



# Chapel Chimes

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Dear Friends,

One of my favorite outings is stopping by the library and selecting books to add to the pile on the table by the living room chair. Kris taught me a Japanese word for the habit of gathering reading materials and letting them pile up in your home without reading them. The term is *tsundoku*, and it also refers to unread books on a bookshelf meant for reading. I certainly practice *tsundoku* at my house! I recently pulled Anne Lamott's book, *Hallelujah Anyway: Rediscovering Mercy* off the bookshelf. Lamott suggests that as we struggle to navigate an increasingly complex world, mercy points the way forward. By embracing mercy, she says, we give our families, our communities, and even ourselves the opportunity to see each other in gentler, more engaging ways. How our traumatized souls and world need a dose of mercy's good medicine right now!

Diving into *Hallelujah Anyway* brought to mind another of Lamott's books called, *Three Essential Prayers: Help, Thanks, Wow*. In this book, Lamott writes,

*We say Wow, when we are almost speechless, but not quite. You can manage, barely, this one syllable. When we are stunned to the place beyond words, we're finally starting to get somewhere. It is so much more comfortable when we know what it all means, what to expect and how it all hangs together. When we are stunned to the place beyond words... when all we can say in response is "Wow," that's a prayer.*

Wows come in all shapes and sizes, like people. There are lowercase wows, like when you go to the grocery store or the farmer's market and the strawberries look red all the way around. And when you get them home they taste so sweet you feel like doing a cartwheel, which, might lead to an ow, not a wow. A wow might be your first sighting of daffodils in spring, or a heron or egret fishing by the riverbank, or the taste of a really good chocolate. Or a pomegranate martini. Then there are the uppercase Wows. Rainbows and fireworks, magenta sunsets that set the sky on fire, and full moons. Soul-tingling symphonies, the Grand Canyon, Niagara Falls, Mount Fuji. Nature's beauty is often the source of wows for us. Lamott continues, "When all is said and done, spring is the main reason for Wow. Spring is crazy, being all hope and beauty and glory. Spring is the

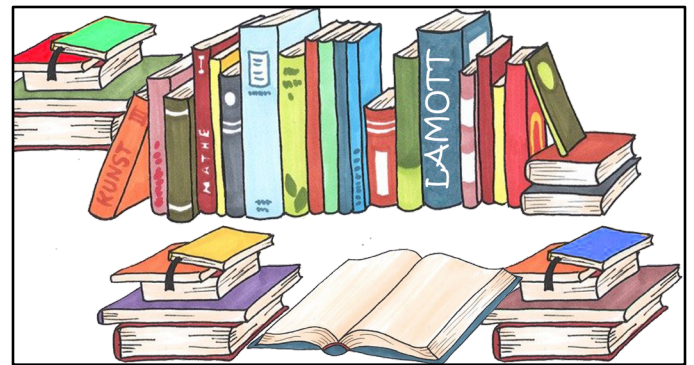
resurrection. Buds opening, mud and cutting winds, bright green grass and blue skies, nests full of baby birds. All of these are deserving of Wow."

Maybe it's because spring has come in fits and starts this year—one day it's in the 80s, two days later it barely reaches 60, but I've been on the lookout for signs of spring since March. It was Henry Van Dyke who observed in *Fisherman's Luck* that "the first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another." Mark Twain razed New Englanders when he noted that during their "spring [he had] counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of twenty-four hours." However it comes, or whenever, there's no argument about the Wow of Springtime.

Walking outside accompanied by a warm wind as the light fades later each day, seeing roses burst into bloom along a sidewalk, hearing owls and mourning doves in the twilight, all these bring a Wow of gratitude to my heart. What's causing you to say 'Wow' these days? Looking for 'Wows' becomes a spiritual practice in times like these, when so much of what we hear and see in the news is cause for woe, not 'Wow'.

May God bless us with the joy of Jesus' presence with us always, for He is risen from the grave and bringing God's grace and peace to earth—He's the best Wow of all!

- Pastor Sarah



# News

## April Report from Session

The April 16, 2025 meeting of the Session was held via Zoom. The following matters were reported, voted upon, and/or discussed:

- Financial audit for 2024 will be conducted by Steve Hanway and Irene Uno.
- Welcome brochure for visitors to Parkview has been completed. Thanks to Jana Nakase-Lee and Kris Sazaki.
- Painting of parking lot lines and numbers has been completed. Thanks to Phillip Chew, Russ Hart, Dave McGill, Jonathan Sakakibara, and Gary Younglove.
- Use of Parkview facilities for music lessons: insurance will be checked and discussion will continue.
- Financial help for Parkview attendee needing bike repairs: Thanks to Phillip Chew for overseeing and paying for the repairs.



