

The Chimes



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 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

ENTERING THE DIGITAL AGE

In the spring of 1997, my senior year in high school, my AP Government teacher Mr. Wilson gave us a research assignment on the Internet. Having just started to use AOL I was admittedly lost. Email would not enter my universe until the following semester when I was at college; at this time I still wrote letters from Virginia back to my friends in California.

Wanting to do well on the assignment, my friend Anne and I made an appointment with Mr. Wilson. Kids today would laugh at the questions we asked such as: "Is the Internet located in one big building?" (I was thinking library here; another artifact I used to do research at the time.) For several hours he calmly answered our questions. I can't remember how I did on the assignment, but the Internet entered my life in a profound way and continues to influence the way I live.

Today I've admittedly become Internet dependent. Email is not only a free way for me to keep in contact with friends, but during our wedding planning it was an easy way to contact vendors. While I still have several magazine subscriptions, I read my news online. I no longer receive newsletters in the mail; they all arrive electronically.

Since I started working at Eden I've seen the church dramatically increase our Internet presence. Our public access site includes links to written and audio sermon files. We created a social networking page on Facebook with over 460 users, which includes both links to upcoming events and pictures from recent events. Our "hidden" site hosts meeting agendas, minutes, and reports so that Eden leaders can access this information from any computer at any time. There is more I could share but I invite you to see for yourself either at www.edenucc.com or Eden United Church of Christ on Facebook.

Next month will usher in another change in how we participate in the digital age. The last week of October, we will print what is now known as the "Early November *Chimes*," though you'll notice it will have a new title, "November *Chimes*." Instead of printing the "Late November *Chimes*," during other weeks of the month we will begin sending brief weekly "*e-Chimes*" (short for *electronic-Chimes*) with four or five paragraphs about upcoming programs. If you aren't currently on our electronic mailing list please send an email request to Kathy Miller, kathy@edenucc.com.

We hope that these new *e-Chimes* will continue to boost Eden's presence in the community. These *e-Chimes* will provide an easy way to share information with friends by clicking the "forward" button. Even though I was intimidated by the Internet in 1997, I'm now excited about the possibilities it holds, including bringing us closer together—as close as your mouse.

~Liz

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!

Eden-Cherryland COR Priorities

On Sept. 19, "COR Sunday," leaders of Eden's community organizing ministry, Eden-Cherryland COR, re-presented our partnership with Congregations Organizing for Renewal (COR) to Eden members and friends. The day included introducing our new organizer, Herman Barahona, to the congregation, worshipping together and reflecting on Jeremiah's call for healing, and an adult education class on healthcare reform, led by the Rev. Drew Nettinga.

Incorporated in 1996, COR is a faith-based, grassroots organization comprised of 14 congregations, neighborhood groups, and schools, including Eden Church, which represents 25,000 low- and moderate-income families in Southern Alameda County. Through Eden's participation in COR, we join with people of diverse economic, racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds to work on common values, and address common concerns that impact our families.

The primary goals of Eden's community organizing ministry this year include the following:

- 1) Launch a **gang prevention** program in South Alameda County,
- 2) Establish a new **full-service health clinic** in Cherryland,
- 3) Increase **neighborhood safety** and improve relationships between residents and police, and
- 4) Transform **Cherryland Elementary** into a high-performing school.

For more information about Eden's community organizing ministry, speak with any of the following Eden-Cherryland COR leaders after worship this month: the Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, the Rev. Drew Nettinga, Rene Castle, Pedro Ramos-Goycolea, or Pam Winthers.

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New Member Drew Nettinga


Animal Blessing & Pet Food Drive is October 16

The second annual Blessing of the Animals & Pet Food Drive will be held on Saturday, **Oct. 16**, in the Eden Plaza. This is a fun way to introduce people to Eden, so invite your friends and their pets, and plan to bring your own furry, feathered, or scaly companions to Eden between 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. for their annual blessing. We're also gathering food for the pets of homeless persons and for shelters that house homeless pets. Shelters also need clean towels and newspapers. We need help on the Saturday of the blessing setting up tables at 10 a.m., welcoming pets and handing out dog treats, and putting things away at 12:30 p.m. If you can't come on Saturday, you can still add your blessing by sharing the fliers, making dog treats, and bringing pet food and bedding to the office any time before the event. All ages are welcome to help, so join us and be a part of our growing ministry to all God's creatures.


Blessing of the Animals and Pet Food Drive

...Let's Go! 

Saturday, October 16th
11 am to 12:30 pm




In honor of the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi, we **welcome** all your furry, fuzzy, feathery, leathery, slimy, scaly, or stuffed friends to be blessed, petted and loved. We also bless *in absentia* using pictures.





