

The Chimes

HUNGER IN THE HARVEST SEASON

For me, November is synonymous with fall leaves, crisp air, warm sweaters, pumpkins, and turkey. Holidays like Thanksgiving are important events for my family; relatives visit from far away and friends join the celebration. I am blessed that my Thanksgiving table was always draped in food; so much food that during this special meal, we used our buffet to make enough space on the dining room table for our plates.

Snap a picture and my Thanksgiving experience is close to the American ideal, one represented by the cornucopia, the goat's horn brimming with fruit and grain, "a decorative motif emblematic of abundance." The cornucopia seems a fitting symbol for a holiday celebrated in the wealthiest nation in the world. Yet for 1 in 6 Americans, there will be no picture-perfect meal on November 24. For 1 in 6 Americans, hunger is a daily reality.

Growing up, I was aware of my privilege and taught that we always had something to share with others. This kind of generosity is becoming increasingly more difficult in our current economic climate and yet it is demonstrated every Sunday at Eden. During fellowship hour, many of you share your garden harvest (tomatoes, apples, squash, lemons, and more) with the community.

From **Oct. 30** to **Nov. 13** the Stewardship and Spirit-in-Action committees are asking you to dig deeper and help fight hunger worldwide. Eden Church is joining the national UCC Mission: 1 movement, setting a church goal of 111 people participating in Mission: 1 either by writing a letter to congress, purchasing non-perishable food items for Hope 4 the Heart, or donating money to Mission: 1 (this offering will be divided evenly between Neighbors in Need and East Africa famine relief).

Our participation in Mission: 1 comes from a belief that we are all one and no one should go hungry. We participate because worldwide, 1.5 billion people are living in extreme poverty on less than \$1.25 a day. In this season of harvest, we believe that there should be enough to fill everyone and we can help multiply the loaves, fishes, and turkey too.

~Liz



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 2011

Eden UCC has been an Open and Affirming Church since 1995. We believe that all people are children of God; that persons of all ages, races, and sexual orientations are part of our increasingly diverse culture; and we welcome all persons into the full life and ministry of this church.

Tel: 510-582-9533

Sunday Worship:
10:00 a.m.

Church Office Hours:
Monday to Friday:
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: Closed

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www.edenucc.com

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@21455Birch

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!



Celebrating Fall in Style at Stuber Residence.

*Get into Eden-Cherryland's
"Holyween" Spirit on
October 30th and 31st*

The E-Team invites the Congregation's help with our upcoming Eden Neighborhood "Holyween" (Halloween) Party on Monday, **Oct. 31**, from 5 to 8:30 p.m. in Oliver Hall. Share your Halloween ideas and enthusiasm with Celia or Alexandra Romero, Alejandra Rosas, Lona Fryer, or Stephanie Spencer. Here's how to get into the spirit:

- We need lots of treats, decorations, small prizes, and/or face paints. Drop off in the church office by Sunday 10/30.

On Sunday, **Oct. 30**, lunch will be provided for everyone who is able to help after worship:

- Decorate Oliver Hall
- Create a haunted house in the Jensen Room

On Monday, **Oct. 31**, Children (K-6) will make their own trick-or-treat bags, trick-or-treat around the campus, enjoy snacks and play games in Oliver Hall, get their faces painted, and participate in a costume parade.

- Bring yourself and your children or grandchildren to the party from 5-8:30 p.m.
- Bring fun finger food (for a light dinner) to share at the party on Monday evening, Oct. 31
- Plan and run a Halloween game on Monday evening, Oct. 31
- Spread the word that every child who attends must be accompanied by an adult family member or guardian

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*Call to the Semi-Annual
Congregational Meeting*

The semi-annual meeting of Eden United Church of Christ will be held Sunday, **Oct. 30**, in the Sanctuary following morning worship, which begins at 10 a.m. This meeting is called by the Church Council in accordance with the Eden United Church of Christ bylaws. The sole agenda item is to receive a report from the Eden Area Foundation Board of Directors regarding the 2012 Eden Area Foundation grants.

*Come Have a Ghoulish
Good Time!*

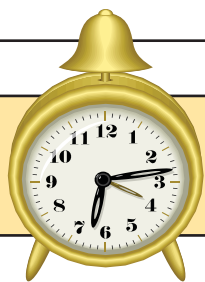
Attention, witches and warlocks! Listen up, all you itty bitty ghosts, pirates, and princesses! Pat and Steve Payne are inviting you to come celebrate Halloween at their house. On Sunday, **Oct. 30**, from 5 to 9 p.m., the Payne family will host a Halloween costume party as a member-sponsored event benefiting the ministry of Eden Church. Tickets are \$10 per adult, and children are free. There will be ghastly food like Mummy Dogs, Dirt Pudding, Devil Eyes, and Brains. Yucky but good. Prizes will be awarded for creative costumes. Come and have a ghoulish good time with your Eden friends. Tickets will be on sale during Fellowship on Sundays, Oct. 16, 23, and 30. For additional information, please contact Michael Stuber.

