



Chapel Chimes

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Dear Friends,

The sky is growing dark earlier lately, and mornings are cooler these early September days. Summer is on the way out, a rather dreary thought during a majorly challenging time in our country and world. Perhaps some 'whatevers' might bring some light to lengthening shadows in our surroundings and hearts. Not 'whatever', the vocal exhale that falls somewhere between 'who cares?' and 'que sera sera.' But 'whatever' as in what Paul tells us to watch for in Philippians 4:8... Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Here's a 'whatever'- A tall man reached a bottle of salad dressing for me from a high grocery shelf . When I exclaimed, "Thanks so much!", he smiled and said, "Glad to help."

Here's another one - "Maiden," a terrific documentary that tells the true story of Tracy Edwards, a 24-year-old cook on charter boats who leads the first all-female crew in the Whitbread Round the World Race, a yachting competition that covers 33,000 miles and lasts nine months, is available to rent for \$3.59 on Prime Video. It's an inspiring film highlighting the thrill of extreme sailing and the tenacity of women. Call a friend who has Prime, invite yourself over, and bring popcorn.

And another - A friend sent me the poem, "Small Kindnesses," by Danusha Laméris, Poet Laureate emeritus of Santa Cruz County, CA, and winner of the Northern California Book Award in Poetry. This poem celebrating minor, automatic graciousness within a community, is a catalog of small encouragements, calling forth the civility we remember having.

Small Kindnesses by Danusha Laméris

I've been thinking about the way, when you walk down a crowded aisle, people pull in their legs to let you by. Or how strangers still say "bless you" when someone sneezes, a leftover from the Bubonic plague.

"Don't die," we are saying.

And sometimes, when you spill lemons from your grocery bag, someone else will help you pick them up. Mostly, we don't want to harm each other.

We want to be handed our cup of coffee hot, and to say thank you to the person handing it.

To smile at them and for them to smile back. For the waitress to call us honey when she sets down the bowl of clam chowder, and for the driver in the red pick-up truck to let us pass.

We have so little of each other, now. So far from tribe and fire.

Only these brief moments of exchange.

What if they are the true dwelling of the holy,

These fleeting temples we make together when we say, "Here, have my seat," "Go ahead — you first,"

"I like your hat."

Let's be on the lookout for 'whatevers.' For experiences of generosity or nature's beauty or music or achievement or kindness or whatever it is that lifts your spirits so you say, "Yay!"

There's a world of hurt out there - an overabundance of cruelty and pain. But there are also countless 'whatevers' to notice and share that fill us with wonder and joy.

Thanks be to God!

- Pastor Sarah



News

August Report from Session

The August 15, 2025, meeting of the Session was held at Parkview. The following actions were voted on via email and were ratified at the August meeting:



- Purchase of new freezer which was purchased in June.
- Approval to show the film, “Israelism,” following worship service on September 7.
- Hosting bike riders (recent graduates of William and Mary College) at Parkview from July 22-23, as they made their cross-country trip to raise funds for cancer support/research.
- Disburse Parkview’s remaining budgeted Mission Giving funds to World Central Kitchen in the amount of \$3,000. Other recipients of the Mission Giving funds are SSIP, Intercultural Mosaics, and HEAL Palestine.
- The Presbytery is seeking proposals for the 2025 Mission Outreach Project with funds available up to \$2,500. Session is seeking ideas.
- Letter writing to elected officials about what is happening in Gaza continues to be needed. Information has been posted in the social hall and another write-in will be held after church service.

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: Stan Umeda

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



Stan may be ninety years young, but he is still creating woodwork for the church. In addition to crafting metal hardware to enhance the pulpit platform, wooden podium risers for the shorter folk, a window for the nursery door, repairing a colorful children's chair, and fortifying the original wooden Japanese Parkview sign, Stan recreated the fence toppers and directed the crew that installed them over the new metal fencing. He also installed a key lock at the back gate, so we no longer have to fumble with the combination lock. Click on the link to read more about the fence beautification: <https://parkviewpc.org/2025/07/31/members-beautify-wrought-iron-fencing/>. Thanks, Stan, for all you are *still* doing for Parkview!

Thanks for the Fireworks!

We had a wonderful and fun fireworks display on July 4 at Parkview. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the fireworks fund. The fireworks were purchased from VFW Post 8985. Many of their members/supporters have come to Parkview in past years to play the ukulele and to dance the hula. We appreciate your donations:



- Julie & Phil Chew
- Judy & Tak Fukuman
- Pattie Hashimoto
- Miko & Aki Kumagai
- Cathy Nishizaki
- Carl Odell
- Haruko & Jonathan Sakakibara
- Donna & Titus Toyama
- Irene & Rick Uno
- Judy & William Yee
- Diane & Gary Younglove

Financial Report as of July 31, 2025:

	July	Total Yr 2025
Income:	\$7,509.82	\$111,532.54
Expenses:	\$21,734.94	\$130,119.24
Difference:		(\$18,586.70)

