

# THE ECHO

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## ***EASTER POWER...***

## ***STAYING POWER...***

## ***CREATING POWER***

*For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.*

*And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

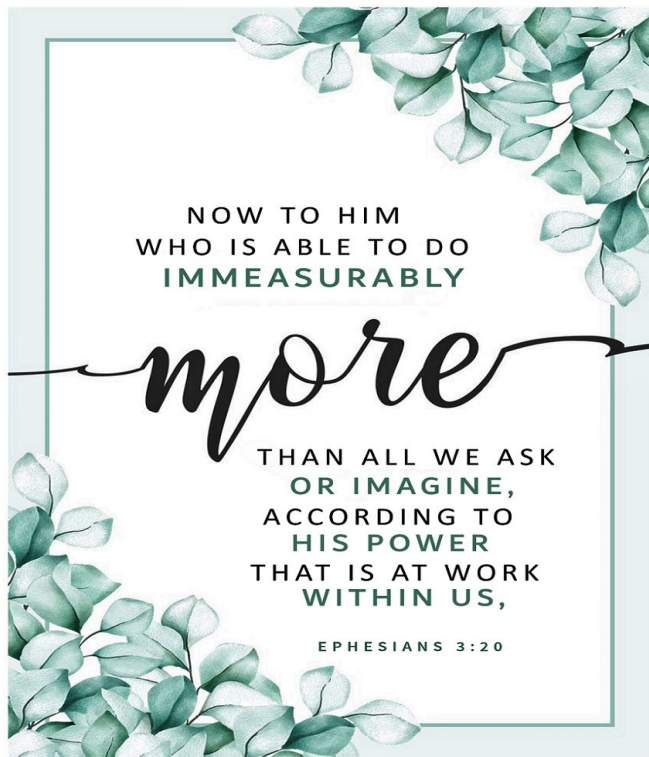
*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. —Ephesians 3:14-21*

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The passage above was a central feature of our Easter 2024 worship, preparing us for Holy Communion and returning to our hearts and lips for our communal benediction. As I dwell in it in recent weeks, I feel it captures the hope of the ages — that the spiritual power expressed in Christ's resurrection is a power the Holy longs for us to know. And, longs for us to express in the realities of our love, strength and trust in God's capacity. As we journey in present and coming days to celebrate Eden's 110th birthday-anniversary on the weekend of May 17-19th, I pray we'll be humbled again in fresh ways by the stories of the past and the responsibilities of the present. I pray we'll sincerely know that "there is a joy in the journey for all who are called to obey" and that ***the power of God is at work within us.***

Forward in Faith!

*Pastor Jacki*



# WORSHIP

## May is our Anniversary Month!

### May 5: “Stronger Together”

We welcome special **Guest Preacher: Rev. Molly Carlson**. Rev. Molly Carlson has served as the Conference Minister of the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ since August 2020. Prior to serving in this role, Rev. Carlson served in local, regional, and national settings of the church. Her ministry has taken her to Indiana, Kentucky, Oregon, California, Idaho, Pennsylvania, Washington, and Tennessee. She currently lives in Dekalb, IL, with her husband, Michael, their two young adult children, and several pets.



### May 12: Martha and Mary— Honoring the Mother-Tending Work of God

We honor the mothering aspect of God’s tending in this special service of lay reflections including historic gifts of the women of our founding and successor generations. Special service of recognition of Frauenverein, the Daughters of Eden and the work of recent decades. Sarah Foster, Presiding

#### What is Pentecost?

**Pentecost** (also called **Whit Sunday**, **Whitsunday** or **Whitsun**) is a Christian holiday which takes place on the 49th day (50th day when inclusive counting is used) after Easter Sunday.<sup>[1]</sup> It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Mary, mother of Jesus and the Apostles of Jesus while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts

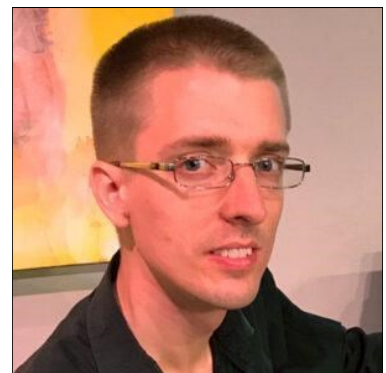
**May 19:** Intergenerational Pentecost Celebration for Our 110th Anniversary, followed by a Birthday Party for Eden. A Service of Readings and Song, with Pastor Jacki presiding. Theme: In Good Company, Then and Now.” **PLEASE WEAR RED IF LED!**

### May 26: The Gift of Memory-Making

We welcome Jim Schranz, long-time member and forever friend, as guest preacher in honor of Memorial Day.

