



Chapel Chimes

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Dear Friends,

The season of Lent, the forty days before Easter, excluding Sundays, is the most important time of the year to nurture our inner life. So says Henri Nouwen in his Lenten devotional, *Called to Life, Called to Love*. Lent is the time in which we not only prepare ourselves to celebrate the mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus, but also the death and resurrection that constantly takes place within us. Life is a continuing process of the death of the old and the familiar, and being born again into a new hope, a new trust and a new love.

Why is this process needed? So that we can consent to God's presence and action within us—that's the way Father Thomas Keating says it in his guides to Centering Prayer. God doesn't bully us, or push us along on our spiritual journey. If we want to meander, we meander. If we want to backtrack, we backtrack. If we want to veer off the path and spend time messing about, God allows us to do that, too. But we are always invited to grow closer to God. Deepening our relationship with God requires our consent—*our consent to God's presence and action within us*. And the season of Lent is a great time to develop our consent muscles in two ways: by Showing Up and by Hoping Up.

As I talk to people who are seeking to deepen their relationship with God, I notice they often mention the importance of just Showing Up: Showing Up to practice prayer or Bible study or worship, or whatever it is they're doing to get to know God better; by creating space for God in their lives, and developing their ability to listen to know, trust, and serve God. The season of Lent is an invitation to re-discover again, or discover for the first time, what God is like, and how to relate to God.

Connecting with God through faith means that we re-evaluate the preconceived ideas and hand-me-down values that we carry. To see what we still believe about God, and what we don't. Maybe it's time to grow into less restrictive views of what God can and cannot do: to seek to follow God, instead of always trying to lead the way, always telling God what to do. Lent is an ideal time to focus on that. And on Hope.

In his Message for Lent 2025, Pope Francis invites Christians to “journey together in hope” and to take the opportunity of the upcoming Lenten Season to ask ourselves whether we're willing to follow God's call to change our lives. One way to change our lives this holy season is to deliberately focus on hopeful things around us, instead of focusing on all the turmoil and chaos. Parkview's Worship Team ordered Lenten bracelets to help us all focus on hope. This year Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, on March 5. We invite everyone to pick up a Resilient Hope bracelet on Sunday March 2 at worship, and begin wearing it on Ash Wednesday. Each day, look and listen for signs of hope. When you notice hope, move your bracelet to your other wrist, and keep looking for hope. Each time you notice something hopeful, move your bracelet again.

We'll share in church about how looking for hope changes us and our outlook on the world. Showing up. Hoping up. Both are ways this Lenten season to give consent to God's presence and action within us, as we move through the world with resilient hope and love. Together.

- Pastor Sarah



News

February Report from Session

The Session did not meet in February; instead it gathered for its annual retreat. The next report will appear in the April issue of the *Chapel Chimes*.



One Great Hour of Sharing

Every year, Parkview collects donations from Lent 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. We would be very grateful if you could help with a donation to Parkview. Write OGHS in the note section of your check or online donation. We will tally all the donations together and send the total to PC USA. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Ordination and Installation of Elders

On February 23, Jody Brown and Aki Kumagai were ordained as elders. During the ceremony, Judy Fukuman joined Jody and Aki as Parkview's session members, class of 2027. We are grateful to all three as they take on this new responsibility.



In Memoriam



Tomiyo Ishizaki

Beloved Parkview Member
Aug 27, 1935 - Feb 16, 2025
The memorial service will take place at Parkview on April 5 at 1 pm.

Come and Hear the New Sermon Series!

Project Runway, a new sermon series for Winter and Lent 2025 is underway!

Dazzling Garments! Eye-Catching Outerwear! Infantwear! Shabby Chic! Classic Separates! Building on an idea from North Central California Presbytery's new Executive Presbyter, Rev. Karen Sapio, this sermon series explores the significance of clothes in the Bible from newborn swaddling blankets, to one-of-a-kind woven pieces, to graveclothes. Joseph's fancy multicolored coat? Yep. Adam and Eve's rustic outfits? Yep. Jesus' swaddling clothes? Yep. And many more. Come for the fashion, stay for the life application. See you in church!



- Submitted by Pastor Sarah

Volunteer Spotlight: Sachiko Yoshikawa

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

Sachiko serves as a greeter, but did you know that she is the creative force behind the postcard fundraisers? The recent sale of the beautiful Christmas postcards Sachiko designed raised \$305! She also played Elvis at our Summerfest last year. Thanks, Sachiko, for all you do for Parkview.



