

The Chimes

THE FOUR R'S: READING, WRITING, ARITHMETIC, AND RELIGION?

With the coming of September we are reminded that it is once again time to go back to school, as children we study all kinds of subject matter, reading, writing, and arithmetic to name a few. As adults we are continually learning, although not always within a classroom setting. Interactions with our own children or elderly parents may teach us to have patience, or a downturn in the economy may force us to examine our retirement portfolio. Amidst the constant stimulus it may be easy to forget to study religion as well.

There is a bumper sticker that says, "As long as there are tests there will be prayer in school." While I am not advocating for religious education in the public schools, I do believe that there is a divine connection within each of us that cries out to be nurtured. The bumper sticker reminds me of a story that a mother recently told me about when, out of pure necessity, she heard her daughter pray for the first time. How this child knew how to pray was as a result of church school classes and hearing her parents talk to God. While many of us have already developed a full prayer life, there are still ways in which we can grow our spiritual life.

One of the blessings of my job here at Eden is that every year I'm granted a week of study leave to continue my own religious education. Last October, I attended the Western Christian Educators Conference, and this summer I had the opportunity to take a course at the Pacific School of Religion entitled, "Writing as a Healing Ministry." As an undergraduate I double majored in religion and creative writing, and this course showed me the intersections between these fields. I hope to use what I've learned to offer a writing group themed Small Group Ministry in February.

In order to continue your own learning about religion you do not need to attend a graduate course. This fall I encourage everyone to take advantage of one of the many opportunities for nurturing your spiritual growth at Eden. From the start of the choir and church school year in September, to the monthly guided labyrinth walks beginning in October, or the adult education retreat in November, just look inside this issue of *Chimes* for a variety of ways to learn and grow. My prayer is that your studies take you to places beyond your current realm of possibility.

~Liz



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 2010

Early 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!

Welcome, New Members

New members will be received during morning worship on Sunday, **Aug. 29**. If you would like to be received into Eden Church membership at this time or would like to know more about church membership, please speak with Pastor Arlene, or Stephanie Spencer, our E-Team Leader.

Senior High Pool Party

Senior high school students, 9–12 graders, and their families are invited to start the school year off right with a pool party at the home of Russell Cowick. Reconnect with your youth group class over a BBQ dinner and bring your suits to swim. Party starts at 4 p.m. on Saturday, **Aug. 28**. RSVP to Cheryl Fields Tyler at cftyler@comcast.net by **Aug. 22**. For more information contact Patty Cowick or Cheryl and Tom Fields Tyler.



Liz McKay & John Jobst

Best Wishes or Congratulations, You Decide

All are invited to join Liz McKay and John Jobst on Sunday, **Aug. 29**, after worship as they celebrate their pending nuptials. Liz and John would like everyone to join them for some pre-wedding cake and meet some local members of their wedding party. The couple will be married by Pastor Arlene the following Saturday at a small ceremony in Piedmont, California.



Marie Plette

Performing Arts Concert Series Features Metropolitan Opera Star

The next recital in the Performing Arts Series will be held Sunday, **Sept. 19**, at 3 p.m., and will feature soprano Marie Plette, renowned in the major opera houses of North America and Europe for her compelling portrayals from Cio-Cio San in *Madame Butterfly* to Love Simpson in *Cold Sassy Tree* and the Countess in *Le Nozze di Figaro*. Her recent performances of *Madame Butterfly* prompted the *New York Times* to remark, "The opera did partake of the other unifying factor here: a star turn, by Marie Plette in the title role." Immediately after winning the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions in 1992, Ms. Plette was invited to make her Metropolitan Opera debut as the First Lady in *Die Zauberflöte*. She has performed frequently with the company since then in roles including Donna Elvira in *Don Giovanni*, Gutrune in *Götterdämmerung*, and Kristina in the *Makropulos Case*. Some of her past season highlights included performances in the title role Iphigenia in *Tauris* with Seattle Opera; Larina in *Eugene Onegin* with Lyric Opera of Chicago; the title role in *Tosca* with Sacramento Opera; and Cio-Cio San in *Madame Butterfly* with San Francisco Opera, Sacramento Opera, and Michigan Opera Theatre. Purchase your tickets in the church office during the week or see Jacque Blake on Sundays. Tickets are \$15. Also, you can hear Marie during the worship service on Sunday, **Sept. 5**.

