



# Chapel Chimes

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Dear Friends,

Ever heard of gleaning? Historically, it refers to gathering leftover grain, grapes, olives, or other produce after a harvest. Produce was deliberately left by landowners so poor people in the community like widows, orphans, and foreigners could gather it up to eat. Gleaning is commanded in the Hebrew Scriptures in Leviticus 19:9-10 and Deuteronomy 24:19-21. This practice reveals God's provision and desire that everyone be cared for. In the book of Ruth, Ruth and her mother-in-law, Naomi, are kept alive through Ruth's diligent efforts gleaning in the grain field of Boaz, a relative of Naomi's deceased husband. Spoiler alert: Ruth lands a husband through gleaning. You can discover the rest of the story in the Hebrew Scriptures book of Ruth. Fast forward a few thousand years. Gleaning is in Sacramento, too! An organization called Community Fruit, founded by Matthew Ampersand, and located in South Oak Park, organizes groups to go pick fruit! Here's their origin story from the Community Fruit website:

*Community Fruit started in 2019 as a project of find out farms to have a monthly free fruit stand. In just a few years it's grown into a program that regularly provides our community and partner organizations with thousands of pounds of fruit. Your help means we will continue to save thousands of pounds of fruit from being wasted. We spend time harvesting fruit from trees in the Sacramento area so that we can divert fresh, healthy food from the waste stream and get it directly to the community. We prioritize harvesting fruit from trees under the care of seniors and folks with mobility challenges. The fruit primarily goes to our partner programs that are doing important work in Sacramento.*

Last March, Kara Tanoue told me about gleaning with Community Fruit. When Dwight was here in late March, we went gleaning with Kara and Maria Mar. It was fun! Over 287,500 Sacramento County residents don't have access to affordable, nutritious food. I loved picking fruit to keep it from going to waste and making



*The Gleaners* by Jean-François Millet (1857)

it available to people in food insecure neighborhoods. Matthew Ampersand led our group to pre-determined backyards with grapefruit and lemon trees overflowing with ripe fruit. Using ladders, snippers, and long-handled pickers, we picked fruit off trees and the ground, and sorted it into buckets. We even got to take some 'ready-to-eat' fruit home. It tasted fresh and amazing! Picking fruit with family and friends to be distributed to area organizations that serve food insecure folks was a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

Let me know if you're interested in a Parkview Gleaning outing, and we can plan a date to go. You have to sign up on the website ahead of time, and may need to be 18, but we can check if youth can go if accompanied by adults.

Gleaning is something heartening in the midst of the terrible trauma our country is currently experiencing from federal ICE agents. It is a way communities are coming out to support their neighbors by marching, protesting, and organizing watch groups. I'm inspired by the thousands of folks in Minneapolis braving OMGOSH freezing temps to resist ICE brutality with whistles and chants, drums, trumpets, tubas, and candles. And thanks to the shop owners who feed and shelter the protesters and provide water to rinse their tear-gassed eyes. They're

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coming together to care for each other, and that Love and Support is stronger than violence and hate.

We don't know when/if Sacramento will be targeted by thousands of federal ICE agents using lawless, destructive tactics. Showing real love for real people by gleaning, by prayer vigils, by volunteering at SSIP, by supporting NorCal Resist, by delivering food to fearful neighbors, by marching to the Capitol to protest funding ICE and Border Patrol . . . all these build our muscle memory of compassion. This compassion and courage is needed to bring God's justice to our world as we care for the vulnerable, the overlooked, and underfed.

Keep standing up and speaking out against injustice. Keep choosing care. Keep choosing love. Keep showing up for real people in real pain. Guided and empowered by God's loving Spirit, may we protect our neighbors and bear faithful witness together. May we all embody God's blessings of peace and justice in our world.

