

The Chimes

WHO SHALL TEACH THE YOUNGEST AMONG US?

Whenever I enter a new situation, I am relieved if I find kids in the mix. It takes time to form new connections with both adults and kids but, unlike with adults, I find connecting with kids much easier. And once I connect with the kids I have the added benefit of more easily gaining their parents' trust as well. I consider this trait a gift, one that I try to use towards creating a better Eden, both at church and within the greater community.

After hearing the story of Pentecost we are reminded that we are each marked by the Holy Spirit's power. While not all believe in fiery marks above the disciples' heads, we can acknowledge that we each hold unique traits that become gifts when shared with others. At Eden we call these gifts "talents," and in our Stewardship campaign we asked you to discern how you can offer your particular talents in service to the larger community.

Quite serendipitously on Pentecost the current group of talented church school teachers met to discuss their vision for next year. They unanimously voted to best meet the needs of Eden's kids by modifying the church school program, the most significant change being an increase in the number of Sunday morning classes. This change has the potential to transform the children and youth program, but like many aspects of church life (building maintenance, coffee hour, etc.) it will not work unless we all share our talents.

While this change begins in the fall, this summer there are many opportunities to "try on" the children and youth programming to see if your talents are a good match. Nursery care is available every Sunday, and this summer both of our nursery workers will be traveling, so adult volunteers are needed to fill in as caregivers, role models, and playmates during the worship hour. Most Sundays we will offer "Summer Celebration" classes for kids completing K-5th grades, so you can serve as either a teacher or assistant. Then there are two camps in July: SAAM Camp and Camp WOW!!, both in need of adult volunteers for all or part of the week.

In order to ensure the safety of our congregation and program integrity, all adult volunteers need to be screened through our Safe Congregation process. However, completion of this application is a small task compared to the many rewards possible by working with our children and youth.

Upon arrival at Eden I was told time and again that this is a congregation of teachers, a congregation filled with flames shining brightly enough that their knowledge can be shared with others. This summer, while the traditional school year is on hiatus, I implore each of you to look up and within, to find the talented mark of the Holy Spirit and see where it may lead you. For it has the power to surprise you, to create powerful change, and to do so all without burning your head (contrary to what our youngest friends might think).

~ Liz



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 2009

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!

Diversity Education in Our Public Schools

The Northern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ unanimously approved a "Position Statement in support of Multicultural and Diversity Education in Our Public Schools," at its Annual Meeting at the Asilomar Conference Center on May 30, 2009.

The NCNC UCC position statement has since been submitted by the Conference as a resolution to be acted on by General Synod XXVII, the national UCC governing body, meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan, later this month.

Recently both the Castro Valley Unified School District's "Days of Diversity," and plans by the Alameda Unified School District to institute in its schools a K-5 diversity/multi-cultural curriculum, which includes an LGBT unit, have come under fire by religious groups from within and outside the community who are working in tandem to stop efforts by local school districts to implement diversity/multi-cultural enrichment programs and develop safe schools curricula that seek to foster respect for "all the people in our neighborhood." There is particular opposition to the component of the programs designed to give visibility to same-gender parented families and people, and reduce anti-gay slurs and bullying, which are rampant within our public schools.

The proposed General Synod resolution seeks to create a progressive Christian witness in support of organizations which provide diversity/multi-cultural education that builds tolerance for "all the people" including lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) individuals and families, and people of all racial and ethnic backgrounds, abilities, and faiths.

In particular, the proposed resolution addresses concerns that public school systems are being openly challenged by national and local religious groups who seek to limit exposure to diversity/multi-cultural education, and in some cases even to prohibit diversity/multi-cultural education in public schools.

Copies of the resolution are available in the office, and are attached with the Late June issue of Chimes.

Bravo!

On Sunday, June 7, members and friends gathered in Oliver Hall with lots to celebrate. We took time to say thanks to Eden's many church school teachers and musicians for the '08-'09 year, gifting each one with a little token of our appreciation. And then we lit the way for her future endeavors by recognizing Tiffany Zamora, a graduate of Mt. Eden High School. Everyone enjoyed a delicious super salad lunch and cake aplenty. Additional thanks to those who brought food to share and to the Fellowship Committee for providing beverages and dessert.



