

The Chimes

WOMEN WE CELEBRATE

On March 8, 2011, it is the centenary celebration of International Women's Day (IWD). IWD is a day of recognition, celebration, and reflection on the lives of women worldwide. While the feminist movement that began in the latter part of the last century improved the quality of women's rights, the fight for equality is not over. Women are still not paid equally to that of their male counterparts; women still not equally represented in all sectors of the workforce, specifically business and politics; and globally women's education, health, and the violence against them is worse than that of men.

As many of you know, I grew up surrounded by feminist activists due to the work of my mother. My mom, Dr. Janet Holmgren, has worked tirelessly to improve the course of women's lives not only in her professional work as President of Mills College for the past 20 years but also as an educator, an activist, and a parent. There isn't enough room on this page for me to share her professional resume, so instead I'll share some personal memories of a woman who inspires me.

Growing up, one of my favorite stories that my mom told was of a conversation she had with her father as a young child. She wanted to be just like her mother, who was a nurse, so when her dad asked her what she wanted to "be when she grew up" she quickly responded "a nurse." To that her dad replied, "why not become a doctor honey?" It was with that mentality; the one that said you can also do more, and be more, than you ever imagined with which my mom raised my sister and I.

As an adult my mom and I are growing our relationship into one of mutual respect and support. She's the person I call when I need someone to listen. She's the person who will be at our apartment until 10 p.m. the night before John and I move, packing up our kitchen, laughing the whole time to help lighten our load. And I can be the person who she calls when she needs someone to listen. The person who can give her advice because there isn't any situation she believes I can't tackle.

My mom is just one of the many women in my life that I will be lifting up on IWD, and I invite you to take a moment in March to reflect on the women that shaped you. Whether it is your mother, grandmother, friend, colleague, or all of the above, make time to honor them. Writing is one way that I know to give back but there are many others; I encourage you to find your own path to celebrate those women who helped give us life.

This year the Eden Education and Spiritual Life Committee and All Saints Justice and Peace Committee are sponsoring a one-day retreat to commemorate IWD called "Women to Women: Widening Circles," held on Saturday, **Mar. 5**, and all are invited to join. You'll find more information about the event inside this issue of the Chimes but I did convince one special guest to speak: my mom. I hope that you will join us in celebrating and encouraging the work of feminists around the globe.

~Liz



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 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.

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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!



Friends Share a Moment



Lovebirds



Kitchen Angels

Preparing for Ash Wednesday

In many places all over Mexico, especially in the coastal states, *Carnaval* or Carnival is highly celebrated. The same happens in many other countries in Latin America, like Colombia, and of course Brazil. The United States is famous for *Mardi gras* in New Orleans. Three days of celebration precede Ash Wednesday in Mexico, during which time people lose any inhibition anticipating the fast during Lent or *Cuaresma*, the liturgical name in Spanish. Ash Wednesday comes three days after all that craziness to remind Christians that we are called to a life that is a lot simpler than the extravaganza of *Carnaval*. Ashes become a symbolic embodiment of the words found in Genesis 3:19, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." This phrase precisely represents the significance of the ritual, which we participate in on Ash Wednesday, a ritual that reminds us of our finitude. The spiritual life and the spiritual practices that we participate in during Lent, by contrast, point us toward a life beyond death.

At Eden, our Ash Wednesday service will take place in Pioneer Chapel on Wednesday, **Mar. 9**, beginning at 7 p.m. Come and participate in this ancient Christian practice as we enter the season of Lent. This service will be led by the Worship Team. Pedro Ramos-Goycolea, our MIT, will deliver the evening message.

Seeking Sabbath During Lent?

On Wednesday, **Mar. 2**, the Seekers reading group will begin a new book entitled *Sabbath: Restoring the Sacred Rhythm of Rest* by Wayne Muller. All are invited at 10 a.m. to the Community Room as the group begins their Lenten exploration of rest and its impact on daily living. Come to learn new ways to integrate the Sabbath into your everyday. For more information about the group or how to purchase a copy of the book please see Liz Jobst.