- Pastor Sarah

## January Report from Session

The January 15th, 2026 meeting of the Session was held at Parkview. The following actions were discussed and/or voted on:

- **Elders:** Donna Komure-Toyama is terming out. Lois Van Beers will be serving as an active elder for 2026-2028. She will be installed on January 25th.
- **Elections:** For 2026, Jana Nakase Lee was elected as Session Clerk and Betsy Eskridge was elected as Treasurer.
- **Church Statistical Report:** The report was completed by Kris Sazaki, Terri Bowman, and Betsy Eskridge. Under the Gender Distribution section, Session decided to include "other" as an alternative to the General Assembly's "non-binary" option. The report will be submitted to PC(USA).
- **Kansha Housing Agreement:** The Kansha Housing Agreement with Rev. Rola Al Ashkar, written by Rev. Sarah Nave, Donna Komure-Toyama, and Kris Sazaki, was approved.
- **Mailchimp:** Session approved purchasing a Mailchimp plan to handle Parkview's volume of



mass email distributions at a cost of \$13.00 per month.

- **Compensation:** Session will inform staff of a 3% COLA increase to their salaries. Session also voted to approve the proposed allocations of Rev. Nave's housing allowance to her salary. The terms of call will be presented to the congregation for a vote at the congregational meeting on January 18, 2026.
- **Session Retreat:** The Session Retreat will be held on Saturday, January 31, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Jana's home.
- **NCCP Meeting:** Pastor Sarah Nave and Maurine Huang will attend a North Central California Presbytery (NCCP) meeting via Zoom at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 7.
- **Pew Bibles:** Pastor Sarah Nave is looking for New Revised Standard Version Bibles with larger font sizes and is also considering including *The Message*, which is a paraphrase version of the Bible but is faithful to the original languages.
- **YES Meeting:** YES parents, teachers, and Pastor Sarah Nave will meet at Parkview on Saturday, January 24, to discuss children's spiritual development.
- **Postcard Campaign for Gaza:** Jana Nakase Lee would like to hold another postcard campaign for Gaza after worship on Sunday, January 25.
- **Summerfest 2026:** Summerfest 2026 will be held on June 28, 2026. The unused 2025 deposit at the Lucky Jade restaurant was applied to secure the 2026 date. A planning meeting should be held in late January or early February.
- **Nominating Team:** The proposed 2026 Nominating Team, which the congregation will vote on, consists of Terri Bowman, Jody Brown, and Lynn Yamamoto.

Submitted by: by Aki Kumagai  
Clerk of Session: Jana Nakase-Lee  
Session Members: Jody Brown, Judy Fukuman,  
Aki Kumagai, Jana Nakase-Lee, Gary Younglove

## Financial Report as of January 31, 2026:

	January	Total Yr 2026
Income:	\$30,121.90	\$30,121.90
Expenses:	\$16,313.06	\$16,313.06
Difference:		\$16,313.06

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## Order Lunch for PPW Installation Luncheon

Date: Sunday, March 22

Location: Church social hall

Time: after church service

Speaker: Carol Lee, Oral History Committee Board Member (Locke Foundation)

Film: "Voices: Chinese Women of the Delta"



Catered box lunches from Nugget Market will be preordered. The sandwich box includes a 4 oz. Seasonal salad, chips, apple and a chocolate chip cookie. **Sandwich Choices** (substitution or item removals are not allowed):

- **Van Gogh:** avocado, alfalfa sprouts, cucumber, tomato, olives, lettuce, onion, pepperoncini, pickles, hummus, or cream cheese, on soft white roll.
- **Classic Steak:** Steak, Parmesan cheese, arugula, cream of balsamic on a ciabatta roll.
- **Stallone:** roast beef, horseradish sauce, bacon, horseradish cheddar cheese, mayo, jalapeños and onions on focaccia.
- **TBA:** turkey, bacon, avocado, mayo, lettuce, tomato on a soft roll.
- **Tuscany:** mozzarella, olive oil, cream of balsamic, tomato, basil, on ciabatta.
- **Veggie Bahn Mi:** marinated tofu, Mae ploy sauce, pickled carrots, red onion, cucumber, jalapeños, cilantro on a soft roll.