ACTION Spirit-In-Action

Teachers and Tutors' Tea

Come to the Teachers and Tutors' Tea, Tuesday, **Oct. 25**, 3:30 to 5 p.m., in Oliver Hall. Meet and greet Kindergarten, first, and second grade teachers from Cherryland Elementary School, and learn more about how our members and friends can make a world of difference in the lives of children in our neighborhood by serving as volunteer tutors in Cherryland's rapid language and literacy improvement program. Application packets will be available at the event. Tutoring will begin in early November. This event is sponsored by Eden's Spirit-in-Action Team. RSVP to Arlene Nehring (arlene@edenucc.com) or Dianne Dorn (dicreature@aol.com) by email or in person.

**Check Your
Clocks!**



Daylight Savings
Time Ends

Nov. 6 at 2 a.m.

Remember to turn your clock back one hour.

Free Flu Shot and Health Screening

Have you had your flu shot yet? Do you know your numbers? Eden church is partnering with the Alameda County Public Health Department to offer free flu shots and health screening on Saturday, **Nov. 5**, from 9 to 2 p.m. in Oliver Hall. In addition to free flu shots, get **free** screenings for blood pressure, abdominal girth & BMI, blood cholesterol and glucose, vision and hearing, and body fat assessment. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

Monthly Labyrinth Walks to Nurture Your Spirit

Eden Church will hold the next guided labyrinth walk on Friday, **Nov. 4**, at 7 p.m. Come experience the many ways our beautiful labyrinth can help you reconnect with the sacred essence that resides within. Join others and journey into the depths of your heart, and into the vast pool of your very own stillness. The wisdom of your soul awaits you. See Mary Haro or Jenifer Miller with questions.

Fall Youth Event

Senior high youth there is still time to register for the Fall Youth Event sponsored by the Northern California Nevada Conference. The Fall Youth Event for 9th–12th graders will be held at the Congregational Church of San Mateo from Saturday, **Nov. 5**, to Sunday, Nov. 6. Pay by Oct. 27 and the cost is only \$20 per youth at the “early bird” rate. For application materials or more information visit the NCNC website (<http://www.ncnuc.org/>), the NCNC Outdoor Ministries Facebook page, or see Liz Jobst. For scholarship information see Pastor Arlene soon.



Fellowship Cupboard Almost Empty

Would you like a little cookie with your coffee after worship? Of course! The Fellowship supply of cookies, crackers and other non-perishables is running low. We’d welcome your donation of unexpired cookies, crackers and other nonperishable items. And, as always, healthy and nutritious food such as cheese, cold cuts, and fresh fruit and veggies, are needed every Sunday. Thanks for supporting our effort to have a little something to munch on during our Fellowship time. If you have questions, please check with Susie Newman, Pepper Swanson, or any of the Fellowship Captains, Alliene Turner, Fred Dorn, Lona Fryer, Rene Castle, and Shannon Whitney.

Hunger Relief—Support Mission: 1

Get ready for the Mission 1 challenge to support hunger relief. The Spirit-in-Action Committee and the Stewardship Committee are asking Eden members to do their part by meeting the following Mission: 1 goals:

- 111 people making a contribution to the Mission: 1 effort, either in the form of bringing food items, making a financial donation to the UCC efforts, or sending a letter to their Congressional representatives,
- 1,111 items of healthy nonperishable food to be donated to our local food bank, Hope 4 the Heart, and
- 111 letters to Congress

How can you help? Be one. Be one to bring food, be one to give money, be one to write a letter to Congress. Donations of food and money will be accepted on Sunday, **Oct. 30**, **Nov. 6**, and **Nov. 13**. Bring your healthy, nonperishable food donations to the Sanctuary and be sure to look for the special Mission: 1 offering envelope for financial donations. Visit www.edenucc.com/mission1/ for more information on how you can get involved.

The Holiday Gift Bazaar

We are looking for at least 26 good men and women. Come all bakers, canners, knitters, crocheters, sewers, quilters, felters, and all-over crafty and creative members to participate in the Holiday Gift Bazaar. Please help us reach our fundraising goal and make this the best bazaar in Eden’s history. The Holiday Gift Bazaar will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, **Nov. 13**. To donate items or to volunteer to help organize and sell donated items on Bazaar Day, contact Pepper Swanson, Brenda Loreman, or Shannon Whitney. To volunteer at Café Eden to prepare and sell a special Bazaar Lunch, contact Susie Newman.