Lenten & Holy Week Preview

Ash Wednesday Service, **Mar. 9**, 7–8 p.m., Pioneer Chapel
 Social Justice Small Group, Sundays as posted
 Writing Small Group, Tuesdays as posted
 Seekers, 10 a.m., Wednesdays
 One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, Sunday, **Apr. 3**, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 Palm Sunday Worship, Sunday, **Apr. 17**, 10 a.m.
 Good Friday, Community *Via Crucis*, **Apr. 22**, as posted
 Good Friday, Labyrinth Walk, **Apr. 22**, 6 p.m., Courtyard
 Community Seder with Congregation Shir Ami, **Apr. 23**, 6 p.m., Oliver Hall
 Festival Easter Service, Sunday **Apr. 24**, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday, **Apr. 24**, 11 a.m., Courtyard

2011 Performing Arts Concert Series

Mar. 20, at 3 p.m., our Performing Arts Series features acclaimed tenor, Michael Belle, singing bel canto songs and arias. Michael Belle's most recent credits include Nemorino in Pocket Opera's *Elixir of Love*, as well as a two-year stint in the chorus of San Francisco Opera, in the productions *Tosca*, *Porgy and Bess*, *La traviata*, *Il trovatore*, *Il tritico*, *Otello*, *Abduction from the Seraglio*, *La fanciulla del west*, *Faust*, *Le nozze di Figaro*, *Aida*, and *Cyrano de Bergerac*. Roles performed include Eisenstein in *Die Fledermaus*, Almaviva in *Il barbiere di Siviglia*, Andy in *Treemonisha*, Dr. Caius in *Falstaff*, and Basilio and Don Curzio in *Figaro*. Michael currently studies with Antonio Nagore in Antioch, CA.

A Stimulating Member-Sponsored Event

From humble origins in Ethiopia to fancy espresso drinks at your local Peets or Starbucks, coffee has been the world's favorite legal stimulant for centuries. Come join Eden's coffee geeks, Mike Foster and Brenda Loreman, for a coffee tasting and roasting demo. Experience how different coffee-growing regions of the world impart a particular flavor to the bean. Taste the difference between stale beans and truly fresh-roasted. See how easy it is to roast your own coffee at home. We'll gather in the Oliver Hall Kitchen on Sunday, **Mar. 27**, at 1 pm. Tickets are \$10, available from Mike or Brenda beginning Mar. 6.

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Lee and Loris Celebrate PAS Concert

Senior High Youth Visit Glide Memorial Church

On Feb. 13, members of our Senior High Youth Group (accompanied by three adult leaders, a couple of friends, and a younger brother) participated in Sunday service at Glide Memorial Church in San Francisco. Welcomed at the door by one of its members, we were escorted to the balcony where we had a commanding view of the sanctuary and the choir. With an 80+ member ensemble and a full band, the service featured powerful singing and lively music—and had the whole congregation clapping, singing, and swaying throughout. Several themes emerged during the service—a celebration of Black History Month, a call to service in the community (Glide supports over 87 outreach programs), and an invitation from Pastor Cecil Williams to "love extravagantly". Following the rousing service, our group mingled with Glide members in the social hall, enjoyed special treats as part of their Valentine's Day celebration, and had an opportunity to speak with Pastor Williams. At lunch our group discussion revealed that we all had been quite moved and inspired during our visit with the good people at Glide. Plans are now underway for our next "field trip"—to participate in a worship service at a local Jewish synagogue.

Women to Women: Widening the Circle

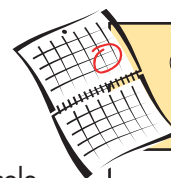
On Saturday, **Mar. 5**, come to the Fireside Room from 10-2 p.m. for a celebration of International Women's Day. We will walk the labyrinth, share in a drum circle, reflect on our own journeys through art, and hear stories of women who have set the example for generations and for the future. Dr. Janet Holmgren, President of Mills College, will be our special guest speaker. All are welcome to attend. Please bring a picture of a woman who inspired you, your own lunch, and one food item to share (enough for 4 people). There is no charge to attend this event; however, your freewill donations will be accepted to offset costs. Please contact Mary Haro or Kathy Miller for more information.

Are You Ready?

Are you/we ready for the big one? Could you, your family, and your neighbors survive several days without emergency assistance? What if disaster struck on a Sunday morning? What if our neighbors sought refuge at Eden? Our Church Council and Eden-Cherryland COR are teaming up to offer Disaster Preparedness Training for members and friends, church staff, and the wider community. The course will be taught by the American Red Cross and is offered at no charge to registrants, but preregistration is necessary for planning purposes. Childcare can be arranged if requested two weeks in advance; please contact Liz Jobst at liz@edenucc.com. The training schedule is as follows:

- **Mar. 5**, 2–4 p.m., Spanish
- **Mar. 16**, 6–8 p.m., English

The training location on the Eden Church campus will be determined by enrollment, and will be posted closer to the presentation dates.



Coming Attractions—Mark Your Calendars!