Refreshments, entertainment, and education from a local nature center and environmental preservation organization will be provided.

Donations of pet food and treats will be accepted for the companions of people who are homeless and for local animal shelters that care for homeless pets. Clean towels and newspaper are also needed.

All animals should be properly restrained, and on leashes or in cages.



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Homecoming Sunday a Success

Thanks to the members of the Education, Spiritual Life, and Outreach Committee and their friends for making the return of Homecoming Sunday a success. After signing up to help with or participate in various programs offered at Eden this fall and winter, everyone received one or more tickets good for lunch and a chance to win a raffle prize. Prizes ranged from a Safeway gift card to Eden T-shirts. Even without winning a prize, all walked away winners by getting the chance to learn about all the fun events that we're planning.



Everyone Can Help!



Music Co-Chairs Hit a Fun Note

Take a Lookilu and See What's New:



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Oh, Boys!

Lia and Bill Jarvis are expecting more than the Great Pumpkin this Halloween, and Alejandra Rosas and Pedro Ramos are preparing for more than Christmas this Advent season, as both couples ready themselves and their homes to welcome new sons into the world. The Jarvis' baby boy is due on Oct. 31, and the Rosas-Ramos baby boy (their first!) is due Dec. 8. To prepare for and celebrate the arrivals of these sons of Eden, an all-church baby shower is planned for Sunday, **Oct. 17**, during Fellowship Hour. Congratulations to our expectant families, and many thanks to Jenifer Miller for organizing the baby shower celebration. If you'd like to help with preparations, or have questions about the shower, please see Jenifer.

Reminder about All-Church Safe Congregation Training

A friendly reminder to all members and friends, including children and youth, who signed up to participate in Eden's All-Church Safe Congregation Training, Saturday, **Oct. 23**, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Rev. Kibbie Ruth, Executive Director of Kyros Ministries, will lead the training for adults; and staff members from Child Assault Prevention, Inc., will lead the training for children and youth. A morning snack and light lunch will be provided. This training meets Eden's Safe Congregation training standards for persons who wish to become or continue as lead staff and lead volunteers with children, youth, dependent adults, and adults over the age of 64. If you are unable to attend or did not meet the registration deadline, see Liz Jobst or Arlene Nehring for details on how you can make up the training.

HUSD Board of Education Candidates' Forum

Eden-Cherryland COR will host a forum on Tuesday, **Oct. 26**, in Oliver Hall called "Building Bridges In A Diverse Community." The forum will feature candidates seeking election to the Hayward Unified School District's Board of Education, and other leaders engaged in youth services in our community. Childcare will be provided. Hayward voters are especially encouraged to attend.

If you are not yet registered to vote, please see Jim Fryer at the Voter Registration Table during Fellowship Hour by Oct. 17, or click here: [Register to Vote](#). The last day to register to vote in the Nov. 2, 2010, General Election is Monday, Oct. 18.

Advent Preparations: Bible Study, Lunch, and/or Decorating

Join Pastor Arlene in conjunction with the Education and Spiritual Life Co-Chairs, Mary Haro and Jenifer Miller, on Saturday, **Nov. 20**, for a morning Bible workshop. Arlene will lead participants in a study of the different Advent/Christmas stories in the gospels. Afterward, stay for lunch and help prepare the church for the holidays by decorating with the deacons. See Mary or Jenifer to sign up.

Tickets On Sale Now for the Spooky Halloween Mixer

Join Michael Stuber at Basset Heaven for a spooky Halloween evening of drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Drop by between 5-9 p.m. on Sunday, **Oct. 31**, for food, fun, and frivolity. Costumes encouraged! Tickets are \$15 each, and are available from Brenda Loreman or Michael Stuber.



ACTION Spirit-In-Action

FESCO "Bargains Galore" Fall Sale

Help support FESCO, the Family Emergency Shelter Coalition, by shopping at or donating to their fall sale. For donations or to volunteer at the event contact adasilva@fescofamilyshelter.org. To shop head over to the Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church in Castro Valley on Saturday, **Oct. 16**, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Call to the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

The semi-annual meeting of Eden United Church of Christ will be held Sunday, **Nov. 14**, 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 agenda includes two items: 1) to receive a report from the Eden Area Foundation Board of Directors regarding the 2011 Eden Area Foundation grants, and 2) to receive a report from the Eden United Church of Christ Audit Committee regarding the 2009-2010 audit.

Monthly Labyrinth Walks to Nurture Your Spirit

Eden Church will continue our monthly guided labyrinth walk on Friday, **Nov. 5**, at 7 p.m. Rain or shine, this will be an opportunity to nurture yourself amidst the caring for, cooking for, and sharing your gifts with others. Come experience our beautiful labyrinth as a tool for releasing stress and replenishing your spirit. Use the labyrinth as a path to awareness that can help you move beyond your thought patterns and processes. A peaceful walk in the 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.

