

## **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



**WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS**

**June 20, 2021 | [WORSHIP VIDEO](#)**

Today's hashtag is: #EdenUCC #BendtheCurve

Eden United Church of Christ is an **LGBTQ 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.

*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 remember to mute devices. And, thank you for bringing no food or beverages into the Sanctuary other than sacramental elements and bottled water.*

## **4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)**

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

**OPENING MUSIC | Busted | Johnny Cash | Roanoke Revival**

**WELCOME | Rev. Pepper Swanson**

**BIBLE READING | [Mark 4:35-41](#) | [Español](#) | Dave Wallace**

**SERMON | “Stormy Weather” | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring**

**HYMN | Father Almighty, Bless Us | No. 518 | Miles Vetrovec**

**OUR PRAYERS: JOYS & CONCERNS | Rev. Marvin Lance Wiser**

**OFFERING INVITATION | Dave Wallace**

**OFFERTORY | Sin City | Gram Parsons | Roanoke Revival**

**BLESSING | Pastor Arlene**

**POSTLUDE | Airplane | David Rawlings | Roanoke Revival  
Will the Circle Be Unbroken | Roanoke Revival**



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### **TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

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

*Rev. Pepper Swanson, Associate Minister*

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

*Nadia Tavera, Minister In Training*

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

*Dave Wallace, Liturgist*

## CALL TO THE 156TH ANNUAL MEETING OF EUCC

The [156th Annual Meeting](#) of Eden United Church of Christ will be held on **Sunday, Jun 27**, beginning at **11 am**, via Zoom. The agenda includes the following items:

- Reception of the 2020-2021 Annual Report
- Recognition of elected leaders who have completed a term of service
- Election and installation of officers and board and committee members
- 2020-2021 Treasurer's Report
- Adoption of the 2021-2022 Budget
- Action on the Proposed 2021-2024 Strategic Plan
- Action on a Recommendation from the Church Council to Extend the DTAM's Letter of Call through June 30, 2024
- Action on a Recommendation from the Church Council to Call a Designated Term Assistant Minister for a term of 18 months or more

**Each member must pre-register separately at this [link](#) for the Annual Meeting** to assist the Clerk in determining if a quorum of members is in attendance and to allow for secret voting on all agenda items. Please note: Each member in a household will need to log in separately in order to vote using the Zoom poll.

**If you are a member in the local Hayward area and do not have online access or lack a webcam or were planning to call in by phone for other reasons**, please contact Pastor Pepper to arrange to participate in the meeting via the Cherryland Computer Cafe at the Church, where assistants will be available to help you get online and participate in the meeting.

To learn more about the **Church Budget & the 2021-2022 Pledge Campaign**, please attend the Strategic Plan Workshop & Budget today or watch the **Treasurers' videos**. (See your weekly e-Chimes for links to Fellowship Zoom and the videos.)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS — Upcoming Events

**July 4th Tailgate Fellowship in the OH Parking Lot:** Pack your picnic and lawn chairs, and head to the Oliver Hall parking lot, **Sunday, July 4, 11 am - 12:30ish** for a tailgate party, and an opportunity to reconnect with Eden friends and contribute personal care items for families in need. The event will be co-hosted by Pastor Arlene & members of Eden's Outreach & Health Education Team. Celebrity Callers will lead us in a few rounds of Cherryland Loteria & Bingo. Every toiletry item contributed to our ingathering can be exchanged by the donor for a loteria and a bingo card. Mark your calendars. It's gonna be really fun! Contact Pastor Arlene for more information.

**The Cherryland Youth Leadership Institute (ChYLI):** The ChYLI program is a home-grown Summer program for young people in the community of Cherryland that seeks to provide: horizon-broadening opportunities, leadership development, practical skill-sets, and a cohort environment for the purpose of collective empowerment and positive community transformation. **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Applicants must be between 14-18 years of age, entering 9-12 grades next academic term, a resident of Cherryland. Apply by **Jul 1** at this [link](#).

The CHYLI program is funded by generous people such as yourself! Between 12 and 18 youth participate each summer, attending contextual learning activities inside and outside the Bay Area; for example, spending the day with a Marine Biologist in Monterey, or visiting with their representatives at the State Capitol. These immersive learning excursions require funds. You may invest in the ChYLI youth by registering to give at this [link](#), and simply choosing the fund "CHYLI". Thank you!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS — Ongoing Events**

**New Eden UCC Logo Apparel Store:** Looking for the perfect polo, vest, or jacket to wear as you volunteer or participate in outreach events for Eden Church? How about replacing that broken coffee cup? Or buying a gift for a hard-working employee? Look no further than Eden's new [Lands End business storefront](#) where you can select your item, in your size, in your color, and apply either a dark or light rainbow logo. To get started click this [link](#). If you have questions, contact [Pastor Pepper](#).

