

## Season After Pentecost



### WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS Oct 25, 2020 | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

Today's hashtags are: #EdenUCC #BendtheCurve

Eden United Church of Christ is an **LGBTQIA+ Open & Affirming** and a **Sanctuary** congregation.

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. We welcome all persons into the full life and ministry of this church. *Creemos que todas las personas son hijas e hijos de Dios; que personas de todas las edades, razas y orientaciones sexuales son parte de nuestra cultura diversa. Damos la bienvenida a todas las personas al ministerio de esta iglesia.*

*Children's bulletins are available from the ushers and nursery care is available during worship. We encourage the posting of worship to social media, just kindly mute devices. Thank you for not bringing food or beverages into the Sanctuary other than sacramental elements or water.*



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The “+” indicates times when we are invited to stand, in body or spirit, as we are able.

**OPENING MUSIC | When Morning Gilds The Skies | Barnby**

**WELCOME & UPDATE | Rev. Marvin Wisser**

**BIBLE READING | [Deut. 34:1-12](#) | [\[Español\]](#) | Rev. Pepper Swanson**

**MESSAGE | “Passing the Baton” | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring**

**HYMN | Glorious Things of You are Spoken | No. 307 (v. 1) | Rob Parrish**

**OUR PRAYERS | Joys & Concerns | Pastor Pepper**

Submit your prayers digitally to the clergy. Digital prayer requests are sent directly to the pastors and remain confidential. You may also share your prayer requests with others during our Fellowship time at 11 am.

**JESUS’ PRAYER | Unison**

*Our God, in whom is heaven, blessed be your name. Your presence come, your will be done, both here and everywhere. May your realm of peace and freedom sustain our hopes and come on earth. May we be fed today with the bread that we need, and may forgiveness be ours in the same measure we give. In times of temptation, strengthen us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.*

**[ONLINE OFFERING](#) | Pastor Marvin**



**OFFERTORY | Majesty | Hayford**

**BLESSING | Pastor Arlene**

**CLOSING MUSIC | I Sing The Mighty Power of God | Watts**

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

*Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister*

*Rev. Pepper Swanson, Associate Minister & Video Editor*

*Rev. Marvin Lance Wisser, Designated Term Associate Minister*

*Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Organist & Music Director*

*Rev. Rob Parrish, Song Leader*

## TODAY

**Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting:** Today, the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will be held via Zoom, beginning at 10:30 a.m. This meeting is called by the Church Council in accordance with the Church bylaws. The meeting purpose is to receive a report from the Eden Area Foundation (EAF) Board of Directors regarding the 2021 grants. Guests are welcome and members are expected. For more information, contact Moderator Jana Aloo or Pastor Arlene. Please register at this [link](#) to receive the Zoom link.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS — Upcoming Events

**Ghost Stories for Halloween:** On **Friday, Oct 30 at 7:30 pm**, there will be a family-friendly Halloween party on Zoom. We'll start with a trick-or-treat for the kids (wear a costume and bring your hand-delivered treat bag). While the kids munch, we'll watch some "spooky tik-toks," followed by an open mike for anyone who has a family-friendly ghost story or memory of Halloweens' past. [Register in advance for this meeting](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

**All Saints/Dia de los Muertos:** On **Sunday, Nov 1**, we will remember those members, family, and friends who have passed away in the last year. If you would like to have an image of someone who has passed included in the video, please send their photo and name to [Pastor Pepper](#). During Fellowship at 11 am, we will have facilitated small groups to share remembrances of loved ones and Communion.

There will also be an outdoor wall **Ofrenda** on the Church's front doors at the Main (Sanctuary) Entrance, beginning Thursday, **Oct 29**. Drop by and post a copy of your loved one's image or email the image to our Office Manager [Mark Valdovinos](#) to print and post for you.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS —Ongoing Events

**COVID-19 Testing @ Eden:** Eden Church, in collaboration with AC Public Health & AC Environmental Health, CORE Response, Fulgent, HealthVanna, La Familia, My Eden Voice, Padres Unidos de Cherryland, and Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center, will open a free COVID-19 Testing Site on the West Side Parking Lot, on the Eden Church Campus, **Friday, Oct 30**, from 3 to 5 pm & **Saturday, Oct 31**, 10 am to 2 pm. The public is welcome. To schedule a free COVID-19 testing appointment at Eden Church, click on this [link](#). To receive a call-back and help over the phone in making an appointment, please call this number: Selena Perez, our Newcomer Coordinator & an Eden Testing Site Health Navigator, will assist you in English or Spanish: **408-409-4671**.