*Sunday, November 7:
Double Fun at Eden!*

Now you have two, count them, TWO great reasons to invite friends and family members to come to church with you on Sunday, **Nov. 7!** Reason #1: It's National "Friend Raising" day for the UCC. Reason #2: It's Eden's Holiday Gift Bazaar where friends and family can shop for handcrafted items, sample delicious baked goods, and enjoy a hearty autumn lunch at our own Café Eden. Details for each event below.

UCC National Friend Raising

Help a friend find a spiritual home by inviting them to Eden Church on Sunday, **Nov. 7**, for the UCC's first national "Friend Raising" event. Attendance will be counted in every UCC congregation that Sunday, and prizes will be awarded for participation, both locally and nationally. Watch for special promotional materials, including a new 60-second God is Still Speaking ad from the UCC, to share with friends and family. Then, make sure your visitors stay for . . .

The Holiday Gift Bazaar

Just a few of your favorite things—toffee, jewelry, knitted and quilted items, new books, Fair Trade coffee, and much more—will be available for purchase at this year's Holiday Gift Bazaar from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, **Nov. 7**. And when you tire of shopping, enjoy a scrumptious lunch from Café Eden. Make plans today to bring your "friend raisins" from the UCC Friend Raising event to this important church fundraiser.

To donate handcrafted items or home-made specialty food to sell at the Eden Church table, or to volunteer to help organize and sell donated items on Bazaar Day, contact Suzie Hasselkuss or Shannon Whitney. To volunteer at Café Eden to prepare and sell lunch items to vendors and shoppers, contact Susie Newman. If you would like to be a vendor or you know someone else who would like to be, contact Holly Guier for vendor forms and fee information. And, last but not least, we would love to have some volunteer musicians provide entertainment at the Bazaar. Contact Brenda Loreman for details.



New Members Susie & Russ Newman

Home baked goods
Handmade jewelry and crafts
Scrap booking supplies
Accessories and apparel
Gifts for the home
Local vendors
Enjoy lunch and a massage
Incredible raffle prizes

Holiday Gift Bazaar

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The Early Bird Gets the Room

As Eden Church continues to grow, an increasing number of church and rental events are being held on our campus. Be sure to plan ahead to ensure a room is available when you wish. Check room availability by viewing the Eden master calendar at <http://calendar.yahoo.com/edenfolks>. To reserve a room for your board or committee meeting, musical rehearsal, art project, exercise club, small group, and the like, contact Kathy Miller, Church Administrator, at kathy@edenucc.com or 510-582-9533. Meeting and event space is also available for rent on the Eden campus. Numerous friends and members of the congregation regularly rent space on our campus for special events such as civic meetings, club functions, weddings, memorials, birthday and anniversary parties, reunions, and more. Contact Kathy for a price quote for individual events, and to discuss reduced rates for "frequent fliers."

*Eden Performing Arts Series Presents World
Renowned Pianist*

Eden's Performing Arts Concert Series welcomes Greek Concert pianist Charis Dimaras on Sunday, **Nov. 21**, at 3 p.m. Dr Dimaras has presented numerous solo recitals; has collaborated in chamber music concerts; and has been featured as soloist with orchestras throughout Europe, Turkey, Russia, Brazil, and the USA. He has been the recipient of numerous awards and prizes (among them, the British Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music Award, the Alexandros S. Onasis Beneficiary Foundation Scholarship, and the International Richard-Wagner Foundation Scholarship); has been featured on NY's WQXR, on several Dutch, Italian, and Greek radio stations, and on Greek national TV; and has recorded works by Franck, Bartok, Prokofiev & Stravinsky.

Dr. Dimaras, who holds degrees in piano performance from the Royal College of Music in London, England, and from New York's Juilliard School and Manhattan School of Music, is currently Associate Professor of Piano and Collaborative Studies at Ithaca College. Elsewhere, in 2008 he was the Artistic Director of an international summer festival of Classical Music in Sparti, Greece, as well as the Artistic Director of the Renaissance Academy Chamber Music Concerts in Naples, Florida. During a recent sabbatical leave from Ithaca College, Dr. Dimaras completed an additional Master's Degree in orchestral conducting at Bard College. Since then, he has appeared as guest conductor on both sides of the Atlantic, with such orchestras as the St. Petersburg Philharmonic Chamber Orchestra and the Symphony Orchestra of the Greek National Opera. The concert beneficiary is the Alameda County Community Food Bank.



Charis Dimaras

Coming Attractions—
Mark Your Calendars!