Financial Report as of February 28, 2024:

	February	Total Yr 2025
Income:	\$8,712.32	\$40,152.48
Expenses:	\$14,716.39	\$32,259.45
Difference:		\$7,893.03

News

Crop Walk Scheduled for April 27

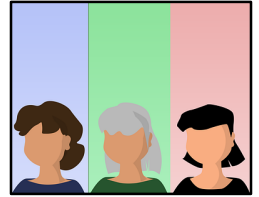
Please join us after worship service on Sunday, April 27, for our annual Church World Service CROP Walk. We will be walking around Southside Park. While 75% of the funds raised will go to support CWS's world-wide missions, the remaining 25% will support South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership. As you know, some fifteen Parkview members have been volunteering at SSIP since 2022. Please go to <https://parkviewpc.org/2025/02/28/join-the-crop-walk-to-end-hunger-on-april-27/> to read the full article, learn more about the important work CWS does, and to register to walk, donate, or support walkers. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

- Submitted by Maurine Huang



PPW Installation Luncheon Slated for March 30

The annual PPW installation will be held on March 30 at Parkview. PPW members and all are invited to attend.



Location: Church social hall

Time: after church service

Speaker: Rev. Rola Al Ashkar

Topic: Iama Yoga - New Worshipping Community

Catered box lunches from Mendocino Farms will be preordered from the following menu:

Sandwich Box includes potato chips and a cookie

- * Not So Fried Chicken
- * The Farm Club
- * Prosciutto and Chicken
- * Chicken Pesto Caprese
- * Vegan Banh Mi
- * Turkey Avo Salsa Verde
- * Mario's Caprese

Salad Box includes an apple and a cookie

- * Avocado and Quinoa
- * Superfood Ensalada
- * Mama Chen's Salad
- * Modern Caesar
- * Field Green Salad

For further details of sandwich and salad boxes go to <https://www.mendocinofarms.com/menus/>.

The cost per sandwich box or salad box is \$25.00.

ORDER AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 10. RSVP:

Cathy Nishizaki at cathyjnish@gmail.com or text 916.207.7168. Or

Carol Sakai at hawaiianlcsw@gmail.com or text 951.788.4278.

Please include the name of attendee(s), contact phone number, email address, selection of salad or sandwich from the menu choices listed above.

Send check to : PPW c/o Betsy Eskridge

4646 Del Rio Road, Sacramento, CA 95822

Check payable to PPW and in note section state "installation luncheon."

We look forward to you joining us in the celebration.

Carol Sakai, Cathy Nishizaki

PPW Activities Committee

Judy Yee, Moderator

New Fencing Has Passed Final Inspection

William Yee reports that our new fencing has passed final inspection. Now Stan Umeda and his team will go about repairing the remaining wooden fencing as an homage to the original artistic fence project. Thank you, William, for all your hard work on the new fence project!

Youth Group Reunion

The third generation of Parkview Presbyterian's youth group enjoyed a meal together at Burgers and Brew restaurant during the Christmas season. Seeing that some members of the youth group no longer reside in Sacramento, this reunion gave old friends the opportunity to reflect on happy memories while also creating new ones over food and fellowship.

- Submitted by Dina Brown



News

Parkview Goes to the Music Circus

Join your Parkview friends at the Music Circus performance of *West Side Story*

- Thursday, July 17, 2025
- 1:30 pm matinee



For more information, contact any of the PPW Activities Committee members:

- Lori Hart (lori.f.hart@gmail.com)
- Cathy Nishizaki (cathyjnish@gmail.com)
- Carol Sakai (hawaiianlcs@gmail.com).

A limited number of tickets available. Tickets are \$69 payable to Parkview Presbyterian Women (PPW) with notation "Music Circus." Payment is due by May 18, 2025 to Treasurer Betsy Eskridge. Dinner to follow the performance at Sellands on Broadway.

Thank you to Victor and Sherri Yee for arranging group discount tickets with great seats for Parkview. Victor and Sherri have coordinated and supported this event with the PPW Activities Committee for many years. We appreciate all they do for Parkview. See you at the Music Circus!

