



Chapel Chimes

727 T Street, Sacramento, CA • July/August 2025

Dear Friends,

In January 2015 I traveled to Israel with a group of pastors from Richmond, VA and Jacksonville, FL. One of the clergywomen in the group was Rev. Susan Rogers, who founded an inclusive Christian church in Florida in 2011 called The Well at Springfield. The Well began when a small group of people gathered to create an authentic spiritual community rooted in the life-giving, love-centered way of Jesus. The Well is committed to re-imagining new ways of being a church and making space for those who've been told they don't belong.

During worship at The Well in March 2025, church member Lauren Husband shared an ethic of love that helps her put into practice Jesus' command to love our neighbors as ourselves. With her permission, Lauren's message was published as a church blog post. Lauren wrote, "The 'ethic of love' is a moral framework rooted in the belief that love is not merely an emotion, but a deliberate, active commitment to the dignity, wholeness, and flourishing of every person." Then she listed a few principles that are key components of the Ethic of Love:

1. Seeing the Whole Person:

Rejecting reductionist labels, ("poor," "homeless," "addict") and recognizing the multifaceted humanity in everyone: their struggles, strengths, histories, and inherent worth.

2. Action Over Sentiment:

Love as a verb, not a noun. It requires intentional acts of justice, empathy, and solidarity—especially when it's inconvenient or uncomfortable. Example: Advocating for policies like affordable childcare or living wages, not just offering charity.

3. Dismantling Systems of Harm:

Addressing root causes of suffering (racism, sexism, economic exploitation) rather than treating symptoms. This is urgent for marginalized groups, such as immigrants or women living in poverty,

who face systemic erasure. Society often reduces them to their struggles, ignoring their agency, creativity, and contributions. Love becomes a tool for systemic change. Example: Fighting for housing equity so people aren't forced to choose between rent and groceries.

According to Scripture in Leviticus 24:22, everyone, citizen and immigrant, deserves to be treated with fairness: "There shall be one standard for you; it shall be for the foreigner as well as the native, for I am the Lord your God." As immigrants in our country face dehumanizing discrimination and a government-sponsored plan to disappear them, Lauren Husband's ethic of love, based on God's command to care for the vulnerable in our midst, provides specific things we can do to put our faith into action to benefit others.

- **Listen deeply** to those society silences.
- **Leverage privilege** to amplify marginalized voices.
- **Build systems** that reflect care, not control. As Husband notes, "It's not about perfection, but persistence—a lifelong practice of choosing humanity over indifference, again and again."



Amen! Parkview Church family, with God's help, let's reaffirm our commitment to love fiercely and work for justice. Every. Single. Day.

- Pastor Sarah

News

June Report from Session

The June 5, 2025, meeting of the Session was held at Parkview. The following matters were reported, voted upon, and/or discussed:



- 2025 Budgeted Mission Giving recipients are SSIP (\$6,000), Intercultural Mosaics Young Adult Ministry (\$3,000), and Heal Palestine (\$3,000). \$3,000 is still unallocated.
- Jana will chair a fundraiser for additional monies for Gaza humanitarian aid.
- The Ukraine fundraiser concert on May 18 raised \$12,226, which will be sent by wire this week.
- After Louis Reza's baptism on June 8, light refreshments will be served to celebrate and to wish him well on his move to So. Cal.
- The Pride March is after worship on June 15. This year Parkview has t-shirts, designed by Kris Sazaki, and participants will fellowship over lunch back at church after finishing the parade. Parkview's pride flag will be hung on the front gate.
- Coffee hour on June 22 will be followed with a presentation by Sacramento County Mental Health worker Aina Glisic.
- Rev. Sarah will be in VA June 23-July 2. Jacquelyn Sneed, a Bethany Presbyterian elder, will give the message on Sunday, June 29.
- For Parkview's July 4th party, Judy will coordinate the event and potluck dinner, Donna will collect money for and purchase fireworks, and Ben Pryor and Kishwer Vikaas will organize games and activities for youth.
- During July 20th's coffee hour, Paul Hironaka will give a presentation about a Manzanar baseball event and the need for donations to expand renovations for the baseball field.
- Jacquelyn Sneed will bring the presentation "kNOw Opioids" to Parkview for youth and interested adults after a church service in the fall, date to be determined.
- Ratified the vote taken via email to have Donna write letters indicating Parkview's support of: Senate Bill 437 (directs the California State University system to establish a system for verifying the descendants of enslaved individuals and to implement a verification process), Senate Bill 518 (establishes a Bureau for Descendants of American Slavery within the California Department of Justice and requires the Bureau to

