 12: **Prayer Team Meeting.** 7:15 pm via Zoom.

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

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

Worship Leader: Donna Komure-Toyama
Japanese Reader: Aki Kumagai
Pianist: Janet Hill
YES: Lynn Yamamoto
Online Moderator/Greeter: Aki Kumagai
Sound System: Lois Van Beers
Parking Barriers (Sat): William Yee
Parking: Carl Odell
Ushers: Maurine Huang, William Yee
Greeters: Miyo Uchida, Diane Younglove
Altar Flowers: Jonathan & Haruko Sakakibara

Nov 17: **Thanksgiving Showtime.** After worship service.

This is our chance to enjoy the talents of our Parkview family (and there are many) and to express our thanks in a special offering to the church. The festivities will begin directly after worship service. See flyer on [page 5](#).



Nov 17: **Coffee Time.** Directly after Thanksgiving Showtime! Many thanks to Carla Hart, Haruko Sakakibara, Christine Umeda

Nov 17: **Installation of Executive Presbyter.** 2:30 pm. The NCCP will install Rev. Karen Sapio at Faith Presbyterian, 625 Florin Road.

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

Nov 19: **Weekly Bible Study.** 6 pm via Zoom. We'll be studying the Gospel of Matthew.

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

Nov 21: **Session Meeting.** 1 pm in the social hall.

Nov 24: **Worship Service.** 10 am.

Worship Leader: Liam Wright
Japanese Reader: Mieko Davis
Pianist: Nancy Arata-Fong
YES: Julie Chew, Cathy Nishizaki
Online Moderator/Greeter: Lois Van Beers
Sound System: Titus Toyama
Parking Barriers (Sat): Neil Matsuoka
Parking: Russ Hart
Ushers: Aki Kumagai, Miko Kumagai
Greeters: Betsy Eskridge, Luda Wright
Altar Flowers: Terri Bowman

Nov 24: **Newsletter Deadline.** 5 pm. Email photos and/or articles (350 word max.) to officemanager@parkviewpc.org.

Nov 27: **Choir Practice.** 7 pm in the social hall.

Upcoming Events

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

Worship Leader: Christine Umeda
Japanese Reader: Miyo Uchida
Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara
YES: Ben Pryor, Kishwer Vikaas
Communion Elders: Phillip Chew, Gary Younglove
Online Moderator/Greeter: Lois Van Beers
Sound System: Tom Tambara
Parking Barriers (Sat): Russ Hart
Parking: Tak Fukuman
Ushers: Terri Bowman, Julie Chew
Greeters: Sue Goodwin, Julie Chew
Altar Flowers: Victor & Sherri Yee

Main Idea: Water is so essential, and its presence and absence so impactful, that both Scripture and contemporary events reflect its multidimensional effects on human life.

Dec 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: Lori Hart
Sound System: Cathy Nishizaki
Parking: Russ Hart
Parking Barriers (Sat): Titus Toyama
Ushers: Bill Grissom, Herning Grissom
Greeters: Judy Fukuman, Carla Hart
Altar Flowers: Steve & Barbie Fujinaka

Dec 1: First Sunday in Advent.

Dec 3: Prayer Team Meeting. 7:15 pm via Zoom.

Dec 4: Choir Practice. 7 pm in the social hall.

Dec 5: PW Bible Study. 6 pm.

Lesson 3: Food Justice

Scripture: Genesis 1:22; 3:19; Exodus 16:13–18,19–21; Joshua 5:12; Psalms 65:11–13; 78:23–29; 105:40–41; Hosea 4:1b–3; Micah 6:12–15; Matthew 13:8; Mark 4:8; Luke 8:8

Main Idea: The Bible portrays the earth as yielding food in abundance, and today's agricultural scientists say it could provide food for all. We can learn to produce food with justice and peace and feed a starving world.

Lesson 4: Water Justice

Scripture: Genesis 1:2,6-7,9; 2:5-6,10; 3:17-19; 4:12; 6-9; 9:8–17; 12:10; 26:1; 42:5; 46; Exodus 7:17-24



Dec 8: Christmas Luncheon. 12:30 pm. See enclosed flyer.

Dec 8: Pledge Cards Due.
See [page 4](#).

Dec 15: Gingerbread House Making. After worship service.

Cost is \$15 per house. Please email order to Cathy Nishizaki (cathyjnish@gmail.com).



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: Nate & Kara Tanoue

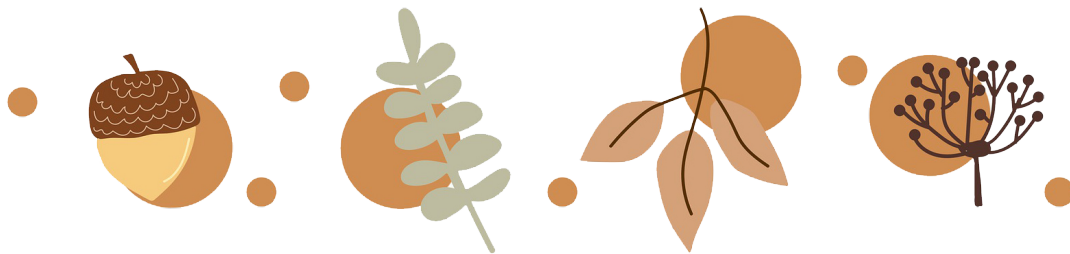
In Memory of Grand Niece Angelica Bravo: Tak & Judy Fukuman

In Memory of May Mayeda: Russ & Lori Hart

In Memory of May Mayeda & Bryan Mayeda: Susan Kim

Thanksgiving Offerings: Jonathan & Haruko Sakakibara, Stan & Susan Shibata, Richard & Joyce Yuki

Thank you in advance for your Thanksgiving 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.



Parkview Christmas Party

Sunday, December 8th, 2024, 12:30 p.m.

Aviator's Restaurant

6151 Freeport Blvd.
Sacramento, CA

Cost:

Price: \$30 per adult. \$15 for children (6-12). Free for 5 and under.

By December 1st please sign up and pay.

1. **To sign up:** text, email or fill out and mail the form below to Lois Van Beers:
 - o Text: (916) 607-2177
 - o Email: Lois.VanBeers@gmail.com
 - o Mail: 4646 Del Rio Rd, Sacramento, CA 95822
2. **To make a payment:** Mail check payable to Parkview Presbyterian Women. Write "Christmas Luncheon" in the message line. Mail the check to Lois, address above.

Parkview Christmas Luncheon 2024 @ Aviator's. December 8, 12:30PM

Name: _____

Please list the names of each of your guests.

Number of adults (\$30/per person) _____ Number of children (age 6-12, \$15 per child) _____

Number of children (5 & under, Free) _____

Grand Total. \$ _____

