

# The Chimes

## MORE BRIDGES TO CROSS

February is Black History month. It is a special time for us to celebrate the contributions of African Americans in our society, and to take stock of the advances and challenges that we have yet to overcome.

Many of the African American civil rights workers whom we honor this month were devout Christians, including the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In a time when most of the Christians portrayed in the national media scare and embarrass us, we ought to be proud of the distinguished role that Dr. King and his followers played in our nation's history.

There are many occasions that illustrate the courageous contributions of these African American civil rights workers. The march that Dr. King led over the Edmund Pettus Bridge on March 7, 1965 ("Bloody Sunday"), is one illustration that serves as a profound reminder of the challenges and triumphs experienced in earlier times. This illustration also offers us encouragement as we strive to follow in the footsteps of these faithful witnesses. In 1965 the challenge was to win the right to assemble, march, and protest—even on a busy thoroughfare—so that the cause of African American civil rights might be brought to greater public attention. That victory was won.

Now there are other bridges to cross. Some are very near to our church campus. One is the Supervisor's bridge on Grove Way which connects us with the rest of Cherryland, and another is the I-238 overpass on Mission Boulevard which serves as a gateway to Ashland.

The inequities that plague our nation today—particularly within a few miles of our church campus—are graphically illustrated in the proficiency ratings of our public schools and the US Census data. There is much to overcome. There are no simple solutions. But remembering that we were called to be instruments of God's justice, remembering that people of faith have made a huge difference in the quest for civil rights in the past, and daring to cross over and under bridges in our own neighborhood—these are steps in the right direction.

~Arlene



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*February 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.

**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](http://www.edenucc.com)

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*@21455Birch*

### 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!



**A Feast Fit For a King**



**PEO Celebrates Ellen's 93rd Birthday**



**Three Kings Day**

*Valentine's Luncheon*

The fellowship committee invites you and your friends to the annual Valentine's Luncheon on Friday, **Feb. 11**, at noon, in Oliver Hall. Tickets are \$10 and will be available for purchase soon. Look for more information to come in upcoming bulletins.

*Valentine's Cards*

Please take a few minutes after worship service this Sunday to sign the Valentine's cards in Oliver Hall. We send cards to people who are unable to attend services either because of ill health or geographical locations.

*Be Part of the Solution*

Eden's ministry setting is characterized by many strengths and challenges. Eden-Cherryland COR, our congregation's local organizing community, is working hard to improve local schools, create safer neighborhoods, promote immigration reform, and create more affordable and accessible healthcare. Join us for an evening, a season, or more. We meet next on Thursday, **Feb. 10**, at 6:30 p.m., in the Fireside Room. Childcare can be arranged with advance notice; please contact Liz Jobst. For more information about Eden-Cherryland COR, contact Herman Barahona, Rene Castle, Arlene Nehring, Drew Nettinga, or Pam Winthers.

*Senior High Students, Feb Camp Is Almost Here*

Senior High students, pack your bags for Monte Toyon in Aptos, and head to Feb Camp from 1 p.m. on **Feb. 19** until 11 a.m. on **Feb. 21**. Camp cost is \$175 if you register by Friday, January 28. Scholarship money is available by talking to Pastor Arlene. For more information about camp, contact Liz Jobst, [liz@edenucc.com](mailto:liz@edenucc.com), or visit the Eden UCC Facebook page for a link to the registration forms.

**Eden Church Campus Holiday Schedule**

The Eden Church campus will be closed on Monday, **Feb. 21**, in accordance with our nation's observance of Presidents Day.

*Are You Ready?*

Are you/we ready for the big one? Could you, your family, and your neighbors survive several days without emergency assistance? What if disaster struck on a Sunday morning? What if our neighbors sought refuge at Eden?

Our Church Council and Eden-Cherryland COR are teaming up to offer Disaster Preparedness Training for members and friends, church staff, and the wider community.

The course will be taught by the American Red Cross and is offered at no charge to registrants, but preregistration is necessary for planning purposes. Childcare can be arranged if requested two weeks in advance. The training schedule is as follows:

- **March 5**, 2-4 p.m., Spanish
- **March 16**, 6-8 p.m., English

The training location on the Eden Church campus will be determined by enrollment, and will be posted closer to the presentation dates.

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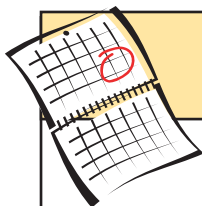
Families Join the Caroling



Congregation Sings Silent Night



Arlene Shares Candle Safety



Coming Attractions—  
Mark Your Calendars!

