

The Chimes



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 2011

Eden UCC has been an Open and Affirming Church since 1995. We believe that all people are children of God; that persons of all ages, races, and sexual orientations are part of our increasingly diverse culture; and we welcome all persons into the full life and ministry of this church.

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Sunday Worship:
10:00 a.m.

Church Office Hours:
Monday to Friday:
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: Closed

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YES, A PASSOVER SEDER AT EDEN CHURCH

Holy Week at Eden will be observed in a new, old fashioned way this spring, and will include a Jewish Passover celebration in Oliver Hall on Saturday, **April 23**.

Our observances begin with Palm Sunday worship on **Apr. 17**, which will include baptisms, reception of new members, special music, and a palm procession.

In lieu of our traditional Maundy Thursday service, Eden Church will join Congregation Shir Ami and the South Hayward Parish for a Community Passover Seder on Saturday, **Apr. 23**, in Oliver Hall. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. The liturgy begins promptly at 5 p.m.

The Good Friday Labyrinth Walk begins at 6 p.m., **Apr. 22** in the Courtyard. Mary Haro, co-chair of Eden's Education and Spiritual Life Team, will be our guide.

Our Holy Week observances culminate with the Festival Easter Celebration on **Apr. 24** in the Sanctuary. Worship will include Holy Communion, special music, spring flowers, and the Easter offering.

Now that you have a vision of Holy Week in mind, what follows are more details about the Community Passover celebration, Saturday, **Apr. 23**.

This occasion is long in the making. Modern Passover observances are grounded in our Jewish ancestors' experience of slavery and redemption, which are described in Exodus. For Christians, Passover is also the basis for the Sacrament of Holy Communion, which Jesus instituted.

The Community Passover celebration that Congregation Shir Ami is preparing will include a full Kosher-style holiday meal served by wait staff, and a Seder service featuring songs and music led by Ricki Weintraub, an opera singer and Jewish cantor. Dinner will include vegetarian options. Because of the great care that goes into the planning, preparing, and serving of the Passover celebration, pre-paid advance reservations are a must by Wednesday, **Apr. 13**. Ticket prices are: children 12 and under, \$10; teens and adults, \$30. Please make checks payable to: Congregation Shir Ami, and mail them to the following address Attn: Community Seder, 4529 Malabar Ave., Castro Valley, CA, 94546.

Given that Holy Week is a time when some travel for Sabbath and celebrations outside of the Bay Area, one way that travelers can participate in this interfaith blessing would be to sponsor tickets for persons who may find the cost prohibitive. Our friends at Shir Ami would call this a *mitzvah* opportunity.

Shalom,

~Arlene

Welcome to Eden!

Eden is a diverse and growing church. At Eden, people of all ages and backgrounds join together to grow spiritually, do good in the world, and develop healing and nurturing relationships.

At our church, you will not be told what to believe. We feel that the way we treat one another is more important than holding uniform beliefs. And, while the Bible is important to our faith, it is not the last word. We believe that **God is Still Speaking** through science, nature, personal experience, other faith traditions and more.

On Sunday mornings, our church services and kids' programs are open, friendly and innovative. Every week at Eden, you'll find all kinds of activities—retreats, yoga classes, service projects, music programs, labyrinth walks, study groups—to nurture mind, body, and spirit.

At Eden, we are on a journey together to understand and live God's truth for our lives. Come and join us on the journey. Check out our website. Give us a call. Come by and see us. We look forward to welcoming you!



Michael Belle Performs at Eden

Are you New to Eden?

If you are new to Eden Church, then you are especially invited to the Inquirers' Gathering next Sunday, **Apr. 3**, from 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in the Norberg Room. This gathering is hosted by our pastor and other church leaders and provides a way for us to get better acquainted and to offer newcomers introductory information about our church. A hearty (and kid-friendly) snack will be served to tide participants over until lunch. Children are welcome to attend with their parents or to join a supervised childcare program.