**COVID-19 Testing @ Eden:** The testing center at Eden UCC closed on Saturday, Apr 10. The testing center at 20095 Mission Blvd remains open. To make an appointment at this site, click [here](#).

**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 a 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:** Please join us online at 10:15 am on Sunday, 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 10:30 am Wednesday Seekers are beginning a new book, **A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines**, the story of a young black man sentenced to death and the man who forges a bond with him in prison. Be in touch with Pastor Pepper if you are interested in participating in either group.

**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, [Denise Cuevas](#). Due to the impact of the pandemic on our community's educational life, the CCC will **remain virtually OPEN** throughout the winter break to continue to help

*students catch up and remain on track with their classes, and to assist residents in Unincorporated Alameda County apply for rent relief.*

**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

Yesterday, June 19, 2021, was **Pastor Arlene's 33rd Ordination Anniversary**.

Congratulations to **Krista Coburn** and **Andrew King**, who were married June 12, 2021, at Reinstein Ranch near Livermore. Krista is the daughter of Dawn and Steve Coburn, and the granddaughter of the late Loris and Bill Coburn.

Congratulations to our **high school** graduates: **Bryan Campos**, Hayward High School; **Lauren Smith-Bove**, San Leandro High School; **Natalie Guier**, Castro Valley Adult School; **Quinn Malloy**, California Crosspoint High School; **Isabel Walth**, Castro Valley High School, **Lorena Miroslava Espinoza Valdez**, Hayward High; and **Araceli Villagomez Rosas**, Kipp King Collegiate.

Congratulations to our **college** graduates: **Nicolai Vetrovec** received his A.A. and A.S. degrees in Mathematics from Las Positas Community College and will be transferring to UC Santa Cruz in the fall; our ministerial intern **Nadia Tavera Medina** received her MDiv from the Pacific School of Religion, **Miriam Oseguera** received her B.S. in Integrative Human Biology and CalTeach Science and Math Education, and **Edith Zaragoza** received her B.A. in Anthropology from UC Berkeley.

Congratulations to our fifteen **Eden Area Scholarship recipients**: **Alicia Oseguera**, St. Mary's College, MBA Accounting; **Maritza Rodriguez**, Chabot College, Criminal Justice & Psychology; **Miriam Oseguera**, UC Berkeley, Integrative Human Biology & CalTeach Science & Math; **Carlos M. Uribe Perez**, CSU-East Bay, Business Administration; **Julian Orea**, San Jose State, Business Administration Accounting; **Karen Roxana Victorio**, CSU-Chico, Art Studio; **Nicolai Michael Vetrovec**, UC Santa Cruz, Mathematics; **Gustavo Alvarez, Jr.**, Community College TBD, Welders Certificate (then Civil Engineering); **Kimberly Aridey Cabrera**, UC Davis or UCLA, Medical Field TBD; **Denise Cuevas**, CSU-East Bay, Science Teaching Credential; **Isabel Walth**, Chabot College, Environmental Engineering; **Arlene Marisol Cisneros**, UC Davis, Psychology; **Lorena Miroslava Espinoza Valdez**, Holy Names, Political Science; **Araceli Villagomez Rosas**, San Francisco State, Sociology; and **Narayah Aloo**, UC Riverside, Psychology & African-American Studies. And, special thank you to all the individual donors who contributed to the Eden Area Scholarship program, especially Dianne Dorn who matched all the Spring donations.

Thank you and Bravo! to our hardworking **choir** who provided us with anthems and solo sermon hymns all year as well as performed in our Christmas and Easter pageants: **Mary Bradford**, **Miles Vetrovec**, **Rob Parrish**, **Suzie Hasselkuss**, **Susan MacDonald** and to our wonderful music director **Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo**.

Thank you to our stellar **Church School** teachers **Jana Aloo**, **Jan Bass**, and especially to **Suzie Hasselkuss** who taught every Sunday and who assisted with our Gen-Z youth group.

