

The Chimes

AGING GRACEFULLY

Later this summer Eden Church will mark our 146th anniversary. Our sesquicentennial lurks just around the corner in 2015. Being able to put 146 candles on a cake in our time is no small feat, practically or metaphorically speaking.

Most businesses fail within their first five years of life, and most mainline Protestant denominations are closing more congregations than they are opening today. So revel with me for a moment in the thought of another Eden Church anniversary.

Eden Church was founded in 1865—the same year that the Civil War ended. When Pioneer Chapel was constructed three years later, at the corner of Foothill Blvd. and A Street, only the Ohlone Indians, Hayward's Hotel, the United Methodist Church, and a few small businesses existed in the area known as Hayward.

Trains and train tracks, indoor plumbing, electricity, public education, and the like had not yet come to our village. The Hayward Plunge and Kasper's Hot Dogs hadn't yet been imagined.

By California standards, Eden Church is old. And while "old" is not an adjective that many consider flattering, I see it as an admirable quality, especially when coupled with others. For example, at nearly 146 years of age, Eden Church is much like the older people whom I have admired most in my life.

They/we have learned from earlier experiences, and have acquired a sense of courage and mindfulness that has helped us stand firm amidst the storms of life, and enabled us to lean into the wind, instead of hunker down or hide from these challenges. This sort of spiritual maturity is what has undergirded our capacity to protest injustices, like the Japanese internment camps, and to work for the civil rights of African Americans, farm workers, women, the poor, and the LGBT communities over the years.

The adoption of the *Compañeras/os Ministry Plan* on Sunday, June 26, 2011, is a further example of the great things that continue to flow from our spiritual and numerical maturity. It is one of the signs that we are aging gracefully.

Soli Deo Gloria,

~Arlene



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

July/August 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

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www.edenucc.com

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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!



Musicians Celebrate on Bravo! Sunday



Congratulations Graduates

Member-Sponsored Summer Events

Enjoy the beginning of summer with fine dining. Join Bob and Alliene Turner at their home on Saturday, **Jul. 2**, at 4:30 p.m. for refreshing drinks by the pond and a delicious filet mignon dinner. Don't miss this opportunity to attend the first member-sponsored event of the fiscal year. Tickets are just \$12. For tickets, see Brenda Loreman or Alliene Turner.

The fellowship and fun continue on Saturday, **Aug. 13**, 2–6 p.m., with dinner in the enchanted garden at the pretty blue house on the corner, just two blocks from Eden Church. Join Mary Haro in her lovely garden for a casual buffet and fellowship. Cost is \$10; see Mary Haro or Brenda Loreman to sign up today.

2010–2011 Fiscal Year End

Thursday, **June 30, 2011**, marks the close of the 2010–2011 fiscal year at Eden United Church of Christ. All financial contributions submitted to the church office or post-marked by June 30, 2011, will be posted to donors' giving statements for the 2010–2011 fiscal year. All contributions submitted to the church office or post-marked between July 1, 2011–June 30, 2012, will be posted to next year's giving statements.

2011–2012 Stewardship Campaign

The 2011–2012 Stewardship campaign is coming to a close. Thanks to all families who have submitted a Time & Talent Survey and a 2011–2012 Pledge Form. Special thanks to the 30 families that increased their pledge by at least 10%! However, we are still missing a number of pledge forms from regular givers. Please mail your pledge form to the church office today, or contact Michael Stuber, our Associate Treasurer, directly.



Gay Prom Greeters

Red, White, and . . . Pie!

Apples, berries, and pears! Oh my! Peaches, cherries, and nectarines! Oh PIE! Come celebrate the Independence Day Weekend at Eden Church. Worship will feature the music of Frank Jensen's brass ensemble, Bayside Brass, playing Handel's "Overture to the Royal Fireworks," and other festive pieces. Help make our Fellowship Hour, which follows worship, extra special by bringing one or more of your favorite pies to share during fellowship hour, Sunday, **Jul. 3**. Questions? Contact Susie Newman or Pepper Swanson.

