

The Chimes

SOUND THE TRUMPETS!

The Eden Church Cabinet is pleased to announce the appointment of Lee Steward as Eden's next music director, effective Saturday, August 1.

The Music Director at Eden is a key partner, with the Senior Minister, in providing for the spiritual nurture of the congregation and the coordination of Eden's music ministry with the wider community. The primary responsibilities and accountabilities of the Music Director include directing the choir, coordinating special music, and assisting with special services; and directing Eden's music outreach ministries, and supporting Eden's evangelism and communications initiatives.

Lee's first Sunday in worship with us will be August 2 when, among other things, he will sing two solos, and we will welcome him and his spouse, Jessica, and children, Lizzy (age 2 ½) and Nora (4 mos.) to the Eden Church family.

The Stewards have secured an apartment in Oakland near the Paramount Theatre and will stay with friends until the moving van arrives with their belongings.

Lee has shared with us that Jessica is also a professional musician, and in particular, a very talented operatic soprano. She plans to pursue her professional career in the Bay Area in the not-too-distant future, but in the near term, she will be focusing on the needs of their young family.

In addition to serving as Eden's half-time (20 hours/week) music director, Lee will be teaching voice at area music schools, and will take on voice students from nearby universities.

A series of occasions to welcome Lee and his family is in the works. Watch your email, bulletin, and newsletter for events.

Since Lee is new to the area, we appreciate your help in getting the word out to the community—especially the music community—of his appointment and arrival at Eden. Better yet, invite your friends to come and perform with us!

Arlene



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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.

Tel: 510-582-9533

Sunday Worship:
10:00 a.m.

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

Visit our church website:
www.edenucc.com

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!

About our Philosophy of Music at Eden

As we welcome a new music director to Eden Church it seems appropriate to recall the philosophy of music at Eden, adopted by Cabinet on April 7, 2009, which informed the position description and selection process for our new music director, and which continues to inform our program plans for the foreseeable future.

Jacque Blake, Loris Coburn, Suzie Hasselkuss, the late Joyce Livergood, and the Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring served on the Music Task Force, representing the Boards of Church Ministries, Community Ministries, and Cabinet.

Our Music Philosophy Statement

The life and ministry of Eden Church, including its music ministries and outreach programs, grow out of the worship life of the church. Worship and worship music ground, nurture, and inspire the congregation, including its musicians, to live faithfully and to serve God and our neighbors in their everyday lives and through specific outreach ministries of the church.

Therefore, the core of our lead musician's portfolio is the direction and support of the church choir, ensembles, and congregational music for worship. The fruits of service to others within and beyond the church's membership grow out of the spiritual nourishment of the congregation in worship, and the nurture of our musicians who infuse our worship of God with their gifts and graces.

Sunday morning worship music is the cornerstone of Eden's music programs. It is the venue in which personnel to staff Eden's music outreach ministries are drawn into the congregation, and it is the setting in which they are nurtured and developed for music ministry, and for service in the wider community.

Benefit concerts and other music outreach programs are expressions of our musicians' faith, and are occasions for members of the church to invite friends and family to support Eden's mission partners and to become involved in the deeper life of the congregation.

We are indebted to Jacque Blake for her capable leadership and clarity about this philosophy statement, which contributed considerably to its development and adoption.

A Little About Lee

Lee Steward has come to the Bay Area from New York, bringing with him a wide range of conducting and singing experiences. He has worked with a variety of religious organizations including the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock, Temple BethAm in Miami, and Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas. His most recent teaching positions include his work at Ithaca College, the University of Delaware, and the Boys Choir of Harlem.

Lee's performing career displays his varied interests in different styles of singing, from opera to musical theatre, to recitals and concerts. He sang with Stephen Sondheim, Bernadette Peters, Chip Zien and Debra Monk in a dedication to Stephen Sondheim, presented on the A&E television network. His operatic credits include leading and supporting roles in professional regional opera companies including the Berkshire Opera, Opera Carolina, and Bronx Opera. He also sang roles, covers, and scene programs with prestigious young artist programs at Opera Theatre of St. Louis, Sarasota Opera, Utah Festival Opera, and the Caramoor International Music Festival.

While living in New York City from 2001-2007, Lee performed concerts and recitals, including a Brahms lieder concert in which he collaborated with Kathleen Kelly, musical director of the Houston Grand Opera Studio. He was tenor soloist in concerts of Mozart's *Requiem* and Handel's *Messiah* under the direction of conductor Stephen Michael Smith. Most recently, he performed New York

composer Gerald Busby's world-premiere of *Between the Straits; And So Now, I and Emotion*, with a text by Craig Lucas, author of *The Light in the Piazza*. He also sang Schubert's *Die Schöne Müllerin* and this year, Schumann's cycle *Dichterliebe*, collaborating with the versatile Greek pianist, Charis Dimaris.