**Mary and Herb Graw** have moved to Stoneridge Creek Retirement Community in Pleasanton, last month.

*Eden United Church of Christ and our partners have been able to provide **seven (7) pop-up vaccine clinics** between April 17 and June 9, 2021. We have worked with three (3) clinical/pharmaceutical partners, including TVHC, Haller, and Curative. We have worked with four (4) vaccinator groups, including Curative's paid vaccinators, and three (3) volunteer groups including students from the Ohlone College School of Nursing and their supervising professor, five (5) HUSD school nurses, two (2) nursing professors from CSEB and UCSF, and one (1) EMT and (3) EMTs in training from ACFD. Together, we have vaccinated **2747 clients** in **41 hours** for an average vaccination rate of **67 clients per hour**.*

*The Alameda County Board of Supervisors has approved a resolution to provide **\$65M in rent relief** for tenants who have been severely impacted economically by the pandemic.*

***Centro Legal** has extended a **\$153,600** contract to Eden Church to provide multilingual, paralegal services for Alameda County residents seeking rent and utility relief through the [County's Emergency Rent Assistance Program](#).*

*Over \$4,000 was raised for **Eden Area Scholarships** by Church members and friends of the Church. This amount was matched by generous donor **Dianne Dorn**, making a total of over \$8,000 raised since April 18. With support from the Eden Area Foundation, about \$16,000 in scholarships will be awarded this June.*

*Congratulations to **Amy Servas and Jacob Smith**, who welcomed their second daughter, **Madeleine Grace Smith**, into the world on June 1, 2021. According to FB, her almost two-year old big sister, **Emily Elizabeth Smith**, is OK with her.*

*Our envisioned **Transitional Age Youth Shelter**, which will be operated by Covenant House California at the SIAC site owned by Hayward Unified School District, has been chosen as one of 10 finalist organizations under consideration for federal funding by the United States Congress.*

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

*For **Joyce Bass**, who has been recovering from surgery.*

*For all of our **Contact Tracers** who are contacting community members testing positive for COVID-19, assisting them with Isolation and Quarantine protocols and local resources.*

*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 loved ones of the **600,000 Americans** who have succumbed to COVID-19.*

*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 **Sheila and Ralph Hardy**. Sheila received a heart transplant at Stanford on Sunday, May 30, who came home from the hospital on June 11, 2021!*

*For **Sally Kusalo**, who is recovering from a recent cardiac procedure.*

*For **Carlos Londoño** and his family. Carlos' father passed away on Saturday, May 22, 2021 in Houston, Texas where he had been receiving hospice care at the home of Carlos' brother.*

*For **Dennis & Marlene Schwerin**, whose home near Gentry, Arkansas was struck by lightning and destroyed by the subsequent fire last Thursday night. No one was injured. Marlene is Pastor Arlene's twin sister.*

*For **Charlie Smith**, who is in a rehab hospital in Santa Clara.*

*For **Kimberly Victorio**, who is recovering from a broken foot and surgery.*



## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, Jun 20

10:00—10:30 am      Worship | Video Link  
10:30 — 11:00 am    Children's Storytime | Online  
11:00 — 12:00 pm    Fellowship | Online

### Monday, Jun 21

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

### Tuesday, Jun 22

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

### Wednesday, Jun 23

10:30 — 11:30 am    Seekers | Online  
1:30 — 4:00 pm      Cherryland Computer Café | Online  
1:30 — 4:00 pm      Comida para Cherryland | OH Parking Lot

### Thursday, Jun 24

6:00 — 8:00 pm      Estudio Biblico | Online

### Friday, Jun 25

3:00 — 4:00 pm      Eden Choir Practice | Online

### Sunday, Jun 27

10:00—10:30 am      Worship | Video Link  
11:00 — 12:00 pm    156th Annual Meeting | Online



## COMING ATTRACTIONS

*Jun 23      Comida para Cherryland*  
*Jun 27      156th Congregational Meeting — Each Member Must Pre-Register at this [Link](#)*  
*Jul 1        Pastor Pepper's Sabbatical Begins*  
*Jul 4        Independence Day--11am Tailgate Fellowship*  
*Jul 5        Independence Day Observed--Campus Closed*  
*Jul 6        Trustee Meeting*  
*Jul 11      Eden's 26th Open & Affirming Anniversary*  
*Jul 13      Council Meeting*  
*Jul 14      Comida para Cherryland*  
*Jul 28      Comida para Cherryland*

# 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  
Jennifer Vetovec | Vice Moderator  
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Jan Bass | Associate Treasurer  
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