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Don't Miss the Coffee Tasting and Roasting Demo

Some java comes from Java, but some java comes from Ethiopia, Brazil, Sumatra, or El Salvador. Come taste the world's coffees and see how easy it is to roast your own coffee at home, on Sunday, **Mar. 27**, at 1 p.m. in the Oliver Hall Kitchen. Tickets for this member-sponsored event, hosted by Mike Foster and Brenda Loreman, are on sale now. Space is limited, so sign up soon!

Sharing Brings Joy—to Us, to Others, to God

One Great Hour of Sharing is the yearly Lenten offering of the United Church of Christ, which helps to fund the UCC's service to needy people around the world, including Japanese earthquake and tsunami survivors. Through One Great Hour of Sharing, United Church of Christ members reach out in the name of Christ to build sustainable communities, respond to disasters, and minister to refugees. Apple crate coin boxes are available in church today and throughout Lent for our young people—and the young at heart—to save funds for the offering, which will be collected during worship on **Apr. 3**. Please give generously to this vital global ministry.

Biker Blessing

Eden's third annual "Blessing of the Bikes and the Bikers" will be held on the Eden Church Plaza, corner of Birch and Grove, Sunday, **Apr. 10**, beginning at 11:15 a.m. There are several small ways that many people have come together in the past to make this event such a great success for our community, including publicity, campus set-up, hospitality, prayer teams, and refreshments. "Training wheels" are happily provided to those who are new to this experience and willing to help. See Stephanie Spencer (ssspencer63@comcast.net or 510-861-0930) to get involved.

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Lenten & Holy Week Preview

Seekers, 10 a.m., Wednesdays
 Inquirers' Gathering, Sunday, **Apr. 3**, 11:30 a.m., Norberg Room
 One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, Sunday, **Apr. 3**, 10 a.m. Worship
 Palm Sunday Worship, Sunday, **Apr. 17**, 10 a.m.
 Good Friday, Labyrinth Walk, **Apr. 22**, 6 p.m., Courtyard
 Community Seder with Congregation Shir Ami, Saturday, **Apr. 23**, 4:30 p.m., Oliver Hall
 Festival Easter Service & Easter Offering, Sunday **Apr. 24**, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday, **Apr. 24**, 11:15 a.m., Courtyard

Birthday & Anniversaries



April Birthdays: 4/1 Saphroanh Faingainuku; 4/4 Anne Christensen; 4/6 Crystal Bulette, Katherine Kelly, and Vera Dickie; 4/7 Shannon Whitney; 4/8 Karen Madaras; 4/9 Willow Moniz; 4/15 Marilyn Shatzen; 4/16 Jim Phillips; 4/18 Lisa Rose; 4/21 Eliza King; 4/28 Bob Peterson; and 4/29 Ann Rheiner.

April Anniversaries: 4/15 Cheryl & Tom Fields Tyler; 4/19 Elma & John Wagle.

Campership Fundraiser Lunch

Mark your calendars for the Campership Fundraiser Lunch, Sunday, **May 1**, after worship in Oliver Hall. Your generous donations will help send youth from our congregation to camp this summer. More details to follow soon.

ACTION Spirit-In-Action

FESCO Shelter Shuffle Walk-a-Thon

Be a part of Team Eden UCC at the 14th annual FESCO Shelter Shuffle on Saturday, **May 21**. Register online at www.firstgiving.com/fesco, or fill out a registration form located in the church office. You can participate as a walker, runner, pet guardian, or bench warmer. This energetic morning event is filled with live music, food, raffles, and an award ceremony following the one-to three-mile walk/run along the San Francisco Bay. Make plans today to arrive by 9 a.m. for an opening Eden gathering led by the Reulings, followed by a lovely morning at the San Leandro Marina talking and walking with friends.

Tending Eden's Garden with a Spirit of Abundance

On Easter Sunday, **Apr. 24**, Eden kicks off our annual giving campaign. This year the theme centered on Eden's Garden, and the abundant ways that God provides through the nurturing hands of our community. Eden Church needs more member support than ever and the church officers have risen to the challenge committing to increasing their financial pledges by 10%. This year the Stewardship Committee is asking every member of the church to prayerfully reflect on how much more they can give; either in Time, Talent, or Treasure. Two budget information sessions will be held on **May 8** and **May 15** to explain the current financial needs of the church and answer any questions. The campaign culminates on Stewardship Sunday, **May 22**. Anyone who returns their pledge cards and Time and Talent surveys by that date will be entered into a raffle drawing. Following worship there will be a "Farmer's Market" potluck in Oliver Hall; please bring dishes made from locally grown produce to spread the spirit of abundance throughout the Eden community.