Submitted by: Terri Bowman, Clerk of Session  
Session members: Jody Brown, Judy Fukuman,  
Donna Komure-Toyama, Aki Kumagai,  
Jana Nakase-Lee, Gary Younglove

## Thanks to Our Double Century Bike Helper

The Session would like to express its heartfelt gratitude to Phillip Chew. Phillip has ridden at least 200 miles in bicycle races, so he knows the value of a good bicycle. It comes as no surprise that Phillip was the one who arranged and paid for extensive repairs for one of our worshipers. Here's to keeping everyone in good transportation mode.



### Financial Report as of April 30, 2025:

	April	Total Yr 2025
Income:	\$10,582.63	\$77,012.32
Expenses:	\$17,559.25	\$67,918.94
Difference:		\$9,093.38

## Memorial Candle Lighting is May 25

This year's memorial candle lighting ceremony will take place on Sunday, May 25, during worship service. We will remember those who have passed away since last Memorial Day. Please let us know if you would like to honor someone. Email [officemanager@parkviewpc.org](mailto:officemanager@parkviewpc.org) by May 19 with the following information:

- name(s) of beloved one(s) to be honored
- your relationship to them
- who will light the candle



## Join the Pride March this Year!

The Pride March takes place on June 15, and by popular request we will be ordering special T shirts. You do not have to buy one to be in the parade. You can buy one even if you cannot be in the parade but want to show your support and God's love for LGBTQ+ persons. [Click here](#) to access the order form. Order forms are due by Sunday, May 18.



Odori (dance) practices will be held after worship service on May 25, June 1, and June 8. We will also post a video tutorial for anyone who wants to practice at home. We would love many participants for Parkview's entry! People really appreciate seeing a church celebrate the LGBTQ+ community. 😊

Also new this year, we will cool off and lunch together back at church after we have reached the finish line! (It is fine if you need to stop walking earlier in the route—health and safety first.)

We are seeking the following:

- Dancers (even if you haven't practiced!)
- Two people to carry Parkview's banner
- At least one person to pull the music wagon
- One person a drinks/umbrella wagon
- Walkers to wave to the crowd.

Strollers are welcome! Give us a heads up and we will get a balloon. We can provide wheelchairs pushers, if you need one.

Please contact Jana Nakase-Lee ([jana\\_lab@yahoo.com](mailto:jana_lab@yahoo.com)) and let her know how you would like to participate.

# News

## New Parking Security Measures in Place

You might notice if you come to church during the week that we now have a delineator post in front of each parking space. When you park, you need to move/replace the signpost before/after entering the space. Note: never park in #5, #8, or #9 during the week. Those spaces are rented out. Please inform the office manager in advance if you want to park at the church during the week so we can make sure there is room for you. Many thanks to the Mariners for underwriting the posts and permanent signs!



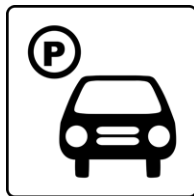
## Parking Lot Painted!

After many many years of fading paint, our group of stalwart painters repainted the lines and numbers in our parking lot. It's so much easier to park now!! Many thanks to Phillip Chew, Russ Hart, Dave McGill, Jonathan Sakakibara and Gary Younglove. You can even see the paint in the photo above!

## Volunteer Spotlight: Parking Lot Barriers Team

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

Keeping our parking spaces available for our Sunday worshipers has been a big challenge. One thing we did was to have a team of guys come out on Saturdays to rope off our parking lot. With the new parking posts in place, we no longer need to rope off the area. We owe our gratitude to this Saturday team. Thanks so much to Russ Hart, Neil Matsuoka, Dave McGill, Jonathan Sakakibara, Titus Toyama, and William Yee.



## SSIP's Response Plan in Changing Times

With a steady increase in clients and the anticipation of funding cuts, SSIP (South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership) is implementing a response plan to keep wholesome food on the tables of our neighbors in need. Since March, the Food Closet has been taking in around eight new households each day. Even so, we remain open five mornings a week, and everyone is welcome. However, our clients will begin receiving one full allotment of food per week instead of two, with larger families receiving more food. A bag of USDA food will remain available 5 days/week. We plan to increase the food purchase budget by at least 50% to maintain a full allotment of food between 25-30 pounds.

To meet the growing needs of our community, the Food Closet hired Volunteer Coordinator Corinna Herrera and Operations Manager Joseph Drew. We look forward to their leadership in the important work of SSIP, which has been a heavily volunteer-run leadership model since its beginning more than 55 years ago. The rapid expansion of our mission required additional staff to sustain steady daily distribution. As in the past, when faced with challenges, SSIP finds the opportunity to reinvent itself during difficult times and come out of it much stronger and better. This time is no different.