Bravo! Musicians



Bravo! Teachers

FESCO News

What's New:

So far, FESCO has raised \$46,671.21 from the 12th Annual Shelter Shuffle on May 16th. It was a beautiful day with great music, hard-working volunteers, generous sponsors, enthusiastic fundraisers, and some of the handsomest and prettiest dogs in town.

What They Need:

- Pillows and plastic protective cases
- fitted & flat double and queen sheets
- double and queen comforters
- kitchen dishtowels and cleaning towels
- teaspoons and forks

Items in new to excellent condition only, please. Warehouse open for donations on June 20 and July 18, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at 15816 Hesperian Blvd., San Lorenzo

Five Ways to Support FESCO:

- Make a monthly pledge by credit card or check
- Send us your BART tickets with unused remaining values
- Order an eScrip VISA card (www.escrip.com) and make FESCO the beneficiary
- Designate FESCO as a beneficiary of your retirement plan, annuity, or life insurance
- Order your Avon products through beautyfundraising.com, Organization Code 540058



Bravo! Tiffany

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Eden UCC Greeters At East Bay Gay Prom

Join Brenda Loreman, Michael Stuber, and other friends of Eden UCC and area "Welcoming Churches" in serving as greeters at the Gay Prom, Saturday, **June 13**, at Hayward's Centennial Hall.

Eden participants wishing to carpool should meet in the Oliver Hall parking lot at 6:45 p.m. If you're arriving later than 7 p.m., meet at Centennial Hall. The time commitment for volunteering is flexible. Dress to impress. Bring your warm smiles, and compliments and encouragement. For safety reasons all Eden volunteers and friends should register in advance with Michael Stuber.

East Bay Gay Prom is a clean and sober program offered by Horizon Services, Inc., the largest drug and alcohol prevention and treatment program in Alameda County. For more prom information go to: <http://www.gayprom.org>.

Children's Summer Celebration Classes Start Sunday!

Our Summer Celebration program for kids completing Kindergarten through fifth grade begins Sunday, **June 14**. This summer we'll be using the stories of Leo Lionni, creator of our beloved Frederick, to discover modern-day parables. 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.

Aloha, "O Ka'ahumanu Alii Ahuhui Wahine"

Sunday, **June 14**, Eden UCC welcomes our guest choir, "O Ka'ahumanu Alii Ahuhui Wahine," who will sing in celebration of King Kamehameha's birthday, June 11, 1836. King Kamehameha was the first reigning king of the Hawaiian people. The choir is named for Ka'ahumanu, Kamehameha's favorite wife, who was considered Hawai'i's first feminist, Ka'ahumanu guided the islands in a period of major transition.

Baptism

At Eden Church and in the United Church of Christ, we celebrate baptism with persons of every age from infants to elders. Come as you are. You're welcome here. We will celebrate the sacrament of baptism next on Sunday, **June 28**, during morning worship. Please let Pastor Arlene know about your interest in baptism for yourself or a family member.

Inquirer's Gathering

Newcomers are invited to the Inquirer's Gathering on Sunday, **June 14**, where church leaders offer a personal welcome and provide basic information about Eden Church and about membership with our congregation. Please join us in the Norberg Room for one hour, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Snacks will be provided. At Eden, we welcome into membership youth, adults, and families who seek a deeper relationship with God in a caring community and a desire to make a difference in the lives of others. We will receive new members next on Sunday, June 28, during morning worship. Please



Spirit-In-Action

Save the Date!

The next Spirit-in-Action event will be the Habitat for Humanity workday on Saturday, **July 18**. If you are interested in volunteering for the day, please contact Loris Coburn. More information will be available soon.

Speak with Pastor Arlene or one of the Inquirer's Gathering hostesses about your interest in church membership.

Summer Adventures Await at SAAM Camp 2009

Register now 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 movement classes as well as time for a snack and a full lunch. Cost of the camp, for a full week, is only \$15. Flyers and registration forms are available in the church office or online at www.edenucc.com. Registration deadline is Sunday, July 5. If you have questions about the camp, please ask Liz McKay. For scholarship information, please speak with Pastor Arlene.

