

The Chimes

ONE COMMUNION, ONE COMMUNITY

At Eden it is our practice to take Communion on the first Sunday of the month as well as on other holy days. We believe that there are many sacred meanings to the sacrament of Holy Communion, a time when we gather together to receive God's grace as revealed in Jesus Christ. The United Church of Christ website offers an easy introduction to Communion, and I encourage you to visit this site when you have a chance.

Sunday, June 6, was not only our Communion service but also the day we celebrated the gifts of the many church school teachers, nursery volunteers, confirmation advisors, musicians, and graduates within the congregation. I found this fitting as the congregation communed in many ways that day. For whenever there is a celebration in Oliver Hall the Board of Church Ministries always helps secure a cake to commemorate the occasion.

The phrase "let them eat cake" would get a laugh from any member of the Board as the subject of cake purchases comes up in virtually every meeting, as we are a congregation that likes to celebrate often. Reflecting on the activities of Bravo! Sunday, it occurred to me that these cakes can be symbolically linked to the Communion bread. For in Oliver Hall we "break bread" together more often than we do in worship, feeding each other in the same manner that Jesus did when he shared a meal with his disciples.

In the Gospel of John, in addition to sharing the Last Supper with the disciples Jesus also washed the disciples' feet. With this humble act Jesus showed his disciples the importance of taking care of and serving others. This past year the musicians, church school teachers, nursery volunteers, and confirmation advisors demonstrated this act of reverence as they shared their gifts with the congregation. Whether they were coming to worship early to practice with the choir or preparing lessons for the kids, these individuals gave their time and talent to help make these church programs a success.

Because these individuals give of their gifts so freely we take one Sunday a year to thank them, to break bread with them, and acknowledge their discipleship. One of the ways Communion is described on the UCC website is that it is "a hopeful sign of the promised Realm of God marked by justice, love and peace." The church school teachers, nursery volunteers, confirmation advisors, musicians, and graduates that we honored on Bravo! Sunday help us to see this realm more clearly. For that we thank them and come together as one community to eat cake with them, to share in the vision of the just, loving, and peaceful world they help to create.

~Liz



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 2010

Late Edition

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!

Confirmands Set the Sanctuary on Fire on Pentecost 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 culminated on Pentecost Sunday with students making a choice about whether to participate in the rite of confirmation, by affirming their baptism and joining Eden Church. Confirmands led worship by singing in the choir, serving as liturgists, and preaching the sermon. The Board of Church Ministries hosted a special reception following worship to celebrate the confirmands' achievements. Listed below are the 11 confirmands who were confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. Thanks to their families and our confirmation advisers who support our pastor's work with the kids, including Suzie Hasselkuss, Liz McKay, and Pepper Swanson.

Stephanie Andrade, daughter of Debby & Manuel Andrade

Russell Cowick, son of Patty & Blaine Cowick

Andrew Davis, son of Suzie & stepson of Kevin Casey

Ryan Miller, son of Jenifer & Russ Miller

Hayden Payne, son of Patricia & Steven Payne

Joshi Rodriguez-Takada, son of Hiroko Takada & Ruben Rodriguez

Jaime Romero, Jr., son of Celia & Jaime Romero, Sr.

Maya Fields Tyler, daughter of Cheryl & Tom Fields Tyler

Sage Fields Tyler, son of Cheryl & Tom Fields Tyler

Rebecca Kephart, daughter of Jennifer Aguilar & stepdaughter of Manuel Inverno

Kern Wallace, son of Jan Bass & Dave Wallace



Joshi is Confirmed



Maya Leads Children's Time



Confirmands



Becca is Baptized

Mahalo! "O Ka'ahumanu Alii Ahuhui Wahine"

Sunday, **June 13**, Eden Church welcomes guest choir O Ka'ahumanu Alii Ahuhui Wahine, under the direction of Blossom Kaleikau. The Wahine will sing "Hawai'i Pono'i" (the Hawaiian national anthem) in celebration of King Kamehameha's birthday, which was June 11, 1836. Eden Church has been blessed by the friendship and music ministry of O Ka'ahumanu Alii Ahuhui Wahine for many years. The Wahine's association with Eden Church was fostered through our mutual affiliation with the late Leinaala (Mrs. Generoso) Alesna, who was a founding member of the Wahine and a member of Eden UCC.

Kids, Summer Celebration Classes Are Here

Our Summer Celebration church school program for kids completing Kindergarten through fifth grade begins on 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.

Inquirer's Gathering

An informational meeting for persons who are new to Eden will be held Sunday, **June 13**, in the Norberg Room, following morning worship. A healthy snack and childcare will be available upon request. Children are also welcome to remain with their families at the gathering. Please speak with Pastor Arlene if you are interested in attending the Inquirer's Gathering and/or if someone dear to you would like to receive the Sacrament of Christian Baptism or be received into church membership. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism and receive new members next on Sunday, **June 27**, during morning worship.

