

The Chimes

PENTECOST 2010

Sunday, **May 23**, we join Christians around the world in celebrating Pentecost, one of the “high holy days” of our faith tradition. Christian celebrations of Pentecost commemorate the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out on the early apostles who founded the Christian Church. Some think of Pentecost as the birthday of the church.

Christian celebrations of Pentecost are grounded in the Ancient Hebrew’s feast of Shavout, which commemorates God’s gift of Torah to our ancestors.

According to Acts 2, the earliest apostles (who were all Jews) were in Jerusalem for the feast of Shavout and were trying to discern God’s purposes for their lives, now that Jesus no longer walked the earth.

The apostles’ discernment process led them to understand that they were being called to pray and worship, teach and learn, care for themselves and their neighbors, fellowship with each other and invite others to be part of their community.

This year at Eden, we observe Pentecost by recalling all of the important historic reasons that Christians have always celebrated this occasion, and we confirm a dozen of our youth to the Christian faith and welcome them into full church membership.

The energy, imagination, and creativity that each of our confirmands brings to the church are signs of the Holy Spirit’s work in our lives. Each is a means by which we experience the infusion of God’s creative spirit in our common life, and each is a reminder to us of God’s eternal capacity to renew the church and to do new things in and through us.

So I encourage you to come and worship with us this Sunday, with your heart wide open, and revel in the work of the Spirit which is reflected in our young people. Come celebrate all that they have accomplished. And don’t be surprised if the Spirit grabs hold of you, as it did the early apostles, and moves you to do something new and bold—something that you have never quite imagined before.

~Arlene



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Early June
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!

Big Thanks to All the Big Stewards

On Sunday, May 16, Eden celebrated Stewardship Sunday with a festive picnic lunch in Oliver Hall. Marking the conclusion of the Big Trees campaign with a big bang, everyone ate around campfires while listening to Steve Ryken's one-man folk band. The final two prizes were drawn and everyone walked away a winner having contributed their time, talent, and treasure to help make the event a success!



Good Prizes



Good Music



Good Food

Biblical Self Defense Workshop & Training

Too often, the religious right misuses a few passages from the Bible to justify the oppression of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. Church people may not know how to respond to the misuse of these texts, other than to assert, "God loves everybody." What do these texts really mean? What are their contexts? How can you respond with knowledge of these biblical texts and conviction of biblical authority? Attend a Biblical Self Defense workshop from Friday, **June 4**–Sunday, **June 6**, at Niles Congregational UCC, and by studying the so-called "clobber passages" learn how to talk about and train others. Not only will you complete the entire workshop, created by the Coalition for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Concerns, but using supplemental videos and discussion and practice teaching time you will be equipped to speak informatively to others in a variety of settings. This event is primarily designed for laity and clergy in the United Church of Christ; however, all are welcome regardless of faith tradition or secular affiliation. Pre-registration and advance preparation are required. Go to www.ncnuc.org, then click on "Happenings," then "Biblical Self Defense" for details. For additional information about this event, contact Barbara J. Broadbent, Associate Conference Minister for Education Ministries, bbroadbent@ncnuc.org or 510-247-8996.

Winners of the "Big Trees" Stewardship Campaign Drawings:

May 2: Smith-Bove family, Fred Dorn

May 9: Sue Fry, Cowick family

May 16: Betty Norum, Vangie Acosta, and all the children



Spirit-In-Action



Shuffling Their Feet for a Good Cause

A dedicated group of Eden folks walked in the 13th Annual Shelter Shuffle on May 15 at the San Leandro Marina. Despite overcast skies Eden members had smiles on their faces as they walked in support of local families in need of emergency shelter. At press time FESCO estimated that they raised \$39,000. Donations are still welcome as the organization anticipates a lot of funds to come in for months following the event. Contact Ed and Pam Reuling if you're able to contribute.