Don't Wait, Sign Up Now for NCNC Camps Before It's Too Late

Opportunities for summer camps abound this summer with the NCNC conference camping programs. For information and registration forms, stop by the church office or go to www.ncnccucc.org and click on "Youth and Outdoor Ministries." With questions contact Sara Steen, NCNC Director of Outdoor Ministries, 510-247-8990, sara@ncnccucc.org. If you're in need of scholarship assistance, please speak with Pastor Arlene. Please note, camp scholarships from Eden UCC and the NCNC UCC Conference are based on "early bird" rates. Neither Eden Church nor NCNC UCC Conference scholarships cover late fees.



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
- 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.

Jubilee Luncheon

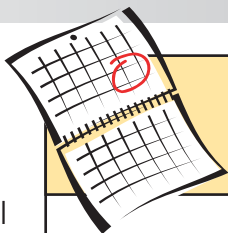
Come join our Jubilee members for lunch on Wednesday, **June 24**, at 12 noon. Eden members of 50 years and more will enjoy lunch together, and share some of their favorite memories of Eden Church. Tickets are \$10, and are available from Anne Duey or in the church office.

Call to the 144th Annual Meeting

The 144th Annual Meeting of Eden United Church of Christ has been called by Cabinet for Sunday, **June 28**. 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:

- To receive the 2008–2009 Annual Report
- To receive a preliminary 2008–2009 year-end financial report
- To receive and act on the proposed operating budget for 2009–2010
- To receive and act on the slate of officers and board and committee members for 2009–2010
- To recognize elected leaders who are completing terms of service
- To install officers and board and committee members who are beginning terms of service
- To act on a proposed amendment to the church bylaws, recommended by Cabinet, that would establish an Audit Committee for the church
- To act on a Cabinet recommendation regarding the disbursement of Oliver Trust income in amounts less than \$10,000

A snack for all ages will be provided between worship and the meeting in Oliver Hall. Childcare and a children's activity will be provided during the meeting for infants, toddlers, and youth who have not yet been confirmed. Please see Liz McKay regarding childcare arrangements.



Coming Attractions— Mark Your Calendars!

June 13, E-vent at East Bay Gay Prom
June 14, Summer Celebration Begins
June 14, 'O Ka'ahumanu Alii Ahuhui Wahine' at Worship Service
June 14, Inquirers' Gathering
June 24, Jubilee Luncheon
June 28, Baptism & New Members
June 28, Eden United Church of Christ, Congregational Annual Meeting
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 2–8, NCNC Senior Hi Camp (9th–12th) at Tamarack
August 2–16, FESCO Backpacks collection
August 7–9, NCNC Young Adult Retreat at Cazadero
August 19, Calendaring Meeting
August 22, Choir Retreat
September 13, Parent-Teacher Gathering
September 19, Spirit-in-Action Event
September 20, Open House Sunday; Church School Begins; Potluck Sunday
October 3, NCNC UCC Identity Seminar 4: UCC Theology
October 7–November 18, Music Making at Midweek (Wednesdays)
October 18, Souper Sunday
October 24, "Eden Family" Outing
November 15, Souper Sunday
December 6, Candlelight Carols
December 9, FESCO Luncheon
December 13, Christmas Pageant & Happy Birthday Jesus
December 24, Christmas Eve Service



Birthday & Anniversaries

Mid-June–Mid-July Birthdays:

6/15 **Jim Williams, Maya Fields Tyler, & Sage Fields Tyler**; 6/16 **Alexandra Romero**; 6/18 **Jeanne Schumann**; 6/21 **Rhodell Willard**; 6/24 **Lynda Watson, Marin Tucker, & Darcy Malloy**; 6/25 **Anthony Crans**; 6/26 **Scott Christensen**; 6/27 **Barbara Lee Jackson & Leigh Anne Boyer**; 6/29 **Joy Davis**; 7/2 **Ted Wallis**; 7/3 **Mary Haro**; 7/6 **Sarah Matthews, Chris Malloy & Jenifer Miller**; 7/10 **Russell Cowick**; 7/12 **Scott Davis**; 7/14 **Wes Moniz**.