A promoter of a variety of genres and styles, his conducting experience with the Boys Choir of Harlem included major works such as the Mozart *Requiem* and Poulenc *Gloria* as well as popular songs, gospel music, and spirituals. His love of contemporary music led him to conduct the world premiere of William Bolcolm's *May Day* and Gerald Busby's *And He was taken up*.

Lee is thrilled to be joining Eden United Church of Christ as the Music Director. He currently lives in Oakland with his wife, soprano Jessica House Steward, and their two daughters, Elizabeth (Lizzy) and Leonora (Nora).



Lee Steward

Save the Date!

Eden Choir Annual Retreat

Saturday, August 22

9:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Chimes is a semi-monthly publication of Eden United Church of Christ. Proposed submissions should be sent to office@edenucc.com, or mailed or delivered to the church, by the first and third Sundays of each month. We reserve the right to edit all materials submitted. Publisher: the Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister. *Chimes* Staff: Liz McKay, ESLO Coordinator; Kathy Miller, Church Administrator

A Fond Adieu

To all my new friends and colleagues at Eden UCC:

Six months have gone by so very quickly. It seems like I only just began my work here and now I am finishing my tenure as Interim Music Director. You have all made it very easy for me, and have helped me in more ways than I will ever be able to tell you all.

I am deeply grateful for the time spent working in your midst, your faith in me as a director, your spirit-filled friendship, support, and encouragement, and of course your deep love of music. I learned about Eden from Wendy Taylor who described it as an amazing place. Truer words have never been spoken. Thank you for welcoming me into this congregation generously and sincerely. I hope to keep a strong connection to all of you one way or another as time and geography permit. I wish you many blessings in the next chapter of your musical ministry and hope to share music with you again. The Choral Benediction we have been singing this summer sums it up beautifully:

Blest be the Tie that binds our hearts in Christian love . . .

Adieu,
Marty



Eden Staff

Thank you, Marty!

The Board of Church Ministries hosted a reception in honor of our Interim Music Director, Martha Stoddard, on Sunday, July 26, following morning worship. Pastor Arlene, Jacque Blake, Suzie Hasselkuss, and Liz McKay extended Eden's deepest appreciation to Marty for her loving and capable service these past six months.

A series of roasts and toasts in Marty's honor were unfurled during the last two weeks of July.

Marty tells us that her plans include composing, teaching at Lick-Wilmerding High School, and conducting the Oakland Civic Orchestra. Of course she will be playing the flute. She will continue to live in Pacifica for the time being, but may return to the East Bay at some point.

Marty also tells us that we might just see her sitting in our pews from time to time, or making music with us after she has had an appropriate respite and Lee has had a chance to get established at Eden, and she is welcome to do so.

We wish Marty all the best, and look forward to seeing her once the dust settles

School's Almost in Session; Time to Buy Supplies for FESCO Kids

It's that time of year again: time to get ready for another year of classes. And while you're out shopping for school supplies, add a few extra to your pile for the kids at FESCO (the Family Emergency Shelter Coalition). Donations will be accepted for them in the church office M-F and Sunday mornings from **August 2-16**. For more information, including a specific list of supply needs, stop by the office. With additional questions contact Ed Reuling.



Pastor Arlene and Marty Stoddard



Suzie, Jacque, & Marty



Habitat for Humanity

On Saturday, July 18, members and friends of Eden church braved the heat and joined other volunteers putting up siding and performing other tasks while building affordable Habitat homes.



Habitat Volunteers

Save the Date for Save the Bay

Last year our "Save the Bay" clean-up was one of the most popular Spirit-in-Action events, and this year we're bringing it back. Invite your friends and join your "Eden Family" on Saturday, **September 12**, as we try to pick up another ton of trash. Look for more details coming soon from Jacque Blake or Patty Cowick.



Shopping List

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

August Needs:

- Washable tempera paint
- Elmer's glue (large bottle for refills)
- Fruit snacks (for the nursery)
- Apple Juice
- Thermal coffee cups (8 oz.) (Costco San Ramon has them)
- Birthday and anniversary cards with their envelopes
- Gift cards to Costco, Safeway, or Trader Joe's for Coffee Hour creamer and Stewardship Committee

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

A Delicious Summer's Day!