Shufflers

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

Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation at Eden Church is a nine-month faith formation program led by our pastor and adult advisers in which youth in grades 8–12 participate in classes, worship services, projects, and retreats that introduce them to the basics of Christian faith and life in the Christian community. The program culminates this year on Pentecost Sunday, **May 23**, with students making a choice about whether to participate in the rite of confirmation, by affirming their baptism and joining Eden Church. Confirmands will also sing, serve as liturgists, and preach the sermon. The Board of Church Ministries will host a special reception following morning worship in celebration of the confirmands and their families, and all that they have achieved. Confirmands are encouraged to invite their families and friends to worship on May 23, and to the reception that will follow.



Confirmation Class Sings Join the Governance Conversation

Since the day of Pentecost there have been conversations about how the church should be organized for mission. Eden is no stranger to these conversations. The last time that we had a heart-to-heart about our governance structure was ten years ago, when Eden leaders realized that a congregation of 140 could not recruit and sustain a governance model that was designed for a membership ten times that size.

A discernment and re-visioning process in the mid 1990s led to the development of the 1997 Eden UCC bylaws. Times have changed and so has Eden Church. Our membership is well over 200, the average age is 40-something rather than 70-something, and our current members' needs and interests are different. So the time is right to consider again whether there may be a better way to organize ourselves for mission.

Eden's four major boards have already jumped into the conversation. Earlier this month, Cabinet asked the wider membership to join in too with an invitation to an open forum held on May 16.

The conversation continues this and every Sunday until **June 27**, when our best draft available of a new governance structure will be shared with the membership, and a vote taken at the Annual Meeting on whether to employ this draft on a trial basis. This best draft will be refined periodically in the year or so ahead, based on input from elected leaders and the membership at large.

See Cabinet's "Join the Conversation" poster in Oliver Hall on Sundays from now until the Annual Meeting, and exchange ideas with our friendly Cabinet members about our work in progress.

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, **June 8**, and Thursday, **June 10**, from 6–9:30 p.m. at a significantly reduced cost of just \$20. There are only a few spaces left! Please contact Liz McKay to register or for more information.

A Heroic Camp Season Is Almost Here

Registrations are now being received by the Northern California Nevada Conference (NCNC) UCC for the "Be a Hero" summer camping programs. Go to www.ncncucc.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 if you or your child would like to apply for a campership.

Children's Summer Celebration Classes Begin June 13

Our Summer Celebration church school program for kids completing Kindergarten through fifth grade begins Sunday, **June 13**. This summer we'll continue with our Seasons of the Spirit curriculum following the lectionary. 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.



Andrew and Darcy Work Together



Maya and Her New Buddies

Bravo! Thank You!

Help us celebrate our 2010 graduates as well as Eden's many church school teachers, nursery volunteers, and musicians, by giving them a round of applause on Sunday, **June 6**. 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 us know so we can include you in our celebration. Beverages and cake will be provided by the Board of Church Ministries. Come and help us recognize the many talents in our community.

For Those Who Helped Us Grow

A big thank you to the group of dedicated church school teachers, assistants, substitutes, and nursery volunteers who have provided our children and youth with quality faith formation programs this past year. While many of the teachers will tell you that they learn as much as the kids do on Sunday morning, it is their dedication that has allowed us to expand to four church school classes, run a large confirmation program, and keep the nursery open every Sunday morning. So thank you again for "teaching the children well." Below is a list of those who have served and will be recognized by the kids on Bravo! Sunday:

- Jan Bass
- Todd Bove
- Theressa Collier
- Patty Cowick
- Bill D'Anjou
- Sally D'Anjou
- John Hasselkuss
- Suzie Hasselkuss
- Betsy Lauchstedt
- Chris Malloy
- Liz McKay
- Arlene Nehring
- Ed Reuling
- Pam Reuling
- Celia Romero
- Stephanie Spencer
- Jessica House Steward
- Michael Stuber
- Pepper Swanson
- Cheryl Fields Tyler
- Tom Tyler

We Appreciate and Love Our Choir!