determine how an individual's status as a descendant would be confirmed), AB 57 (using existing law for low- and moderate-income homebuyers to allocate 10% of the funding for this program to provide home loans for descendants of slavery), and AB 62 (recognizes that eminent domain had been inappropriately used to take private property that disproportionately displaced and fractured African American communities and the bill seeks to assist victims by providing greater pathways for redress, whether through the return of property or equitable compensation.)

- Jana presented possible action and educational endeavors for Parkview to do in support of Palestine. She and others will meet with Rev. Sarah next week to make plans.

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

Volunteer Spotlight: Christine Umeda

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

Besides serving as worship leader, communion elder, and on the coffee time team, Christine has been the force behind the PPC Legacy Project. She has worked diligently to help preserve Parkview's legacy. Thanks, Christine, for all your hard work.



Financial Report as of June 30, 2025:

	June	Total Yr 2025
Income:	\$12,987.31	\$104,022.72
Expenses:	\$24,301.34	\$108,384.30
Difference:		(\$4,361.58)

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PPC Legacy: Our First Recorded Minutes

The PPC Legacy Team has been working to preserve our history. One way to accomplish this is to upload interesting and valuable information to our website, thereby making Parkview's history accessible to all.



Have you ever seen Parkview's first Session minutes from February 3, 1920? The first page is below. As wonderful as it is to have digital summaries of our current Session minutes (see [page 2](#)) published every month in the newsletter, seeing these handwritten Session minutes really brings that specific timeframe into greater focus.

You can find both document pages on the Legacy page of our website: <https://parkviewpc.org/ppc-legacy-project/>. If you would like to help preserve Parkview's legacy, email Christine at cfumeda@me.com.

Learn about the Manzanar Baseball Project

Please join us on July 20 at 11:45 am when our guest speaker, Paul Hironaka, will give a presentation on the "Manzanar Baseball Project," which is bringing baseball back to the fully restored baseball field at Manzanar Incarceration Camp. Baseball played a very important part of "camp life" at all ten incarceration camps for many of the people incarcerated during World War II. Japanese Americans were playing baseball in their own leagues for many years prior to being incarcerated in 1942.

This coming October, there will be two baseball games played on this very special field by teams comprised of Japanese American baseball players.

In addition to Paul's informational presentation, the film "Day of Independence" by Tim Toyama will be shown as well as a short newsclip of NBC News's Emelie Ikeda's national report on the Manzanar Baseball Project.

Paul Hironaka has been a baseball umpire at the high school level in Sacramento for 28 years with six years of community college baseball and the Florin Athletic Club for twenty years. Paul umpired at the "soft opening" baseball games at Manzanar last October.

