

The Chimes

ON A MISSION

A horde of Eden Church members and Cherryland parents and friends helped with the K-2 language assessment at Cherryland Elementary School last month. Every day for a week, I stood in front of the school entrance with my registration table, sign-in sheets, and volunteer badges, and I welcomed and guided 20-25 assessors to the reading center where the assessments were conducted.

Because it is rare to see a pastor standing in front of a public school in the Bay Area, I attracted more than a few stares and fielded several questions about my identity and purpose.

One memorable conversation was with a Kindergartener named Kevin, who was so excited about school that he talked my ear off every day about the things that he was learning in Kindergarten. Kevin's mothers were equally warm, but more subdued. They explained that Kevin bounced out of bed every day at the crack of dawn, and asked eagerly, "Is it time to go to school now?"

"Wow!" I said. "I wish we could bottle that enthusiasm." Kevin's mothers smiled knowingly.

Another memorable conversation involved a brief exchange with a woman whom I only saw once. I had just begun to lead a volunteer crew across campus, when a professionally dressed woman in her 60s passed us on her way out the door, and said with the kind of conviction that I have only heard uttered by a Baptist preacher, "You ladies look like you're on a mission!"

"We are!" I said, as we walked swiftly toward the reading center.

The memory of those schoolyard conversations have stayed with me, because, like Kevin, I have great enthusiasm for what we are about here at Eden, and because I feel that we are always on a mission. The only unique aspect about our Cherryland Elementary School activities was that strangers were commenting on them, and on us.

With the memory of these experiences in my heart, I pause now—more frequently than in the past—and wonder, "Can others tell that we're on a mission? Do we beam with Kevin's enthusiasm? Are the good works that we perform so purposeful that others see what we are about, and give glory to God?"

I hope so.

~Arlene



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 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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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!



Baby Kathryn Baptism



Fellowship Team Makes Balloon Animals on Homecoming Sunday



Todd Gets Ready to Save the Bay

Autumnal Wine and Cheese Tasting

Celebrate the beginning of the fall season at an Autumnal Wine & Cheese Tasting Party at the home of Michael Stuber and McGarry Caven on Sunday, **Sept. 25**, 2–6 p.m. This member-sponsored event is a fundraiser to support the work and ministry of Eden Church. Tickets are \$20 per person and will be available in Oliver Hall following worship. For additional information, please contact Pepper Swanson.

Compañeras/os Forum

Eden's Compañeras/os Forum is a five-week course designed and led by our pastor, pastoral associate, and other church leaders to help us deepen our conversation and understanding of the issues that inspired Eden's Compañeras/os Ministry Plan, which was adopted at our Annual Meeting, June 26, 2011. The forum schedule and topics include the following:

- **Sept. 25:** All Politics is Local—ensuring a better future for Cherryland's "Dreamers" through the passage of Dream Act legislation
- **Oct. 2:** It Takes a Village—improving Cherryland Elementary School outcomes by bridging the gaps
- **Oct. 9:** Christmas is Coming—an invitation to learn and celebrate with our Cherryland Compañeras/os
- **Oct. 16:** An Ounce of Prevention—developing awesome youth investment and family engagement programs for Hayward High School
- **Oct. 23:** Help Wanted—bringing global economic development solutions home to Cherryland

Pick up a snack and beverage in Oliver Hall and come to the Fireside Room for the forum which will run from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Each session will include a presentation, participant conversation, and a description of ministry opportunities under way in Cherryland. Participants are welcome to join for one or more of the sessions. Childcare will be provided. Families, please contact Liz Jobst regarding your childcare needs.

Monthly Labyrinth Walks to Nurture Your Spirit

Eden Church will hold monthly guided labyrinth walks beginning on Friday, **Oct. 7**, 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.

An Invitation from Brenda

Dear Eden family:

On Saturday, **Oct. 8**, I will come before the Bay Association's Ecclesiastical Council to be examined for ordination. This is the final step in my ordination process before receiving a call. Although only official delegates to the Association may vote on the candidates, the examination is public, and all church members are welcome and encouraged to participate, to ask the candidates questions, and to offer support of the candidates' call to ministry. I would very much welcome the presence, support, and prayers of my church family at this event. The Council will be held at Plymouth UCC in Oakland (424 Monte Vista Ave.), and my examination is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Check with me for more information if you'd like to attend; if you can't attend, I thank you for your prayers!