Monthly Labyrinth Walks to Nurture Your Spirit

As the holidays approach, it becomes increasingly important to take a little time out for yourself. Beginning on **Oct. 8**, Eden Church will offer a monthly guided labyrinth walk. This will be an opportunity to nurture yourself amidst the caring for, cooking for, and preparing gifts for 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.

All-Church Safe Congregation Training

All members and friends, including children and youth, are invited to participate in Eden's All-Church Safe Congregation Training, Saturday, **Oct. 23**, 8:30 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. Please register for this event by email to kathy@edenucc.com or by signing up in the church office by Sunday, **Oct. 3**. 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.

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Spirit-In-Action

Save the Date for Save the Bay

Join the Eden Church group that will work on Saturday, **Sept. 18**, at Eden Landing Ecological Preserve to remove trash or invasive weeds from the tidal areas. We will meet at the Church at 8 a.m. and then carpool to the preserve as parking is limited. Afterwards we will return to Oliver Hall for lunch. Volunteers are also needed to set up, clean up, and/or bring a variety of food for the luncheon. Sign up today with Jim Fryer for the event!

Upcoming Stewardship Events

Save the date for the next member-sponsored event: Wine and cheese tasting on Saturday, **Oct. 9**, from 3–6 p.m. in the Lake Merritt district, hosted by the soon-to-be newlyweds, Liz (McKay) and John Jobst; and a Halloween gathering at Michael and Garry's Basset Heaven, hosted by Michael Stuber. Tickets for Wine and Cheese Tasting are \$15 and are on sale now. Spaces are limited so buy yours today. See a member of the Stewardship Team for more information: Holly Bowers Guier, Esther Jorgensen, Brenda Loreman (Chair), Michael Stuber, or Pepper Swanson.

Holiday Bazaar Planning Meeting

It seems way too early to think about the holidays, doesn't it? Nonetheless, it's time to start planning our second annual Holiday Bazaar, scheduled for Sunday, **Nov. 7**, from 11 a.m to 3 p.m. We need those with creative hands and heads to help with the planning and organization to make this year's bazaar even better and more successful than last year's. If you are interested in being a part of the fun, please attend a planning session this Tuesday, **Aug. 24**, 7–9 p.m. in the Norberg Room. See Brenda Loreman or Liz McKay for more information.

Fall Bible Study Opportunity

Based on the feedback from the congregation-wide survey, Small Groups will be offered again from February–April 2011. In the meantime, if you're craving some adult education and reflection, join Pastor Arlene in conjunction with the Education and Spiritual Life Co-Chairs, Mary Haro and Jenifer Miller, on Saturday, **Nov. 13**, for a one-day bible workshop. Arlene will lead participants in a study of the different Advent/Christmas stories in the gospels. Pre-register for the event with Mary or Jenifer by Sunday, **Oct. 31**.

Eden Garden Club Thank You & Invitation

The Trustees would like to thank the Eden Garden Club coordinators, Alliene Turner and Rene Castle, as well as Dan and Peggy Apperson for helping to make our grounds beautiful. All are welcome to join in this ministry. Please speak with Alliene or Rene for more information.

Looking for "Kitchen Angels"

If you have a taste for good cookies or want to contribute healthy snacks, consider joining a team of Eden "kitchen angels" to host Sunday Fellowship Hour. Two to three "kitchen angels" are needed to set up and take down the coffee hour each Sunday and to welcome longtime members and friends and newcomers to Eden Church. Feel free to ask Suzie Hasselkuss, Carol Price, or Lona Fryer during coffee hour on Sundays for a kitchen tour, and become an Eden "kitchen angel."