- Submitted by Judy Fukuman

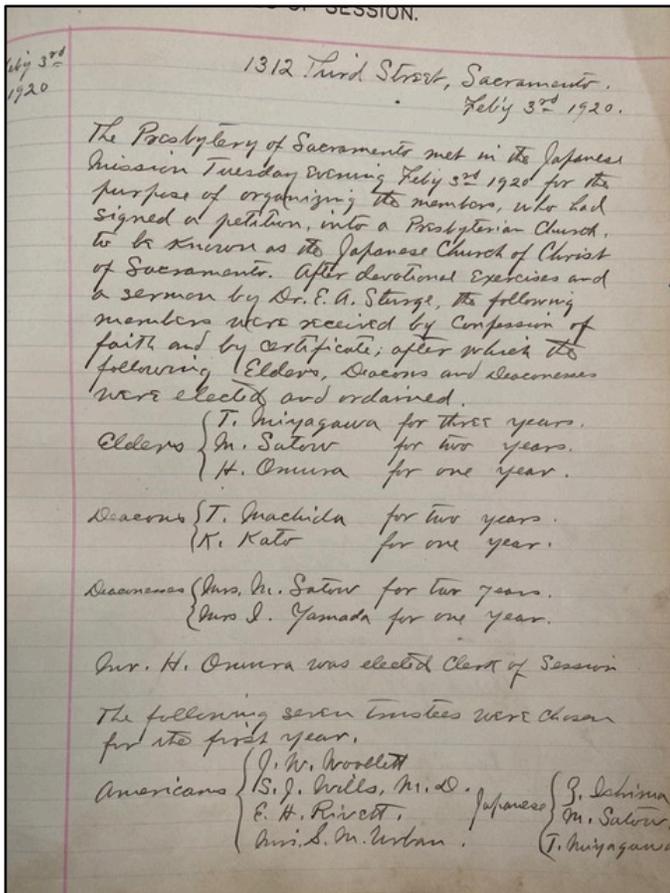


Photo by Ansel Adams

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Statement on Support for the People of Palestine

On June 17, Pastor Sarah and the Session issued a public statement on the church's support for the people of Palestine. Here is the complete statement:



Jesus Christ calls all of us to see our neighbors through His eyes and to act boldly and compassionately. We are commanded to serve those who are marginalized or in need — people who are hungry, thirsty, naked, sick, imprisoned, strangers, poor or oppressed in other ways. (Matthew 25:31-48) Parkview Presbyterian Church prays for peace and condemns violence against and killings of people of any ethnicity or faith. Parkview stands with Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and calls for:

- an immediate ceasefire and end to the siege and blockade of Gaza;
- the immediate entry of food, water, medical, and other humanitarian aid provided by previous successful international aid distributors;
- an end to our US tax dollars paying for Israel's weapons that are killing innocent children and people in Palestine;
- an end to the distortion of biblical passages to justify the unlawful seizure of land from Palestinians since 1947.

We emphasize that while we criticize current Israeli governmental policies, Parkview genuinely supports the Jewish people and Judaism. Along with Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Parkview affirms the right of Israel to exist as a sovereign nation within internationally recognized borders, as well as the right of Palestine to exist as a neighboring, independent sovereign nation as a means to establish a just and lasting peace.

Please join us as we present opportunities for advocacy and education. If you would like more information on Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s stances, here are a few links to start:

- PC (U.S.A.)'s distillation of Palestine, Israel and PC (U.S.A.) <https://pcusa.org/resource/israel-palestine-and-church-usa>
- Policies on Israel/Palestine approved by PC (U.S.A.) General Assembly: <https://tbejpn.org/pcusaga>
- PC (U.S.A.)'s Palestine Justice Network has many partners, including Jewish Voices for Peace, and resources for reading and videos. Here is one

resource with information that distinguishes between the state of Israel, Zionism, Jews and Judaism. <https://tbejpn.org/blog/2019/3/11/on-antisemitism>

To begin our advocacy for peace for Palestine, Parkview's governing Session voted at its June 2025 meeting to allocate \$3,000 of Parkview's mission giving funds to Heal Palestine. One of Heal Palestine's services is providing trauma-focused mental health care. Heal Palestine was founded in January 2024 by Steve Sosebee, who previously founded and led Palestine Children's Relief Fund, one of Parkview's mission giving recipients in 2024.

In solidarity and hope,
Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave, Pastor
Jana Nakase-Lee, Member, Parkview Session

Parkview Holds Write-In in Support of Palestine

On July 6, parishioners gathered after worship to craft letters to their senators and members of congress. They were also supplied with email templates to send awareness letters to their friends and family. You, too, can write letters of support for humanitarian aid for Palestine. [Click here](#) to access contact information and email/letter templates.

Look for information on more action days in future weekly emails. Any questions can be sent to Jana Nakase-Lee (jnakaselee@gmail.com).



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Ukraine Summer Camps Update

Pastor Igor Bilorus recently sent a photo of some of the summer campers and added his sincere gratitude for everyone's support of this much-needed respite for children who have lost their parents to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, a sovereign nation.



Aloha Sundays Begin August 3!

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.

Aloha Potluck is August 24!

Please stay after worship service on August 24 to enjoy special Aloha fellowship. You are invited to bring a dish to share. Please contact Pastor Sarah if you can help set up and clean up.



