

The Chimes

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST VOTES FOR GAY-INCLUSIVE DIVERSITY EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The well-being of all children was on the minds of 900 delegates to the national General Synod of the United Church of Christ (UCC) meeting in Grand Rapids, Mich., June 26-July 1, as they voted overwhelmingly to support diversity education in public schools that includes information about lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people (LGBT).

The emergency resolution was developed when Castro Valley, Calif., pastor, Arlene Nehring, was attacked for making a presentation called "Out for Good" in the local high school. The presentation included pictures of her life growing up in Iowa, becoming a UCC pastor, marrying her wife, a little gay history and basic vocabulary that expresses respect for LGBT people.

A group of residents—none with children in the high school—worked with ultra-conservative Pacific Justice Institute to bring a law suit against the school to produce all emails and correspondence on the presentation for several years back. The school is cooperating.

The law suit may be thrown out at an administrative meeting in July but the controversy revealed that, for some citizens, respect for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people falls outside the bounds of their religious values—but not outside the law.

In nearby Alameda, Calif., a curriculum for younger students met an outcry when it included children's story books that showed real life examples of same gender parent families in nature and in society. United Church of Christ pastor, Laura Rose, was among those who defended the curriculum despite conservative claims of religious discrimination. The curriculum was approved by one vote and did not allow an opt-out clause.

In a growing number of states, school boards are being held responsible for the safety of the students through educational experiences that increase respect for diversity and decreases the likelihood of bullying based on identity—whether based on race, ability, gender identity, sexual orientation or other perceived or real difference.

The United Church of Christ national body will be working to educate their network of churches throughout the county and to reach out to other denominations to urge them to work for diversity education in their local communities to make schools safer for everyone.

President of the United Church of Christ, the Rev. John H. Thomas said, "The vote by the denomination's national body recognized the fact that schools cannot afford to allow students to opt out of basic respect for all people. Children's lives depend on it."

This statement was released on June 30, 2009, by The Rev. J. Bennett Guess, UCC communications director in conjunction with PIC and GLAAD.



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 2009

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!

A Joyous Jubilee Celebration

On Wednesday, June 24, a special luncheon honored Eden’s Jubilee members—those folks who have been members for 50 years or more. An impressive number of Jubilee members and their friends attended, including newly inducted Barbara Lateer. Jubilee members shared fond Eden memories with fellow guests. Highlights included memories of moving Pioneer Chapel (twice!) and thoughts by Eleanor Norberg, who made a special trip up from the Peninsula. Many thanks to Anne Duey for hosting such a deliciously joyous celebration!

Then on Sunday, June 28, the congregation recognized the Jubilee members by presenting them with golden pins blessed with a special prayer by the tiniest hands. “Making new friends and keeping the old.”



Blessing Jubilee Member Pins

I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for . . . Ice Cream!

Join us for a special fellowship hour in Oliver Hall on Sunday, **July 19**, when we’ll be serving ice cream. At \$1 per scoop you can’t beat this delicious deal! There will be lots of flavors to choose from including sugar-free vanilla. See a member of the Fellowship Committee if you’d like to help.

Summer Celebration, Shaking Things Up

Over the summer months there will not be any Summer Celebration classes offered on Communion Sunday, the first Sunday of the month. During the scripture reading and sermon, kids of all ages will have the option of leaving the service to hear a special children’s sermon, returning in time to participate in Communion with the congregation. Classes for kids completing Kindergarten through fifth grade continue the rest of the month using the stories of Leo Lionni to discover modern-day parables. Safe congregation screened volunteers are needed to help teach or assist in the classroom and help in the nursery. See Liz McKay if you’re interested in working with either of these ministries.

SAAM Camp Registration Deadline Is July 5!

Sign up before it’s too late for Eden’s Summer Adventures in Art and Music (SAAM) Camp. SAAM Camp will be from **July 13–17**, from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m., based on the theme “Spirit-in-Action: Integrating Mission into Our Lives.” This year SAAM is offered for students completing Kindergarten through fourth grades. Camp activities include art, music, cooking, and yoga classes as well as a snack and lunch. Cost of the camp, for a full week, is only \$15. Fliers and registration forms are available in the church office or online at www.edenucc.com. If you have questions about the camp, please ask Liz McKay.

Annual Meeting: A Time to Gather Together

The 144th Annual Meeting of Eden UCC was held in Oliver Hall immediately following worship on Sunday, June 28, where members received copies of the 2008–2009 Annual Report, and voted on and approved a number of important issues including the budget for 2009–2010 and the slate of church officers and board members. Pete Michell, Vice Moderator, facilitated the meeting which lasted under an hour leaving lots of time for fellowship and to enjoy Ted’s delicious birthday cake.



