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NEW EDEN WEB SITE IS NOW ONLINE AT WWW.EDEN-UCC.ORG

by Pastor Mike

We can hardly contain our excitement! After many months work, the Eden Church Cyber Ministry Team is pleased to announce the new Eden Web Site is ready for use. With nearly a hundred pages, the site will continue to grow and develop. More than just a place for information, the Eden web site is an extension of the ministry of Eden Church into the community and into the world. Please begin by going to the **Register** page to sign in. (*bold type indicates the name of an Eden web site page.*)

The Eden web site at www.eden-ucc.org has many dynamic and interactive features, including:

Learn and Grow

- **Sunday School** – Information about Eden's Sunday School classes.
- **Devotionals** – Read a weekly devotional written by Doris Gvillo.
- **Sermons** – Eden Church sermons, beginning the first Sunday in 2010, are available in text searchable print and audio formats.
- **Bible Study Resources** – Links to Eden Bible study groups or for online Bible study.

Prayer

- Post a prayer request with a virtual flickering candle.
- Subscribe to be part of the Eden Prayer Team to receive email notification of all new prayer requests.

News & Events

 – Lists upcoming activities and events at Eden Church.

- **Calendar** – Shows all events, meetings and activities at the church for any date. Click on any item for additional information.
- **News** – Lists information about the many happenings at Eden Church. Your class, group or committee can list your news here by calling or sending an email to the church office.
- **Newsletters** – Read the Eden Leaflet newsletters in a fully text searchable PDF format.

About Eden – Includes a **Welcome** page; **New Member Information**; **What We Believe**; **Eden Motto and Mission Statement**; **Map to Eden Church**; **Our History**; **Eden Church Symbolism**; **Staff & Leaders** directory page with email links; and a **Church Council** page.

Groups – Includes information about the following types of groups at Eden:

- **Bible Study Groups**
- **Support Groups**
- **Eden Women's Guild**
- **Fellowship Groups**
- **College Groups**
- **Eden Brotherhood**

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Rev. John Roberts, Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Wesley W. Bornemann, Pastor Emeritus
Mrs. Joyce Gusewelle, Director of Health and Wellness
Ms. Emily Ottwein, Director of Fine Arts
Mrs. Joann McCoy, Children's Ministry Coordinator

Rev. Michael Marx, Associate Pastor
Mr. Seth Bush, Student Pastor
Mrs. Erin Swank, Director of Discipleship
Mr. William Diggs, Organist

Dear Eden Church Family

by Pastor John

I was wrong. I was wrong about God. It's not very often that pastors will admit their mistakes to their congregations. In fact some of you might be a little uncomfortable with my statement that I was wrong about God. I'm the pastor and I'm supposed to have God figured out. After all, isn't that what you pay me for?

Let me remind you that great men like the apostle Paul had to admit they were mistaken about God at some point in their life, so I am in good company. (see 1 Timothy 1:12-14 for the full confession) Paul saw his mistake as he experienced a heavenly vision of Jesus Christ. Perhaps you are wondering what caused me to see my error. The answer is a book. I read Tim Keller's book, *The Prodigal God*. This book is an in depth study of the parable commonly known as "The Parable of the Prodigal Son". It challenged my understandings of God, of grace and of the ministry of the Church to hurting people. Let me urge each and every one of you to buy and read that book.

Let me also say that if you are a man and are interested in attending our Men's Bible Studies on Wednesday mornings, you can get this book and the accompanying study guide for free. Starting on Wednesday morning, November 3rd from 6:30 to 7:30 AM our men will undertake a 6-week study of the video series, *The Prodigal God* and its accompanying book. Each Wednesday morning we meet for breakfast and group discussion and we would like to invite all the men of our Church to join us for this 6-week series on *The Prodigal God*. If you are interested in joining this study please email me at jroberts@eden-ucc.org or call me at the office at 656-4330 to let me know you are planning to come.

I believe this study will enlighten, challenge and lead us to see God as He truly is. It's my hope that we will all experience the kindness of our Prodigal God and then be in a place to bring others to Him as well. I will see you at the Bible study and on Sunday mornings. Until next time, may God richly bless each of you.