Help Find the Lee Children

As many of you already know, Judy Fukuman's grandniece, Angelica Bravo, was murdered last year. Her children, Athena and Mateo Lee, are still missing. If you can take the attached poster and post it, we would be grateful. Please pray for the safe return of these children to their family. Thank you.



Blessing of the Hands Takes Place August 31

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." During worship on Sunday, August 31, everyone is invited to have their hands blessed, as we seek to serve God in all the tasks of our lives.



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Teachers & Pianists Honored on June 22

On June 22, worshipers gathered during worship service to honor our pianists and YES teachers. Every worship service is enhanced by the beautiful accompaniment of the pianists, and we are grateful to them:

Nancy Arata-Fong
Janet Hill
Haruko Sakakibara
Wade Tambara

The YES (Youth Enrichment Session) teachers spend the school year creating and carrying out lessons and activities for our young ones, augmenting their church experience. They also now offer Keiki (toddlers and younger) help. We are blessed to have their dedication:

Jana Nakase-Lee (team leader)
Julie Chew
Cathy Nishizaki
Ben Pryor
Kishwer Vikaas
Lynn Yamamoto



Sacramento Premiere of JACL Film is July 26

Parkview members and friends are invited to the Sacramento premiere of the powerful documentary film, "League of Dreams – A JACL Civil Rights Story," on Saturday, July 26, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm at the California Museum.

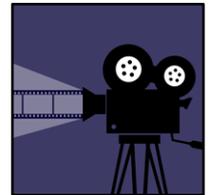


This inspiring film chronicles the 95-year journey of the Japanese American Citizens League, the nation's oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization. Through personal stories and historic milestones, the film highlights the organization's tireless fight for justice, equity, and civil rights in America. [Click here](#) for more information and to purchase tickets for the event. Tickets are \$20 each.

- Submitted by Titus Toyama

Movie Event to Benefit SSIP Food Closet

Come one and all to Parkview on Saturday, September 27, at 4 pm for the annual Mariners Hot Dog Movie Event. Join in the fun, fellowship, food, and a movie while supporting the South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership's mission of providing compassionate services and food distribution for our community. Your monetary donations to SSIP will make a difference in the lives of many families. Titus Toyama chose the award winning movie, *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*, as our family movie pick. Chefs Richard Uno and Jonathan Sakakibara will be cooking the hot dogs. We invite you to bring your favorite food to share. See you at the movies!



- Submitted by Carol Sakai

Church World Service 2025 CROP Walk Update

We received an updated report from Church World Service on our recent Crop Walk participation. CWS reported that we raised \$2,315 online and an addition \$2,710 by check for a grand total of \$5,025. This will go to help Church World Service conduct its lifesaving work around the world. Of this amount, \$1,256.25 will support the work of South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership (SSIP). Congratulations, Parkview!



- Submitted by Maurine Huang

News

Thank You Notes from Our Centenarians!

From Fumi Nakata



From Ken Okawara

Dear Parkview Church,

Thank you so much for thinking of me on my 100th birthday. I appreciate the lovely card and all the kind birthday wishes. God has truly blessed me with a long life. Thank you again for your kind wishes and your support & friendship throughout these many years.

Sincerely,
Ken Okawara



Ken with his daughters:
(L - R) Linda Saito, Gloria Okawara,
Marcia Ito & Lisa Yuki

♥
FUMI NAKATA

Thank you for celebrating my 100th birthday with me. Celebrating with all of you was one of the most memorable days of my life. With God's grace and with His blessings, I shall enjoy my longevity with gratitude.

Fumi Nakata

Upcoming Events

Worship with Us In Person or Online:

You can access login info for worship services and online meetings as well as worship programs at <https://parkviewpc.org/>.

Now: Look Who's on Summer Break!

The following groups will return in the Fall:
Bible Study
Choir
Session (returns in August)
YES (Youth Enrichment Session)

July 11: Choir Retreat. Thru July 13 at Zephyr Point.



July 13: Worship Service. 10 am.

