

The Chimes

DEVELOPING A TASTE FOR SMALL GROUPS

When I first heard that Eden Church was thinking about having a Small Group Ministry, my stomach gave a little lurch. Meet in private homes? Pray with others? Study the Bible? It sounded a little too personal and, hmm, a little too religious for me.

Fast forward twelve months and there I was, sitting in Rob Parrish's den, listening to music with Dianne Dorn, eating appetizers provided by Jennifer Aguilar, Keith Smith, and Cheryl Fields Tyler, and preparing to do a spiritual exercise led by Patty Cowick. We were having the fifth of six meetings and I was reveling in my new-found friends and hoping to bring this wonderful experience to the entire congregation this Lent.

The idea of a Small Group Ministry at Eden has been around for awhile. It took a big step forward last fall when Brenda Loreman, long-time Eden member, and two seminary colleagues studied the idea and reported a high level of interest among Eden members. This fall, the Beta Test Group tried the idea on for size – and liked what we found.

First, joining a small group is about getting to know each other, which in a church where half of the members joined in the last five years, is a very good and needed thing. Second, it's about sharing spiritual practices, prayer techniques, and insight into scripture. Third, it's about discussing the vital themes of our denomination and how they play out in our own lives.

Each group will have six to eight people, who will share the jobs of leading discussion and prayer, using reading materials, spiritual exercises, and questions provided by the Beta Test Group. When and where they meet will depend on their availability and mobility issues. Some groups will meet in homes; others will meet at Eden or at places like a local retirement community. No matter who you are, there will be a small group just right for you!

Lent, as you know, is a time for prayer, reflection, and preparation for Easter. I can't think of a better way to do all three than in a small group of Eden friends.

~Pepper



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Early February
2010

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!

Musical "Eden Family" Valentine Funds Eden's Music Program

Every year during the first week of February, Mrs. Thompson, my lovely teacher for kindergarten through third grade, brought out the special tub that contained white lace doilies, red, white and pink construction paper, and loads of vintage wrapping paper covered in cherubims, hearts, and flowers. It was time to make valentines for our parents. We each got a little brown paper towel with a golf ball sized dab of paste and a popsicle stick for spreading it, and we settled in to a wonderful creative hour of cutting, pasting and coloring something special.

Much anticipation built before delivering that carefully crafted valentine card on the morning of Valentine's Day. I looked forward to the smile on my mother's face, and the hug and kiss of appreciation she always gave me after reading my scribbles of love and admiring my creativity. The feeling of giving that gift, knowing it was heartfelt and special, was indeed a wonderful thing. I am ever grateful to Mrs. Thompson for giving us many opportunities to make and give special gifts to our family and friends.

On Friday, **Feb. 5**, at 7 p.m., we are giving you a wonderful opportunity to share a special valentine with people you love. It is an opportunity for you to experience that wonderful feeling of giving, knowing that you will be making a difference for Eden's music program. The evening will feature vintage popular songs from the Why Not? Trio, graciously given to Eden by Bob Sorensen, and many people from our Eden family will share their own musical talents as well.

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Deck yourself in the colors of love and come ready to be entertained! Bring your family, bring your friends, and give them all the experience of a wonderful musical valentine. Eden's Musical Valentines Family Concert promises to be a cabaret-style event filled with love, laughter and fun, as well as coffee,

~ Jenifer Miller



Loris and Lee relaxing after the concert



Lee and Loris with members of the Performing Arts Council

Ash Wednesday Service

We will mark the beginning of our journey into Lent as a faith community on Wednesday, **Feb. 17**, with a contemporary worship service in Pioneer Chapel led by the the Confirmation Class, Pastor Arlene, and other members of the Worship Team. Come as you are. Receive the imposition of ashes or not. All are welcome. The service will begin at 7 p.m. Children are welcome in worship, and childcare for children Pre-K and younger will be available in the Loving Arms Nursery in the West Wing.

Valentine's Luncheon



The fellowship committee invites you and your friends to the annual Valentine's Luncheon on Friday, **Feb. 12**, at 12 noon in Oliver Hall. Jessica House Steward, an Eden member and the May soloist in the Performing Arts Series, will be singing accompanied by Loris Coburn. Tickets are \$10 and are available for purchase from Alliene Turner and in the church office.