Bible
Study
for
Men

Remember all our troops in your prayers.

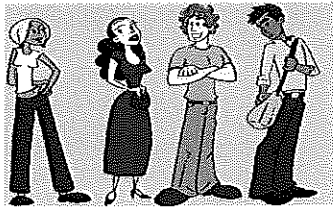
Veterans Day, November 11th

Major Ben Dustman (Air Force-Iraq)
Specialist Aaron Gray (Army)
Petty Officer Gary Meyer (Navy)
Spc. Matthew Johnson (Army)
Pvt. Cody Kane (Army)
Sergeant Tyler Simmons (Army)
Lt. Sean McClearey (U. S. Special Forces)
Lt. Commander Jeffrey Bornemann (Navy)
Lt. Cmdr. Barbara Kincade (Navy)
Travis Rotter (Army)
Corporal Dustin C. Burian (Army National Guard)
2nd. Lt. Megan Abert (Army)
Lt. Col. John Marburger (Navy)
Lt. JG Julia Klopmeier Peterson (Navy)

Capt. James Blanton (Army)
David Ross (Army)
MT2/SS Derick Appel (Navy)
Sergeant Jamie Cooper (Army)
LCP Ryan P. Stunkel (Marine)
Sean Riley (Navy)
Lucas Tetrault (Navy)
Airman 1st Class Anthony Clark (Air Force)
101st. Airborne Division Kristin Noyes (Army)
Lt. Brad Spears (Air Force)
Staff Sergeant Stacy Dustman-Rogers (Air Force)
Captain Mindy Schon-Beyer (Marines)
Lt. Col. Michael Kelly (USMC)
Major S. Zack Kolnsberg (Air National Guard)



Please call the
Church office with
any updates.



Youth News

by Erin Swank

Movie Day

We are going to be getting together for a lazy day of watching movies and playing games. Join us on Sunday, November 7th following the Pig Kissing Potluck till 7:30 PM in the youth room. Bring a snack to share and we will provide dinner. The movie selections are yet to be determined, but we will let you know, as it gets closer. I hope you will come out and join us, and use this time for some relaxation together! Try and sign up by Wednesday, November 3 with Erin at eswank@eden-ucc.org, or 656-4330.



Summer Trip Meeting

On Sunday, November 14th at 11:30 AM, we will have our meeting to announce the youth group summer trips: The summer trips are for students who are currently in 7th-12th grade. At the meeting we tell you where we will be going, the costs, deadlines, and other important information.

Summer Trip Fundraiser

During this month the youth will begin their first fundraiser for the summer trips— Little Caesar Pizza Kits, cookies, and pies. These are delicious and easy products for your family to enjoy, and for every kit sold, \$5 will be earned towards the cost of the summer trip. Please watch the bulletin for further information.

Confirmation Note

This year's confirmation class is meeting every Tuesday night and Wednesday afternoon. We have begun our journey through the Bible, God's story, to discover how it is really our story. It has been a fun and exciting time already! Look in your bulletin each week for the Confirmation Corner where we list the story we have been reading, our observations and how you can join us. Please be in prayer for this great group of 8th grade students.

(from page one Web Site)

Ministries – Includes pages with information about the many ministries at Eden Church:

- **Care Ministry** – How to obtain Care Ministry for yourself or a loved one and how to participate in this ministry.
- **Music & Arts** – Includes information about the various choirs and instrumental groups at Eden Church.
- **Children** – Includes children's program and VBS information.
- **Youth** – Includes youth program and Confirmation information.
- **Adult Discipleship** – Shows links for upcoming classes and studies for adult spiritual growth.
- **Health & Wellness** – Services and programs provided by Eden's Director of Health and Wellness.

Missions – Pages contain links for additional information about the many missions established, provided or supported by Eden Church.