**Fundraising Challenge for Scholarships for Eden Area College Students:** The Eden Area Foundation & Eden Church will be launching a scholarship program totalling \$20,000 in Nov 2020 to recognize and encourage young people who are going on to higher education and who have a strong record of community service. College students in the Eden Area who have been active in the ChYLI program and/or the congregation will be given priority for the awards.

If you are a supporter of Eden Area youth or a fan of higher education as a path to the future, we hope you will consider helping us expand the number of scholarships we will be able to

make available this November. Our fundraising goal is to double the amount provided by the Eden Area Foundation! No contribution is too small (or large!). To make a contribution today, click [here](#) and use the dropdown menu to select Eden Area Scholarship.

**Eden Crafters Quilt Auction:** Congratulations to the lucky bidders in the Eden Crafters' first auction, benefiting **Comida para Cherryland**, our just-in-time food pantry distributing food to 225 to 300 families each week. The auction raised \$430. Be sure to check back next month when the Eden Crafters will be auctioning crocheted "loveys," princess quilts, and other handcrafted items. All proceeds benefit Comida para Cherryland.

**Music Weekly Online on Fridays at 3 pm - BRING YOUR VOICE & FEEL THE SPIRIT!** Music offers great comfort and spiritual support in times good and bad. Starting September 18th, Eden UCC is offering online music meetings every Friday at 3 pm (3 to 4), led by Music Director Dr. Jessie Lo. There will be voice warm up, hymn sing, a variety of song selections, and a music Q&A. Participants have the option of joining the music meetings with or without participating in the monthly recorded Anthem musical offering. Everyone - all levels & all ages - is invited to join! Please email the Music Director, Dr. Jessie Lo, at [jessie@edenucc.com](mailto:jessie@edenucc.com) to get the Zoom link and the music materials required for the music meeting.

**Children's Storytime:** No Children's Storytime for pre-K to 5th graders today due to the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting. Please join us online at 10:15 am next week, immediately prior to Fellowship for show & tell, a story about People in the Bible or a storybook touching on Christian themes, and Children's Prayers. Contact [Pastor Pepper](#) for more information.

**Comida para Cherryland:** Comida para Cherryland now serves the community as a drive-through distribution. Please consider a donation or forward this information to anyone who is looking for a way to help local residents in need of groceries. Since the COVID-19 crisis unfurled, participation in the Comida has expanded geographically and clients served has tripled, due to widespread unemployment and the closure of other area food pantries.

**Seekers Book Club:** The Seekers are wrapping up **Behind the Beautiful Forevers** by Katherine Boo. You are welcome to join us this Wednesday as we continue our discussion.

**Cherryland Computer Café Hours:** Physical location **CLOSED until otherwise noted**, but persons may schedule online tutoring help via the [Facebook page](#) or by contacting CCC Director, [Jonny Victorio](#).

**Church Center:** Church Center is our centralized member and community tool for digital connection. If you have been checked into any event or service, you've already been using it. It's only a click away on our new websites home page and is available for download from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#). Register with your mobile number, and request to join the groups that you are already a part of or that you would like to be a part of. We are using this app for communications, check-ins, groups, forms, volunteer management, payments, etc. See Pastor Marvin for more details.

**Eden UCC Mobile Alerts:** Be in the know wherever you go! Text "EdenUCC" to 33222 to opt into our text message service so that you can stay informed of important happenings as they occur on our campus and in our ministry together.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS — Opportunities to Give or Serve

**Remember to Use the Dropdown Fund Selector:** A quick reminder that when you make a digital gift through Planning Center, either online or through the app, use the drop down menu to select your fund designation for your gift. For those who pledge, please use the fund called My Pledge. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Associate Treasurer Jan Bass at [jan@sebastian9.com](mailto:jan@sebastian9.com).

**“My Giving” in Planning Center:** Your contributions to Eden UCC and its many ministries are much appreciated. You may access your giving record in the “My Giving” section of your Church Center App. If you have any questions about using Church Center for digital giving or about viewing your giving history, please contact our Associate Treasurer [Jan Bass](#).

**Donations are being accepted for the Deacon’s Fund “COVID-19 Relief.” To make a tax deductible, secure, online donation click [here](#) and choose “COVID-19 Relief” in the drop down menu.** Other forms of payment may be mailed to Eden United Church of Christ, 21455 Birch Street, Hayward, CA, 94541. Please make checks payable to “Eden United Church of Christ” and write “COVID-19 Relief” in the memo line. These costs are solely supported by donations from members and friends (not the church’s annual budget).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS —Services Available in Our Community

**Meals For Seniors -- Delivered:** If you are 60+ you have access to the “senior meal program” which delivers meals, cheese, milk, eggs and fresh fruit, so that you do not need to leave your home to buy food. In Alameda County call: 510-577-3530. Ask for the “senior meal program” They will return your call to verify your age. Volunteers leave the food at your door. For more information, see their website by clicking [here](#).