Thanks to an incredible turnout, the generosity of donors, and the enthusiastic team of volunteers who made it happen, the Food Closet's annual fundraiser, Full Plates/Full Hearts, was a huge success. Over \$90,000 net (and growing) was raised for the ongoing mission of the South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership!

We welcome volunteers! A shift at the Food Closet is 8:30-11:30 am, Monday through Friday. Email [volunteers@SSIPfoodcloset.org](mailto:volunteers@SSIPfoodcloset.org) or call 916.428.5290 and let Corinna know of your preferred dates.

As always, thank you for your support, including your continuing donations of grocery bags (paper & plastic), egg cartons, medium-sized boxes, and rubber bands. These help offset supply costs. View our March newsletter at [SSIPfoodcloset.org](http://SSIPfoodcloset.org). Questions or comments...feel free to contact us!



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SSIP Board of Directors



# News

## Parkview Raises \$\$ to End Hunger

Eleven walkers and 29 online donors raised \$2,315 for our annual Church World Service CROP Walk, while another twelve donors raised \$2,485 by check and cash, for a total of \$4,800! PPW Circle 3 provided delicious refreshments for the walkers. Twenty-five percent of the total, \$1,200, will go to help support South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership. Thanks to a great team for contributing significantly to hunger relief, both locally and around the world. Go to <https://parkviewpc.org/2025/05/01/parkview-walks-to-end-hunger/> to view the slideshow.

- Submitted by Maurine Huang  
Parkview CROP Coordinator

## Congratulations, Rola!

Presbyterian Church U.S.A. has published a great podcast on Iama Embodied Ministries, Rev. Rola's new worshipping community. [Click here](#) to read more about it and to access the podcasts. In addition, you have three opportunities during the week right here at Parkview to experience this new worshipping community. Go to the Parkview website and click on Ministries tab.



## 100 Club to Welcome Two New Members!

This May, Fumi Nakata (right) will turn 100, while Kenny Okawara (camera shy) will turn 100 in June. Here's a toast to these two, who have enriched our Parkview community for many, many, many years! *Photo courtesy of Marilyn Champa.*



## Open Sundays in 2025 Altar Flower Calendar

There are still a few Sundays available in the 2025 calendar: June 1, July 13, and August 31. Please contact Judy Yee at [judyfye@yahoo.com](mailto:judyfye@yahoo.com) with your date request or for more information.



## Support Our Public Library!

In light of possible federal cuts, the library asks for everyone's support, and it doesn't cost a dime. First, get a library card, and, second, sign up for this newsletter: <https://www.saclibrary.org/Contact-Us/Newsletters>. You're sure to find some free and fun event.



## Parkview Raises Money for PC (USA) Programs

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. This year we raised \$ 1,415. Thank you to all who donated to this cause.



## 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](mailto:lori.f.hart@gmail.com))
- Cathy Nishizaki ([cathyjnish@gmail.com](mailto:cathyjnish@gmail.com))
- Carol Sakai ([hawaiianlcs@gmail.com](mailto: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

# 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/>.

## May is AANHPI Heritage Month

Let's celebrate all the contributions to American society and culture by Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders.



### May 11: Worship Service. 10 am.

Worship Leader: Titus Toyama  
Japanese Reader: Michael Wright  
Pianist: Nancy Arata-Fong  
YES: Jana Nakase-Lee, Lynn Yamamoto  
Online Moderator/Greeter: Lori Hart  
Sound System: Liam Wright  
Parking: Russ Hart  
Ushers: Judy Fukuman, Tak Fukuman  
Greeters: Judy Fukuman, Maurine Huang  
Altar Flowers: Steve & Barbie (Matsuoka)  
Fujinaka

### May 11: Fumi Nakata Birthday Celebration.

After worship service.  
Help Fumi celebrate 100 revolutions around the sun!



### May 12: Embodied Listening. 6:30 pm in the social hall.

### May 13: Gentle Yoga. 10 am in the social hall.

### May 13: Weekly Bible Study. Via Zoom.

### May 14: Choir Practice. 7 pm in the social hall.

### May 15: Session Meeting. 5:30 pm in the pastor's office.

### May 15: Hatha-Vinyasa Practice. 6 pm in the social hall.

### May 18: Worship Service. 10 am.

Worship Leader: Christine Umeda  
Japanese Reader: Aki Kumagai  
Pianist: Wade Tambara  
Online Moderator/Greeter: Aki Kumagai  
Sound System: Dave McGill  
Parking: Jack Nordman  
Ushers: Cathy Nishizaki, Lynn Yamamoto  
Greeters: Miyo Uchida, Diane Younglove  
Altar Flowers: Stan & Christine Umeda

### May 18: Ukraine Benefit Concert. 11:20 am.

The concert takes place in the sanctuary. Please see attached flyer.