<i>Christ for India</i>	<i>Community Center</i>
<i>Ecuador Partnership</i>	<i>Eden Child Care</i>
<i>Eden Village</i>	<i>Emmaus Homes</i>
<i>Faith in Action</i>	<i>Fundacion Manos</i>
<i>Glen-Ed Food Pantry</i>	<i>Holy Joe's Café</i>
<i>Glen-Ed Last Night</i>	<i>Misfits for Jesus</i>
<i>Ministerial Alliance</i>	<i>World Vision</i>
<i>Hoyleton Youth and Family Services</i>	
<i>National Alliance on Mental Illness</i>	
<i>Hospice of Southern Illinois</i>	
<i>OASIS Women's Center</i>	
<i>Uni-Pres Kindercottage</i>	

There is even more for you to explore and enjoy on pages such as *Support, Spirituality, Community, Worship, Contact Us, FAQs and Site Map*. We welcome your comments and ideas to expand and improve the web site. The Mission of Eden Church is:

- *To reach out to the unchurched with the unconditional love of Jesus Christ*
- *To guide people on their journey of faith*
- *To help people become responsible ministers in Christ's Church*

Our goal is to use Cyber Ministry communication and networking to extend the mission of Eden Church to our members, community and the world.

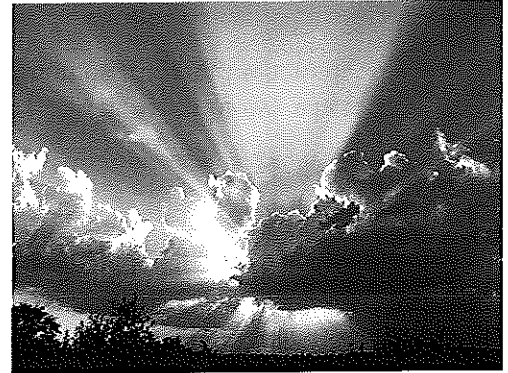
Where Are You Looking?

by Seth Bush

“Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven?”

Acts 1:11

This question was asked of the disciples as Jesus ascended into Heaven and out of their midst. I imagine the disciples were fixed on the area where they had just seen Jesus a couple of minutes before. They were trying to wrap their minds around and process what they had just witnessed. I don't blame them for staring in awe.

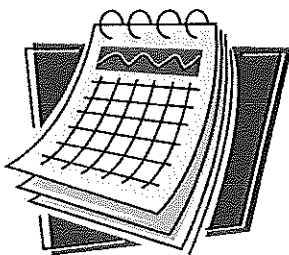


I would guess the disciples had grown quite comfortable with Jesus being in their midst and telling them what to do. Jesus had even overcome death and had come back to them. So what were they supposed to do now that Jesus had departed from them physically for the last time?

Yet, they were given this question. And who could have possibly asked this question of the disciples? The disciples were asked this question by angels from the Kingdom of Heaven! And why didn't they give the disciples a moment to gather themselves? Because the angels understood that the work and will of God is mandated according to God's perfect and sovereign will.

The angel's question was a reminder to the disciples that their circumstances were changing, but the mission and call of Christ to make disciples of all nations remains. However, God was now calling them to new circumstances and was going to give them something new to enhance their mission: the Holy Spirit. Even as their circumstances were changing a bit and God was calling them to new places, he was continuing to provide for their every need. So the angels' question was a reminder of the work the disciples had before them and an encouragement that all of this was according to God's plan.

So people of Eden, “Why do you stand looking into heaven?” Do we sit around comfortably enjoying our life and community within the walls of Eden Church? We always need poking and prodding, but do we trust God to provide the things we need for our calling? The Young Adult Sunday School class is reading *The Forgotten God* by Francis Chan, and in it he challenges us by asking us. “Do we really have the Spirit, do we really rely on the Spirit, or do we even want to?” The Spirit may call us to projects, people or places that will stretch us, but he will never abandon us. I hope and pray that we as a church will not be stuck gazing into heaven, but will continue with our “nose to the spiritual grindstone”, seeking God's leading and empowering in all that we do! I encourage you to ask God where can he use you, but beware, the answer you receive may be out of your comfort zone! Grace and peace.