Brenda Leads Congregation in Song

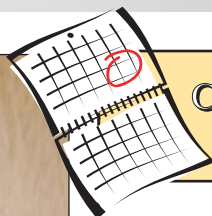


Board of Church Ministries Members

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Happy 90th Birthday, Ted!



**Coming Attractions—
Mark Your Calendars!**

- July 10**, Bunco Night
- July 5–11**, NCNC CIT Camp at Cazadero
- July 7–11**, NCNC Kids Camp (2nd–4th) at Cazadero
- July 12–18**, NCNC Junior Hi Camp (7th–9th) at Cazadero
- July 13–17**, SAAM Camp
- July 18**, Spirit-in-Action: Habitat for Humanity
- July 19**, Ice Cream Social
- July 19–25**, NCNC Junior Camp (5th–6th) at Cazadero
- July 26–August 1**, Middle School Camp WOW
- July 26–August 1**, NCNC Senior Hi Camp (10th–12th) at Cazadero
- July 26–August 1**, NCNC Junior and Junior Hi Camp (5th–8th) at Tamarack
- August 2**, Sunday Dinner at Grandma's
- August 2–8**, NCNC Senior Hi Camp (9th–12th) at Tamarack
- August 2–16**, FESCO Backpacks collection
- August 7–9**, NCNC Young Adult Retreat at Cazadero
- August 15**, "Eden Family" Outing, Ardenwood Farms
- August 19**, Calendaring Meeting
- August 22**, Choir Retreat
- September 12**, Spirit-in-Action: Save the Bay
- September 13**, Parent-Teacher Gathering
- September 20**, Open House Sunday; Church School Begins
- October 3**, NCNC UCC Identity Seminar 4: UCC Theology
- October 4**, World Communion Sunday
- October 18**, Souper Sunday
- October 23–25**, UCC LGBT ONA Workshops
- October 24**, "Eden Family" Outing
- November 1**, All Saints Sunday
- November 15**, Souper Sunday
- December 6**, Candlelight Carols
- December 9**, FESCO Luncheon
- December 13**, Christmas Pageant & Happy Birthday Jesus
- December 24**, Christmas Eve Service



Spirit-In-Action

Help Create a Habitat For All of Humanity

Put on your hardhat and join your friends from Eden at a Habitat for Humanity workday on Saturday, **July 18**. If you are over 16 years old and interested in volunteering, please contact Loris Coburn.

Summertime Fun on an "Eden Family" Outing

Remember back in May when the "Eden Family" Outing to Ardenwood Farms was rained out? Don't despair—we're already planning another trip! On Saturday, **August 15**, from 11:30-2:30 join your "Eden Family" for a picnic at Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont. Pack a picnic 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 aged 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.ebparks.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.



Shopping List

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

July 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 September 20 for an explanation.



Joys

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

We welcomed three new members into the life of Eden UCC on June 28, including: **Jennifer Aguilar & Manuel Inverno**, and **Rob Parrish**.

Congratulations to **Sally Kusalo and family**. Sally's son, Steven Kusalo, and daughter-in-law, Rosemary Jammal, were married at the bride's family home in Roseville, California, three weeks ago.

We have **30 Jubilee members! Jubilee Members are persons who have been members or whose initial membership with Eden Church began fifty years or more today.**

Ted Wallis turned 90 on July 2, and we celebrated in typical Eden style. Happy Birthday, Ted!

Lee Sorensen is now home recovering from surgery.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Mid-July—Mid-August Birthdays:

7/17, **Jay Christensen, Judy Gough & Marie Rodriguez;**

7/19, **Savanna Rose;**

7/20, **John McCarthy & Eleanor O'Keefe;**

7/22, **Gregory Christensen;**

7/23, **Patricia Henderson;**

7/24, **Pam Winthers;**

8/5, **Billie Sherwood;**

8/7, **George Rusteika;**

8/8, **Holly Guier;** 8/9,

Thanongsak Onsang;

8/11, **Gayle Marie & Pamela Reuling;**

8/13, **Anne Duey & Molly Pemberton;**

8/15, **Jim Schumann & Suzie Hasselkuss.**

Mid-July—Mid-August Anniversaries:

7/16, **Patty & Blaine Cowick;**

7/20, **Drue & Patrick McCarthy;**

7/23, **Jan Bass & David Wallace;**

7/31, **Suzie & John Hasselkuss;**

8/11, **Lois & George Rusteika.**



Jubilee Members

Prayer Requests

For **the family and friends of Liston Bascom**. Liston died last month.