Seekers Welcome

Join the Eden Seekers on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. as they read the book, *The Great Transformation* by Karen Armstrong. Please see Liz McKay or Pat Ball for more information or a copy of the reading schedule.

Small Groups Are Forming Now for Lent

Small Groups for fellowship, prayer, and discussion are kicking off on Ash Wednesday (**Feb. 17**) for the Season of Lent. Groups will meet six times, either weekly or biweekly. Groups are forming now for Sundays after church, weekdays, and weekday evenings in private homes and/or at the church. Let us know your time preference by signing up now. Registration forms are available online at www.edenucc.com/documents/SGMPPoster.pdf, or in the church office or by contacting Pepper Swanson, pepper@edenucc.com. Questions about Small Groups? Ask our Beta Test members Jennifer Aguilar, Dianne Dorn, Patty Cowick, Keith Smith, Rob Parish, and Cheryl Fields Tyler. Participants will need to sign up by Feb. 7, and a "Meet Your Group" orientation meeting will be held after church on Feb. 14.

Take a Lookilu and See What's New:



www.edenucc.com

Eden Church Welcomes UCC National Officer

On Sunday, **Feb. 21**, we are pleased to welcome into the pulpit of Eden UCC the Rev. Linda Jaramillo, Executive for Justice & Witness Ministries. Linda is one of the five officers of our denomination, and a friend of Pastor Arlene's.



Ready to Hit the Piñata



One Part of the Star Gone!



Piñata Deconstructed

Lenten Offering

What do we do in the event of an earthquake? Many of us learned as children that a good response is to "duck and cover." Another good response is to contribute to the United Church of Christ "One Great Hour of Sharing Offering" which is received each Lent to help address the profound need that victims of natural disasters face at home and around the world. Already dollars donated last year are providing basic human necessities in Haiti. Our offerings this year will continue to support earthquake relief in Haiti, and ensure that basic survival supplies, and equipment to provide clean water, medicines, shelter, blankets, and more for survivors in Haiti and in situations yet unknown to us will be in place when the next disaster strikes. Please give gladly and as you are able. Our OGHS offering will be received on Sunday, **March 14**, during morning worship. For today's UCC update on the recovery effort in Haiti, go to www.ucc.org.

Senior High Students Go Camping in February!

Calling all 9–12th graders: Registration is now open for the NCNC Feb Camp from **Feb. 13–15** at Monte Toyan. Early bird price of \$175 is still available. Registration forms are on the counter in the church office. See Pastor Arlene if you are in need of scholarship assistance. For more information about the camp visit the conference website www.ncncc.org/ or contact Joy Davis, Camp Registrar at Joy@ncncc.org.



Stephanie, Natalie, and Abby @ NCNC Midwinter Camp

Yoga at Eden

The final yoga class of the present series will be Monday, **Jan. 25**. Beginning in February classes will be held on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. and Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. Attend either class—or both! Classes are taught by Eden's outstanding yoga teacher, Amanda Sharpe. For the first two weeks in February all classes are free! Come in comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat; the rest is supplied. Contact Jacque Blake for more info.



Taking Down Roof Decorations!

Lent & Easter 2010 at a Glance

- Feb. 17**—Ash Wednesday Service, Pioneer Chapel, 7 p.m.
- As posted—Small Group Gatherings
- Feb. 21**—First Sunday in Lent, the Rev. Linda Jaramillo, Executive for Justice & Witness Ministries, UCC, preaching
- Mar. 7**—Inquirer's Gathering, Norberg Room, 11:30 a.m.
- Mar 14**—One Great Hour of Sharing Offering received, Worship Service, 10 a.m.
- Mar. 28**—Palm Sunday Service, Baptism & Reception of New Members, Sanctuary, 10 a.m.
- April 1**—Maundy Thursday Service, Pioneer Chapel, 7 p.m.
- April 2**—Good Friday, Labyrinth Walk, Courtyard, 6 p.m.
- April 4**—Easter Service, Sanctuary, 10 a.m.; Easter Egg Hunt, Courtyard, 11:15 a.m.