Monthly Church Calendar

Since the Eden Leaflet is now being mailed every other month, the monthly church calendar will no longer be mailed with the newsletter. You will now find the calendar in the Narthex and Annex the last Sunday of the month. If you know of someone who is unable to attend church and who would like a calendar, please take one to them or have them call the church office and we will mail one to them.

Music Notes and Quotes

by Emily Ottwein

Can you believe it? The musicians are rehearsing for Christmas at Eden already! It is not too late for you to join the music program—in fact it is perfect timing as you can be involved in the wonderful music of Christmas! Consider it a Christmas gift to yourself and join the wonderful volunteers that provide our worship with beautiful music.

The Chancel Choir meets on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM and sings traditional choral music at the 8:00 AM service on Sundays.

The Praise Choir meets on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM and leads the worship at the contemporary services twice monthly.

The Chancel Bells meet on Wednesdays at 6:15 PM and play for the traditional service once monthly. We are still looking for a regular player for this group for the rest of this year. Reading music is a requirement, but no experience is necessary.

All of these groups, plus the Eden Brass Quintet and other musicians will be providing music together for the one-service Christmas Celebration on December 26th at 9:15 AM. This is the Sunday when all worship services will be combined and we will celebrate Christmas as one large church family. This is sure to be a special time with wonderful music—so don't miss out! JOIN NOW!!!

Please contact Emily at eottwein@eden-ucc.org or 656-4330 with any questions or interest.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 31:

Eden Brass Quintet at Traditional service

November 21:

Suzuki Strings at Traditional Service

MUSIC



MINISTRY

November 28 at 6:30 PM:

SonShine Choir musical presentation:

The Second Noel

December 5th at 3:00 PM:

SIUE Christmas Concert in the Sanctuary

December 24th 5:00, 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 PM:

Christmas Eve services

December 26th at 9:15 AM

One Worship service Celebrating Christmas

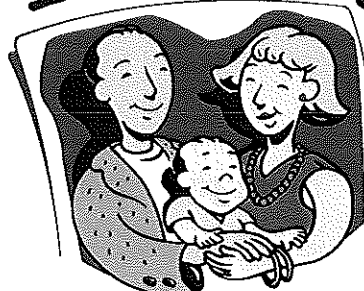
Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and charm and gaiety to life and to everything.

Plato

Don't Miss Your Opportunity To Be Part of Eden's Latest Family Album

The Membership Committee wants to make sure that you are included in the newest directory. During November, you will be able to make appointments to have your picture or your family's picture taken at church. Photo sessions are available on November 14-27. Pictures will be taken in the late afternoon and evenings on these dates. Call Carol at 618-692-1556 to make your family's appointment. You will have your photos before the Christmas holiday. Please watch the bulletin and other announcements for more information.

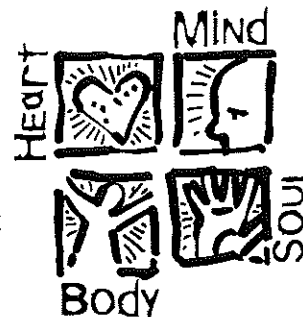
Church Photo Directory



Health & Wellness Opportunities

by Joyce Gusewelle

Divorce Care, a weekly seminar and support group just for people who are separated or divorced, is starting a new series on Monday, October 18. We will meet from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the Fellowship Lounge. Please consider joining us for the group and/or pass the information on to someone who might benefit by coming.



The sessions for each group are “self-contained” so feel free to join us or invite a friend to join. There is a one time fee of \$12.00 which includes the workbook for the sessions. For further information please contact Joyce Gusewelle at 656-4330 or jgusewelle@eden-ucc.org.

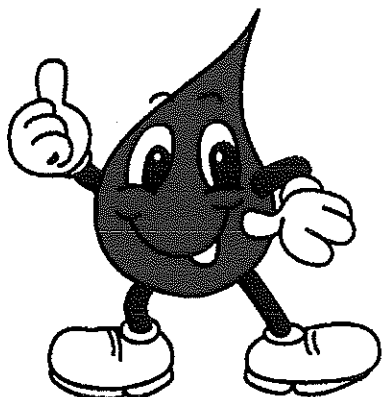
Thanks to all those who supported the NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) Walk October 2. Six persons represented Eden and \$120 in donations was collected. The weather was a bit dreary but the rain did stop before we started the walk. However, the spirits of the participants were high!