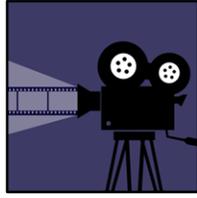
Financial Report as of August 31, 2025:

	August	Total Yr 2025
Income:	\$15,112.63	\$126,645.17
Expenses:	\$12,184.76	\$142,304.00
Difference:		(\$15,658.83)

News

Movie Night Fundraiser for SSIP Food Closet

We hope by now you have heard about the movie night and dinner happening at Parkview on September 27, beginning at 4:00 p.m. While hot dogs will be provided, we ask that you bring a side dish or dessert. This event, sponsored by the Parkview Mariners is a fundraiser for the South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership Food Closet (SSIP), of which Parkview is a partner.

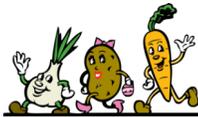


We hope you will come for the food and fellowship but also because your donation will help address an ever-growing need for food in our community. Some facts to keep in mind:

- 32% of the SSIP food recipients are children;
- 33% of the food recipients are seniors; and,
- in July alone, SSIP served 5,866 households or 16,684 individuals.
- SSIP receives the majority of the food it donates from generous grocery partners and the Sacramento Food Bank.
- While SSIP anticipates that in 2026 the number of families and individuals requesting food will increase, unfortunately, funding cuts to the Sacramento Food Bank are also anticipated.

Please join the Parkview Mariners for an evening of food, 2 movies, and fun. Besides a monetary donation, please consider donating small/medium boxes of cereal (O's, flakes, or raisin bran) which the Food Closet can substitute when supplies of bread run low. Hope to see you there!

- Submitted by Irene Uno



Read the SSIP Newsletter

Grounded in mission and fueled by compassion, the SSIP Food Closet is hard at work helping struggling families put food on their tables. Tremendous gratitude to all of the Parkview folks who are making it happen! Read the September newsletter about our latest actions to ensure our neighbors enjoy full plates to nourish their bodies and souls, and to fuel their dreams. <https://www.ssipfoodcloset.org/enewsletters>.



“Israelism” Film Showing set for September 7

Parkview Presbyterian Church is hosting a screening of the film “Israelism” on September 7 at noon for people to gain a better understanding of differing Jewish views of Palestine and the dangerous falsity of equating criticism of the Israeli government and Zionism to “antisemitism.”



The film is appropriate for all ages though may not interest younger children. The film is one hour twenty minutes long, after which members from Jewish Voice for Peace Sacramento will answer audience questions. A light lunch will be served after service to congregants who attended service and are staying to watch “Israelism.”

Parkview Exhibits Aloha at August 24 Potluck

August 2025 has been filled with Aloha at Parkview Church. We’ve worn Aloha shirts and island apparel all month, including colorful leis and beads. Aloha is a way of being: love, peace, concern for others, with a mutual, respectful, understanding. Aloha means living in peace, getting along with the people and land around you. The translation of Aloha from Hawaiian to English is the presence of divine breath.

After worship on August 24, we had our Aloha Sunday celebration! It was a delightful time of delicious food and fun fellowship provided by our hosts Julie Chew, Cathy Nishizaki, and Lynn Yamamoto, along with many others who brought bountiful salads and tasty treats, including Gunther’s ice-cream and freezes to share. Our festive lunch was enhanced by wonderful ukulele music and Hawaiian songs provided by Pattie Hashimoto and Andy, from VFW Post 8985.

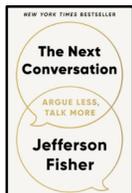


Upcoming Events

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/>.

Sep: **The Next Conversation.** New sermon series starting this month! Deep, and kinda cool convos featuring Jesus, seekers, and others. Includes practical communication strategies to improve your next conversation as well as practical tips on how to argue less and talk more from trial lawyer Jefferson Fisher's latest book.



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

Worship Leader: Judy Fukuman
Japanese Reader: Mieko Davis
Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara
Communion Elders: Terri Bowman,
Maurine Huang
YES: Ben Pryor, Kishwer Vikaas
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

Sep 7: **“Israelism” Film Showing.** Noon in the social hall. See [page 3](#).

Sep 8: **No Embodied Listening.**

Sep 9: **No Gentle Yoga.**

Sep 9: **Bible Study.** 6 pm via Zoom.

Sep 10: **Choir Practice.** 7 pm. in the social hall.

Sep 11: **Session Meeting.** 5:30 pm. in the pastor's office.

Sep 11: **No Hatha-Vinyasa Practice.**

Sep 14: **Worship Service.** 10 am.
Worship Leader: Titus Toyama
Japanese Reader: Haruko Sakakibara
Pianist: Nancy Arata-Fong
YES: Jana Nakase-Lee, Lynn Yamamoto
Online Moderator/Greeter: Lois Van Beers
Sound System: Titus Toyama
Parking: Dave McGill
Ushers: Judy Fukuman, Tak Fukuman
Greeters: Carla Hart, Lynn Yamamoto
Altar Flowers: David & Nancy (Arata) Fong

Sep 14: **Blessing of the Backpacks.** During worship service.