- Submitted by Carol, Cathy, & Lori
PPW Activities Committee

Parkview Supports Public Educational Fund

Parkview has supported the recommendation to create a public education fund so that people can learn about the stories, experiences, humanity, and harm from slavery, Jim Crow exclusion, and decades of racial discrimination that have caused racial disparities today. Our Parkview family knows well the lasting damage racial prejudice can cause. Education is the key to healing and reconciliation. Go to <https://parkviewpc.org/2025/03/01/parkview-supports-the-black-reparations-public-education-fund/> to read Donna Komure-Toyama's public statement.



Black Reparations Public Education Fund

Open Sundays in 2025 Altar Flower Calendar

There are still some Sundays available in the 2025 calendar: June 1, July 13, August 31, September 28, and November 2. Please contact Judy Yee at judyfyee@yahoo.com with your date request or for more information.



Help Immigrants Through Organizing

NorCal Resist is looking for volunteers in Sacramento and other counties to show up in solidarity for local asylum seekers and refugees. The next online training meeting takes place on March 24. Go to <https://www.norcalresist.org/> to learn more about NorCal Resist and to attend the training.



- Submitted by Kishwer Vikaas

Ahoy! Mariners' Invitation to All

Parkview Mariners sends an "open to all" invitation to join in and participate in all Mariners events. Save the date for the Mariners annual traditional Hot Dog and Movie Night on Saturday, September 20, 2025, with monetary donations provided to local nonprofits serving vulnerable populations. Movie night 2024 raised \$1355 for the unhoused! Kudos to Jonathan Sakakibara and Titus Toyama for their years of technical assistance, planning and support of this family fun event. Watch for upcoming day trips to State parks and historical sites. Thanks to Gary and Diane Younglove for coordinating our fascinating fun-filled day trips.

We welcome all to participate in upcoming Mariners fellowship and community service events. For more information contact Rick and Irene Uno, Mariners Skippers.

- Welcome on board, Parkview Mariners



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 5: Ash Wednesday. Start wearing your “Resilient Hope” bracelet. See [page 1](#) for more information.

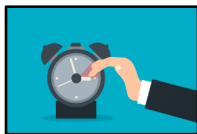
Mar 5: Worship Team Meeting. 4:30 pm via Zoom.

Mar 8: Full Plates, Full Hearts Luau Dinner.

This is a reminder for those of you have signed up for the SSIP fundraiser at St. Anthony Parish Memorial Center, 660 Florin Rd. Festivities begin at 4:30 pm. [Click here](#) to read the most recent issue of the SSIP Food Closet and learn about Parkview’s Alliance with the Food Closet.



Mar 9: Daylight Saving Time. Starts at 2 am. Turn your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed!



Mar 9: Worship Service. 10 am.
Worship Leader: Sue Goodwin
Japanese Reader: Miko Kumagai
Pianist: Nancy Arata-Fong
YES: Jana Nakase-Lee, Lynn Yamamoto
Online Moderator/Greeter: Lois Van Beers
Sound System: Cathy Nishizaki
Parking Barriers (Sat): Titus Toyama
Parking: Russ Hart
Ushers: Betsy Eskridge, Judy Fukuman
Greeters: Carla Hart, Lynn Yamamoto
Altar Flowers: Tak & Judy Fukuman

Mar 11: Gentle Yoga. 10 am in the social hall.

Mar 11: Weekly Bible Study. 6 pm via Zoom.

Mar 12: Choir Practice. 7 pm in the social hall.

Mar 13: Vinyasa Practice. 6 pm in the social hall.

Mar 16: Worship Service. 10 am.
Worship Leader: Betsy Eskridge
Japanese Reader: Mieko Davis
Pianist: Nancy Arata-Fong
Online Moderator/Greeter: Aki Kumagai
Sound System: Jonathan Sakakibara
Parking Barriers (Sat): Dave McGill
Parking: Dave McGill
Ushers: Donna Komure-Toyama, Irene Uno
Greeters: Luyan Tang, Miyo Uchida
Altar Flowers: Ian & Mieko Davis
Coffee Time: Mieko Davis, Luda Wright, Diane Younglove

Mar 17: PPC Legacy Meeting. 7 pm via Zoom.

Mar 18: Gentle Yoga. 10 am in the social hall.

Mar 18: Weekly Bible Study. 6 pm via Zoom.

Mar 19: Choir Practice. 7 pm in the social hall.