Shopping List

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

November 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.

Take a Lookilu and See What’s New:



www.edenucc.com

**Coming Attractions—
Mark Your Calendars!**

October 22–23, NCNC Jr. High Fall Fest

October 24, Hayward High Youth and Parent Investment Design Team

October 30, Member Sponsored Event: Pat Payne Halloween Party

October 31, E-vent: “Holyween” Party

November 4, Labyrinth Walk

November 5–6, NCNC Sr. High Fall Youth Event

November 13, Holiday Bazaar

November 18, Single Women’s Group

November 20, Performing Arts Series Concert benefiting Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center, Inc.

November 24–25, Eden Church closed

November 28, Hayward High Youth and Parent Investment Design Team

December 2, Labyrinth Walk

December 9, FESCO Luncheon

December 18, Lessons and Carols Worship Service

December 19, Hayward High Youth and Parent Investment Design Team

December 24, Servicio Familiar Bi-lingue de Noche Buena, 5 p.m. and Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, 7 p.m.

December 25, Christmas Service, 10 a.m.

December 26, Eden Church closed

January 6, Labyrinth Walk

January 7, Spirit-in-Action: El dia de los Reyes Magos

January 15, Performing Arts Concert featuring San Francisco Opera tenor David Gustafson, benefiting

Family Emergency Shelter Coalition (FESCO)

January 14–16, NCNC Jr. High Midwinter Camp

January 20, Single Women’s Group

February 6, Labyrinth Walk

February 10, Valentine’s Lunch

February 18–20, NCNC Sr. High Feb. Camp

February 22, Ash Wednesday

March 2, Labyrinth Walk

March 18, Performing Arts Concert featuring soprano Jessica House Steward, benefiting Eden I & R Inc.

March 22-23, Castro Valley Days of Diversity

March 24, People of Faith Retreat

April 5, Maundy Thursday Service

April 6, Good Friday Labyrinth Walk

April 8, Easter Sunday with Egg Hunt



Joys

We celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism with **Ryan James “R.J.” Boddy**, Sunday, September 25, 2011.

R. J. is the son of Carolyn and Brian Boddy, and the grandson of Sandra Nachand.

Thank you to our wonderful **gardeners** who have been busy beautifying our campus.

Congratulations to the Murillo-Rodriguez family, who welcomed their fifth son, **Kevin Rodriguez**, into the world on Thursday, October 6. Everyone is healthy, home, and doing well.

Thank you to all our members, friends, and neighbors who turned out to participate in the **Cherryland and South Garden Roundtable**, Oct. 13, in support of our community efforts to invest in the health of our youth and young adults and in job training and jobs for our community.

Prayer Requests

For **Carlton Alexander**, who is experiencing some health challenges at this time.

For **Dianne Fletcher and family**, especially her brother, who has been diagnosed with inoperable pancreatic cancer, and who is currently undergoing chemotherapy treatments in Australia.

For **John and Suzie Hasselkuss**. John’s step-father died on Sunday, September 25. A celebration of his life will be held in Pioneer Chapel on Saturday, **Nov. 5**, at 1:30, followed by a reception in the Fireside and Jensen rooms.

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

For **Barbara Ryken**, who finished her last chemo treatment recently.

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

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 **Mary Bernstein, Juanita Chavez, Vera Dickie, Ann Dodd, Regina Fischer, Allen Gardiner, Clyde Howell, Wesley Moniz, Angie Payne, Zachary Sherwood, and Mary Joan Stone**.

Birthday & Anniversaries

November Birthdays: Pete Michell 11/2; Carol Price 11/3; Laura King and Carole Peck 11/4; Fred Dorn 11/5; Daniella Prym 11/9; Deb Baucox-Jordan, Forrest Collier, and Sandy Nachand 11/10; Lia Jarvis 11/11; Bob Sorensen 11/12; Drue McCarthy 11/13; Ed Ogle 11/16; John Bulette 11/17; Katherine Crosby 11/18; Lauren Jarvis 11/23; Frank Jenkins and Lee Steward 11/24; Susan MacDonald and Kern Wallace 11/25; Jennifer Aguilar 11/26; Lia Swanson 11/28; and Jim Rego 11/30.

November Anniversaries:

Joy & Scott Davis 11/1; **Barbara Lee & Bob Jackson** 11/15; and **Jeannie & Jim Schumann** 11/23.