Gardens in Eden

Word on the street is that gardens are in vogue (again) in the Eden area, and with careful preparation and tender loving care, South Alameda County could return to the fruitful landscape that inspired our forebears to name this area "Eden."

Three agricultural models are emerging in our midst and include the following:

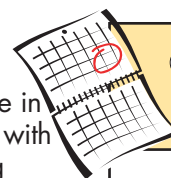
- A Sustainable Commercial Urban Farm Incubator ("SCUFI"), which is being sponsored by the South Hayward Parish.
- Organic community gardens, such as those being promoted by the Ashland Cherryland Garden and Arts Network and the Cherryland Community Association.
- An urban agricultural jobs program called "Dig Deep Farms," which is sponsored by the Deputy Sheriff's Activities League.

Part of the buzz is that all of these efforts hold the potential to improve the physical, spiritual, and economic health of our communities, and serve as a cultural bridge for immigrant families assimilating into the East Bay, and as a cultural bridge across the several ethnic and generational groups in our area.

The soil is rich. Some seeds have been planted. Watch the bulletin and newsletter announcements for ways to get involved or contact Arlene Nehring or Pedro Ramos-Goycolea to let us know of your interest.

Eden Fiesta

In the United States, *Cinco de Mayo* is best recognized as a date to celebrate the culture and experiences of Americans of Mexican ancestry. Join us in celebrating *Cinco de Mayo*, Eden style, with a Mexican Fiesta at noon on Thursday, **May 5!** Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Anne Duey, Carol Price, and Shannon Whitney, or in the church office.



Coming Attractions—Mark Your Calendars!

- Mar. 27**, Stewardship Member Fundraiser: Coffee Roasting hosted by Brenda Loreman and Mike Foster
- Apr. 1**, Single Women's Group
- Apr. 3**, One Great Hour of Sharing
- Apr. 3**, Inquirer's Gathering
- Apr. 10**, Bike and Biker Blessing
- Apr. 17**, Palm Sunday, Baptism & Reception of New Members, "Dig Deep Farms" Farmer's Market
- Apr. 22**, Good Friday Labyrinth Walk
- Apr. 23**, Community Passover Seder w/Congregation Shir Ami
- Apr. 24**, Easter Sunday
- May 1**, Campership Fundraiser Lunch
- May 5**, Fiesta Luncheon
- May 8**, and **May 15**, Budget Information Session
- May 19–22**, NCNC UCC Annual Meeting
- May 21**, SIA: FESCO Shelter Shuffle
- May 22**, Stewardship Sunday, Farmer's Market Luncheon
- May 22**, PSR Graduation
- Jun. 5**, Bravo! Sunday
- Jun. 10**, Single Women's Group
- Jun. 12**, Summer Celebration Class Begins
- Jun. 12**, Inquirer's Gathering
- Jun. 12**, Social Justice Forum
- Jun. 26**, Eden UCC 146th Annual Congregational Meeting
- Jun. 26**, Baptism & Reception of New Members
- Jul. 4**, Eden Church Office Closed
- Jul. 10–16**, NCNC Junior High Camp at Caz for 7–9th graders
- Jul. 17–23**, NCNC Senior High Camp at Caz for 10–12th graders
- Jul. 24–28**, NCNC Kids Camp at Caz for 2–4th graders
- Jul. 24–30**, NCNC Junior Camp at Caz for 5–6th graders
- Jul. 24–30**, NCNC Junior/Junior High Camp at Tam for 5–8th graders
- Jul. 31–August 6**, NCNC Senior High Camp at Tam for 9–12th graders



Joys

Congratulations to **Scott Carey**, who is celebrating his first weeks of retirement!

Our pastor returned to **Castro Valley High School Days of Diversity**, March 24, for the fifth consecutive year, with her presentation, "Out for Good."