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

Performing Arts Series Father's Day Concert

On Sunday, **June 20**, at 3:00 p.m., the fourth Performing Arts Series concert will celebrate Father's Day with songs, arias, and duets by Bay Area favorites: soprano, Angela Moser; and bass-baritone, Paul Murray. The concert beneficiary is the Oakland East Bay Symphony: Music for Excellence (MUSE).

Given the power of music to transform lives, Oakland East Bay Symphony's Music for Excellence (MUSE) Program engages, instructs, and inspires students of all ages, fostering participation in the musical life of our community and promoting a lifelong appreciation of the arts. MUSE engages East Bay youth through performances, competitions, and other creative endeavors which build discipline, imagination, and self esteem. MUSE provides consistent, individualized instrumental instruction to elementary, middle, and high school students, focusing on under-resourced schools throughout Oakland and the greater East Bay, supporting live performance opportunities and nurturing future audiences for symphonic music. MUSE provides musicians who perform and teach instrumental music, inspiring children and families from all backgrounds to express their artistic talents, reflecting the diversity of our community.



Angela Moser

Soprano **Angela Eden Moser** offers her innate musical expression to a wide range of operatic and concert repertoire. Operatic roles include: Madame Herz (Schauspieldirector, Mozart); Atalanta (Serse, Händel) Ereshkigal (The Descent of

Inanna, Marcia Burchard); and Priscilla Shermann (I Candy, various composers). On the concert stage, Ms. Moser has soloed in various oratorio works: Carmina Burana by Orff; Harmonie Mass by Haydn; Gloria, both Poulenc and Vivaldi; Mass in C by Beethoven; Requiem, both Verdi and Faure; Coronation Mass by Mozart; and the Händel Messiah at Davies Symphony Hall, San Francisco. Ms. Moser has been a member of the San Francisco Opera chorus since 2002. Ms. Moser holds a Master of Music degree from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Dominican University of California, San Rafael.



Paul Murray

Paul Murray has been living and singing in the Bay Area for the last seven years, pursuing a variety of performance opportunities. Recent operatic highlights include the roles of Top (The Tender Land, Berkeley Opera), Alidoro (La Cenerentola, Opera San Jose), and the Four Villains (The Tales of Hoffman, Berkeley Opera. Favorite recent concerts include the premiere of "Thanksgiving for Heroes" by Eric Davis, a new work for chorus, soloists, and dancers; and "They Left a Light," a collaborative project presenting works by composers who didn't survive Terezin. In addition to his performing schedule, Mr. Murray teaches collegiate voice lessons at Santa Clara University and privately from his home in Oakland. He received his Master's degree in 2005 from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, under the tutelage of Leroy Kromm.

Big Thanks!

Big thanks to everyone who has already returned a pledge form indicating your financial commitments, and commitments of time and talent to Eden Church for the coming year, July 1, 2010–June 30, 2011. For those who haven't yet had the opportunity to return a pledge form, now is the time. Pledge forms are available in the church office, and may be dropped in the offering plate, delivered to the church office, or returned by snail mail or email. (For an electronic copy of the pledge card, please contact kathy@edenucc.com.) Please mark your pledge envelope: Attn: Associate Treasurer. Thank you for being such an important part of the success of Eden's "Big Trees" campaign this year.

Closing the Books on 2009-2010

Our church's fiscal year 2009–2010 ends Wednesday, **June 30, 2010**. In keeping with generally accepted accounting practices, all financial contributions received by the Eden Church office by Wednesday, June 30, 2010 will be reflected in contributors' 2009–2010 giving statements. If you have questions about whether your pledge payments are current, or if you have questions about making an additional gift, please contact Michael Stuber, our Associate Treasurer, in person any Sunday morning in June, or call 510-390-7889.



Shopping List

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

June Needs:

- Photocopy paper, 8 1/2" x 11" and 11" x 17"
- Washable tempera paint
- Fruit snacks (for the nursery)
- Apple Juice
- Thermal coffee cups (8 oz.) (Costco San Ramon has them)
- Fresh fruit and veggies for Sunday mornings
- 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 for an explanation.

Call to the 145th Annual Meeting of Eden United Church of Christ

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. This meeting is called by Cabinet in accordance with the Eden United Church of Christ bylaws. Agenda items include the following: 1) receive the 2009–2010 Annual Report; 2) receive a preliminary 2009–2010 year-end financial report; 3) receive and act on the proposed operating budget for 2010–2011; 4) receive and act on the slate of officers and board and committee members for 2010–2011; 5) recognize elected leaders who are completing terms of service; 6) 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; 7) install officers and board and committee members who are beginning terms of service; and 8) act on any other business that is properly brought before the meeting.

Join the Governance Conversation

The conversation about a new governance model for Eden Church continues this and every Sunday through **June 27**, when our best draft 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 this work in progress.

NCNC Camps Begin on July 13

Registrations are now due to the Northern California Nevada Conference (NCNC) UCC for the "Be a Hero" summer camping program. Go to www.ncncucc.org and click on Youth and Outdoor Ministries programs to learn about the full range of camps available for children entering the second grade through adults. The NCNC UCC sponsors programs at Camp Cazadero and Camp Tamarack in Northern California. Both Eden Church and the NCNC UCC offer scholarship assistance. Please see Pastor Arlene as soon as possible if you or your child would like to apply for a camp scholarship.