### May 18: Coffee Time.

Enjoy fellowship in the social hall after the Ukraine Benefit concert.



### May 19: Deadline for Candle Lighting Names. See [page 2](#).

### May 19: Embodied Listening. 6:30 pm in the social hall.

### May 19: PPC Legacy Meeting. 7 pm via Zoom.

### May 20: Gentle Yoga. 10 am in the social hall.

### May 20: Weekly Bible Study. 6 pm via Zoom.

### May 21: Choir Practice. 7 pm in the social hall.

# Upcoming Events

**May 22: Hatha-Vinyasa Practice.** 6 pm in the social hall.

**May 25: Worship Service.** 10 am.  
Guest Pastor: Rev. Karen Sapio  
Worship Leader: Jonathan Sakakibara  
Japanese Reader: Miyo Uchida  
Pianist: Wade Tambara  
YES: Julie Chew, Cathy Nishizaki  
Online Moderator/Greeter: Judy Yee  
Sound System: Dave McGill  
Parking: Phillip Chew  
Ushers: Aki Kumagai, Miko Kumagai  
Greeters: Ian Davis, Miekko Davis  
Altar Flowers: Titus & Donna (Komure) Toyama

**May 25: Memorial Candle Lighting.**  
During worship service. See [page 2](#).



**May 25: Newsletter Deadline.** 5 pm. Email photos and/or articles (350 word max.) to [officemanager@parkviewpc.org](mailto:officemanager@parkviewpc.org).

**May 26: Embodied Listening.** 6:30 pm in the social hall.

**May 27: Gentle Yoga.** 10 am in the social hall.

**May 27: No Bible Study.** Bible Study returns June 3.

**May 28: Choir Practice.** 7 pm in the social hall.

**May 29: Hatha-Vinyasa Practice.** 6 pm in the social hall.

**Jun 1: Worship Service.** 10 am. Communion will be celebrated.

Worship Leader: Betsy Eskridge  
Japanese Reader: Miyo Uchida  
Pianist: Wade Tambara  
YES: Ben Pryor, Kishwer Vikaas  
Online Moderator/Greeter: Judy Yee  
Sound System: Cathy Nishizaki  
Parking: Dave McGill  
Ushers: Terri Bowman, Julie Chew  
Greeters: Maurine Huang, Miyo Uchida  
Altar Flowers: TBD

**Jun 3: Gentle Yoga.** 10 am in the social hall.

**Jun 3: Bible Study.** 6 pm via Zoom.

**Jun 3: Prayer Team Meeting.** 7:15 pm via Zoom.

**Jun 4: Choir Practice.** 7 pm in the social hall.

**Jun 5: Session Meeting.** 5:30 pm in the pastor's office.

**Jun 5: Hatha-Vinyasa Practice.** 6 pm in the social hall.

**Jun 8: Luis Espinoza Reza Baptism.** 2 pm. This will be a baptism by immersion and Lois and Betsy's swimming pool.

## Save the Dates!

**June 14.** Pride Run/Walk (5K/3K)

**June 15.** Pride March.

**June 22.** Mental Health Self-Care Presentation by Ajna Glisic. 11:45 am.

**July 4.** Party/picnic at Parkview

**Jul 17.** Music Circus. See [page 4](#).

**Sep 20.** Hot Dog Movie Night



# Thank You for Your Support

## Thank You for Your Support!

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](mailto:officemanager@parkviewpc.org) with any questions.

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**In Memory of William K. Brown & Sandra Brown Yakel:** Jody Brown

**In Memory of Tomiyo Ishizaki:** Tomiyo Ishizaki Family, May O. Lee, Neil Matsuoka & Kris Sazaki, Bill & Linda Nagata, Fumi Nakata, Ken Okawara, Titus & Donna (Komure) Toyama, Gary & Lisa (Okawara) Yuki, Wade Tambara

**In Memory of George G. Muramoto, Nettie F. Muramoto & Joan Shiraki:** Gene Muramoto

**In Memory of Tom Tambara:** David & Nancy (Arata) Fong (Parkview Choir Camp Tuition Fund), Wade Tambara (Parkview Choir Camp Tuition Fund), Cary Ouye Yamanaka, Ray Yamasaki Family (PA System Maintenance)

**In Memory of Danny Umeda:** Cathy Nishizaki

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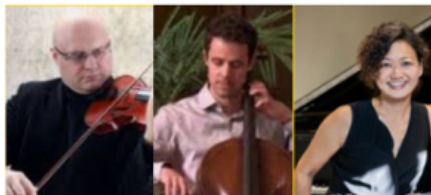
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**FOR UKRAINIAN CHILDREN**  
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**SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025**

**AT PARKVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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