

The Chimes

COMPAÑERAS/COMPAÑEROS ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

One of my favorite parts of the Easter story is found in Luke 24: 13–27. It's called "the Road to Emmaus." This story teaches that we often encounter the risen Christ in the stranger on the road.

In English we might use the terms "traveling companions" to describe the relationship of Cleopas and his unnamed friend, and the stranger who appears to them on the road to Emmaus.

In Spanish the terms for companion are: *compañeros* (male) or *compañeras* (female). These terms refer both to people who accompany each other such as traveling companions, and moreover, to people who are comrades and who exhibit solidarity with each other. The Spanish concept of *compañeras/os* more closely describes the relationship among the travelers in the Emmaus story, because the Spanish term better captures the feel and relationship quality that Luke depicts.

In Luke's gospel, Cleopas and the unnamed disciple traveled from Jerusalem to Emmaus, and as they moved they struggled to make sense of the crucifixion and resurrection. Midway to Emmaus, they encountered a stranger on the road who seemed unaware of what had happened and who was strangely familiar to them. The three travelers eventually arrived at the home of a fourth disciple, where they were reunited with others and shared a common meal, and where they finally recognized the risen Christ in the breaking of bread.

Though none of us was on the road that day, we modern Christians have opportunities to meet the risen Christ in the strangers we encounter on life's journey, and even in persons we think we know well.

On **June 12**, our Social Justice Bible Study Group will host an all-church "Pilgrims' Potluck and Immigration Stories" forum in Oliver Hall, following morning worship. This event will feature storytelling by Herb Graw, Athena Guy Malloy, Celia Romero, and Pedro Ramos-Goycolea, who will each share 5-minute versions of their respective immigration and migration stories.

After Q&A, I'll describe some exciting activities occurring in Cherryland, and present Eden's *Compañeras/Compañeros* Ministry Plan for your review, in preparation for action at the **June 26, 2011**, Annual Meeting. This plan is a map into our future where the Easter hope, I am sure, will be revealed.

~Arlene



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 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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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!

ACTION Spirit-In-Action



FESCO Shelter Shuffle Walk-a-Thon

Be a part of Team Eden UCC at the 14th annual FESCO Shelter Shuffle on Saturday, **May 21**. Register online at www.firstgiving.com/fesco, or fill out a registration form located in the church office. You can participate as a walker, runner, pet guardian, or bench warmer. This energetic morning event is filled with live music, food, raffles, and an award ceremony following the one-to three-mile walk/run along the San Francisco Bay. Make plans today to arrive by 9 a.m. for an opening Eden gathering led by the Reulings, followed by a lovely morning at the San Leandro Marina talking and walking with friends.

Hymn Sing Hits a Sweet Note

Eden Church's latest Spirit-in-Action event was held at Windsor Gardens Care Center on Saturday, April 30. Eden's SIA Singers, some choir members and some not, treated Windsor Gardens guests to a medley of various hymns, some old, some new, many of them chosen by Allen Gardiner, an Eden friend and Windsor Gardens resident. In typical Eden fashion, Loris Coburn accompanied the group on piano. Eden's Singers had a wonderful time singing, and Windsor Gardens residents loved the treat.



Suzie, Jenifer, and Ryan

Eden Stitchers

Do you have any UFOs (unfinished sewing objects) in your home? Bring them with you on Tuesdays between 10 a.m. and noon to the Jensen Room. Wall hangings, quilts, embroidery—anything that you want to finish or get help with—we'll be there. Join Shannon, Tuscano, Janice, John, and Suzie for some fun and camaraderie while finishing (or starting) those projects. This is a chance to make new friends and just hang out on a quiet Tuesday morning. We'll put the coffee pot on. Bring a friend if you want—all are welcome to join us for a morning of sharing and learning from each other. We'll see you there.

NCNC Summer Camps

Registrations are now being received by the Northern California Nevada Conference (NCNC) UCC for summer camp. Go to <http://www.ncnuc.org/> to learn about the full range of camping opportunities offered by our conference for children entering the second grade through adults, and for information about counselor-in-training opportunities. The NCNC UCC sponsors programs at Camp Cazadero and Camp Tamarack in Northern California. Scholarships are available through Eden Church and the NCNC UCC. Please see Pastor Arlene before the early bird deadlines (the first one is **May 30**) if you or your child would like to apply for a campership.

Firesiders Meeting

Everyone is welcome to join the Firesiders, and to attend their next gathering in the Jensen Room on **May 31** at 6 p.m. There the group will vote on a new name, in addition to planning some future events. Suzie Hasselkuss and Susie Newman will send out a potluck sign-up list soon. Contact Suzie Hasselkuss (suziequilt@comcast.net) or Susie Newman (scn050270@aol.com) if you would like to attend.