Eden-Cherryland COR

Are you concerned about youth violence, school improvement, affordable health care for all, immigration reform, or the State budget? If so, you will find like-minded people working on grass-roots solutions in the Eden Area at the Eden-Cherryland COR gatherings. Eden-Cherryland COR will meet on the following Wednesdays in July and August 2011, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.: **Jul. 6** and **20**, and **Aug. 3** and **17**. Join us for an evening, a season, or more. Childcare for infants and toddlers, and a literacy program for children K–5th grade, will be provided. See Arlene Nehring, Rene Castle, Drew Nettinga, Pedro Ramos Goycolea, or Pam Winthers for more information.

Safe Congregation Training Opportunity

American Heart Association training for Adult, Infant, and Child CPR and First Aid will be offered at Eden Church on Tuesday, **Jul. 12**, and Thursday, **Jul. 14**, from 6–9:30 p.m. at a significantly reduced cost of just \$20. Please contact Liz Jobst or Kathy Miller to register or for more information.

Chimes is a monthly publication of Eden United Church of Christ. Proposed submissions should be sent to kathy@edenucc.com, or mailed or delivered to the church by the third Sunday of each month. We reserve the right to edit all materials submitted. Publisher: the Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister. Chimes Staff: Liz Jobst, Education and Spiritual Life Coordinator; Kathy Miller, Church Administrator

Children and Youth Music Meeting

Thanks to all families who participated in the brief survey to help us determine a date for meeting about upcoming children and youth music programs at Eden. Based on your response the meeting will be held on Sunday, **Jul. 31**, after worship. All families are invited to join Lee, Liz, Arlene, and members of the Music Committee from 11:30–12:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room to discuss the possibilities for music participation from our young people. Some ideas that we have include pageants, youth services, special music offerings, music education, and more. Feel free to bring along any children or youth who are old enough to participate in the conversation. Childcare will be provided for all kids in elementary school and younger.

Eden Explorers

Calling all Eden Explorers: get the popcorn and peanuts ready; we are going to the movies on **Jul. 9**. Dianne Dorn is lining up Demitri's Taverna for a preset menu for dinner before the show. The cost of the movie will be a whopping \$5; dinner is extra. A more detailed agenda will be sent to all Eden Explorers via email shortly. To join the group, or to attend this event or a future potluck, email Suzie Hasselkuss (suziequilting@comcast.net) or Susie Newman (scn050270@aol.com).

Alameda County Fair Tickets:

Discount tickets to the Alameda County Fair, **Jun. 22–Jul. 10**, are available in the church office while they last.



Installation of New Officers Prayer

Eden Church Loves Cherryland Elementary School

Please mark your calendars for Mon, **Aug 29**–Thurs, **Sept 1**, noon through 5 p.m., and **Sept 3**, 9 a.m. to noon, when members and friends of Eden Church and the Cherryland Community will express our big love for learning and for the children of our community (and their teachers and administrators) by pitching in and helping with an academic assessment of K–2nd graders. This assessment will serve as a baseline for determining language, literacy, and mathematical growth in students at our neighborhood elementary school. A preview of the assessment process will be offered by Principal Irene Preciado, along with an explanation of how we can help with a simple student assessment, and/or with snacks and hospitality at the school. Please mark your calendars, and sign up on the schedule in the office. Please see Dianne Dorn, Drew Nettinga, Pedro Ramos Goycolea, or Arlene Nehring if you have questions about the project.



Jinni and Jack Welcomed to Eden



ESLO Committee Receives Gifts

Birthday & Anniversaries



July Birthdays: 7/1 **Jimmy Romero**; 7/2 **Ted Wallis**; 7/3 **Mary Haro**; 7/5 **Jinni Nixon**; 7/6 **Chris Malloy, Sarah Matthews**, and **Jenifer Miller**; 7/10 **Russell Cowick**; 7/12 **Scott Davis**; 7/14 **Wes Moniz**; 7/17 **Jay Christensen** and **Marie Rodriguez**; 7/19 **Savanna Rose**; 7/20 **John McCarthy** and **Eleanor O'Keefe**; 7/22 **Gregory Christensen**; 7/23 **Patricia Henderson**; 7/24 **Pam Winthers**, and 7/30 **Betty Livesay**.