October 8, Labyrinth Walk

October 9, Liz & John's Wine & Cheese Tasting, Member-Sponsored Fundraiser

October 10, Usher and Greeter Training

October 15, Eden Single Women's Group

October 16, Animal Blessing & Pet Food Drive

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

October 17, Baby Shower for Lia & Bill Jarvis, and Alejandra Rosas & Pedro Ramos

October 23, Safe Congregation Training

October 23–24, NCNC UCC Fall Fest in Danville (6–8 Graders)

October 31, Adult Forum on UCC Mission Partnership in Thailand

October 31, Michael Stuber's Spooky Halloween Member-Sponsored Fundraiser

November 5, Labyrinth Walk

November 7, Holiday Bazaar

November 13–14, NCNC UCC Fall Youth Event in Sebastopol (9–12 Graders)

November 14, Congregational Meeting (EAF Grants Report)

November 20, Bible Workshop

November 20, Sanctuary Holiday Decorating Party

November 21, Performing Arts Series, features internationally acclaimed Greek Pianist, Charis Dimaras

November 25–26, Eden Church Office closed

December 3, Labyrinth Walk

December 5, Eden Choir presents the Poulenc *Gloria* during our worship service

December 5, Inquirer's Gathering

December 10, FESCO Luncheon

December 11, Senior 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

January 17, Eden Church Office closed

January 23, Performing Arts Series Concert

February 20, Usher and Greeter Training

February 21, Eden Church Office closed

March 6, Campership Fundraiser Lunch

March 9, Ash Wednesday

March 20, Performing Arts Series Concert

March 26, Prayer Retreat

April 3, One Great Hour of Sharing

April 10, Bike and Biker Blessing

April 21, Maundy Thursday

April 22, Good Friday

April 24, Easter Sunday

May 19–22, NCNC UCC Annual Meeting

Many Thanks

John and I wish to express our appreciation for the love and support we've received from the Eden community for our marriage. Thanks to all who helped us with and participated in our pre-wedding party at Eden on Sunday, Aug. 29; it was a great way to start such an important week in our lives. A special thanks to Arlene and her super secret helpers, Suzie, Shannon, and Pepper, for organizing an extraordinary wedding gift; our very own Eden quilt. We will treasure the quilt and the memories sewn inside for years to come. We also appreciate the time off and privacy you granted us to have the small wedding of our dreams. With gratitude, Liz Jobst.



Jobst Wedding

(Photograph Courtesy of Nightingale Photography)



Joys

Eden Church is 145 years young!

Mary Bradford's daughter **Kathy** will be married to **Chris Dube** on Oct. 16. Congratulations to the whole family!

Welcome to the world, **Mary Elizabeth Hardesty**, born Friday, Sept. 24, 2010, in Austin, Texas, to Sharon Jarvis and Hank Hardesty. Congratulations to Sharon and Hank, and to Grandma Anne Duey and the whole Phillips family! Mary Elizabeth was named for her paternal great-grandmother, and born on her maternal great-grandmother's birthday. At birth, she was 6 lbs. 15 oz. and was 18" long.

For **Georgina** and **John Parrish**, who were married on Saturday, Sept. 18, in Tennessee. John is Rob Parrish's brother.

Keith Smith has accepted employment with UCSF Medical Center effective Oct. 11.

Congratulations to **the Wallis clan** who welcomed **Thomas Eli** and **Jonathan David** into the world on Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010! The twins were born at Kaiser in Walnut Creek and weighed 7 lbs. each and were 20" long. Their parents are Sara and Mike Wallis, paternal grandparents are **Marilyn** and **Thomas Wallis**, and paternal great-grandparents are **Barbara** and **Ted Wallis**.

For **Elliana Wright**, Will Matthews' god-daughter, who is recovering from kidney failure.

Prayer Requests

For the family and friends of **Mike Beirne**, who died recently. Mike was a dear friend of Kent Walth.

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

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

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

For **Ted Crosby**, who is dealing with some health challenges.

For **Gloria Dowdell**, Keith Smith-Bove's cousin, who is undergoing treatment for ovarian cancer.

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

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 in the midst of a job search.

For **Evelyn McKay**, Liz Jobs's paternal grandmother, who continues to need skilled nursing care for health problems.

For **Bob Riddle** (John Hasselkuss's step-dad) who had emergency heart surgery on Sept. 30, and is recovering at Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston.

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

For **Dave Wallace**, who is looking for full-time employment and developing a math tutoring business.

For the **residents of San Bruno** who were affected by the recent fire.

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, Jim Burgess, Juanita Chavez, Ann Dodd, Regina Fischer, Allen Gardiner, Clyde Howell, and Angie Payne**.



Shopping List

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

October 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.