**SOS Meals on Wheels** is offering free home delivered meals to all seniors in the Oakland and Central County areas. The Home-Delivered Meals Program provides nutritious meals, nutrition education, nutrition risk screening and nutrition counseling. Participant contributions are welcome, \*but not required.\* Call the SOS Meals on Wheels Site Contact: Charline Deterline at 510-582-1263 or email [tara@sosmow.org](mailto:tara@sosmow.org)

## JOYS

Congratulations to **Anthony Crans** on his engagement approach to marriage. Anthony is the son of Nora and Jerry Crans. He grew up at Eden Church and now lives and works in Sacramento, where he is engaged in political organizing.

**Assemblymember Bill Quirk** named **Eden United Church of Christ “Nonprofit of the Year”** for California Assembly District 20.

A donor-advised fund of the **East Bay Community Foundation** has notified us that they will be investing **\$55,000** into our **Newcomer Navigation Center!**

Eden Church has been awarded a **\$10,000 COVID-19 Relief Community Grant** from **East Bay Community Energy**. Half will be directed to our food security ministries and half to Eden Area Rent Relief.

**Eden Township Health District** provided Eden Church with another 2,000 N-95 surgical masks to share with our volunteers and Comida para Cherryland participants.

**Chef José Andrés’ [World Central Kitchen](#), [Restaurants for the People](#), and [Chef’s for America](#)** in partnership with **Steph Curry’s [Eat Learn Play](#)** has chosen Eden Church as a partner for **weekly meal deliveries**. This equates to thousands of dollars in direct food assistance and **isolation support** for the Eden Area.

The **[Cherryland Computer Café](#)** Team exceeded their goals as a contracted Census Assistance Center with Alameda County Census Complete Count Committee. We were able to share information about the census with **more than 4,000 people** since October 2019. Most importantly, our team alone has ensured that Alameda County will receive at least **\$15,000,000** in federal funding for essential services over the next decade, as due to our efforts, more than **1,500** in our census tracts have been counted. **Special thanks to Jonny Victorio** and all who ensure that the Eden Area Counts! On July 28 were selected by Alameda County Board of Supervisors for a services contract extension, granting the CCC an additional **\$35,000**.

The **extension** (until December 31, 2020) on the **Eviction Moratorium** was approved by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors this past Tuesday. Two of our ChYLLs addressed the Board during public comments and advocated for passage of the proposal.

Eden Church has raised and is sharing **\$83,150** (to date) in **rent & utility relief stipends** with residents in Ashland, Cherryland, Fairview, Hayward Acres, and San Lorenzo, through generous gifts from the **East Bay Community Foundation** (\$25,000), **Alameda County First Five** (\$12,500), **Eden Church Members & Friends** (\$15,817), **The San Francisco Foundation** (\$10,000), and **United Way of the Bay Area** (\$5,000). We have also shared \$10,000 in emergency relief funds with Strobridge Elementary School Families through a grant from the **Strobridge Elementary School PTA**.

Eden Church has been awarded a **\$50,000** contract to provide essential groceries, diapers and baby wipes, and cleaning supplies for families resident in Unincorporated South Alameda County Housing by the **Alameda County Community Development Department**.

*Eden Church has received **\$4,180** in additional remuneration from **United Way of the East Bay** for our Sanctuary and Accompaniment Ministry in 2019.*

*For the 30 volunteers and the funds raised to provide **over 5,000 meals for Unaccompanied Immigrant Youth** with a home cooked supper 6 days per week and a care package for the weekend. Meals were prepared by volunteer chefs in the Oliver Hall Kitchen and transported for pick-up at Tennyson High School HUSD, and for delivery in the Tennyson High School community & delivered to UIY homes in the Cherryland Elementary School community for the past 2 months. This program served as a bridge to invite UIY participation in California's Pandemic EBT program, which provides nutritious food for students without SS#, for the coming year.*

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

*For families in need of **affordable housing**. If you have a lead on a room, an apartment, or a house to rent, please contact Pastor Arlene.*

*For **the family of [Andrea Concepcion](#)**, especially her daughter and daughter-in-law, Bernie Concepcion and Kim Shuss. Bernie's mom died on Oct 7, having only been diagnosed with cancer three weeks earlier. The funeral mass was held at St. Anne's in Union City. Burial was at Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward.*