Arlene and Suzie at the Birthday Party for Leos



Coming Attractions— Mark Your Calendars!

- August 22**, Teacher Gathering
- August 28**, Senior High Swim Party
- September 1**, Eden Area Foundation, full grant proposals due for 2011 grant cycle
- September 3**, Eden Single Women's Group
- September 6**, Eden Church Office closed
- September 12**, Parent-Teacher Gathering
- September 13**, Eden Choir resumes rehearsals
- September 18**, Spirit-in-Action, Save the Bay
- September 19**, Church School 2010–2011 Classes Begin, Fifth Grade Bible Distribution
- September 19**, Performing Arts Series featuring Metropolitan Opera Soprano, Marie Plette
- September 26**, Homecoming Sunday
- October 3**, World Communion Sunday, Neighbors in Need
- October 3**, Inquirer's Gathering
- October 3**, Labyrinth Introduction
- 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
- October 17**, Potluck Sunday, Baptism & Reception of New Members, New Member Photographs
- October 23**, Safe Congregation Training
- October 31**, Michael Stuber's Spooky Halloween Member-Sponsored Fundraiser
- November 5**, Labyrinth Walk
- November 6–7**, Holiday Bazaar
- November 13**, Bible Workshop
- November 14**, Congregational Meeting
- 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 worship
- December 5**, Inquirer's Gathering
- December 8**, 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



Joys

Thanks to all who contributed to the **FESCO in-gathering**. Together we provided a refrigerator box full of backpacks and school supplies to help FESCO kids get off to a good start at school this year.

Thanks to all who gave of their time and talent by participating in the **Worship Leaders** Retreat last Sunday last month.

Thanks to our **Church Council** and **ESLO Committee members**, who participated in the Eden Leadership Retreat.

Sue Fry is home from the hospital!

Congratulations to **Liz McKay & John Jobst**, who will be married on Saturday, Sept. 4.

Zachary Sherwood is well on the road to recovery and returned to school this past Wednesday! Zachary is Billie and Cliff Sherwood's grandson.

Eden Church is 145 years young!

Prayer Requests

For **Debbie Andrade**, who is experiencing some challenges at this time.

For **Todd Bove** and **Keith Smith**, who are in the midst of job searches.

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

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

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

For **Elizabeth Graw**, who is recovering from knee surgery.

For the family and friends of **Betty Heller**, a dear friend of Pam Winthers, who died suddenly Wednesday last week.

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 McKay's paternal grandmother, who is struggling with a number of serious infections.

For the family and friends of **Gladys Rego**. Gladys died Friday, August 6. A memorial service was held Thursday, August 12, at Eden Church. Contact information for sending cards and condolences to the family may be obtained from the church office.

For **Jim Schmidt**, who is in the midst of radiation treatments. Jim is a friend of Susan DuPree's.

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

Traveling mercies and safe travels and restful vacations for **the Sherwood family**, and all who are on the road, rails, and in the air this summer.

For **Erica Tovar** and her family, who are suffering from bronchitis. Erica is also recovering from knee surgery. Erica is Jennifer Aguilar's cousin.

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

For **Barbara Wallis**, who has been in rehab at Hayward Hills, and who is regaining strength.

For **Elliana Wright**, Will Matthews' god-daughter, who was suddenly stricken with kidney failure and is on dialysis.

Continued prayers for **Anita, Bryan, Justin, Mel, Nick, Richard**, for all who are affected by sexual and domestic violence, and for who are in the armed services, for missionaries and ministers around the globe; and for peace and justice in the world.

And for **Carlton Alexander, Mary Babikoff, Gene Bass, Mary Bernstein, Jim Burgess, Juanita Chavez, Ann Dodd, Regina Fischer, Allen Gardiner, Clyde Howell, Angie Payne, and Zachary Sherwood**.