The choir at Eden is a dedicated, talented, and fun group to work with. This year I have had the delight of getting to know, worship, and laugh with this beautiful group of musicians. Our choir is the best I have worked with in my church career and is the most dedicated to our common goals and ideals of musical excellence within an open, loving congregation. This year the choir performed a large range of musical styles and genres, from the Renaissance to modern-day, including a rousing version of Rossini's *Inflammatus et Accensus*. This volunteer group serves our congregation each week in rehearsals and worship services and is dedicated to presenting special music for concerts and other music events. Each one should be thanked for their commitment and passion for great music at our church. Here is a list of folks who served our congregation at choir events and worship services this year:

- Jennifer Aguilar
- Debby Andrade
- Moriah Bishop
- Jacque Blake
- Nathan Blake
- Mary Bradford
- Todd Bove
- Jessica Chow
- Loris Coburn
- Nora Crans
- Susan DuPree
- John Hasselkuss
- Suzie Hasselkuss
- Becca Kephart
- Sam Kephart
- Natasha Koolmees
- Kimberly Kwon
- Betty Livesay
- Dan Livesay
- Susan MacDonald
- Jenifer Miller
- Ryan Miller
- Victoria Miller
- Rob Parrish
- Lisa Pemberton
- Molly Pemberton
- Paul Prosseda
- Ruben Rodriguez
- Jessica House Steward
- Bob Sorensen

Thank you, choir, for everything this year.
Lee

Congratulations Graduates!

- Mary Bradford
- Billy D'Anjou
- Veronica Iles
- Eleanor O'Keefe
- Lisa Pemberton
- Kern Wallace
- Dr. Angelina Crans-Yoon



Susan, Jessica, and Alexander



Shopping List

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

June 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
- Fresh fruit and veggies for Sunday morning
- Gift cards to Costco, Safeway, or Trader Joe's for Coffee Hour

Please no Styrofoam anything (cups, plates, etc). See anyone who helped Save the Bay for an explanation.



Joys

The Stewardship Committee is grateful that pledge cards and time & talent cards for 2010–2011 are already coming in. **Big Thanks** for supporting our Big Trees campaign!

Congratulations to **Mary Bradford**, who was awarded the MA in Education, April 30.

Congratulations to **Dr. Angelina Crans-Yoon**, who graduates from the University of Southern California on Sunday, May 23. Dr. Crans Yoon is the daughter of Nora and Jerry Crans.

Many thanks to Team Eden who represented our congregation so well at the **FESCO Shelter Shuffle** on May 15, 2010, at the San Leandro Marina. It's not too late to contribute: see **Pam and Ed Reuling**, our team leaders and FESCO Board representatives, for more information.

Congratulations to **Laura Jensen** and **Jon Allbin**, who were married on May 8, 2010, at Murietta's Well in Livermore. Laura is Frank Jensen's daughter.

Congratulations to **Eleanor O'Keefe**, who graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a BA in bio-psychology.

Lizzy Steward is 3 years old June 7!

Prayer Requests

For our students, teachers, staff, administration, board members, and volunteers who work together for the good of our schools and communities.

For **Gene Bass**, Jan Bass' father, who is in remission from cancer.

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

For **George Bowers**, who is at home with hospice care. George is the father of Holly Bowers Guier.

For **Doretta Brown**, who had surgery recently.

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

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

For **Dr. Joel Garcia**, who is home recovering from a stroke.

For **Elizabeth Graw**, who is recovering from knee surgery.

For **Susan Henson**, a friend of Susan MacDonald's, who is in the midst of a lengthy recovery process from bacterial meningitis.

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

For **Betsy Lauchstedt**, who is living with cancer. Please call Betsy's home to schedule a visit.

For **Lorene Kiger**, who is experiencing some challenges.