Brenda Loreman

Upcoming Fall Youth Events

No more summer vacation, no worries; youth can still get away for the weekend at the fall youth events sponsored by the Northern California Nevada Conference. Harvest Fall Fest for 6th–8th graders will be held at Congregational Community Church, UCC, in Sunnyvale from Saturday, **Oct. 22**, at 3 p.m., until Sunday, Oct. 23, at 12:30 p.m. Pay by Oct. 14 and receive the "early bird" price of \$15. 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. Cost is only \$20 per youth at the "early bird" rate. For application materials or more information, visit the NCNC website (<http://www.ncncc.org/>), the NCNC Outdoor Ministries Facebook page, or see Liz Jobst. For scholarship information see Pastor Arlene soon.

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Cherryland Elementary Volunteers

Thank You from Cherryland

Dear Arlene,

Thank you again for the amazing amount of time and energy that you and the volunteers that you recruited gave to Cherryland for the Early Intervention Program. We could not have accomplished so much in such a short time without all of your help. You have truly given a wonderful gift to the children of Cherryland.

Gratefully,

Sheila Flory

Coordinator, Early Intervention Program
Cherryland Elementary School

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 ghoulish 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.

Take a Lookilu and See What's New:



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Hunger Relief—Support Mission: 1

Are you hungry? Probably not. But nearly a billion people are worldwide, including millions here in the U.S. For them, hunger is not a passing event, an uncomfortable sensation that will stop after their next meal or snack. Their hunger may be chronic, lasting years if not their entire lifetime, leading to malnourishment, disease, and death. Or their hunger may be extremely acute, as in southern Somalia today where tens of thousands have starved to death due to famine and the political consequence of internal war. Studies show that the world has ample food for the desperately hungry, but humanitarian efforts are falling short, both here in our country and abroad.

The United Church of Christ has decided to make ending hunger Mission: 1. For 11 days in November, from Nov. 1 to Nov. 11, the UCC will confront the challenge of hunger and food-related injustice by collecting healthy food, money, and letters to Congress, asking for reform of U.S. humanitarian efforts to ensure food reaches people with the greatest need. Nationwide, the UCC hopes to raise \$111,111, 1 million items of food for the hungry, and 11,111 letters to Congress.

Here at Eden Church, we're accepting the Mission: 1 challenge and getting ready to put our unlimited spirit in action for this important and heart-breaking cause. 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

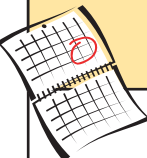
How can you help? Be one. Be one to bring food, be one to give money, be one to write a letter to Congress. Donations of food and money will be accepted on Sunday, **Oct. 30**, **Nov. 6**, and **Nov. 13**. Bring your healthy, non-perishable food donations to the Sanctuary and be sure to look for the special Mission: 1 offering envelope for financial donations. Stay tuned for information about how and what to write to your Congressional representatives and how you can get involved.

Eden-Cherryland "Holyween" on Halloween

Hang out with friends and neighbors at Eden on Monday, **Oct. 31**, 5-8 p.m., for Eden's safe and fun Halloween party, otherwise known as "Holyween." Children (K-6) will trick or treat, play "pin the tail on the werewolf," have their faces painted, or roll their friends up like a mummy. Do you have a favorite Halloween costume yourself? Then come dressed up and add to the atmosphere.

If you don't have kids at home, donate candy, snacks, decorations or small prizes, or help with decorating, face painting, or shepherding trick-or-treaters around the church campus. Youth and older kids who aren't interested in trick or treating can express their Halloween spirit by decorating Oliver Hall or helping with face painting or games for the younger kids. If you have favorite Halloween games or activities, we need your ideas, too. Party organizers will meet Sunday, **Oct. 9**, after worship to firm up plans. Donations of trick-or-treat bags, candy, cookies, decorations, (small) prizes, or new face paints can be brought to the church office collection box from now until Sunday, **Oct. 30**. We'll decorate and set up Oliver Hall after worship on Sunday **Oct. 30**. Please share your ideas and enthusiasm with Celia or Alexandra Romero, Alejandra Rosas, Lona Fryer, or Stephanie Spencer.