*For everyone affected by the **wildfires**.*

*For our **children and youth** as they adapt to new learning environments and especially for our high school and college seniors as they contemplate their next steps.*

*For **Kay Crosby**, who is living with several health challenges.*

*For **Betty Livesy**, who has experienced some health episodes and has been a patient at Kaiser Walnut Creek for about three weeks this past month. She has been rehabbing in the skilled nursing unit at Stoneridge Creek in Pleasanton, since Wednesday. Now would be a great time to call Betty (and Dan) since Betty has to quarantine for two weeks, as a COVID-19 precaution, as part of her return to their retirement community. Please reach out to Dan or Pastor Arlene to obtain Betty's temporary phone and room numbers. We can't visit in person, but we can call and send cards.*

*For **the family of [Ken Parrish](#)**, especially his brother and brother-in-law **Rob Parrish** and **Launey Rivers**. Ken and his wife, Pat, have been residents of Summerfield, Florida, and Cambridge, Ohio. Visitation and a graveside funeral service was held this past Friday at Thorn-Black Funeral Home and Northwood Cemetery, Cambridge. Prayers are also requested for Pat's health, as she recovers from a cardiac blockage.*

*For **Theresa Collier** who is recovering from her second outpatient surgery this summer.*

*For our **first responders, health care workers, households in quarantine, and all other essential personnel** including those delivering groceries to homebound residents and teaching children online.*

*For our **homebound members and friends**.*

*For **leaders in our communities**, both local and national, to lead with integrity, siding with the most vulnerable.*

*For **Linda Sheppard** who is preparing for heart valve replacement surgery.*



## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, Oct 25

10:00—10:30 am      Worship | Video  
10:30 — 11:00 am    Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting | Online  
11:00 — 12 noon     Fellowship | Online

### Monday, Oct 26

1:00 — 2:00 pm      English Language Bible Study | Online  
4:00 — 7:00 pm      Cherryland Computer Café | Online

### Tuesday, Oct 27

10:00 — 12:00 pm    Eden Crafters | Online  
4:00 — 7:00 pm      Cherryland Computer Café | Online

### Wednesday, Oct 28

10:30 — 11:30 am    Seekers Book Club | Online  
1:30 — 4:00 pm      Cherryland Computer Café | Online

### Thursday, Oct 29

6:00 — 8:00 pm      Cherryland Computer Café | Online  
6:00 — 8:00 pm      Spanish Language Bible Study | Online

### Friday, Oct 30

7:30 — 9:30 pm      Ghost Stories | Online

### Sunday, Nov 1 — All Saints/*Día de los Muertos* Worship

10:00—10:45 am      Worship | Video  
10:15 — 11:00 am    Children's Storytime | Online  
11:00 — 12 noon      Holy Communion, A Time for Remembrance, & Fellowship | Online

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

Nov 1      All Saints/*Día de los Muertos* — Remembering Our Loved Ones  
Nov 2      English Bible Study (Day & Evening)  
Nov 4      Election Day  
Nov 9      ESLO Meeting  
Nov 20     Girls' Night Out: Women's Fellowship  
Nov 26-27   Thanksgiving Holiday — Campus Closed  
Nov 29     First Sunday in Advent



# MISSION, VISION, & VALUES | What We Believe

## MISSION STATEMENT | What are we about here and now?

The members of Eden Church worship God and strive to follow Christ's example by providing a welcoming and safe environment for all, seeking God's wisdom, growing spiritually, caring for each other, enriching our neighborhood, and sharing the good news of God's creative and unfolding work in the world.



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## VISION STATEMENT | What do we want to become in the next 3 to 5 years?

The vision of Eden Church is to grow in spirit, fellowship, and number by offering many opportunities for spiritual growth; by becoming a more culturally diverse congregation; by strengthening our capacity to serve our neighbors, by caring for each other as Christ cares for us; by inviting others to be a part of our community of faith; and by working to transform individual lives and our community through the power of God's love in human action.

## VALUES STATEMENTS | What are the ideals and behaviors that we need to express to fulfill our mission and realize our vision?

In order to fulfill our mission and realize our vision, Eden Church strives to embrace and express the following core values:

- Worship and spiritual practices that are both traditional and contemporary
- Religious education and spiritual practices that are grounded in a progressive theology
- Caring relationships that honor differences and foster unity and growth
- Enriching experiences for children and youth in our church and community
- Programs and partnerships that serve those in need while addressing the root causes of social problems
- Being a true sanctuary that nurtures and protects all participants, especially the most vulnerable among us

## OFFICERS

Jana Aloo | Moderator  
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