We had a full house for American Red Cross **Disaster Preparedness Training** on March 5 and 16.

Congratulations to **Sam** and **Becca Kephart**, and the entire Mt. Eden High School Choir, on receiving a gold medal at the Golden State Music Festival!

Eden Church was blessed to welcome '**O Ka'ahumanu Alii Ahuhui Wahine**' on Sunday, March 13, in commemoration of Queen Ka'ahumanu's birth which was March 17, 1768.

Congratulations to **the Rev. Drew Nettinga**, our Associate Conference Minister for the Bay Association, NCNC UCC, and a member of Eden Church, who concluded 15 years of ministry with our Association on February 28.

Glenna Zolling is home recovering from knee replacement surgery.



Shopping List

Help Eden's Operating Budget by donating these much-needed supplies.

April Needs:

- Washable tempera paint
- Fruit snacks (for the nursery)
- Apple Juice
- Thermal coffee cups (8 oz.)
(Costco San Ramon has them)
- Birthday and anniversary cards with their envelopes
- Fresh fruit and veggies for Sunday morning
- Gift cards to Costco, Safeway, or Trader Joe's for Coffee Hour Supplies

Please no Styrofoam anything (cups, plates, etc). See anyone who helped Save the Bay for an explanation.

Prayer Requests

For **Joyce Bass**, Jan Bass' mother, who is recovering from an ulcer and broken bones.

For **Todd Bove**, who is living with some health challenges.

For the family of **Joe Brickey**, Billie & Cliff Sherwood's nephew, who died recently of liver cancer.

For **Felicia Canty**, Keith Smith's sister, who is recovering from surgery and being treated for cancer.

For **Rindie Chase**, who is dying from cancer. Rindie is a friend of the Payne family.

For Johnny Conley, Scott Carey's partner, who is being treated for sudden hearing loss in his left ear.

For **Diane Hurd**, a close friend of the Smith-Bove family, who is living with a recurrence of ovarian cancer.

For **Betsy Lauchstedt**, who is living with cancer. Betsy welcomes your cards, calls, and visits. Afternoons are usually the best time to visit. Please call ahead to arrange a visit.

For **Mary McElligott**, who is undergoing cancer treatments. Mary is the mother of Liz Jobst's step-mother, Susan McElligott.

For **Richie Meyer**, whose father, Paul Meyer, died on Wednesday, February 23. Funeral services were held for Paul at Eden Church and Lone Tree Cemetery on March 4, with Pastor Arlene presiding.

For the family of **Warren Mitchell**. Mitch joined Eden Church on April 10, 1952, and was one of our Jubilee Members. Four years ago, he moved to a retirement community in Santa Barbara, where he died on March 9, 2011. Memorial arrangements were through the Neptune Society. Please contact the church office for information about sending cards and condolences.

For **Valerie Moore**, Cliff Sherwood's sister, who is being treated for lung cancer.

For **Rob Parrish**, and **Launey Rivers**, as Rob continues his recovery at home from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident in December.

For **Daniella Prym**, whose mother is nearing the end of her 101-year journey on this earth.

For **Russ Sudlow** of Manhattan, New York, Allen Gardiner's cousin, who was recently diagnosed with cancer of the esophagus.

For **Mary Joan Stone**, who is preparing for shoulder-replacement surgery at Stanford University Hospital.

For **Dave Wallace**, who is looking for full-time employment and developing a math tutoring business.

Continued prayers for **Anita, Bryan, Justin, Mel, Nick, and Richard**.

For those who are **unemployed** and **underemployed**, and experiencing the stresses of these challenging economic times.

For **all who are affected by sexual and domestic violence**.

For all who are in the **armed services**, for our **missionaries** and **ministers** around the globe, and for peace and justice in the world.

And for **Carlton Alexander, Mary Bernstein, Juanita Chavez, Vera Dickie, Ann Dodd, Regina Fischer, Allen Gardiner, Clyde Howell, Wesley Moniz, and Angie Payne**.