**Coming Attractions—
Mark Your Calendars!**



- Sept. 25**, Member Sponsored Event: Autumnal Wine and Cheese Tasting
- Sept. 26**, Hayward High Youth and Parent Investment Design Team
- Oct. 7**, Labyrinth Walk
- Oct. 13**, Cherryland and South Garden Community Round Table
- Oct. 21**, Single Women's Group
- Oct. 22**, Eden Leadership Retreat
- Oct. 22–23**, NCNC Jr. High Fall Fest
- Oct. 24**, Hayward High Youth and Parent Investment Design Team
- Oct. 30**, Member Sponsored Event: Pat Payne Halloween Party
- Oct. 31**, E-vent: Safe Halloween Party
- Nov. 4**, Labyrinth Walk
- Nov. 5–6**, NCNC Sr. High Fall Youth Event
- Nov. 13**, Holiday Bazaar
- Nov. 18**, Single Women's Group
- Nov. 20**, Performing Arts Series Concert featuring San Francisco Opera bass-baritone Austin Kness, benefiting Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center, Inc.
- Nov. 24–25**, Eden Church closed
- Nov. 28**, Hayward High Youth and Parent Investment Design Team
- Dec. 2**, Labyrinth Walk
- Dec. 9**, FESCO Luncheon
- Dec. 18**, Lessons and Carols Worship Service
- Dec. 19**, Hayward High Youth and Parent Investment Design Team
- Dec. 24**, E-vent: Servicio Familiar Bi-lingue de Noche Buena, Diciembre 24, 5 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 25**, Christmas Service, 10 a.m.



Joys

Special thanks to the **Sewing Angels** who mended choir robes and stoles this past summer, and who created and hung a new banner in the narthex.

Thank you to our wonderful Music Committee, Lee Steward, Loris Coburn, and Kathy Miller, who helped coordinate our **Performing Arts Concert**, featuring soprano Marie Plette, and benefiting SOS Meals on Wheels, which was held on Sept. 18.

Big thanks to all the volunteers who turned out to help with Eden's **SIA: Save The Bay** event on Saturday, Sept. 24, and to the volunteers who provided our fellowship lunch after a morning of hard work.

Eden Church is primarily a volunteer organization. Who we are and what we are able to accomplish is a testament to God's grace and the spirit-filled commitment of many volunteers. Thank you to all who helped organize and host a wonderful **Homecoming** lunch and to all who made commitments to help fulfill the ministry programs envisioned for the fall.

Prayer Requests

For **John and Suzie Hasselkuss**. John's step-father is experiencing more health challenges.

For the **Jobst Family**. John's paternal grandfather passed away on Saturday, Sept. 10. Services were held in Pontiac, Illinois, on Thursday, Sept. 15.

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

For **Lisa and Molly Pemberton**, whose father and grandfather died recently.

For **Barbara Ryken**, who is undergoing treatment for breast cancer.

For a friend of Billie Sherwood, who is living with lung cancer.

For Cliff Sherwood's sister, who is being treated for lung cancer.

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



Accompanist Kristin Pankonin and Soprano Marie Plette Take a Bow

Birthday & Anniversaries



October Birthdays: 10/6 **Susan DuPree**; 10/7 **Jacque Blake**; 10/9 **Karri Michell**; 10/13 **Bill Jarvis, Mary Joan Stone, and Ryan Miller**; 10/14 **Dan Livesay**; 10/17 **Deborah Andrade**; 10/18 **Alicia Baucox-Jordan**; 10/21 **David Wallace**; 10/22 **Dianne Dorn**; 10/28 **Bob Turner**; and 10/31 **Xavier Bjork-Nelson**.