Take a Lookilu and See What's New:

www.edenucc.com



Enjoying the Camp Fundraiser



Promoting Camp in Worship

Bravo! Thank You!

Help us celebrate our 2011 graduates as well as Eden's many church school teachers, nursery volunteers, and musicians by giving them a round of applause on Sunday, **June 5**. Following our Communion service there will be a time of recognition in Oliver Hall. If you or a member of your family is completing a program of study, please let Liz or Arlene know so that we can include you in our celebration. Beverages and cake will be provided by the Fellowship Committee. Come and help us recognize the many talents in our community.

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Enjoying the Seder with Congregation Shir Ami



Head Table at the Seder

PSR Summer Session

Seekers, seminarians, and faith leaders are invited to Pacific School of Religion for its 2011 Summer Session. PSR is a multi-denominational Christian seminary in Berkeley with ties to the United Methodist Church, United Church of Christ, and Disciples of Christ. For more than a hundred years, PSR has been offering courses for credit, audit, or CEUs in the summertime. This summer, PSR offers a full slate of more than twenty courses over five weeks, several Saturday workshops, two retreats, community lectures, and more. There are some once-in-a-lifetime opportunities, including courses with Rosemary Radford Ruether and Bishop Yvette Flunder. Other opportunities include courses on Christian history, feminist ethics, Biblical Hebrew, Latino theology, Biblical pedagogy, and more. More details are available at www.psr.edu/summer, or you can email the summer office at summer@psr.edu. Summer Session runs from **July 5-Aug. 12.**

Immigration Stories

The Social Justice Small Group invites you to an all-church forum called "Pilgrims Potluck & Immigration Stories" on Sunday, **June 12**, at 11:30 a.m. in Oliver Hall. Join members of this Small Group and panelists from the congregation in an informative discussion about immigration, its effect on our church and our community, and what this means to us as people of faith. Join us for lunch and for a remembrance of all of our migratory journeys, ancient and recent. So that this experience truly reflects our immigration stories, everyone is invited to bring typical food from your home culture for all to enjoy in an international potluck lunch.

Children's Summer Celebration Classes Begin June 12

Our Summer Celebration church school program for kids completing Kindergarten through fourth grade begins Sunday, **June 12**. This summer we'll be taking the kids on a trip around the world, studying other cultures and UCC Global Ministries work. Safe Congregation-screened volunteers are needed to help teach or assist in the classroom and help in the nursery. See Liz Jobst if you're interested in working with either of these ministries.

Birthday & Anniversaries



June Birthdays: 6/2 **Cindy Keune**; 6/5 **Rene Castle** and **Adam Turner**; 6/6 **Dereck Hill**; 6/7 **Angelina Collier** and **Elizabeth Steward**; 6/8 **Mary Bradford**; 6/12 **Lucille Lorge**; 6/13 **Jaime Romero, Jr.**; 6/14 **Lisa Pemberton** and **Mark Unbehagen**; 6/15 **Maya Fields Tyler** and **Sage Fields Tyler**; 6/16 **Joshi Rodriguez** and **Alexandra Romero**; 6/18 **Jeannie Schumann**; 6/21 **Rhodell Willard**; 6/24 **Darcy Malloy** and **Lynda Watson**; 6/25 **Anthony Crans**; 6/26 **Scott Christensen**; 6/27 **Scott Carey** and **Barbara Lee Jackson**; 6/28 **Sierra Stark**; and 6/29 **Joy Davis**.

June Anniversaries: 6/9 **Denys Bjork & Erik Nelson**; 6/13 **Pat & Steve Payne**; 6/18 **Nora & Jerry Crans**; 6/19 **Todd Bove & Keith Smith**.

Coming Attractions— Mark Your Calendars!



May 19–22, NCNC UCC Annual Meeting
May 21, SIA: FESCO Shelter Shuffle
May 22, Stewardship Sunday, Farmer's Market Luncheon
May 22, PSR Graduation
June 5, Bravo! Sunday
June 10, Single Women's Group
June 12, Summer Celebration Class Begins
June 12, Pilgrim Stories & Potluck
June 19, Inquirer's Gathering
June 26, Eden UCC 146th Annual Congregational Meeting
June 26, Baptism & Reception of New Members

July 4, Eden Church Office Closed
July 10–16, NCNC Junior High Camp at Caz for 7–9th graders
July 12, CPR
July 14, First Aid
July 17–23, NCNC Senior High Camp at Caz for 10–12th graders
July 24–28, NCNC Kids Camp at Caz for 2–4th graders
July 24–30, NCNC Junior Camp at Caz for 5–6th graders
July 24–30, NCNC Junior/ Junior High Camp at Tam for 5–8th graders
July 31–August 6, NCNC Senior High Camp at Tam for 9–12th graders
August 12–14, NCNC Adult Spiritual Retreat at Camp Caz for ages 18+



Collecting Easter Eggs



Holding Our Easter Bunny



Waiting for the Egg Hunt



Jenifer Enjoys Fellowship Time



Pastor Arlene Hugs a Friend



Joys

Congratulations to **Matthew Alexandre** and **Leticia Pacheco Alexandre**, who were married in the Eden Church Sanctuary on Saturday, May 14, 2011.