The cost per box is \$25.00. **Orders and payment must be received by March 14.**

To sign up for a lunch box, fill out the linked spreadsheet with your sandwich choice and contact information.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1DU4aOGAJY6k9AITOs2PXbyWyiMC6n1YPe0uPbskvbY/edit?gid=0#gid=0>

If you have any questions on how to fill out the form, please contact Lori Hart at [Lori.f.hart@gmail.com](mailto:Lori.f.hart@gmail.com) or text (916) 402-6081.

Please send lunch box payment to:

PPW c/o Lori Hart

837 54th Street, Sacramento, CA 95819

Make check payable to PPW and in the note section write "Installation luncheon."

We hope to see you there!

Also, as a friendly reminder, PPW's \$20 annual dues is due to:

Betsy Eskridge

4646 Del Rio Road, Sacramento, CA 95822

Make check payable to PPW and in the note section write "Dues."

PPW Activity Committee: Carol Sakai, Cathy Nishizaki and Lori Hart

Judy Yee, Moderator

Donna Komure-Toyama, Co-Moderator



## Thank You from YES!: Making Change for Good

Parkview's YES youth have completed collecting change for their charity project. They will report final numbers and how they have decided to donate the money. In the meantime, many thanks to everyone who donated their "change" for good. Parkview is so generous.



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## The Season of Lent

Lent begins this year on Wednesday, February 18. It is a time of repentance and spiritual preparation for Easter, echoing Jesus's forty days in the wilderness. From February 18 through Easter, we will collect donations for PC USA's One Great Hour of Sharing. These funds will be used to respond to Christ's call to ministries of compassion for the most vulnerable around the world. If you donate with a check, please make check out to Parkview Presbyterian Church and write OGHS in the note section. You can drop the check off during worship service or mail it to the church. If you donate online at our website, please select "General Fund" and write OGHS in the note section. Thank you for your thoughtful generosity.



## Volunteer Spotlight: Phillip Chew

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

You'll see Phillip serving as parking attendant and worship leader, but he also serves as Parkview's CEO/president. He recently took on the dirty task of cleaning out the kansha basement, which had been used for storage by unknown persons. Warned of the damaged cellar door, Phillip enlisted his neighbor's help to get the thankless job done. Thanks, Phillip, for all you do!



## Lenten Calendar

We have prepared a Lenten calendar for you. It is designed to help you spend these forty days of Lent in spiritual preparation for Easter. To access the calendar, go to <https://parkviewpc.org/2026/02/04/lent-2026-ideas-for-spiritual-preparation-for-easter/>.



## NCJCCF Retreat Scheduled for July 19-24

The Northern California Japanese Christian Church Federation Retreat is slated for July 19-24. The guest speaker will be Rev. John Miyahara. Registration information will be available sometime in February. You can find more information by going to <https://parkviewpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/NCJCCF-Retreat2026atZephyrCoveJuly19.pdf>.

- Submitted by Christine Umeda

## Congratulations, New Elder Lois!

Parkview installed Lois Van Beers as elder on Sunday, January 25. She joined Parkview's Session as well. Thank you, Lois, for your dedication to Parkview and your willingness to serve. Check out the slideshow at <https://parkviewpc.org/2026/02/03/congratulations-to-new-elder-lois-van-beers/>.

## What Should Our Neighbors Know about Parkview?

We have an excellent website to show what Parkview is about (thanks to our office manager Kris Sazaki!), but what about our neighbors and those who walk by? Session is thinking of adding an outdoor sign or banner with a message letting others know more about who we are and the issues we support. Jody Brown and Lois Van Beers are spearheading the effort to develop some potential messages. Please join us. Contact either Jody ([sactojody@att.net](mailto:sactojody@att.net)) or Lois ([Lois.VanBeers@gmail.com](mailto:Lois.VanBeers@gmail.com)).