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.

Traveling mercies for **Jessie Payne** and **Isaac Bejar**, who are traveling across Europe this month.

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

For **Jenny Shaw**, of Jenny's Café, as she continues chemotherapy and radiation treatments for breast cancer.

For **Beverly Schwains**, who is dealing with some health challenges at this time.

For **Daniel Spencer**, who is in ICU in Gathersburg, MD.

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, for all who are grieving the death of a loved one, and for those who are experiencing pain associated with these and other losses.

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, Allen Gardiner, Clyde Howell, Angie Payne, and Zachary Sherwood.**



**Coming Attractions—
Mark Your Calendars!**

May 23, Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday

May 31, Eden Church Office Closed

June 1, Eden Area Foundation, letters of intent due for 2011 grant cycle

June 6, Bravo! Sunday

June 13, Summer Celebration Classes Begin

June 13, Inquirer's Gathering

June 20, Father's Day

June 20, Performing Arts Series features Bass, Daniel Cole performing songs by Caldara, Schubert and Tosti

June 27, Eden United Church of Christ, Congregational Annual Meeting

July 5, Eden Church Office Closed

July 6–10, Western Regional Youth Event in Montana

July 11–17, NCNC Junior Camp at Caz

July 13–17, NCNC Kids Camp at Caz

July 16, Spirit-in-Action, Habitat for Humanity

July 25–31, NCNC Junior High Camp at Caz

July 25–31, NCNC Senior High Camp at Tam

August 1–7, NCNC Senior High Camp at Caz

August 1–7, NCNC Junior/Junior High Camp at Tam

August 13–15, NCNC Adult Spiritual Retreat at Caz

August 21, Eden Leadership Retreat

September 1, Eden Area Foundation, full grant proposals due for 2011 grant cycle

September 6, Eden Church Office closed

September 18, Spirit-in-Action, Save the Bay

September 19, Performing Arts Series featuring Metropolitan Opera Soprano, Marie Plette

October 3, World Communion Sunday, Neighbors in Need

October 3, Inquirer's Gathering

October 17, Potluck Sunday, Baptism & Reception of New Members, New Member Photographs

October 29, Halloween Concert

November 6–7, Holiday Bazaar

November 14, Congregational Meeting

November 21, Performing Arts Series features Internationally Acclaimed Greek Pianist, Charis Dimaras

November 25–26, Eden Church Office closed

December 5, Community Messiah

December 8, FESCO Luncheon

December 11, Mid-High Christmas Caroling Party

December 12, Christmas Pageant, Happy Birthday Jesus Party

December 19, Lessons & Carols Worship

December 24, Christmas Eve Service

December 25, Eden Church Office closed

December 27, Eden Church Office closed

January 1, Eden Church Office closed

Call for Annual Reports

It's that time of year again! Chairs of the Boards of Church Ministries, Community Ministries, Trustees, Membership, and Memorial Committee, and the Treasurers, Membership Secretary, Moderator, and Senior Minister, are asked to submit reports for inclusion in the 145th Annual Report. Contributions should be submitted to the Church Administrator, kathy@edenucc.com, by Monday, **June 7**, to ensure that the Annual Report is complete and published in time for the Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 27.

Call to the 145th Annual Meeting

The 145th Annual Meeting of Eden United Church of Christ has been called by Cabinet for Sunday, **June 27**. The meeting will be held in Oliver Hall following morning worship, which begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. This meeting is called by Cabinet in accordance with the Eden United Church of Christ bylaws. Agenda items include the following:

- Receive the 2009–2010 Annual Report
- Receive a preliminary 2009–2010 year-end financial report
- Receive and act on the proposed operating budget for 2010–2011
- Receive and act on the slate of officers and board and committee members for 2010–2011
- Recognize elected leaders who are completing terms of service
- Act on a proposal from Cabinet to adopt for a period of up to two years, an experimental governance model, which would reduce the number of elected positions required to conduct official church business; streamline administrative and financial functions; and free up more people for participation in church programs
- Install officers and board and committee members who are beginning terms of service
- Act on any other business that is properly brought before the meeting.