Shopping List

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

September 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

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:



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Duty Roster

Date	September 5	September 12	September 19	September 26
Liturgical Day	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Communion	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture	Jeremiah 18: 1-11 • Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18 • Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 • Psalm 1 • Philemon 1-21 • Luke 14: 25-33	Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28 & Psalm 14 • Exodus 32: 7-14 & Psalm 51: 1-10 • 1 Timothy 1: 12-17 • Luke 15: 1-10	Jeremiah 8: 18-9: 1 and Psalm 79: 1-9 • Amos 8: 4-7 & Psalm 113 • 1 Timothy 2: 1-7 • Luke 16: 1-13	Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15 & Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16 • Amos 6: 1a, 4-7 & Psalm 146 • 1 Timothy 6: 6-19 • Luke 16: 19-31
Preacher	Pepper Swanson	Arlene Nehring	Arlene Nehring	Arlene Nehring
Liturgist	Pedro Ramos-Goycolea	Alliene Turner	Brenda Loreman	Daniella Prym
Children's Time	Arlene Nehring	Pedro Ramos-Goycolea	Liz Jobst	Pedro Ramos-Goycolea
Loving Arms Nursery	Briauna Keller & Alexandra Romero	Briauna Keller & Alexandra Romero	Briauna Keller & Brenda Camacho	Briauna Keller & Brenda Camacho
Sunday School	All Children & Youth in Worship	Sally & Bill D'Anjou, K-5; All other Youth in Worship	Liz Jobst & John Hasselkuss, K-2; Ed & Pam Reuling, 3-5; TBD 6-8; Patty Cowick, Cheryl & Tom Fields Tyler, 9-12	Sally D'Anjou & Theresa Collier, K-2; Keith Smith & Todd Bove, 3-5; Bill D'Anjou, Sr. & Michael Stuber, 6-8; Patty Cowick, Cheryl & Tom Fields Tyler, 9-12
Office	Audrey Wood	Barbara Lateer	Ann Newey	Ruth Jenkins
Greeters	Sr. High Youth	Vangie Acosta	Alliene Turner	Lia Jarvis Cindy Keune
Ushers	Michael Stuber Sr. High Youth	Vangie Acosta Kay Crosby, Tina del Rosario Ann Newey	Scott Swanson, Bob Turner, Susan Whiting, Audrey Wood	Peggy Apperson, Frank Jenkins, Cindy Keune TBD
Trustee on Duty	Bob Turner	Steve Ryken	Russ Miller	Fred Dorn
Fellowship Hour Hosts	Jennifer Aguilar	Betty Norum & Family	TBD	TBD

*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.*

September 2010

Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10 Seekers 2:30 Yoga	2	3 12:30 Eden Singles Women's Group	4
5 8:45 Music Rehearsal 10 Worship; FESCO & Deacon's Collection; <i>Chimes</i> deadline	6 <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	7 10 Worship Planning 7 Council Meeting	8 10 Seekers 2:30 Yoga	9	10	11
12 8:45 Music Rehearsal 10 Worship and Church School; Choir resumes 11:15 Betty Norum's 90 th Birthday Celebration 11:30 Parent-Teacher Gathering	13 7:30 Choir Practice	14 10 Worship Planning 11:30 All-Staff Meeting 6:30 Trustees Meeting	15 10 Seekers 2:30 Yoga 7 ESLO Committee Meeting	16	17	18 8 Save the Bay
19 8:45 Music Rehearsal 10 Worship and Church School; 5 th Grade Bible Presentations; <i>Chimes</i> deadline 3 PAS Concert	20 7:30 Choir Practice	21 10 Worship Planning 7 Eden COR	22 10 Seekers 2:30 Yoga	23	24	25
26 8:45 Music Rehearsal 10 Worship and Church School 11:15 Homecoming Sunday	27 7:30 Choir Practice	28 10 Worship Planning 7 Stewardship Meeting	29 10 Seekers 2:30 Yoga	30		

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