July Anniversaries: 7/1 **McGarry Caven & Michael Stuber**; 7/2 **Pam & Ed Reuling**; 7/8 **Mary & Herb Graw**; 7/9 **Anne & Jay Christensen**; 7/13 **Betty & Dan Livesay**; 7/14 **Sue & Jim Hakanson**; 7/16 **Patty & Blaine Cowick**; 7/20 **Drue & Patrick McCarthy**; 7/23 **Jan Bass & David Wallace**; 7/31 **Karen & Ron Madaras** and **Suzie & John Hasselkuss**.

Take a Lookilu and See What's New:

www.edenucc.com



Quinn Playing Prelude



Herb Shares His Immigration Story



Pedro Shares His Journey



Joys

We welcomed **Jack Gerrie** and **Jinni Nixon** as members of Eden Church on Sunday, June 26.

Congratulations to **Peter Aloo** who received the Ph.D. in Education, June 12, from Cal State East Bay.

Congratulations to **Brenda Camacho** and **Alexandra Romero** who graduated from Bishop O'Dowd High School on Sunday, June 5.

Congratulations to **Anthony Crans** who received his BA in Economics and History from U.C. Davis on June 12.

Congratulations to **Michael Foster**, who was elected as one of three "Teachers of the Year" at James Logan High School in Union City.

Every seat in the Hayward High School Library was filled Wednesday night, June 15, with community members ranging in age from 14 to 74, who were present to develop a vision for **Youth Empowerment Programs and Parent Engagement Programs at Hayward High**.

Congratulations to **Lauren Jarvis**, who just got her first job! Lauren will be working as a server at Baywood Court.

Congratulations to **Samantha Kephart** who graduated from Mount Eden High School on Tuesday, June 7.

Congratulations to **Brenda Loreman** who received her Master of Divinity degree from Pacific School of Religion on Sunday, May 22.

Congratulations to **Elizabeth (Izzi) Newey** who graduated from Athenian High School on Friday, June 3.

Congratulations to **Susan Nettinga** on her retirement (and "reirement") from the Fremont Adult School, where she has had a very distinguished career as an ELL teacher.

Many thanks to all who participated in the **Pilgrim Potluck and Immigration Stories Forum**, June 12, and who contributed to the Compañeras/os Ministry Plan.

Congratulations to our Jubilee Members, Class of 2011, **Barbara Ryken** and **Mary Joan Stone**!

Eden Church is blessed to have **24 Jubilee Members**, including: Elma Wagle, Jack Wagle, Lucille Lorge, Mary Burroughs, Winn Lockerby, Bob Petersen, Peggy Barber, John Livingston, Sue Fry, Virginia Bruns, Virginia SeEVERS, Ruth Schaap, Glenna Zolling, Lois Rusteika, Barbara Lee Jackson, Ann Rheiner, Ellen Johnson, Anne Duey, Jim Schumann, Frank Jenkins, Ruth Jenkins, Barbara Lateer, Barbara Ryken, and Mary Joan Stone.

Prayer Requests

For Josiah Amaya-Haro's great grandma, who has returned home to continue her recovery from a serious auto accident.

For a friend of the Andrade family, who is experiencing numerous challenges at this time.

For the **Fields Tyler family**, as Cheryl's grandma hovers at heaven's gate.

For **John and Suzie Hasselkuss**. John's step-father is experiencing more health challenges.

For the family and friends of **Betsy Lauchstedt**, who died on Saturday, May 14. Betsy's memorial service will be held at noon on **July 23**. A reception will follow in Oliver Hall. Please contact Carol Price if you'd like to help with the reception.

For the family of **Arnita Moura**, who died on Monday, June 6. Inurnment will be at Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward. The family is planning a private service. Sympathies may be directed to Arnita's daughters, Candace and Robin. Please contact the church office for a mailing address. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

For a friend of the Payne family, who is terminally ill.

For **the family of Leonard Cerullo**, who died Sunday evening, June 19. Leonard was Paul Prosseda's grandfather.

For **Barbara Ryken**, who is undergoing treatment for breast cancer.