Mid-June–Mid-July Anniversaries:

6/18 **Nora & Jerry Crans**; 6/19 **Todd Bove & Keith Smith**; 7/1 **Michael Stuber & McGarry Caven**; 7/2 **Pamela & Ed Reuling**; 7/8 **Mary & Herb Graw**; 7/9 **Anne & Jay Christensen**; 7/14 **Sue & Jim Hakanson**.



Joys

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

Congratulations to **Kevin Casey**, who accepted a position as a drug and alcohol counselor in Idaho. **Kevin, Suzie, and Andrew** will transition to Idaho over the next several weeks. We wish them all the best in their new venue and God's blessing on their new home and life in Idaho.

We had a great turnout for the **Confirmation** orientation on June 7. Newcomers are welcome.

Confirmation classes and events will be held 1–2 times monthly from September 2009 through May 2010. Please see Pastor Arlene to register.

Congratulations to our **June graduates**, especially **Tiffany Zamora**, who is graduating from Mt. Eden High School, and **Jessica Payne**, who is graduating from UC Santa Barbara.

Congratulations to **Michell and Erik Thom** on the birth of their first child, Collin Jacob Thom, born Sunday morning, May 24, 2009! Collin's maternal grandparents are Sandra and Clyde Nachand.

The **Old South Church in Boston** is celebrating its 15th anniversary as an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. Founded in 1669, Old South Church is one of the oldest congregations in our denomination and home of our patriot ancestors. Our pastor, the **Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring**, served as Assistant and later as Associate Minister at Old South Church from 1988–1992, and was invited by the congregation to serve as guest preacher during the festival service on June 14.

Prayer Requests

Please let Arlene know of any updates or new concerns.

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 **Keith Boyer**, who is living with cancer, and who is facing more challenges.

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

For **Don Downing**, who was diagnosed with liver cancer, and who is awaiting a transplant. Don is a friend of the Smith-Bove family.

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 experiencing more challenges.

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

For **Steve and Terry Kinoshita**, who are grieving the death of Steve's step-father.

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

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 **Rick Pickering**, a friend of the Sherwood's, who is home recovering from a heart attack.

For **Lee Sorensen**, who is experiencing more health challenges.

For **the family and friends of Gayle Tully**, who died last month.

For **the family and friends of Neil Upchurch**, who died last month.

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.

Continued prayers for **Carlton Alexander, Mary Babikoff, Mary Bernstein, Jim Burgess, Juanita Chavez, Ann Dodd, Regina Fischer, Susan Fivelstad, Clyde Howell, and Helen Van Stone.**

Eden United Church of Christ

Board of Community Ministries

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Spirit-in-Action:
Integrating Mission into Our Lives

SAAM Camp 2009
Summer Adventures in Art and Music

Monday, July 13 – Friday, July 17, 2009
9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

For children
completing grades K–4

We will be exploring how our faith calls us to serve the greater community. We will learn about service through biblical stories, art, music, drama, and movement. A snack and lunch will also be included. (Please note: Eden's summer program is a religious program, unlike the fall and spring, "Music Making at Midweek" programs.)

There is a one-time, non-refundable fee of \$15 for materials and lunch.

For more information,
call Liz McKay:
(510) 582-9533
or e-mail liz@edenucc.com

Eden is a progressive Christian Church that has been offering children's music and art enrichment programs since 1993.
www.edenucc.com
You're welcome here!



Eden Church is located at 21455 Birch St. in Hayward—near the corner of Mission and Grove.

To enroll your child, please complete the bottom portion of this form and mail it to Eden United Church of Christ, 21455 Birch Street, Hayward, CA 94541. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Please note: There is limited enrollment, and students will not be accepted until this form and the non-refundable \$15 dollar fee are received. Forms must be mailed no later than July 5th.

Child's Name _____ Home Phone: _____ Other: _____

School _____ E-mail (optional): _____

Date of Birth _____ Grade (just completed): _____ I hereby give permission for my child to attend SAAM Camp.

Address: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Please print name: _____