November 2011

Duty Roster

Date	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27
Liturgical Day	All Saints Sunday Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost	Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost	Reign of Christ Sunday after Pentecost	First Sunday of Advent
Scripture	Rev. 7:9-17 & Ps. 34:1-10, 22 • 1 John 3:1-3 • Mt. 5:1-1	Jud. 4:1-7 & Ps. 123 • Zeph. 1:7, 12-18 & Ps. 90:1-12 • 1 Thess. 5:1-11 • Mt. 25:14-3	Ez. 34:11-16, 20-24 & Ps. 100 • Ez. 34:11-16, 20-24 & Ps. 95:1-7a • Eph. 1:15-3 • Mt. 25:31-4	Is. 64:1-9 • Ps. 80:1-7, 17-19 • 1 Cor. 1:3-9 • Mk. 13:24-3
Preacher	Arlene Nehring	Drew Nettinga	Arlene Nehring	Arlene Nehring
Liturgist	Drew Nettinga	Susan MacDonald	Michael Stuber	Rob Parrish
Children's Time	Liz Jobst	Arlene Nehring	Pedro Ramos Goycolea	Pedro Ramos Goycolea
Loving Arms Nursery	Judith Harris and Alexandra Romero	Judith Harris and Alexandra Romero	Judith Harris and Alexandra Romero	Judith Harris and Alexandra Romero
Sunday School	All children and youth in worship.	Athena Malloy and Rozetta Walth, K-3; Keith Smith and Todd Bove, 4-7; Russ Miller and Michael Stuber, 8- 12.	John Hasselkuss and Liz Jobst, K-3; Ed and Pam Reuling, 4-7; Carol Roach and Shannon Whitney, 8- 12.	TBD, K-3; Keith Smith and Todd Bove, 4-7; Russ Miller and Michael Stuber, 8-12.
Office	Audrey Wood	Susie Newman	Ann McClure	Ruth Jenkins
Greeters	Children and Youth Stephanie Spencer	Max Leung Russ Newman	Theresa Collier Alliene Turner	Cindy Keune
Ushers	Sr. High Youth Michael Stuber	Kay Crosby Max Leung Ann McClure Russ Newman	Theresa Collier Scott Swanson Bob Turner Audrey Wood	Pat Payne Cindy Keune Frank Jenkins
Trustee on Duty	Bob Turner	Russ Newman	Russ Miller	Fred Dorn
Fellowship Hour Hosts	Alliene Turner	Shannon Whitney	Lona Fryer	Fred Dorn

*K-4th grade children should be picked up from their classroom immediately following worship.
Nursery care is available at any time during worship for children age five and younger.*

November 2011

Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10 Eden Stitches 10 Staff Meeting 11 Worship Team 7 Council Meeting	2	3	4 7 Labyrinth Walk	5 NCNC Sr. High Fall Youth Event 9 Public Health Flu Clinic & Screenings
6 FESCO & Deacon's Collection All Saints Sunday NCNC Sr. High Fall Youth Event 8:45 Music Rehearsal 10 Worship 11:15 Fellowship	7 10 <i>Art of the Soul Collage</i> Small Group 6 Choir Potluck 7:30 Choir Practice	8 10 Eden Stitches 11 Worship Team 6:30 Trustees Meeting 7 Stewardship Committee Mtg	9 10 Seekers Noon Yoga	10	11	12
13 <i>Chimes</i> deadline Mission: 1 Sunday 8:45 Music Rehearsal 10 Worship and Church School 11:15 Bazaar 11:30 Children's Music Rehearsal	14 10 <i>Art of the Soul Collage</i> Small Group 6 Music Committee Meeting 7:30 Choir Practice	15 10 Eden Stitches 11 Worship Team 7 ESLO Committee Mtg	16 10 Seekers Noon Yoga	17	18 12:30 Single Women's Group	19 10 Church Decorating
20 8:45 Music Rehearsal 10 Worship and Church School 11:15 Bazaar 11:30 Children's Music Rehearsal 3 Performing Arts Concert	21 10 <i>Art of the Soul Collage</i> Small Group 7:30 Choir Practice	22 10 Eden Stitches 11 Worship Team	23 10 Seekers Noon Yoga	24 Church Office Closed	25 Church Office Closed	26
27 8:45 Music Rehearsal 10 Worship and Church School 11:15 Fellowship 11:30 Children's Music Rehearsal	28 10 <i>Art of the Soul Collage</i> Small Group 5 Design Team (HHS Library) 7:30 Choir Practice	29 10 Eden Stitches 11 Worship Team	30 10 Seekers Noon Yoga	1	2	3

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