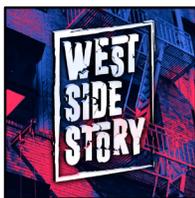
Worship Leader: Jonathan Sakakibara
Japanese Reader: Miko Kumagai
Pianist: Nancy Arata-Fong
Online Moderator/Greeter: Lori Hart
Sound System: Cathy Nishizaki
Parking: Russ Hart
Ushers: Carla Hart, Jack Nordman
Greeters: Carla Hart, Jana Nakase-Lee
Altar Flowers: Steve & Jana (Nakase) Lee

July 14: Embodied Listening. 6:30 pm in the social hall.

June 15: Gentle Yoga. 10 am in the social hall.

July 17: Parkview Goes to the Music Circus

1:30 pm matinee. This is a reminder for the ticket holders.



July 17: Hatha-Vinyasa Practice. 6 pm in the social hall.

July 20: Worship Service. 10 am.

Worship Leader: Donna Komure-Toyama
Japanese Reader: Miko Kumagai
Pianist: Janet Hill
Online Moderator/Greeter: Lois Van Beers
Sound System: Liam Wright
Parking: Tak Fukuman
Ushers: Donna Komure-Toyama, William Yee
Greeters: Sachiko Yoshikawa, Diane Younglove
Altar Flowers: Edwin & Lisa Imura

July 20: Coffee Time.

After worship service.



July 20: Baseball at Manzanar. After coffee time. See [page 3](#).



July 21: Embodied Listening. 6:30 pm in the social hall.

July 21: PPC Legacy Meeting. 7:00 via Zoom.

July 22: Gentle Yoga. 10 am in the social hall.

July 24: Hatha-Vinyasa Practice. 6 pm in the social hall.

July 26: YES Pool Party. This is a reminder for YES students and their families.

Upcoming Events

July 26: “League of Dreams” Film Screening.
1 pm at the California
Museum. See [page 6](#).



July 27: Worship Service. 10 am.
Worship Leader: Haruko Sakakibara
Japanese Reader: Michael Wright
Pianist: Janet Hill
Online Moderator/Greeter: Lois Van Beers
Sound System: Jonathan Sakakibara
Parking: Phillip Chew
Ushers: Aki Kumagai, Miko Kumagai
Greeters: Jack Nordman, Luda Wright
Altar Flowers: Cathy Nishizaki

July 28: Embodied Listening. 6:30 pm in the social
hall.

July 29: Gentle Yoga. 10 am in the social hall.

July 31: Hatha-Vinyasa Practice. 6 pm in the social
hall.

Aug 3: Worship Service. 10 am. Communion will
be celebrated.
Worship Leader: Christine Umeda
Japanese Reader: Haruko Sakakibara
Pianist: Janet Hill
Communion Elders: Donna Komure-
Toyama, Titus Toyama
Online Moderator/Greeter: Lois Van Beers
Sound System: Titus Toyama
Parking: Gary Younglove
Ushers: Terri Bowman, Julie Chew
Greeters: Luyan Tang, Miko Kumagai
Altar Flowers: Betsy Eskridge &
Lois Van Beers

Aug 4: Embodied Listening. 6:30 pm in the social
hall.

Aug 5: Gentle Yoga. 10 am in the social hall.

Aug 5: Prayer Team Meeting. 7:15 pm via Zoom.

Aug 7: Hatha-Vinyasa Practice. 6 pm in the social
hall.

Aug 10: Worship Service. 10 am.
Worship Leader: Jonathan Sakakibara
Japanese Reader: Aki Kumagai
Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara
Online Moderator/Greeter: Lori Hart
Sound System: Lois Van Beers
Parking: Russ Hart
Ushers: Judy Fukuman, Luda Wright
Greeters: Diane Younglove, Gary Younglove
Altar Flowers: William & Judy Yee

Aug 11: Embodied Listening. 6:30 pm in the social
hall.

Aug 12: Gentle Yoga. 10 am in the social hall.

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

Aug 14: Hatha-Vinyasa Practice. 6 pm in the social
hall.

Aug 15: Session Meeting. 5:30 pm. Venue TBD.

Aug 17: Worship Service. 10 am.
Worship Leader: Betsy Eskridge
Japanese Reader: Michael Wright
Pianist: Janet Hill
Online Moderator/Greeter: Aki Kumagai
Sound System: Dave McGill
Parking: Tak Fukuman
Ushers: Donna Komure-Toyama, Irene Uno
Greeters: Maurine Huang, Tia Kilpatrick
Altar Flowers: Dave McGill

Upcoming Events

Aug 18: Embodied Listening. 6:30 pm in the social hall.