*We welcome Andrew Barnes Jamieson, guest “musician in residence”, as our weekly accompanist and collaborator in special music during our 110th anniversary month. He will join us May 5, 12, and 19.*

**Andrew Barnes Jamieson** is a pianist, composer, and arranger, based in Oakland. He is active in faith communities and experimental music ensembles in the Bay Area of San Francisco, CA. Andrew founded the avant-gospel Trouble Ensemble, performed over 800 of #1000improvisations (1000 planned daily improvisational keyboard live streams since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic), and collaborates on duo performances with baritone, activist, and visionary Darnell Ishmel. He serves as music director for community worship at Pacific School of Religion, and as a keyboardist at City of Refuge United Church of Christ.



# WORSHIP



## APRIL READERS

Daryl Dahmer—7th  
James Schranz—14th  
Linda Stirk—21st  
Larry Pavia—28th

## APRIL USHERS

Daryl and Katie Dahmer—7th  
Ed and Debi Thomas—14th  
Kelly Borgardt & Jeff Lorenty—21st  
Daryl and Katie Dahmer—28th

## MAY READERS

Penny Dahmer—5th  
Nora Edens—12th  
Various—19th  
Larry Pavia—26th

## MAY USHERS

Daryl and Katie Dahmer—5th  
Ed and Debi Thomas—12th  
Kelly & Jeff Lorenty—19th  
Ed and Debi Thomas—26th

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Debi Thomas—April 7th  
Penny Dahmer—May 5th

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH



March 3: 10 on Zoom; 15 adults and 3 children at 5051  
March 10: 4 on Zoom; 47 adults and 24 children at 5051  
March 17: 11 on Zoom; 16 adults and 1 child at 5051  
March 24: 9 on Zoom; 19 adults and 7 kids at 5051  
March 28: 2 on Zoom; 11 adults  
March 31: 7 on Zoom; 39 adults and 19 kids at 5051

## Kingdom Values for Trying Times

Our Lenten series was on this title above; one of the truths we rediscovered in the Gospel teachings is the “both-and” sense of “kingdom values”. Safety and openness-risk, our work and God’s work, taking responsibility for ourselves and pouring out self for others, bold challenges to sin, yet a peacemaking heart. This reminds us that the wisdom in BALANCE and DISCERNMENT could themselves be seen as the Spirit’s “kingdom values.”

This reminds me of the great promise passage of Psalm 46, and post-resurrection message of trusting in the truth of the right kind of “victorious” for kingdom living. In the tumult of our day... *“there is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. <sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of the city; <sup>\*</sup> it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.” -Psalm 46:4-5*

**Reminder: Our worship service is offered each Sunday at 10am in person and via**



**Join Zoom Meeting by clicking visiting:**  
<https://ministrelife.zoom.us/j/2954166836>

Or call in by dialing: 1-312-626-6799  
Meeting ID: 295 416 6836

*Remember, all services are recorded and can be found at a link at [www.edemuccchicago.org](http://www.edemuccchicago.org)*



HAPPY  
EASTER



# FELLOWSHIP

## Birthday Blessings



### APRIL

David Angel—April 8  
Jacob Angel—April 8  
George Craig—April 10th  
\*Dorothy Dahmer—April 11th  
Michael Edens—April 14th  
Isabella Miranda—April 14th  
Carol Desota—April 15th  
\*Lynn Clark—April 18th  
Susan Betzolt—April 24th

### MAY

Gail Angel—May 3rd  
Jeffrey Lorenty—May 5th  
Kyle Lutzow—May 8th  
AnnMarie Campus—May 12th  
Joan Schneider—May 12th  
\*Dorothy Hansen—May 17th  
Sarah Foster—May 26th  
Sally Usmani—May 30th

### APRIL

Jacob & Sandy Angel—April 12th  
Nancy & \*Daniel Hoppe—April 17th  
Debra & \*Israel Miranda—April 28th

### MAY

Thomas & Sabrina Lorenty—May 5th  
Brittany & Jose Tollinchi—May 26th  
Sandra Bechtolsheim—May 28th  
Lieselotte & Michael Bodnar—May 28th

*\*Note: we include in our birthday and anniversary lists the names of loved ones who have departed unless family members request that we not do so. We hope this will serve as a meaningful reminder of the "ties that bind" eternally.*

## PLEASE KEEP THESE FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Please see in our weekly Bulletin.





# FELLOWSHIP

## Savoring Memories of Good Company

We're excited to announce one way we are celebrating our 110th... by revisiting, reorganizing, displaying AND DIGITIZING our archives in the coming weeks and months. We hope this season of celebration will deepen our appreciation of the past tenders of God's work here, and draw inspiration from them even as we reflect and adapt to be faithful to the present.