- January 23**, Performing Arts Series Concert featuring Lee Steward and Loris Coburn
- January 23**, Parent-Teacher Meeting
- January 30**, Small Group Orientation
- January 30**, Winter/Spring Registration for ESLO Groups
- February 6**, Winter/Spring Registration for ESLO Groups
- February 11**, Valentine's Day Luncheon
- February 13**, Facebook Workshop for Adults with Dr. Marc
- February 19–21**, NCNC Sr. High Feb Camp at Monte Toyon
- February 20**, Usher and Greeter Training
- February 21**, Eden Church Office closed
- February 21**, Stewardship Member Fundraiser: Muslim Tea hosted by Stephanie Spencer
- March 5**, Disaster Preparedness Training (Spanish)
- March 5**, International Women's Day Celebration
- March 6**, Campership Fundraiser Lunch
- March 9**, Ash Wednesday
- March 13**, Retirement Community Visit

- March 16**, Disaster Preparedness Training (English)
- March 20**, Performing Arts Series Concert
- March 26**, Prayer Retreat
- March 27**, Stewardship Member Fundraiser: Coffee Roasting hosted by Brenda Loreman and Mike Foster
- April 3**, One Great Hour of Sharing
- April 3**, Inquirer's Gathering
- April 10**, Bike and Biker Blessing
- April 17**, Palm Sunday, Baptism & Reception of New Members
- April 21**, Maundy Thursday
- April 22**, Good Friday Labyrinth Walk
- April 24**, Easter Sunday
- May 14**, FESCO Shelter Shuffle
- May 19–22**, NCNC UCC Annual Meeting
- May 22**, Stewardship Sunday
- June 26**, Eden UCC 146th Annual Congregational Meeting
- July 4**, Eden Church Office Closed
- September 5**, Eden Church Office Closed
- November 24–25**, Eden Church Office Closed
- December 26**, Eden Church Office Closed



Shopping List

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

February 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.

Birthday & Anniversaries

February Birthdays

- 2/5 **René Castle**; 2/6, **Pepper Swanson**; 2/8 **Samantha Kephart**; 2/11 **Todd Bove**; 2/16 **Jamison Rose**; 2/17 **Elma Wagle**; 2/20 **Jerry Crans**; 2/21 **Nora Crans** and **Mike King**; 2/23 **Ruth Jenkins**; 2/24 **Maryellen Lentz**; 2/26 **Sophia Inverno**; 2/28 **Christopher Baucox-Jordan**.





## Joys

Fifty-two members of Eden Church signed the COR-PICO petition on January 16, 2011, opposing the repeal of the federal **Healthcare Reform Act**.

Congratulations and best wishes to **Liz and John Jobst** on the completion of their remodeling projects and moving into their new home in the Rockridge neighborhood of Oakland.

Many thanks to our planners, leaders, and revelers who made Eden's two—count 'em, two—**Three Kings Day** celebrations such a big success on January 8 and 9, 2011!

**Ruth Schaap** is great-grandma again! Jennifer and Chris Carr, daughter and son-in-law of Paula and Carl Bleeker, welcomed **Benjamin Robert Carr** into the world this past month.

The family of **Peter Stark** thanks all the Eden members and friends for their concern and prayers after Peter's motorcycle accident. Peter is beginning his next step of recovery, physical therapy, and his prognosis is good.

## Prayer Requests

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

For **Felicia Canty**, Keith Smith's sister, who is recovering from surgery.

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

For **Bill Duguid**, a family friend of Mary Haro, who is recovering at Silver Oak Manor from injuries sustained in a fall.

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

For **Jane Kamps**, mother of Mary Bradford, who is living with cancer.

For our wonderful Jubilee Member, **Ellen Johnson**, who moved to St. Helena over MLK Weekend to be closer to her children and their families.

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

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

For **Pat Payne**, who suffered a mild heart attack, and is recovering at home.

For **Danielle Prestidge**, who was recently diagnosed with epilepsy. Danielle is one of Sandy Nachand's grandchildren.

For **the family of Mary Roth**. Mary died on December 18. Her memorial service will be held in Pioneer Chapel on Saturday, January 22, 2011.

For **the family of Cal Rule**. Cal died at home on January 13, 2011. Plans for his memorial service are pending. Please contact the church office for more information.

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

For **Barbara Wallis**, who is at Baywood Court in Castro Valley. Cards, calls, and visits are welcome.

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**.