“When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases.” Luke 9:1 NIV

Annually, approximately one-fifth of Americans from all ages, races, religions, or socioeconomic backgrounds suffer from some form of mental illness. There are over 200 forms of mental illness with causes from genetic factors, chemical imbalances, medical conditions, or reactions to life’s stressors. Whatever the origin, it is important to know that changes in personality, mood, personal habits, and social interaction that are exhibited for a length of time could indicate a possible mental illness. If any of these symptoms are observed, it is important to be seen by a physician for diagnosis and treatment.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

When you make a blood donation, you join a very select group. Only 38% of Americans are eligible to donate and of those only 8% donate. That is only 3 out of every 100 people. Your blood donation can make the difference between an adequate supply and a shortage. So please consider donating at our upcoming Blood Drive. No tricks – only treats!!



**Sunday, October 31
7:30 AM until noon
Fellowship Hall**

***The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.***



Welcome New Members September 2010

Tiffany Chiarodo lives in Edwardsville with her husband, Marty and two sons, Joseph and Nicholas. She works as an Administrative Assistant for Merrill Lynch.

Janice Stewart lives in Edwardsville with her husband Eric. She has two daughters Amanda and Tiffany, and a son, Spencer.

World Community Day

sponsored by
Edwardsville-Glen Carbon
Church Women United
will be held on

Friday, November 5

at 9:30 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church.

Those attending are asked to bring baby wipes or diapers (size 3-5) which will be donated to Kinder Cottage.



Thanksgiving Baskets

This year Eden Church again will minister to those in need of having a meal for Thanksgiving. The cost per baskets is \$30.00. Please place your donation in an envelope, mark it *Thanksgiving Basket* and drop it in the offering plate, in the suggestion box or bring it by the office. We will be taking donations until Sunday, November 14th. We are also looking for help on Tuesday, November 23rd with picking up the baskets and delivering them to the Pantry. If you can help contact Sue at the church office at ssperduto@eden-ucc.org. or 656-4330.

Happy Thanksgiving!



Bully's
SMOKEHOUSE

Prime of Life
will be going to
Bully's Restaurant

Saturday, November 13th
at 6:00 PM.

Please sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall
or call Bill and Audrey Arth at 656-0099.

Mission Committee Update

The Mission Committee met on August 30th and distributed \$8,000 to 13 different ministries. Organizations receiving funds were Ecuador Partnership, Emmaus Home, Faith in Action, Glen-Ed Food Pantry, Holy Joe's Café, Hoyleton Children's Home, Ministerial Alliance, Misfits for Jesus, Christ for India, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Oasis Women's Center, Uni-Pres Kindercottage, and World Vision. NAMI and Misfits for Jesus were the only new missions that have not been previously supported by Eden.



NAMI is a nationwide organization for families and friends experiencing serious brain disorders (mental illnesses). NAMI's mission, as a grassroots self-help, support, education and advocacy organization is to improve the quality of life for those who suffer from these no-fault brain disorders. They provide a "Caring and Sharing" session on a monthly basis as well as educational sessions. For more information see <http://madisoncty.nami.org>.

Misfits for Jesus is a street ministry reaching out to the poor and homeless of St. Louis. The ministry was founded in 2007 by two men who themselves experienced despair and addiction like many they come into contact with weekly. The ministry's goal is to feed individuals spiritually, physically, and to assist them in the practical needs of day to day life (employment contacts, transportation, etc.) Through a weekly meal, fellowship and a worship service held at an abandoned building in the city, the ministry is reaching out to those who very likely would not be attending church. For more information see www.misfitsforjesus.com

Every year, 250 million cases of malaria are reported resulting in more than 1 million deaths. ***One child dies of malaria every 30 seconds because of a mosquito.*** Malaria is a totally preventable and treatable disease, but to those without access to medical care, it becomes a serious problem.