**Coming Attractions—
Mark Your Calendars!**



- January 31**, Confirmation Camp Fundraiser Brunch
- February 5**, Musical Family Valentine/Cabaret Night
- February 7**, Small Group Ministry Registration Deadline
- February 12**, Valentine Luncheon
- February 13–15**, NCNC Sr. High Feb. Camp Retreat
- February 14**, Small Group Ministry Orientation
- February 15**, Eden Church Office closed
- February 17**, Ash Wednesday Worship
- February 17**, Small Group Ministry Begins
- February 28**, Spirit-in-Action Worship Service, Confirmation Class
- March 5–7**, "Love Makes a Family" Photo Exhibit
- March 7**, Inquirer's Gathering
- March 12–14**, Confirmation Camp at Cazadero
- March 14**, One Great Hour of Sharing
- March 21**, Performing Arts Series presents Soprano Rebecca Krouner singing songs by female composers Strozzi, Schumann, and Baker.
- March 28**, Palm Sunday, Potluck Sunday, Baptism & Reception of New Members
- March 28**, Retirement Community & Congregational Care visits
- April 1**, Maundy Thursday, Service of Holy Communion and Tenebrae
- April 2**, Good Friday Labyrinth Walk
- April 4**, Easter Sunday
- April 9–11**, "Building an Inclusive Church" Training
- May 2**, Souper Sunday
- May 9**, Mother's Day, Baptism & Reception of New Members
- May 13–16**, NCNC Annual Meeting
- May 15**, Shelter Shuffle
- May 16**, Stewardship Sunday
- May 16**, Performing Arts Series features Soprano Jessica House Steward performing songs by de Falla, Strauss, and Barber.
- May 21**, Confirmation Class
- May 23**, Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday
- June 6**, Bravo! Sunday
- June 13**, Inquirer's Gathering
- June 20**, Father's Day
- June 20**, Performing Arts Series
- June 27**, Eden United Church of Christ, Congregational Annual Meeting



Joys

"Eden United Church of Christ" has well over 300 fans now on **Facebook**. That's more people than we have on our snail mail list. Tell your Facebook Friends, "**You're welcome here!**" and become a Facebook "fan."

We have **newcomers** in worship every Sunday.

Congratulations to **Dianne and Fred Dorn** on the birth of their granddaughter, Ella Marie, who was born this past week in Modesto.

The Kings recently visited Eden Church and will be moving back to the Bay Area this year after a five year sojourn in southern California!

Eden Church sent three youth and one adult driver/chaperone to NCNC-UCC **Mid-Winter Camp** over the MLK Celebration Weekend.

Liz McKay and John Jobst are excited to announce their engagement. No wedding plans yet; they're just enjoying the moment.

Zachary Sherwood's brain tumor is gone!

The Performing Arts Series concert Jan. 17, featuring Tenor Lee Steward, raised \$1545 for Eden Medical Center Foundation's maternal and child health programs!

Prayer Requests

For **Gene Bass**, Jan Bass' father, who is currently undergoing chemotherapy.

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

For the family of **Shirley Branaugh**, who died earlier this month. A memorial service was held in the Sanctuary at Eden Church with Pastor Arlene officiating, on Saturday, January 23.

For **Nancy Buchanan** who was recently diagnosed with thyroid cancer. Nancy is the mother of Liz McKay's childhood friend, Molly.

For **Rindie Chase**, who 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 **Mildred Duguid**, who underwent surgery recently week to remove a kidney compromised by a tumor. Mildred is a friend of Mary Haro's family.

For **Katie Egan**, Audrey Wood's granddaughter, who is preparing for a cardiac procedure at Stanford on February 16.

For **the family and friends of Ruth Ferguson**, one of Eden's Jubilee Members, who died on Sunday, Jan. 10. A memorial service was held on Friday, Jan. 22, at 2 p.m., in Pioneer Chapel, with Pastor Arlene officiating.

For **Curtis Fuller**, who is living with cancer.

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

For **Betsy Lauchstedt**, who has been a patient at Eden Hospital this past week, and who was recently diagnosed with colon cancer.

For **Everett Lewis, and his daughters, Nancy, Janice, and Patricia and their families**. Everett is a former member of Eden Church, who has been hospitalized several times in the past year, and is currently being treated for pneumonia.

For **Laura Lutz King and the entire Lutz family**. Laura's dad died on Dec. 16, and a memorial service was held on Dec. 28 in Berwick, Pennsylvania.

For **Gemma Meiller**, who has been a patient at Kaiser-Fremont, and who has begun kidney dialysis. Gemma is Dianne Dorn's mother.