Mar 20: Vinyasa Practice. 6 pm in the social hall.

Mar 20: Mr. Rogers Day. Wear a cardigan!

Mar 23: Worship Service. 10 am.
Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. Kim Nelson
Worship Leader: Steve Hanway
Japanese Reader: Michael Wright
Pianist: Nancy Arata-Fong
YES: Julie Chew, Cathy Nishizaki
Online Moderator/Greeter: Judy Yee
Sound System: Liam Wright
Parking Barriers (Sat): William Yee
Parking: Phillip Chew
Ushers: Aki Kumagai, Miko Kumagai
Greeters: Jana Nakase-Lee, Diane Younglove
Altar Flowers: Aki & Miko Kumagai

Upcoming Events

Mar 25: Gentle Yoga. 10 am in the social hall.

Mar 25: Weekly Bible Study. 6 pm via Zoom.

Mar 26: Choir Practice. 7 pm in the social hall.

Mar 27: Vinyasa Practice. 6 pm in the social hall.

Mar 30: Worship Service. 10 am.

Worship Leader: Dave McGill

Japanese Reader: Haruko Sakakibara

Pianist: Wade Tambara

Online Moderator/Greeter: Aki Kumagai

Sound System: Titus Toyama

Parking Barriers (Sat): Titus Toyama

Parking: Neil Matsuoka

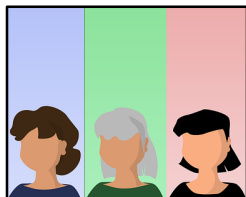
Ushers: Luda Wright, Michael Wright

Greeters: Maurine Huang, Luda Wright

Altar Flowers: Michael & Luda Wright

Mar 30: PPW Officer Installation. After worship service.

See [page 3](#) for more information.



Mar 30: Newsletter Deadline. 5 pm. Email photos and/or articles (350 word max.) to officemanager@parkviewpc.org.

Apr 1: Gentle Yoga. 10 am in the social hall.

Apr 1: Bible Study. 6 pm via Zoom.

Apr 1: Prayer Team Meeting. 7:15 pm via Zoom.

Apr 2: Worship Team Meeting. 4:30 pm via Zoom.

Apr 2: Choir Practice. 7 pm in the social hall.

Apr 3: Vinyasa Practice. 6 pm in the social hall.

Apr 6: Worship Service. 10 am. Communion will be celebrated.

Worship Leader: Judy Fukuman

Japanese Reader: Miyo Uchida

Pianist: Wade Tambara

Communion Elders: Carla Hart, Carol Sakai

YES: Ben Pryor, Kishwer Vikaas

Online Moderator/Greeter: Judy Yee

Sound System: Lois Van Beers

Parking Barriers (Sat): Neil Matsuoka

Parking: Gary Younglove

Ushers: Terri Bowman, Julie Chew

Greeters: Judy Fukuman, Jana Nakase-Lee

Altar Flowers: Miyo Uchida

Apr 8: Gentle Yoga. 10 am in the social hall.

Apr 8: Bible Study. 6 pm via Zoom.

Apr 9: Choir Practice. 7 pm in the social hall.

Apr 10: Vinyasa Practice. 6 pm in the social hall.

Save the Dates!

Apr 13. Palm Sunday. Black Tie Brass performs.

Apr 18. Good Friday.

Apr 20. Easter Sunday. Bring a dish to share at coffee hour. Cake will be provided.

Apr 27. Crop Walk

May 11. Fumi Nakata's 100th Birthday Celebration

May 18. Benefit Concert for Ukraine

June 22. Summerfest has been postponed to June 21, 2026. Details to follow.

July 4. Party/picnic at Parkview.

Jul 17. Music Circus

Sep 25. Hot Dog Movie Night



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.

In Appreciation: Sakura Chorus

In Celebration of Haruko's Birthday: Jonathan & Haruko Sakakibara

In Memory of George Matsuoka: Neil Matsuoka & Kris Sazaki

In Memory of Tom Tambara: Eddie & Yvonne Fong (choir camp tuition fund), Don & Mrs. Muramoto (choir camp tuition fund), Janice Sato (choir camp tuition fund)

In Memory of Joseph Yeh: Simon & Yuling Weh

In Support of the PPC Choir: Dave McGill

Women's History Month
March 1 - 31



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.