Many thanks to Mary Graw and the fellowship committee for the yummy ice cream treat served during coffee hour on Sunday, July 19. At \$1 per scoop with sprinkles to boot no one could resist the temptation.



Smiles for a Treat



Marty and Herb Enjoy a Taste of the Good Life

Summertime Fun on an "Eden Family" Outing

Join your "Eden Family" for a picnic at Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont on Saturday, **August 15**, from 11:30–2:30. Pack a lunch for you and your guest and meet us for a lazy summer day. Admission cost is \$2 for adults and seniors and \$1 for children between the ages 3–17—just pay at the park! The farm offers a variety of seasonal activities throughout the afternoon. Given these events, no recreational equipment is allowed (such as Frisbees or footballs). For directions to the farm go to <http://www.ebparcs.org/parks/ardenwood>. As a reminder, all minors unaccompanied by a parent or guardian must have a completed Parent Permission & Medical/Liability Release Form to participate, and they may only ride with one of our Authorized Drivers. To sign up, arrange a ride, or for more information, please speak with Liz McKay.



Joys

Eden's Camp WOW!! kids donated their gently used English-language children's books to the **Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center**, and raised lots of money to buy new English and Spanish-language books for Tiburcio's pediatric book give-away program. Our good neighbors are located at 22331 Mission Blvd. in Hayward, and can be found on the web at: <http://www.tvhc.org/index.htm>.

Eden Youth attended Camp Cazadero and Camp WOW!! This past month and had a great time, and were led by wonderful camp counselors and camp deans!

Our wonderful **Emmaus Team** is making regular visits to homebound members.

Pat Henderson's son, **John Henderson**, is marrying Evelinn Borraro in Antigua, Guatemala, on August 1. Pat and her family are joining John and his new bride for this very special occasion!

Sienna Frasia, Billie Sherwood's great-great-niece, has recovered from bacterial meningitis!

Eight members of Eden Church volunteered a day of service at Habitat for Humanity to help build a better community at the July 18 **Spirit-in-Action** event.

Ruth Schaap is a great-grandmother again! **John and Nancy Gnagy** of Santa Barbara welcomed a baby boy, **Miles Alexander**, into the world on Wednesday, July 8. Congratulations to the whole Schaap clan!

Eden is pleased to welcome to the East Bay and to the Eden Church family **Lee and Jessica Steward** and their daughters, Elizabeth (**Lizzy**), age 2 ½, and Leonora (**Nora**), age 4 months. Lee begins service as our new music director on August 1.

We bid **Martha Stoddard** a fond, Adieu, and thank her for serving so lovingly and well as Interim Music Director. We wish her every blessing for a restful rest of the summer, and an inspired new school and concert season that will be launched in a few short weeks.

Dave Wallace's mother, Nancy, is recovering from a stroke and surgery for treatment of stomach cancer.

For the wonderful ministry of hospitality offered by the **Eden Church Memorial Receptions Committee** and their friends.

Prayer Requests

For **Todd Bove**, who is in the midst of a job search.

For **Kevin Casey** and his family. Kevin is in rehab at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in Santa Clara, Second Floor, Head Trauma Unit. The current plan is for Kevin to be discharged the week of August 23. Persons who are able to assist with meals for the family, and/or with a workday to help the Casey family prepare for Kevin's return home, please sign up in the church office or speak with Pastor Arlene directly. At this time, we're trying to get a sense of who is able to help. A date will be set based on volunteers' availability and the needs of the Casey family.

For **Rindie Chase**, who has a return of cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy. Rindie is a friend of the Payne family.

For **the Collier family**, who are searching for a different home to rent in the Hayward area.

For **Curtis Fuller**, who is being treated for a recurrence of cancer.

For **Lucille Hood**, Cliff Sherwood's cousin, who is suffering from complications of hip replacement surgery.

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

For the family and friends of **Joyce Livergood**, who died on July 12. Joyce's memorial service was held on July 18 at Eden Church. Contact information is available in the church office for sending cards and condolences to Joyce's daughters, **Jocelyn** and **Jenèt**, and their families.

For **Winsome Lockerby**, who moved to Eden Villa in Castro Valley last month. Cards, phone calls, and visitors are welcome. Win has retained her same home phone number at Eden Villa.

For **Maureen**, Paul Prosseda's roommate, who is undergoing surgery on August 5.

For **Angie Payne**, Steve Payne's mother, who is in poor health.

For **Jan Richards**, Michael Foster's mother, who is experiencing some health challenges.

For the family and friends of **Gordon Rozario**, who died on July 28. Memorial plans are pending.

For the family and friends of **Ed Saenz**, who are experiencing several challenges.