# February 2011

## Duty Roster

Date	February 6	February 13	February 20	February 27
<b>Liturgical Day</b>	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Communion	Sixth Sunday after Epiphany	Seventh Sunday after Epiphany	Eighth Sunday after Epiphany
<b>Scripture</b>	Is. 58:1-12 Ps. 112:1-10 1 Cor. 2:1-16) Mt. 5:13-20	Deut. 30:15-20 Ps. 119:1-8 1 Cor. 3:1-9 Mt. 5:21-37	Lev. 19:1-18 Ps. 119:33-40 1 Cor. 3:10-23 Mt. 5:38-48	Is. 49:8-16a Ps. 13 1 Cor. 4:1-5 Mt. 6:24-34
<b>Preacher</b>	Brenda Loreman	Arlene K. Nehring	Arlene K. Nehring	Arlene K. Nehring
<b>Liturgist</b>	Sage Fields Tyler	Susan MacDonald	Herb Graw	Mary Haro
<b>Children's Time</b>	Lee Stewert	Pedro Ramos-Goycolea	Pedro Ramos-Goycolea	Liz Jobst
<b>Loving Arms Nursery</b>	Roni Iles & Alexandra Romero	Roni Iles & Alexandra Romero	Roni Iles & Brenda Camacho	Roni Iles & Brenda Camacho
<b>Sunday School</b>	All children & youth in worship	Jan Bass & Theresa Collier, K-2; Todd Bove & Keith Smith, 3-5; Michael Stuber & Russ Miller, 6-8; Feb Camp, 9-12	John Hasselkuss & Liz Jobst, K-2; Ed and Pam Reuling, 3-5; Shannon Whitney & Pam Winthers, 6-8; Patty Cowick & Cheryl & Tom Fields Tyler, 9-12	Jan Bass & Theresa Collier, K-5; All youth in worship
<b>Office</b>	Audrey Wood	Susie Newman	Ann McClure	Ruth Jenkins
<b>Greeters</b>	John Hasselkuss Sr. High Youth	Russ Newman	Theressa Collier Alliene Turner	Lia Jarvis Cindy Keune
<b>Ushers</b>	Michael Stuber Sr. High Youth	Kay Crosby Ann McClure Russ Newman TBD	Theressa Collier Scott Swanson Bob Turner Audrey Wood	Peggy Apperson Frank Jenkins Cindy Keune Pat Payne
<b>Trustee on Duty</b>	Fred Dorn	Russ Miller Daniella Prym	Bob Turner (a.m. & p.m.)	Steve Ryken
<b>Fellowship Hour Hosts</b>	Captain: Alliene Turner Hosts: Mary Haro Stephanie Spencer	Captain: Jennifer Aguilar Hosts: Jana Aloo TBD	Captain: Shannon Whitney Hosts: Jan Bass Rozetta Walth	Captain: Fred Dorn Hosts: Kay Crosby TBD

*K-5th 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.*

# February 2011

## Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <b>10</b> Worship Team <b>11:30</b> Staff Meeting <b>7</b> Combined Council & Stewardship Meeting	2 <b>10</b> Seekers <b>2:30</b> Yoga	3	4	5
6 <b>8:45</b> Music Rehearsal <b>10</b> Worship; FESCO & Deacon's Collection	7 <b>6</b> Choir Potluck <b>7:30</b> Choir Practice	8 <b>10</b> Worship Team <b>6:30</b> Trustees Meeting	9 <b>10</b> Seekers <b>2:30</b> Yoga	10 <b>6:30</b> Eden/COR	11 <b>Noon</b> Valentine Luncheon	12
13 <b>8:45</b> Music Rehearsal <b>10</b> Worship <b>11:30</b> Facebook Workshop	14 <b>7:30</b> Choir Practice	15 <b>10</b> Worship Team	16 <b>10</b> Seekers <b>2:30</b> Yoga	17	18	19
20 <b>8:45</b> Music Rehearsal <b>10</b> Worship <b>11:30</b> Usher & Greeter Training; <i>Chimes</i> deadline	21 <b>7:30</b> Choir Practice <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>	22 <b>10</b> Worship Planning <b>7</b> Stewardship Committee	23 <b>10</b> Seekers <b>2:30</b> Yoga	24 <b>5:30</b> EALI Joint Leadership & Educational Forum	25	26
27 <b>8:45</b> Music Rehearsal <b>10</b> Worship	28 <b>7:30</b> Choir Practice					

**Every Sunday: 8:45 Music Rehearsal • 10:00 Worship & Church School • 11:15 Fellowship**