Sep 15: **Embodied Listening.** 6:30 pm in the social hall.

Sep 15: **PPC Legacy Meeting.** 7:00 via Zoom.

Sep 16: **Gentle Yoga.** 10 am in the social hall.

Sep 16: **Bible Study.** 6 pm via Zoom.

Sep 17: **Worship Team Meeting.** 5 pm via Zoom.

Sep 17: **NO Choir Practice.**

Sep 18: **Hatha-Vinyasa Practice.** 6 pm in the social hall.

Sep 21: **Worship Service.** 10 am.
Worship Leader: Jack Nordman
Japanese Reader: Aki Kumagai
Pianist: Wade Tambara
Online Moderator/Greeter: Aki Kumagai

Upcoming Events

Sound System: Liam Wright
Parking: Dave McGill
Ushers: Cathy Nishizaki, William Yee
Greeters: Carla Hart, Miyo Uchida
Altar Flowers: Hach & Linda Yasumura
Coffee Time: Lori Hart, Dave McGill,
Cathy Nishizaki

Sep 21: Coffee Time.
After worship service.



Sep 22: Embodied Listening. 6:30 pm in the social hall.

Sep 22: PPW Cabinet Meeting. 4:30 pm. Zoom ID:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83619889780>.

Sep 23: Gentle Yoga. 10 am in the social hall.

Sep 23: Bible Study. 6 pm via Zoom.

Sep 24: Choir Practice. 7 pm in the social hall.

Sep 25: Hatha-Vinyasa Practice. 6 pm in the social hall.

Sep 28: Worship Service. 10 am.
Worship Leader: Donna Komure-Toyama
Japanese Reader: Miyo Uchida
YES: Julie Chew, Cathy Nishizaki
Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara
Online Moderator/Greeter: Lori Hart
Sound System: Lois Van Beers
Parking: Russ Hart
Ushers: Aki Kumagai, Miko Kumagai
Greeters: Betsy Eskridge, Luda Wright
Altar Flowers: Ben Pryor & Kishwer Vikaas

Sep 28: Newsletter Deadline. 5 pm. Email photos and/or articles (350 word max.) to officemanager@parkviewpc.org for inclusion in the October *Chapel Chimes*.

Sep 29: Embodied Listening. 6:30 pm in the social hall.

Sep 30: Gentle Yoga. 10 am in the social hall.

Sep 30: No Bible Study. Bible Study resumes in October.

Oct 1: Hatha-Vinyasa Practice. 6 pm in the social hall.

Oct 5: Worship Service. 10 am. Communion will be celebrated.

Worship Leader: Phillip Chew
Japanese Reader: Miyo Uchida
Pianist: Nancy Arata-Fong
Communion Elders: Steve Hanway,
Irene Uno
YES: Ben Pryor, Kishwer Vikaas
Online Moderator/Greeter: Lois Van Beers
Sound System: Dave McGill
Parking: Gary Younglove
Ushers: Terri Bowman, Julie Chew
Greeters: Ian Davis, Mieko Davis
Altar Flowers: Ian & Mieko Davis

Save the Dates!

Oct 7: Kris on vacation. Thru Nov 3. Contact Pastor Sarah with office needs.

Oct 8: Pastor Sarah on vacation. Thru Oct 11.

Oct 12: PPW General Meeting. Check weekly emails for details.

Oct 15: Worship Team Meeting.

Oct 19: kNOw Opioids Presentation.

Nov 16: Thanksgiving Showtime.

Dec 07: Christmas Luncheon.



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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 Offering: Christine Kizuka

In Celebration of Bill Nagata's 80th Birthday: Bill & Linda Nagata, Hach & Linda Yasumura

In Celebration of Ken Okawara's 100th Birthday: Ken Okawara, Wade Tambara

In Gratitude for the Prayer Team: Lynn Yamamoto

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

In Memory of Their Son, Kevin Imura: Edwin & Lisa Imura

In Support of YES: Dave McGill

In Thanksgiving: Lyn Haberstock

Aloha Offering: Tak & Judy Fukuman, Carla Hart, Jerry & Maurine Huang, Brian & Leah (Fujiwara) Kanegawa, May Lee, Dave McGill, Fumi Nakata, Chelsea Nave and Han-Bee Kim, Jack & Carol Sakai, Titus & Donna (Komure) Toyama

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.

Stewardship of Space aka Clutter Be Gone!

We're Marie Kondo-ing space in the Heiwa and garage to improve access and create room for meetings and rehearsals. If you have items in the Heiwa you want to keep, please pick them up in September. We're scheduled for a curbside collection of stuff in early October. We don't want to get rid of anything you want to keep. Thanks!