For **Lori Woolman**, Mary Haro's sister, who is being treated for Lyme disease.

Continued prayers for **Anita, Nick, Bryan, Richard**, and all in the armed services, and for peace and justice in the world.

And for **Carlton Alexander, Mary Babikoff, Mary Bernstein, Jim Burgess, Juanita Chavez, Ann Dodd, Regina Fischer, Allan Gardiner, Susan Fivelstad, Clyde Howell, and Helen Van Stone**.

August 2009

Duty Roster

Date	August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23	August 30
Liturgical Season	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Communion WHITE</i>	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>GREEN</i>	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>GREEN</i>	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>GREEN</i>	Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>GREEN</i>
Scripture	II Samuel 11:26-12:13a or <i>Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15</i> • Psalm 51:1-12 or <i>Psalm 78:23-29</i> • Ephesians 4:1-16 • John 6:24-35	II Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 or <i>I Kings 19:4-8</i> • Psalm 130 or <i>Psalm 34:1-8</i> • Ephesians 4:25-5:2 • John 6:35, 41-51	I Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 or <i>Proverbs 9:1-6</i> • Psalm 111 or <i>Psalm 34:9-14</i> • Ephesians 5:15-20 • John 6:51-58	I Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43 or <i>Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18</i> • Psalm 84 or <i>Psalm 34:15-22</i> • Ephesians 6:10-20 • John 6:56-69	Song of Solomon 2:8-13 or <i>Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9</i> • Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 or <i>Psalm 15</i> • James 1:17-27 • Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Preacher	Arlene Nehring	Brenda Loreman	Arlene Nehring	Arlene Nehring	Arlene Nehring
Liturgist	Christine Schwerin	Michael Stuber	Susan MacDonald	Michael Foster	Mary Haro
Children's Time	Liz McKay	Arlene Nehring	Arlene Nehring	Liz McKay	Arlene Nehring
Loving Arms Nursery	Angelica Johnson & Roni Iles	Angelica Johnson & Roni Iles	Angelica Johnson & Roni Iles	Angelica Johnson & Roni Iles	Angelica Johnson & Roni Iles
Sunday School	All children and youth and in worship	Suzie and John Hasselkuss (K-5); 6-12 in worship	Keith Smith and Todd Bove (K-5); 6-12 in worship	Sally and Bill D'Anjou (K-5); 6-12 in worship	Liz McKay and Theresa Collier (K-5); 6-12 in worship
Office	Audrey Wood	Barbara Lateer	Ann Newey	Ruth Jenkins	Ruth Jenkins
Greeters	John Hasselkuss & Debby Andrade	Blaine, Patty, Russell & James Cowick	Alliene Turner & Betsy Lauchstedt	Pat Ball & Cindy Keune	Stephanie Spencer
Ushers	Todd Bove, Herb Graw, Pat Payne & Michael Stuber	Kay Crosby, Ann Newey, TBD & Ted Wallis	Scott Swanson, Bob Turner, Susan Whiting & Audrey Wood	Peggy Apperson, Bill D'Anjou, Sr., Frank Jensen & Frank Jenkins	Dan Apperson, Michael Stuber, Scott Swanson & Ted Wallis
Other/After Worship	Deacon's/FESCO Offerings; Fellowship Hour <i>Chimes</i> deadline	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hour <i>Chimes</i> deadline	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hour

K-5th grade children should be picked up from their classroom immediately following worship. Middle and high school students will join their families in Oliver Hall at 11:30 AM. Nursery care is available at any time during worship for children age five and younger.

August 2009

Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Middle School Camp WOW!!
2 <i>Chimes Deadline; FESCO Collection, 6 Sunday Dinner at Grandma's</i>	3 5:45 Gentle Yoga 7:15 Yoga Flow	4 2	5 10 Seekers	6	7	8
9	10 5:45 Gentle Yoga 7:15 Yoga Flow	11 2 Worship Planning 6 Trustees Mtg.	12 10 Seekers 7 Church Ministries Mtg.	13	14	15 11:30 Eden Family Outing at Ardenwood Farm
16 <i>Chimes Deadline</i>	17 5:45 Gentle Yoga 7:15 Yoga Flow	18 10 Community Ministries 2 Worship Planning 3:30 All-Staff Meeting 7 Eden COR	19 9:30 Calendaring Meeting 10 Seekers	20 7 Cabinet Mtg.	21	22 9 Choir Retreat
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30	31 5:45 Gentle Yoga 7:15 Yoga Flow					

Every Sunday: 9:00 Music Rehearsal • 10:00 Worship • 11:15 Fellowship