June 2010

Duty Roster

Date	June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27
Liturgical Day	Second Sunday after Pentecost; Communion Sunday	Third Sunday after Pentecost	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture	1 Kings 17:8-16, (17-24) or 1 Kings 17:17-24 • Psalm 146 or Psalm 30 • Galatians 1:11-24 • Luke 7:11-17	1 Kings 21:1-10, (11-14), 15-21a or 2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15 • Psalm 5:1-8 or Psalm 32 • Galatians 2:15-21 • Luke 7:36-8:3	1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a or Isaiah 65:1-9 • Psalm 42 and 43 or Psalm 22:19-28 • Galatians 3:23-29 • Luke 8:26-39	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 or 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 • Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 or Psalm 16 • Galatians 5:1, 13-25 • Luke 9:51-62
Preacher	Arlene Nehring	Arlene Nehring	Arlene Nehring	Arlene Nehring
Liturgist	Susan MacDonald	Michael Stuber	Alliene Turner	TBD
Children's Time	Pepper Swanson	Liz McKay	Arlene Nehring	Liz McKay
Loving Arms Nursery	Roni Iles & Alexandra Romero	Roni Iles & Alexandra Romero	Roni Iles & Brenda Camacho	Roni Iles & Brenda Camacho
Sunday School	All Children & Youth in Worship	Ed and Pam Reuling, K-5; All other Youth in Worship	Liz McKay and John Hasselkuss, K-5; All other Youth in Worship	Keith Smith & Todd Bove, K-5; All other Youth in Worship
Office	Audrey Wood	Barbara Lateer	Ann Newey	Ruth Jenkins
Greeters	Youth	TBD	Alliene Turner	Cindy Keune
Ushers	Michael Stuber, Youth	Kay Crosby, Ann Newey, Stephanie Spencer	Scott Swanson, Bob Turner, Susan Whiting, Audrey Wood	Peggy Apperson, Frank Jenkins, Cindy Keune
Trustee on Duty	Dan Apperson	Dan Apperson	Bob Turner	All Trustees
Fellowship Hour Hosts	BCM	Jennifer Aguilar & Pam Winthers	Stephanie Spencer	Jan Bass & Mary Haro
Other/After Worship	FESCO & Deacons Offerings; Fellowship Hour & Bravo! Sunday; <i>Chimes</i> deadline	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hour; <i>Chimes</i> deadline	Baptism & Reception of New Members; Recognition of Jubilee Members; 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.

June 2010

Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 12:30 All Staff Meeting 2 Worship Planning 7 Cabinet	2 10 Seekers 2:30 Yoga	3	4	5
6 8:45 Music Rehearsal 10 Worship; Bravo! Sunday FESCO & Deacon's Collection; <i>Chimes</i> deadline	7 3:30 Service Enlistment 7 EAF Board Meeting	8 11 BCoM 2 Worship Planning 6 CPR	9 10 Seekers 2:30 Yoga 6:30 BCM	10 6 First Aid	11	12
13 8:45 Music Rehearsal 10 Hawaiian Musical Troupe at Worship Service; Summer Celebration begins 11:30 Inquirer's Gathering 11:30 E-Team	14	15 2 Worship Planning 6:30 Trustees 7 Eden COR	16 10 Seekers 2:30 Yoga	17	18	19
20 8:45 Music Rehearsal 10 Worship 3 Performing Arts Concert; <i>Chimes</i> deadline	21	22 2 Worship Planning 7 Stewardship	23 10 Seekers 2:30 Yoga	24	25	26
27 8:45 Music Rehearsal 10 Worship; Annual Meeting	28	29 2 Worship Planning	30 10 Seekers 2:30 Yoga			

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