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

For the family and friends of **Keith Boyer**, who died this past week.

For **Kevin Casey**, who had bypass surgery at O'Connor Hospital in San Jose last week.

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

For the family and friends of **Don Downing**, who died earlier this month. Don is a friend of the Smith-Bove family. Todd Bove is lending support to Don's partner, Ron.

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

For **Allen Gardiner**, who is now a resident at Windsor Gardens. Cards and visitors are welcome.

For **Cheryl Hammond**, who is home after a lengthy hospitalization. Cheryl is a friend of Kristi Lauchstedt's.

For **Lucille Hood**, Cliff Sherwood's cousin, who is recovering from her hip replacement surgery at Stanford.

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

For **Ann McClure Newey** and **Izzi Newey**, whose father and grandfather, George McClure, died on Monday, May 25, and whose mother and grandmother, Jean McClure, is recovering from a broken neck.

For **Winsome Lockerby** who has been a patient at Eden Hospital last week.

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

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

For **Dave Wallace and family**, as Dave's mother, Nancy, continues to recover at home from a stroke and surgery for treatment of stomach cancer.

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



Celebrate!

July 2009

Duty Roster

Date	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
Liturgical Season	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Communion</i> WHITE	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time GREEN	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time GREEN	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time GREEN
Scripture	2 Sam 5: 1-5, 9-10 • Ps 48 or Ezek 2: 1-5 • Ps 23; 2 Cor 12: 2-10; Mark 6: 1-13	2 Sam 6: 1-5, 12b-19 • Ps 24 or Amos 7: 7-15 • Ps 85: 8-13; Eph 1: 3-14; Mark 6: 14-29	2 Sam 7: 1-14a • Ps 89: 20-37 or Jer 23: 1-6 • Ps 23; Eph 2: 11-22; Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56	2 Sam 11: 1-5 • Ps 14 or 2 Kings 4: 42-44 • Ps 145: 10-18; Eph 3: 14-21; John 6: 1-21
Preacher	Brenda Loreman	Cheryl Fields Tyler	Arlene Nehring	Arlene Nehring
Liturgist	Susan MacDonald	Michael Foster	Stephanie Spencer	Jan Bass
Children's Time	Liz McKay	TBD	Liz McKay	Arlene Nehring
Loving Arms Nursery	Angelica Johnson & Theresa Collier	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 D'Anjou and Jan Bass (K-5); 6-12 in worship
Office	Audrey Wood	Barbara Lateer	Ann Newey	Ruth Jenkins
Greeters	John Hasselkuss & Debby Andrade	Blaine, Patty, Russell, & James Cowick	Alliene Turner & Betsy Lauchstedt	Pat Ball & Cindy Keune
Ushers	John Hasselkuss, Pat Payne, Pam Reuling, & Ed Reuling	Kay Crosby, Ann Newey, TBD, & Ted Wallis	Scott Swanson, Bob Turner, Susan Whiting, & Audrey Wood	Peggy Apperson, Bill D'Anjou, Sr., Frank Jenkins, & Frank Jensen
Other/After Worship	Deacon's/FESCO Offerings; <i>NO Chimes</i> deadline		<i>Chimes</i> deadline; Ice Cream Social	Evening Camp WOW!!

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.

July 2009

Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10 Seekers	2	3	4 Holiday— Church Office Closed
5 NO late July Chimes Deadline <i>FESCO/Deacon's Collection</i>	6 Holiday— Church Office Closed Yoga canceled	7 2 Worship Planning	8 10 Seekers	9	10 7 Bunco	11
12	13 9:30 SAAM Camp 5:45 Gentle Yoga 7:15 Yoga Flow	14 9:30 SAAM Camp 2 Worship Planning	15 9:30 SAAM Camp 10 Seekers	16 9:30 SAAM Camp	17 9:30 SAAM Camp	18 9 SIA: Habitat for Humanity
19 <i>Chimes Deadline</i> 11:15 Ice Cream Social	20 5:45 Gentle Yoga 7:15 Yoga Flow	21 12:30 All-Staff Meeting 2 Worship Planning 7 Eden COR	22 10 Seekers	23	24	25
26 6 Camp WOW!!	27 8:30 Camp WOW!! 5:45 Gentle Yoga 7:15 Yoga Flow 7 EAF Board Mtg.	28 8:30 Camp WOW!! 2 Worship Planning	29 8:30 Camp WOW!! 10 Seekers	30 8:30 Camp WOW!!	31 8:30 Camp WOW!!	