McGarry Caven is home from the hospital and getting healthier every day.

Congratulations to **Russell Cowick**, who performed with his improv troupe at the Teen Improv Festival in Chicago, Illinois, over the May 8 weekend.

Congratulations to **President Janet Holmgren**, who celebrated her 20th and final commencement as President of Mills College on Saturday, May 14. She will be returning to the English faculty in July 2011.

Congratulations to **Samantha Kephart** and all the members of the Mt. Eden High School Choir, who received a Gold Award at State last month.

Congratulations to **Barbara Lateer**, who celebrated her 85th birthday on May 7, 2011.

Zachary Sherwood and his parents, William and Linda, will be traveling to Indianapolis later this month to meet Jim Davis, the creator of Garfield, courtesy of the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

Congratulations to **Dave Wallace**, who has found full-time employment.

Prayer Requests

For Josiah Amaya-Haro's grandma, who was in a serious automobile accident recently, and who is facing a difficult recovery and pneumonia.

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 June 25. Please call the church office or watch the Sunday bulletins for updates.

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

For **Daniella Prym**, whose mother is nearing the end of her 101-year journey on this earth.

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

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

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**.

June 2011

Duty Roster

Date	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
Liturgical Day	Sixth Sunday after Easter Communion	Pentecost Sunday	First Sunday after Pentecost	Trinity Sunday
Scripture	Acts 1:1-11 • Psalm 47 or Psalm 93 • Ephesians 1:15-23 • Luke 24:44-53	Acts 1:6-14 • Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 • 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 • John 17:1-11	Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30 • Psalm 104:24-34, 35b • 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21 • John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39	Genesis 1:1-2:4a & Psalm 8 • 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 • Matthew 28:16-20
Preacher	Arlene K. Nehring	Arlene K. Nehring	Pepper Swanson	Arlene K. Nehring
Liturgist	Sr. High Youth	Jan Bass	Kern Wallace	TBD
Children's Time	Pepper Swanson	Summer Celebration	Summer Celebration	Summer Celebration
Loving Arms Nursery	Veronica Iles and Stephanie Andrade	Veronica Iles and Alexandra Romero	Veronica Iles and Brenda Camacho	Veronica Iles and Brenda Camacho
Sunday School (Summer Celebration)	All Children and Youth in Worship	John Hasselkuss and Liz Jobst, K-4; Youth in worship	TBD, K-4; Youth in worship	Keith Smith and Todd Bove, K-4; Youth in worship
Office	Audrey Wood	Susie Newman	Ann McClure	Ruth Jenkins
Greeters	Sr. High Youth	Max Leung Russ Newman	Alliene Turner	Cindy Keune
Ushers	Michael Stuber Sr. High Youth	Kay Crosby Max Leung Ann McClure Russ Newman	Theressa Collier Scott Swanson Bob Turner Audrey Wood	Peggy Apperson Frank Jenkins Cindy Keune Pat Payne
Trustee on Duty	Bob Turner	Russ Miller	Steve Ryken	Fred Dorn
Fellowship Hour Hosts	Alliene Turner Janice MacGowan	Shannon Whitney Mary Forward Shirley Read	Susie Newman Jan Bass Suzie Hasselkuss	Fred Dorn Mary Haro Max Leung Stephanie Spencer

*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.*

June 2011

Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10 Seekers 2:30 Yoga	2	3	4
5 FESCO & Deacon's Collection 9 Music Rehearsal 10 Worship 11:30 Bravo! Celebration	6 6 Choir Potluck 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	7 10 Worship Team 11:30 Staff Meeting 7 Council Meeting	8 10 Seekers 10 Eden COR Meeting 2:30 Yoga	9	10 6 Single Women's Group	11
12 9 Music Rehearsal 10 Worship and Summer Celebration 11:30 Pilgrim Potluck and Stories	13	14 10 Worship Team 6:30 Trustees Meeting	15 10 Seekers 2:30 Yoga	16	17	18
19 <i>Chimes</i> Deadline 9 Music Rehearsal 10 Worship and Summer Celebration 11:30 Inquirer's Gathering	20	21 10 Worship Team	22 10 Seekers 2:30 Yoga	23	24	25
26 Baptism & Reception of New Members 9 Music Rehearsal 10 Worship and Summer Celebration 11:30 146th Annual Meeting EUCC	27	28 10 Worship Team 7 Stewardship Committee Meeting	29 10 Seekers 2:30 Yoga	30		

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