Birthday & Anniversaries

Mid-June to Mid-July Birthdays

6/16 **Alexandra Romero and Joshi Rodriguez**; 6/18 **Jeannie Schumann**; 6/21 **Rhodell Willard**; 6/24 **Lynda Watson and Darcy Malloy**; 6/25 **Anthony Crans**; 6/26 **Scott Christensen**; 6/27 **Lee Anne Boyer, Scott Carey, and Barbara Lee Jackson**; 6/28 **Sierra Stark**; 6/29 **Joy Davis**; 7/2 **Ted Wallis**; 7/3 **Mary Haro**; 7/6 **Chris Malloy, Sarah Matthews, and Jenifer Miller**; 7/10 **Russell Cowick**; 7/12 **Scott Davis**; 7/14 **Wes Moniz**.

Mid-June to Mid-July Anniversaries

6/18 **Nora & Jerry Crans**; 6/19 **Todd & Keith Smith-Bove**; 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**.



Coming Attractions—Mark Your Calendars!

- June 13**, Summer Celebration Classes Begin
- June 13**, Inquirer's Gathering
- June 20**, Father's Day
- June 20**, Performing Arts Series "Father's Day" Concert featuring soprano, Angela Moser and bass-baritone, Paul Murray
- 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 17**, 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

Bravo! Sunday

On Sunday, June 6, we celebrated our 2010 graduates as well as Eden's many church school teachers, nursery volunteers, confirmation advisors and musicians by giving them a round of applause. During our recognition in Oliver Hall we also thanked Pepper Swanson for her year of service as Eden's Minister-in-Training. Bravo! to all.

Congratulations Graduates!

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

Church School Teachers, Nursery Volunteers, and Confirmation Advisors

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

Musicians

- 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



Congratulations Graduates



Josiah Thanks His Teachers, Ed and Pam



Thanks Teachers!



Lee Muses About the Musicians



Bravo! Musicians



Joys

The Stewardship Committee is grateful that pledge cards and Time & Talent cards for 2010–2011 continue to come in. **Big Thanks** for supporting our Big Trees campaign!

Congratulations to **Peggy Apperson**, who will retire from 33 years of service in the Hayward public schools in June.

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

Congratulations to our **Confirmands** who were confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, and to their families. And many thanks to our confirmation advisors who support our pastor's work with the kids, including **Suzie Hasselkuss, Liz McKay, and Pepper Swanson**.

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

Congratulations to **Billy D'Anjou**, who graduated from California State University-East Bay, Saturday, June 12, 2010. Billy is the son of Sally and Bill D'Anjou, Sr.

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 **Veronica Iles**, who will be graduating from Castro Valley High School, June 13, 2010. Roni will matriculate at St. Mary's University.

Congratulations to **Ryan Miller**, who received an award for outstanding vocal student at Castro Valley High School.

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

Congratulations to **Jessica Payne**, who has been accepted to the UC San Diego Law School this fall!

Congratulations to **Pepper Swanson**, who completed the Certificate in Ministry program at Pacific School of Religion, May 23, 2010, and completed a very successful year as Eden's Minister-in-Training, June 6, 2010. Pepper also received a 3-year scholarship from Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley for the Master of Divinity Program beginning in the fall of 2010.

Congratulations to **Sage Fields Tyler**, who received a medal for outstanding computer art student, and to **Maya and Sage Fields Tyler** who received certificates of achievement in mathematics and religious studies, and a service award for their leadership in the campus ministry program.

Congratulations to **Kern Wallace**, who graduated from Hayward High School on June 10, 2010. Kern is the son of Jan Bass and Dave Wallace. Kern will matriculate at California State-East Bay. At graduation, Kern was recognized as a National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Student, and received a Gold State Seal Merit Diploma, for students who earned a scaled score of 370 or above on six qualifying California State Tests (CSTs).

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 the family of **George Bowers**. George died Friday, May 21. He was Holly Bowers Guier's father, Brent Guier's father-in-law, and Natalie Guier's grandpa.

For **Dovetta Brown**, who is undergoing radiation treatments at this time. Dovetta is a friend of Pay Payne's.

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

For Russell Cowick, who is on the mend following a Frisbee football accident that resulted in a broken clavicle on May 22. Russell is the son of Patty and Blaine Cowick.

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

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

For **Betty and Dan Livesay** and their entire family, as they mourn the loss of their daughter, Jennifer Livesay. A memorial service will be held in the Sanctuary at Eden Church on Saturday, June 19, at 11 a.m., with a memorial reception immediately following in Oliver Hall. If you are able to help with the reception, please contact Carol Price at 510-351-1302 or capri73@ymail.com. Call the church office for more information.

Traveling mercies for **Izzi Newey** (and her mom, Ann.) Izzi is in Australia for the month of June.

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

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

For **Erica Tovar**, and her children, whose home was recently destroyed by fire, and whose loved one is in ICU on life support. Erica is Jennifer Aguilar's cousin.

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**.