As mentioned elsewhere, this also has a neighborhood component, as we surface stories about "The Brotherhood" (yes, ask), our special connection to the Redeemer of Calvary UMC family, and other builders of the neighborhood. Watch for details on local events with Bridging Jeff Park and the Northwest Chicago Historical Society. And, informative interviews with Keith Wiegel of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, to be recorded on Zoom.

This also means new ways of connecting with our long-time (and maybe new connections) within the wider community of Volga German communities and United Church of Christ family. \*

Do you have pictures or documents from Eden's past? Recordings? Please consider sharing them with us. Contact Gene Schnarr via the office at [info@edenuccchicago.org](mailto:info@edenuccchicago.org).


*\*NOTE: To the right, see one heart-warming reflection from Bette Gorr Wilmot, who reached out to us on Facebook. Do you have memories to share as well? We'd love to hear from you. Please call 773-283-5557 to share, or write in-fo@edenuccchicago.org. Or send us a note via postal mail. We welcome requests to join our Facebook group as well, which is open only to know local members and friends and our extended family. (It is reserved for encouragement, sharing of memories and announcements.) Find us at EdenUCCChicago.*



## IN GOOD COMPANY — A COOKBOOK TO BE COMPLETED

We're thrilled to announce that, as we complete a 110th Commemorative Booklet, a companion piece will be the long-awaited cookbook we began envisioning during our recent Roof and Organ campaign. A total of 110 recipes (in print version), will be gathered along with bits and pics of inspiration.

Larry Pavia is leading the design on these books with Pastor Jacki. Many thanks for the early work of Fritz Fleck, Katie Dahmer, Linda Stirk and Bechtolsheim for compilation and submission of beloved recipes from earlier editions. This summer, we will expand the project to include a larger online component..

**Eden UCC Chicago**  
Bette Gorr Wilmot · Mar 9 · 🌐

Thank you for accepting my request. Eden Church runs deep in my blood. My grandparents, Gottfried and Amalia Gorr were founding members. My parents, William and Delores Gorr, were married at Eden June 5 1948, my sisters were baptized and one confirmed at Eden before my parents moved to the burbs. Funerals and anniversary celebrations were part of my experiences with the most beautiful church. When my grandfather passed away, the beautiful bells tolled 99 times for his age, and the day of his funeral, the hearse in front of the church decided not to start! our joke was grandpa wasn't ready to leave Eden. 😞. when I read in the echo Eden would be 110 years old, I just thought of all my Relatives who were no longer here who loved that church. I hope I can attend one of your celebrations just to be in that beautiful church again and have the feeling that I can feel the spirit of those who have gone before me.

## COMMEMORATIVE BOOKLET IN THE WORKS!

We are working hard on design of a larger anniversary booklet which draws from earlier celebrations, showcases the "first decade of our second century" and looks ahead with Second Century Vision for ministry and building care. With the cookbook, this companion set may be 60-72 pages in color.

Watch for details in the annual May appeal. Please consider anniversary financial gifts to:

- A) Underwrite these publications
- B) Invest in our Second Century w/ a cash gift or estate planning tools

Give at [www.edenuccchicago.org](http://www.edenuccchicago.org) or by postal mail.

# GROWING TOGETHER



## R-Space After School Time

This ministry is growing! We've recently hosted UP TO 29 youth ages 6-14.

**Tuesdays, 3-5pm.**

Ages 6-14. See Larry or Nora for more info, and registration form at [www.edenuccchicago.org](http://www.edenuccchicago.org). Want to support this with time, in-kind gifts of food or supplies? Talk to Nora or Larry. Give gifts dedicated for Youth Supplies by check, cash or online at [www.edenuccchicago.org](http://www.edenuccchicago.org).



**Intergenerational Good Times!**

## Summer FUN CAMP

**Monday - Friday, June 10 - June 21, 2024  
9:30 am - 3:00 pm, Ages 6 - 14**

**WEEK 1** June 10 Mon: Camp Intro, Gym & Games  
June 11 Tue: North Park Village Fun  
June 12 Wed: The Waterworks, Schaumburg  
June 13 Thr: Go Fly a Kite (make your own)  
June 14 Fri: Take a Hike... LaBagh Woods

**WEEK 2** June 17 Mon: Chillin', Gym & Games  
June 18 Tue: LegoLand!  
June 19 Wed: Gems & Geodes  
June 20 Thr: Bowling Bowlarama Fun  
June 21 Fri: Wilson Splash Park/Picnic