October Anniversaries: 10/4 **Ruth & Frank Jenkins**; 10/8 **Athena & Chris Malloy**; 10/11 **Arlene Nehring & Stephanie Spencer**; 10/12 **Laura & Mike King**; 10/16 **Jenifer & Russ Miller**; 10/19 **Anne-Marie & Deb Baucox-Jordan**; 10/22 **Karri & Pete Michell**.

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Duty Roster

Date	October 2	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30
Liturgical Day	World Communion Sunday/Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Reformation Sunday
Scripture	Ex. 32:1-14 & Ps. 106:1-6, 19-23 • Is. 25:1-9 & Ps. 23 • Phil. 4:1-9 • Mt. 22:1-1	Ex. 32:1-14 & Ps. 106:1-6, 19-23 • Is. 25:1-9 & Ps. 23 • Phil. 4:1-9 • Mt. 22:1-14	Ex. 33:12-23 & Ps. 99 • Is. 45:1-7 & Ps. 96:1-9, (10-13) • 1 Thess. 1:1-10 • Mt. 22:15-22	Deut. 34:1-12 & Ps. 90:1-6, 13-17 • Lev. 19:1-2, 15-18 & Ps. 1 • 1 Thess. 2:1-8 • Mt. 22:34-46	Josh. 3:7-17 & Ps. 107:1-7, 33-37 • Micah 3:5-12 & Ps. 43 • 1 Thess. 2:9-13 • Mt. 22:34-46
Preacher	Arlene Nehring	Pepper Swanson	Arlene Nehring	Arlene Nehring	Arlene Nehring
Liturgist	Mary Haro	Daniella Prym	Kern Wallace	Jan Bass	Alliene Turner
Children's Time	Pedro Ramos Goycolea	Arlene Nehring	Liz Jobst	Pedro Ramos Goycolea	Liz Jobst
Loving Arms Nursery	Judith Harris and Alexandra Romero	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	Liz Jobst and John Hasselkuss, K-3; Keith Smith and Todd Bove, 4-7; Russ Miller and Michael Stuber, 8-12	Athena Malloy and Rozetta Walth, K-3; Ed and Pam Reuling, 4-7; Shannon Whitney and Carol Roach, 8-12	Liz Jobst and John Hasselkuss, K-3; Fall Fest, 4-7; Russ Miller and Michael Stuber, 8-12	Athena Malloy and Rozetta Walth, K-3; Ed and Pam Reuling, 4-7; Shannon Whitney and Carol Roach, 8-12
Office	Audrey Wood	Susie Newman	Ann McClure	Ruth Jenkins	Esther Jorgensen
Greeters	Sr. High Youth Stephanie Spencer	Max Leung Russ Newman	Theresa Collier Alliene Turner	Cindy Keune	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	Michael Stuber Ann McClure Scott Swanson Cindy Keune
Trustee on Duty	Russ Newman	Russ Miller	Bob Turner	Fred Dorn	Russ Miller
Fellowship Hour Hosts	Alliene Turner	Shannon Whitney	Lona Fryer	Fred Dorn	Rene Castle

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.

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Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 FESCO & Deacon's Collection 8:45 Music Rehearsal 10 Worship; World Communion Sunday 11:30 Compañeros Forum	3 6 Choir Potluck 7:30 Choir Practice	4 10 Eden Stitches 10 Staff Meeting 11 Worship Planning 7 Council Meeting	5 10 Seekers Noon Yoga	6	7 7 Labyrinth Walk	8 1 Brenda Loreman's Ecclesiastical Council (Plymouth UCC, Oakland)
9 8:45 Music Rehearsal 10 Worship and Church School 11:30 Compañeros Forum	10 6 Music Committee Meeting 7:30 Choir Practice	11 10 Eden Stitches 11 Worship Planning 6:30 Trustees Meeting 7 Stewardship Committee Mtg	12 10 Seekers Noon Yoga 12:30 Halloween Planning Potluck	13 6:30 Cherryland and South Garden Community Roundtable	14	15
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30 8:45 Music Rehearsal 10 Worship and Church School 11 Congregational Semiannual Meeting 5 Member-sponsored Halloween Party	31 5 Safe Halloween Party 7:30 Choir Practice	1	2	3	4	5

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