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## Catching Up with Parkview Peeps

Have you visited or run into some Parkview family members? Send us your pics and let us know how they're doing!



*Visiting with Sam Inouye as he plays cornhole.*



*Running into Dina Brown at Old Soul. Dina graduates this May from California State University Long Beach. Her major is Communications and her two minors are Dance and Creative Writing.*

## Titus Toyama Honored by JACL

The Florin JACL-Sacramento Valley Chapter honored our very own Titus Toyama at its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary luncheon on January 10. Titus received the Leadership Award. It was a well-deserved accolade for one of Parkview's leaders. Go to <https://parkviewpc.org/2026/02/03/titus-toyama-awarded-jacl-leadership-award/> to view some photos from the ceremony.



## Video Showcases SSIP Volunteers

One of South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership Food Closet volunteers created a video showcasing the SSIP volunteers. These volunteers are the heart, soul, and backbone of the Food Closet. Nourishing our food insecure neighbors would not happen without them/YOU. Our two newest volunteers from Parkview are Nancy Arata-Fong and Jack Nordman. Thank you to everyone for your contributions in body and in spirit. Go to <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bcQzUIT0gskN4otuN-bZmjYiObDcU2P/view> to view the video.



- Submitted by Carla Hart

## SSIP Full Plates Full Hearts Event is March 14

The annual fundraiser for the South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership will take place on March 14. The theme is "An Evening in Tuscany." Cost is \$85 per person, but early bird tickets are available through February 14 for \$75. Go to <https://SSIPfoodcloset.ejoinme.org/FPFH2026> to purchase tickets. The event promises to be *bellissima!*



# 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/>.

**Feb 08: Worship Service.** 10 am.  
Worship Leader: Judy Fukuman  
Japanese Reader: Haruko Sakakibara  
Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara  
YES: Jana Nakase-Lee, Lynn Yamamoto  
Online Moderator/Greeter: Aki Kumagai  
Sound System: Ben Pryor  
Parking: Gary Younglove  
Ushers: Donna Komure-Toyama, Irene Uno  
Greeters: Pattie Hashimoto, Maria Mar  
Altar Flowers: Tak & Judy Fukuman

**Feb 09: Pastor Sarah on Vacation.** Thru Feb 17.

**Feb 09: Embodied Listening.** 6 pm in the social hall.

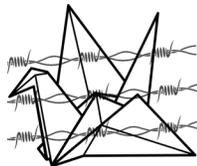
**Feb 10: Gentle Yoga.** 10 am in the social hall.

**Feb 11: Choir Practice.** 7 pm in the social hall. Note special date.

**Feb 12: Hatha-Vinyasa Practice.** 6 pm in the social hall.

**Feb 12: No Bible Study.** Bible Study returns Feb 19.

**Feb 14: Northern California Time of Remembrance.**  
1-3 pm at the California Museum. For more information, please go to <https://www.nctor.org/time-of-remembrance-2026/>.



**Feb 15: Worship Service.** 10 am.  
Guest Pastor: Rev. Rick Hull  
Worship Leader: Jack Nordman  
Japanese Reader: Mieko Davis  
Pianist: Nancy Arata-Fong  
Online Moderator/Greeter: Lori Hart  
Sound System: Lois Van Beers  
Parking: Ben Pryor  
Ushers: Diane Younglove, Gary Younglove  
Greeters: Ian Davis, Mieko Davis  
Altar Flowers: Ian Davis, Mieko Davis