Malaria is especially prevalent in Africa. According to Against Malaria, when 80% of individuals in a village are covered with nets, the number of malaria cases decrease dramatically. **Project Restore**, located in Glen Carbon, is a humanitarian development and relief agency with a purpose to assist in program development that fosters self reliance and sustainability. Their mission is to cover 80% of the African village of Namulonge with nets during their November trip to the village.

To reach this goal, **Project Restore** has begun the *Countdown to Hope Campaign*, encouraging individuals and groups in our community to help. Your \$5 donation will send a mosquito net to the village and 100% of donations will be used to purchase nets. Please put your donation, of any size, in an envelope marked Mosquito Net, and drop it in the offering plate. Your generosity is appreciated. For more information please see www.project-restore.org.

Thank You

We would like to thank the Women's Guild for the flowers on our 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Ray and Glory S.

We wish to thank our friends at Eden Church for the many cards and best wishes, and a thanks to our family and the Women's Guild for the flowers in honor of our 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Julius and Darlene H.

Thank you so much for adding me to your prayer list. God has heard and answered our prayers. My prognosis is good and knowing that so many prayers were being said brought so much comfort to me and my family. God bless all of you.

Carol M. and family

Thank you to the pastors and Prayer Minutemen for their prayers, phone calls and visits during my recent surgery. Also thanks to all who sent cards, food and flowers. My Eden family is one of life's best blessings.

Ruth H.

Thank you for all the prayers, calls, cards, flowers, gifts and visits for me while I was in the hospital. Special thanks to the pastors and Eunice and her Prayer Minutemen. The prayers have all helped. It's wonderful to have such a caring church family.

Sheila T.

On behalf of the Oasis Women's Center, I want to thank you for your thoughtful contribution. You enable us to deliver quality services to the many women and children in our area who are the victims of violence in their own homes.

Mike M. and Margaret T.

Thank you very much for your recent donation as well as thinking about our mission. I am sure the effects of the economy are felt in the church as they are here. Your donation will allow us to pay for food and utility bills. God bless and again thank you.

Brenda C.

Uni-Pres Kindercottage

THANKSGIVING NAME CARDS

When you set your table this Thanksgiving, use these homemade name cards with a special message for each guest.

What you need:

- Index cards, any size (one per person)
- Markers
- Fall stickers (optional)
- Fall foam shapes (optional)

What you do:

1. List everyone who will be at your Thanksgiving dinner.
2. Fold each index card in half so it can stand.
3. On one side of each card, write a person's name.
4. Decorate around each name with markers, stickers or foam shapes.
5. On the blank side of each card, write a different Bible verse about blessings or giving thanks. Suggestions include 1 Chronicles 16:34; 1 Chronicles 29:13; Psalm 107:8; Psalm 118:21, 28; or 1 Thessalonians 5:18.
6. Another idea is to write one or more words from one verse on each person's card (depending on the number of guests and words). You can write the verse in order and have people read around the table, or you can mix up the words so guests have to put them in the correct order. (Remember to list the Scripture reference.)



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Worship Services
8:00 AM Traditional
9:15 & 10:30 AM
Contemporary
Sunday School
9:15 AM
Classes for all ages

Church Office 656-4330
Hours M-Th 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
Friday 8:00 AM-3:00 PM
Fellowship Hall 656-4630
Fax 656-4384
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When we feed the hungry, we serve Christ.

Thank you for contributions to the Glen Carbon-Edwardsville Food Pantry which serves those in need in our Community. For more information call the Pantry 656-7506 or 656-2963, 656-8965.

Suggested Donations:

Shampoo, Dish Detergent and Person Hygiene Items
Containers are found in the Annex and Narthex of the Church

*“Let the thankful heart sweep through
the day and, as the magnet finds the
iron, so it will find, in every hour, some
heavenly blessings.”*

Henry Ward Beecker

The *Eden Leaflet* will be published on December 6, 2010. All submissions must include a name and phone number, and be received in the office by November 30, 2010. We reserve the right to edit submissions for publication.

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