Aug 19: Gentle Yoga. 10 am in the social hall.

Aug 21: Hatha-Vinyasa Practice. 6 pm in the social hall.

Aug 24: Worship Service. 10 am.
Worship Leader: Steve Hanway
Japanese Reader: Miko Kumagai
Pianist: Nancy Arata-Fong
Online Moderator/Greeter: Judy Yee
Sound System: Jonathan Sakakibara
Parking: TBD
Ushers: Carla Hart, Jana Nakase-Lee
Greeters: Pattie Hashimoto,
Lynn Yamamoto
Altar Flowers: Jerry & Maurine Huang

Aug 24: Aloha Potluck.
After worship service.
See [page 5](#).



Aug 25: Embodied Listening. 6:30 pm in the social hall.

Aug 26: Gentle Yoga. 10 am in the social hall.

Aug 28: Hatha-Vinyasa Practice. 6 pm in the social hall.

Aug 31: Worship Service. 10 am.
Worship Leader: Jonathan Sakakibara
Japanese Reader: Haruko Sakakibara
Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara
Online Moderator/Greeter: Lori Hart
Sound System: Titus Toyama
Parking: Tak Fukuman

Ushers: Terri Bowman, Julie Chew
Greeters: Ian Davis, Mieko Davis
Altar Flowers: Jerry & Maurine Huang

Aug 31: Blessing of the Hands.
During worship service.
See [page 5](#).



Aug 31: Newsletter Deadline. 5 pm. Email photos and/or articles (350 word max.) to officemanager@parkviewpc.org for inclusion in the September *Chapel Chimes*.

Sep 1: Embodied Listening. 6:30 pm in the social hall.

Sep 2: Gentle Yoga. 10 am in the social hall.

Sep 4: Hatha-Vinyasa Practice. 6 pm in the social hall.

Sep 7: Worship Service. 10 am. Communion will be celebrated.

Worship Leader: Judy Fukuman
Japanese Reader: Mieko Davis
Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara
Online Moderator/Greeter: Lois Van Beers
Sound System: Cathy Nishizaki
Parking: Gary Younglove
Ushers: Luda Wright, Michael Wright
Greeters: Bill Grissom, Herning Grissom
Altar Flowers: Ben Pryor & Kishwer Vikaas

Save the Dates!

Sep 8. YES begins.
Sep 14. Blessing of the Backpacks.
Sep 27. 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 Celebration of Veronica & Greg Gould-Kristian's Wedding: Victor & Sherri Yee

In Celebration of Fumi Nakata's 100th Birthday: Wade Tambara, Stan & Christine Umeda, Victor & Sherri Yee

In Celebration of Ken Okawara's 100th Birthday: Gloria Okawara

In Memory of Their Fathers for Father's Day: Brian & Leah (Fujiwara) Kanegawa

In Memory of George Muramoto: Art & Ann Inouye

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.

\$13,000 Reward

For information leading to the return of
Athena Lee and Mateo Lee.
Missing since **July 8th, 2024**, from Sacramento, CA



Athena Lee
4 1/2 years old

Female, Asian DOB: 7/26/2020
Ht: 3 ft, 2 in Wt: 40 lbs
Hair: Black Eyes: Brown



Mateo Lee
3 years old

Male, Asian DOB: 1/31/2021
Ht: 2 ft, 6 in Wt: 25 lbs
Hair: Black Eyes: Brown



Athena and Mateo may be with their father, **Camron "Majors" Lee (39)**, who fled to Mexico after their mother, Angelica Bravo, was found dead. A homicide warrant has been issued for his arrest. If you have seen him or the children, call Sac PD at the number below.

A private party is offering a **\$13,000 cash reward*** for information leading to the safe return of Athena & Mateo Lee.



Call the Sacramento Police Department
(916) 808-0560

*This reward money is not sponsored by or affiliated with the Sacramento Police Department. All information on the children's whereabouts must be provided to the **Sacramento Police Department Missing Persons Unit** at **(916) 808-0560**.
Terms & Conditions Apply.