**Feb 15: Coffee Time.** After worship service.  
Many thanks to Terri Bowman, Janet Hill, and Judy Fukuman.



**Feb 16: Embodied Listening.** 6 pm in the social hall.

**Feb 17: Gentle Yoga.** 10 am in the social hall.

**Feb 18: Ash Wednesday.** No worship service.

**Feb 18: Choir Practice.** 7 pm in the social hall.

**Feb 19: Session Meeting.** 5:30 pm in the pastor's office.

**Feb 19: Hatha-Vinyasa Practice.** 6 pm in the social hall.

**Feb 19: Bible Study.** 6:30 pm via Zoom.

**Feb 22: Worship Service.** 10 am.  
Worship Leader: Dave McGill  
Japanese Reader: Aki Kumagai  
Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara  
Online Moderator/Greeter: Lori Hart  
Sound System: Jonathan Sakakibara  
Parking: Russ Hart

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Ushers: Miko Kumagai, Jack Nordman  
Greeters: Irene Uno, Sachiko Yoshikawa  
Altar Flowers: Cathy Nishizaki

**Feb 22: Newsletter Deadline.** 5 pm. Email photos/or articles (350 word max.) to [officemanager@parkviewpc.org](mailto:officemanager@parkviewpc.org) for inclusion in the March *Chapel Chimes*.

**Feb 23: Mariners Luncheon.**  
12:00 pm at Lucky Jade  
Restaurant.



**Feb 23: Embodied Listening.** 6:30 pm in the social hall.

**Feb 24: Gentle Yoga.** 10 am in the social hall.

**Feb 25: Choir Practice.** 7 pm in the social hall.

**Feb 26: Hatha-Vinyasa Practice.** 6 pm in the social hall.

**Feb 26: Bible Study.** 6:30 pm via Zoom.

**Mar 01: Worship Service.** 10 am. Communion will be celebrated.

Worship Leader: Christine Umeda  
Japanese Reader: Miyo Uchida  
Pianist: Janet Hill  
Communion Elders: Judy Fukuman,  
Christine Umeda  
Online Moderator/Greeter: Lois Van Beers  
Sound System: Liam Wright  
Parking: Phillip Chew  
Ushers: Betsy Eskridge, Maria Mar  
Greeters: Luyan Tang, Miyo Uchida  
Altar Flowers: Stan & Christine Umeda

**Mar 02: Embodied Listening.** 6:30 pm in the social hall.

**Mar 03: Gentle Yoga.** 10 am in the social hall.

**Mar 03: Prayer Team Meeting.** 7:15 pm via Zoom.

**Mar 04: Choir Practice.** 7 pm. in the social hall.

**Mar 05: Hatha-Vinyasa Practice.** 6 pm in the social hall.

**Mar 05: Bible Study.** 6:30 pm via Zoom.

**Mar 14: SSIP Full Plates Full Hearts Event.**

See [page 5](#) for details.



## Save the Dates!

**Mar 15.** Sakura Chorus Concert Fundraiser

**Mar 22.** PPW Installation and Luncheon

**Mar 29.** Palm Sunday.

**Apr 05.** Easter Sunday

**Apr 12.** Cooking Class: Spam musubi and side item

**Jun 14.** Cooking Class. Open inari and cucumber salad. Note new date.

**Jun 28.** Summerfest



# 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.

**Special Offerings:** Thomas Endow, Marcia Ito

**In Celebration of Judy Fukuman's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday:** Tak & Judy Fukuman, Fumi Nakata

**In Gratitude for Visitations:** Hannah Mori

**In Memory of George Matsuoka:** Neil Matsuoka & Kris Sazaki

**In Memory of Masa & Fusa Yamamoto:** Lynn Yamamoto

**In Support of Adult Education:** Titus & Donna (Komure) Toyama

**In Support of the Parkview Choir:** Dave McGill

**Christmas Offerings:** Shiro & Mabel Kazato, Cathy Nishizaki, Lynn Yamamoto

**New Year Offering:** Terri Bowman

**2026 Pledges:** William & Judy Yee, Gary & Diane Younglove

## Final 2026 Pledge Accounting:

Thank you to everyone who pledged for 2026: 29 pledges totalling \$117,724.08. That represents an increase of \$20,504.08 over 2025. Hurray!

**Parkview is also forever grateful to everyone gives faithfully and generously without pledging.**

## 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.