- March 5**, International Women's Day Celebration
- March 5**, Disaster Preparedness Training (Spanish)
- March 9**, Ash Wednesday
- March 11**, Single Women's Group
- March 16**, Disaster Preparedness Training (English)
- March 20**, Performing Arts Series Concert features Tenor, Michael Belle
- March 27**, Stewardship Member Fundraiser: Coffee Roasting hosted by Brenda Loreman and Mike Foster
- April 3**, One Great Hour of Sharing
- April 3**, Inquirer's Gathering
- April 10**, Bike and Biker Blessing
- April 17**, Palm Sunday, Baptism & Reception of New Members
- April 22**, Good Friday Labyrinth Walk
- April 23**, Community Passover Seder w/Congregation Shir Ami
- April 24**, Easter Sunday

Senior's Group Forming

Eden has a "Single Women's Group"; would anyone be interested in a "Seniors Group?" Many years ago Eden had a group called "The Firesiders" which met about once a month in the Fireside Room. This group had different agendas over the years, such as travel, dinners, games, etc. The new Seniors Group would be made up of seniors, couples or singles, who could perhaps meet on a weekday afternoon. The Newmans and Hasselkusses would like to talk to anyone interested in restarting this group. We could develop a program or just enjoy a casual lunch together. Contact Susie or Russ Newman (scn050270@aol.com), or Suzie or John Hasselkuss (suziequilting@comcast.net), via email or in person for more information.



Spirit-In-Action

Spirit-In-Action Service

Join us for Eden Church's annual Spirit-In-Action worship service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, **Feb. 27**. The theme of this year's service is "Let Your Light Shine." We will meet in Oliver Hall for worship, and share our shining lights of service. Three members of our congregation will share personal testimony about their service contributions to our community. There will be a brief sharing time as well. Song leaders will guide us through the music. A mini-mission fair will follow in Oliver Hall. This service is being planned and led by the Spirit-in-Action and Worship teams. We look forward to seeing you there!



Joys

An incredibly diverse group of faith leaders came together at Eden Church on Wednesday, February 9, to exchange ideas and explore ways of working together on gang prevention, immigration reform, and emergency food and shelter assistance in the Hayward and unincorporated areas of South Alameda County.

Many thanks to our **Wonderful Fellowship Committee** for stirring in the love and raising funds to support the ministry of Eden Church, and to all the loving people who attended our **Valentine's Luncheon** on February 11.

Thank you to all who have already made commitments to support our next quarter of programmatic ministries by signing up with the ESLO groups.



Shopping List

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

March Needs:

- Washable tempera paint
- 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 Supplies

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

Prayer Requests

- For **Todd Bove**, who has been living with some health challenges.
- For **Felicia Canty**, Keith Smith's sister, who is recovering from surgery and being treated for cancer.
- For **Rindie Chase**, who is dying from cancer. Rindie is a friend of the Payne family.
- For **Johnny Conley**, Scott Carey's partner, who is being treated for sudden hearing loss in his left ear.
- For **Diane Hurd**, a close friend of the Smith-Bove family, who is living with a recurrence of ovarian cancer.
- For **Betsy Lauchstedt**, who was a patient at Eden Medical Center last week.
- For **Mary McElligott**, who is undergoing cancer treatments. Mary is the mother of Liz Jobst's step-mother, Susan McElligott.
- For **Valerie Moore**, Cliff Sherwood's sister, who is being treated for lung cancer.
- For **Rob Parrish** and **Launey Rivers**, as Rob continues his recovery at home from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident in December.
- For **Mary Joan Stone**, who is preparing for surgery.
- For **Dave Wallace**, who is looking for full-time employment and developing a math tutoring business.
- For the family of **Barbara Wallis**, who died on Wednesday, February 9, 2011. A celebration of Barbara's life was held here at Eden Church on Saturday, February 19, 2011.
- For **Glenna Zolling**, who recently underwent knee replacement surgery.
- 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, and Angie Payne**.

Birthday & Anniversaries

March Birthdays: 3/3 **Keith Smith**; 3/4 **Carlene O'Keefe**; 3/6 **Brenda Loreman**; 3/9 **Robert DerMinasian** and **Michael Stuber**; 3/10 **Jan Bass**; 3/11 **Sally Kusalo** and **John Wagle**; 3/12 **Melissa Phillips**; 3/13 **Liz Jobst**; 3/14 **Marilyn Knipe**; 3/16 **Dan Apperson** and **Anne-Marie Baucoc-Jordan**; 3/17 **Patty Cowick, Sue Fry**, and **Russ Newman**; 3/18 **Win Lockerby** and **Raven Moniz**; 3/19 **Jackson Phillips**; 3/21 **Leonora Steward**; 3/22 **Jared Smith-Bove**; 3/23 **Jessie Payne**; 3/24 **Loris Coburn** and **Ann McClure**; 3/27 **John Hasselkuss**; 3/28 **Genevieve Nelson**; 3/31 **Lauren Smith-Bove**.