For a friend of Billie Sherwood's, who is living with lung cancer.

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

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

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

For **Mary Joan Stone**, who is being treated for an infection at Windsor Gardens.

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, Angie Payne, and Zachary Sherwood**.

July 2011

Duty Roster

Date	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
Liturgical Day	Second Sunday after Pentecost Communion	Third Sunday after Pentecost	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture	Gen. 22:1-14 & Ps. 13 • Jer. 28:5-9 & Ps. 89:1-4, 15-18 • Rom. 6:12-23 • Matt. 10:40-42	Gen. 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 and Psalm 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13 • Zech. 9:9-12 and Ps. 145:8-14 • Rom. 7:15-25a • Matt. 11:16-19, 25-30	Gen. 25:19-34 and Ps. 119:105-112 • Is. 55:10-13 and Ps. 65:(1-8), 9-13 • Rom. 8:1-11 • Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23	Gen. 28:10-19a and Ps.139:1-12, 23-24 • Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19 or Is. 44:6-8 and Ps. 86:11-17 • Rom. 8:12-25 • Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43	Gen. 29:15-28 and Ps.105:1-11, 45b or Ps. 128 • 1 Kings 3:5-12 and Ps. 119:129-136 • Rom. 8:26-39 • Matt. 13:31-33, 44-52
Preacher	Arlene K. Nehring	Pepper Swanson	Drew Nettinga	Arlene K. Nehring	Arlene K. Nehring
Liturgist	Izzi Newey	Alliene Turner	Michael Stuber	Athena Guy Malloy	Mary Haro
Children's Time	Pedro Ramos Goycolea	Liz Jobst	Pedro Ramos Goycolea	Arlene K. Nehring	Liz Jobst
Loving Arms Nursery	Veronica Iles and Alexandra Romero	Veronica Iles and Stephanie Andrade	Veronica Iles and Stephanie Andrade	Veronica Iles and Brenda Camacho	Veronica Iles and Brenda Camacho
Summer Celebration	All children and youth in worship	John Hasselkuss and Liz Jobst, K-4 grade; All Youth in worship	Keith Smith and Todd Bove, K-4 grade; All Youth in worship	Shannon Whitney and Izzi Newey, K-4 grade; All Youth in worship	Tim Nicholas and Lewis Fernandez, K-4 grade; All Youth in worship
Office	Audrey Wood	Susie Newman	Ann McClure	Ruth Jenkins	TBD
Greeters	Youth John Hasselkuss	Max Leung Russ Newman	Alliene Turner	Cindy Keune	Cindy Keune Max Leung
Ushers	Michael Stuber Youth	Kay Crosby Max Leung Ann McClure Russ Newman	Theresa Collier Scott Swanson Bob Turner Audrey Wood	Peggy Apperson Frank Jenkins Cindy Keune Patty Payne	Cindy Keune Ann McClure Michael Stuber Scott Swanson
Trustee on Duty	Russ Miller	Bob Turner	Russ Newman	Fred Dorn	Bob Turner
Fellowship Hour Hosts	Alliene Turner Suzie Hasselkuss Susie Newman Pepper Swanson	Shannon Whitney	Susie Newman	Fred Dorn	TBD

*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.*

July 2011

Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 4:30 Member-sponsored event: Turners Summer BBQ
3 FESCO & Deacon's Collection 9 Music Rehearsal 10 Worship 11:15 Fellowship with Pie	4 Church office closed	5 1 Worship Team	6 10 Seekers 10 Eden-Cherryland COR 2:30 Yoga	7	8	9
10 NCNC Camp Caz (grades 7-9) 9 Music Rehearsal 10 Worship	11 NCNC Camp Caz (grades 7-9)	12 NCNC Camp Caz (grades 7-9) 1 Worship Team 6 CPR 6:30 Trustees Meeting	13 NCNC Camp Caz (grades 7-9) 10 Seekers 2:30 Yoga	14 NCNC Camp Caz (grades 7-9) 6 First Aid	15 NCNC Camp Caz (grades 7-9)	16 NCNC Camp Caz (grades 7-9)
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