April 2011 Duty Roster

Date	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 22	April 24
Liturgical Day	Fourth Sunday in Lent Communion	Fifth Sunday in Lent	Palm Sunday	Good Friday	Easter Sunday
Scripture	1 Samuel 16:1-13 • Psalm 23 • Ephesians 5:8-14 • John 9:1-41	Ezekiel 37:1-14 • Psalm 130 • Romans 8:6-11 • John 11:1-45	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 • Matthew 21:1-11	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 • Psalm 22 • Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 • John 18:1-19:42	Jeremiah 31:1-6 • Psalm 118, 14-24 • Acts 10:34-43 • John 20:1-18
Preacher	Cheryl Fields Tyler	Arlene Nehring	Arlene Nehring	Mary Haro	Arlene Nehring
Liturgist	Maya Fields Tyler	Michael Foster	Brenda Loreman	Arlene Nehring	Herb Graw
Children's Time	Arlene Nehring	Liz Jobst	Pedro Ramos-Goycolea	N/A	Liz Jobst
Loving Arms Nursery	Veronica Iles and Alexandra Romero	Veronica Iles and Alexandra Romero	Veronica Iles and Brenda Camacho	N/A	Veronica Iles and Brenda Camacho
Sunday School	All children and youth in worship.	Jan Bass and Theressa Collier, K-4; Ed and Pam Reuling, 5-8; Patty Cowick, Cheryl and Tom Fields Tyler, 9-12.	John Hasselkuss and Liz Jobst, K-4; Shannon Whitney and Pam Winthers, 5-8; Youth in worship.	Childcare available upon request, youth are invited to attend.	All children and youth in worship.
Office	Audrey Wood	Susie Newman	Ann McClure	TBD	Ruth Jenkins
Greeters	John Hasselkuss Youth	Russ Newman	Alliene Turner	Cindy Keune	Cindy Keune
Ushers	Michael Stuber Youth	Ann McClure Kay Crosby Russ Newman	Theressa Collier Scott Swanson Bob Turner Audrey Wood	Peggy Apperson Frank Jenkins Cindy Keune Patty Payne	Peggy Apperson TBD Michael Stuber Scott Swanson
Trustee on Duty	Russ Miller	Fred Dorn	Bob Turner	N/A	Steve Ryken
Fellowship Hour Hosts	Captain: Alliene Turner	Captain: Mary Haro Hosts: Mary Forward Shirley Read	Captain: Shannon Whitney Hosts: Jan Bass Susie Newman	N/A	Captain: Fred Dorn Hosts: Stephen Davies Stephanie Spencer

*K-4th grade children should be picked up from their classroom immediately following worship.
Nursery care is available at any time during worship for children age five and younger.*

April 2011

Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 12 Single Women's Group	2
3 9 Music Rehearsal 10 Worship; FESCO & OGHS Collections 11:30 Inquirer's Gathering	4 6 Choir Potluck 7:30 Choir Practice	5 10 Worship Team 11:30 Staff Meeting 6:45 Council Meeting	6 10 Seekers 2:30 Yoga	7	8	9
10 9 Music Rehearsal 10 Worship 11:15 Bike & Biker Blessing	11 7:30 Choir Practice	12 10 Worship Team 6:30 Trustees Meeting	13 <i>Seder reservation deadline</i> 10 Seekers 2:30 Yoga 6:45 Eden Area Faith Leaders	14 6:30 Eden-Cherryland/ COR Meeting	15	16 10 Choir Practice
17 8:45 Music Rehearsal 10 Palm Sunday Worship; Baptism & Reception of New Members; <i>Chimes</i> deadline 11:15 "Dig Deep" Farmers' Market	18 7:30 Choir Practice	19 10 Worship Team	20 10 Seekers 2:30 Yoga 6:30 EALI Cherryland Stakeholders Meeting	21	22 6 Labyrinth Walk	23 10 Choir Practice 4:30 Passover Seder
24 9 Music Rehearsal 10 Easter Sunday Worship 11:15 Easter Egg Hunt	25 7:30 Choir Practice	26 10 Worship Team 7 Stewardship Committee Meeting	27 10 Seekers 2:30 Yoga	28 7 EAF Board Meeting	29	30