March Anniversaries: 3/5 **Kay & Ted Crosby**; 3/15 **Suzi & Kevin Casey**; 3/17 **Jennifer Aguilar & Manuel Inverno**; 3/30 **Peggy & Dan Apperson**.



March 2011

Duty Roster

Date	March 6	March 9	March 13	March 20	March 27
Liturgical Day	Transfiguration Sunday Communion	Ash Wednesday	First Sunday in Lent	Second Sunday in Lent	Third Sunday in Lent
Scripture	Exodus 24: 12-18 • Psalm 2 or Psalm 99 • 2 Peter 1: 16-21 • Matthew 17: 1-9	Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58: 1-12 • Psalm 51: 1-17 • 2 Corinthians 5: 20b-6: 10 • Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21	Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7 • Psalm 32 • Romans 5: 12-19 • Matthew 4: 1-11	Genesis 12: 1-4a • Psalm • 121 • Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 • John 3: 1-17 or Matthew 17: 1-9	Exodus 17: 1-7 • Psalm 95 • Romans 5: 1-11 • John 4: 5-42
Preacher	Arlene K. Nehring	Pedro Ramos-Goycolea	Arlene K. Nehring	Arlene K. Nehring	Arlene K. Nehring
Liturgist	Kern Wallace	Rob Parrish	Jan Bass	Alliene Turner	Daniella Prym
Children's Time	Liz Jobst	N/A	Pedro Ramos-Goycolea	Liz Jobst	Pedro Ramos-Goycolea
Loving Arms Nursery	Roni Iles & Alexandra Romero	TBD	Roni Iles & Alexandra Romero	Roni Iles & Brenda Camacho	Roni Iles & Brenda Camacho
Sunday School	All Children and Youth in Worship	All Children and Youth in Worship	Keith Smith and Todd Bove, K-4; Ed and Pam Reuling, 5-8; Jenifer Miller, 9-12	Liz Jobst and John Hasselkuss, K-4; Pam Winthers and Shannon Whitney, 5-8; Cheryl and Tom Fields Tyler, 9-12.	Jan Bass and Theresa Collier, K-4; Michael Stuber and Russ Miller, 5-8; Off Campus, 9-12
Office	Audrey Wood	N/A	Barbara Lateer	Ann McClure	Ruth Jenkins
Greeters	Sr. High Youth	Dianne Dorn	Russ Newman	Theresa Collier Alliene Turner	Lia Jarvis Cindy Keune
Ushers	Michael Stuber Sr. High Youth	Dianne Dorn	Kay Crosby Ann McClure Russ Newman	Theresa Collier Scott Swanson Bob Turner Audrey Wood	Peggy Apperson Frank Jenkins Cindy Keune Pat Payne
Trustee on Duty	Fred Dorn	N/A	Russ Miller	Bob Turner	Steve Ryken
Fellowship Hour Hosts	Youth Host Coffee Hour	N/A	Captain: <hr/> Hosts: Shirley Read Mary Forward	Captain: Shannon Whitney Hosts: Mary Haro, Stephanie Spencer	Captain: Fred Dorn Hosts: Susie Newman Rozetta Walth

*K-5th 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.*

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Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10 Worship Team 11:30 Staff Meeting 7 Council Meeting	2 10 Seekers 2:30 Yoga	3	4	5 10 International Women's Day Celebration 2 Disaster Preparedness Training (Spanish)
6 8:45 Music Rehearsal 10 Worship; FESCO & Deacon's Collection 12 Small Groups: Social Justice	7 6 Choir Potluck 7:30 Choir Practice	8 10 Worship Team 1 Small Groups: Writing Reflections 6:30 Trustees Meeting	9 10 Seekers 2:30 Yoga 7 Ash Wednesday Service	10 6:30 Eden-Cherryland COR Meeting	11	12
13 8:45 Music Rehearsal 10 Worship 12 Small Groups: Social Justice	14 6 Music Committee 7:30 Choir Practice	15 10 Worship Team 1 Small Groups: Writing Reflections 7 ESLO Meeting	16 10 Seekers 2:30 Yoga 6 Disaster Preparedness Training (English)	17	18	19
20 8:45 Music Rehearsal 10 Worship 3 Performing Arts Series Concert; <i>Chimes</i> Deadline	21 7:30 Choir Practice	22 10 Worship Planning 1 Small Groups: Writing Reflections 7 Stewardship Committee Meeting	23 10 Seekers 2:30 Yoga	24	25	26
27 8:45 Music Rehearsal 10 Worship 12:30 Stewardship Fundraiser: Coffee Roasting Demonstration	28 7:30 Choir Practice	29 10 Worship Team 12 Staff Post-Holiday Party	30 10 Seekers 2:30 Yoga	31		

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