For **Hans Mohring**, who underwent surgery on Jan. 21 to remove a malignant tumor. Hans is a very good friend of the Smith-Bove family.

For **Jim Schmidt**, who is in the midst of radiation treatments. Jim is a friend of Susan DuPree's.

For **Zachary Sherwood**, who began a series of 20 radiation treatments on Thursday, January 21. Zachary is the grandson of Billie and Cliff Sherwood.

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

For **Lori Woolman**, Mary Haro's sister, who is continuing treatment for Lyme disease and related back pain.

For **persons and families** who are seeking housing and employment, and for all who are grieving the death of a loved one this season, and for those who are experiencing pain associated with these and other losses.

For the victims, and the families and friends of victims, of the **Haiti earthquake**.

Continued prayers for **Anita, Bryan, Justin, Mel, Nick, 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, Susan Fivelstad, Allan Gardiner, Clyde Howell, and Angie Payne**.

February 2010

Duty Roster

Date	Feb 7	Feb 14	Feb 17	Feb 21	Feb 28
Liturgical Day	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	Transfiguration Sunday	Ash Wednesday	First Sunday in Lent	Second Sunday in Lent
Scripture	Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13) • Psalm 138 • 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 • Luke 5:1-11	Exodus 34:29-35 • Psalm 99 • 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 • Luke 9:28-36, (37-43)	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12 • Psalm 51:1-17 • 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 • Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 • Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 • Romans 10:8b-13 • Luke 4:1-13	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 • Psalm 27 • Philippians 3:17-4:1 • Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36, (37-43)
Preacher	Cheryl Fields Tyler	Arlene Nehring	Arlene Nehring	Linda Jaramillo	S-I-A Speakers
Liturgist	Confirmand	Alliene Turner	Confirmation Class	Pepper Swanson	S-I-A Team
Children's Time	Arlene Nehring	TBD	TBD	Liz McKay	TBD
Loving Arms Nursery	Angelica Johnson & Roni Iles	Angelica Johnson & TBD	TBD	Angelica Johnson & TBD	Angelica Johnson & Roni Iles
Sunday School	All Children & Youth in Worship – Confirmands Greet, Usher, Read, and Serve Communion	Sally & Bill D'Anjou, K-5; All Youth in Worship, 6-12	All Children & Youth in Worship	Liz McKay and John Hasselkuss, K-2; Ed and Pam Reuling, 3-5; Patty Cowick, Cheryl and Tom Fields Tyler, 6-9; Michael Stuber and Betsy Lauchstedt 10-12	Sally D'Anjou and Theresa Collier, K-5; All Youth in Worship, 6-12
Office	Audrey Wood	Barbara Lateer	TBD	Ann Newey	Ruth Jenkins
Greeters	Michael Stuber Confirmands	TBD	TBD	Betsy Lauchstedt Alliene Turner	Cindy Keune
Ushers	Michael Stuber Confirmands	Kay Crosby Ann Newey Billie Sherwood TBD	TBD	Scott Swanson Bob Turner Susan Whiting Audrey Wood	Peggy Apperson Frank Jenkins Cindy Keune TBD
Other/After Worship	Holy Communion; FESCO & Deacons Offerings; Fellowship Hour; Chimes deadline	Fellowship Hour	Service in Pioneer Chapel	Fellowship Hour; Chimes deadline	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.

February 2010

Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7 Yoga	2 12:30 All Staff Meeting 2 Worship Planning 7 Cabinet	3 10 Seekers 2 Clergy Bible Study	4 4 Staff Party 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	5 7 Cabaret Night	6
7 9 Music Rehearsal 10 Worship FESCO & Deacons Collections; <i>Chimes</i> deadline	8 7 Yoga	9 10 BCoM 2 Worship Planning 6:30 Trustees	10 10 Seekers 2 Clergy Bible Study 7 BCM	11 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	12 12 Valentine Luncheon	13
14 9 Music Rehearsal 10 Worship	15 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	16 2 Worship Planning 7 Eden COR	17 10 Seekers 7 Ash Wed. Service	18 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	19	20
21 9 Music Rehearsal 10 Worship <i>Chimes</i> deadline	22 7 Yoga	23 2 Worship Planning 7 Stewardship	24 10 Seekers 2 Clergy Bible Study	25 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	26	27
28 9 Music Rehearsal 10 Worship 11:30-1:30 Confirmation Lunch & Class						

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