Multiple Adult Staffing & Safety Protocols. Outdoor activities subject to weather and admissions / availability.  
Camp drop-off at Eden UCC, 5051 W Gunnison (at LeClaire).  
One Full Week of Camp (5 days) @ \$130, or \$35 /day - There's a 30% Family Discount for 2nd child +. Financial assistance is available. Please register at: [info@edenuccchicago.org](mailto:info@edenuccchicago.org)

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## SUMMER FUN CAMP PLANS UNDERWAY

Please pray for our intergenerational time together serving a couple dozen young people. For several years we've co-hosted with our Redeemer of Calvary UMC family. We've mapped out the above schedule of on-site and field trip time. We welcome in-kind donations, financial gifts and volunteer time as you are led and able. Thanks in advance to planners Larry Pavia, Nora Edens, Sarah Foster, Gwynne Carlson, and Pastor Noemi Meza and Pastor Jacki.

## FEASTFIRST: Church Growth from the Inside Out

It's the prayer of every church, and certainly ours, to grow in number AND spiritually. We seek to be a nourishing, not depleting, place whatever our numbers are! That's why at the beginning of our intentional journey of "Growing Eden's Family" we began to speak of "inreach" and "outreach".

We could talk about the "inreach" dimension as serving our members more effectively in education, fellowship, or worship. Or, nourishing the growth of our heart commitment to service, peacemaking and justice. Or, gaining the grace and skills to demonstrate the fruits of the Spirit more naturally.

There's also the seasonal moments of what the secular environment calls "recruitment." Nominating Season. That would be May 20-June 20 this year, when you will learn about present needs for our ministry so that we can continuously grow in vision, collaboration and task sharing.

Stepping forward to share our gifts of time, talent (and talent development) is a huge part of growing in the organism known as church. As you learn about needs for ushering, counting, deacon ministries and officers (secretary and treasurer), we pray you'll listen to any Spirit nudges about service.

# OUTREACH



## Bridging Jeff Park Update

This month Bridging Jeff Park has continued meeting to come up with new ways of connecting with and supporting our neighbors, past, present, and future. Our current focus continues to be supporting our unhoused and newest neighbors. Several of us are working this month to reach out to schools and non-profits in the area who already serve these communities to ask about ways we can support them in their work and maybe fill some holes in their current capabilities so that we are all working together as a community to support those in need instead of working over one another.

As we look forward to May and towards our anniversary weekend we also thought this would be a perfect opportunity to lean into another lane of our work, the past of Jefferson Park. The Volga Germans did not just build this church but helped to create the neighborhood we now know as Jefferson Park. In the lead-up to our anniversary on May 19, we will have a few educational sessions about the history of the Volga Germans, Eden, and Jefferson Park. These sessions will also include times to share stories of our collective experience in the neighborhood.

Our next event is an evening dinner meeting on April 30 at 6pm. Please join us.

If you have any questions about Bridging Jeff Park or how to get involved, please contact Sarah or the office for more info.

## S4 NEWS and UPDATES

The S4 (Sustainable Solutions for Sacred Spaces) team continues to grow in momentum and excitement. This past month we were joined by a basketball group for teens that meets regularly along with a few more one-off parties and events. It is exhibiting to share more and more of our spaces with members of our community. As we get close to our anniversary we hope to share the information about our open community spaces more widely. If you would like to help spread the word please reach out to Sarah or the office.



## Faith Leaders Event April 30

We are co-hosting a northwest side interfaith leaders' Breakfast on Tuesday, April 30 at 9:30am. We're excited about how this will intersect with Bridging Jeff Park's goals, as well as the wider work of our colleagues on the Faith Subcommittee of the 16th District of the Chicago Police Department, which is co-sponsoring the event.



## ZOOM SESSIONS FOR STORYTELLING, LEARNING

Join Keith Wiegel, Pastor Jacki and others to reminisce or learn about the Volga German immigrants who founded Eden, Redeemer of Calvary and St. John Lutheran Church. Learn more about Eden's history, and share stories about those who contributed so much to our church family and the Jefferson Park neighborhood. Use Eden Zoom call-in info on page 3. Both sessions will be recorded.

**Tuesday, May 7 2pm Central Time**  
**Tuesday May 14 2pm Central Time**

## IT'S TIME TO SHARE

One Great Hour of Sharing, one of our special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ, has been rescheduled for May. This Lenten Offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ within Wider Church Ministries. We will receive this mission offering by mail, on-line at our website and in church.





# STEWARDSHIP

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees would like to give a big “THANK YOU” to everyone that came to a “Labors of Love” event that was held on March 16th. A much needed cleaning of the Sanctuary, Parlor, Fellowship Hall and Kitchen was performed in preparation for Holy Week and Easter.

The Church Council has approved a plan presented by the Trustees for the removal of failing asbestos floor tiles in the second floor Recreation Room. The cost for the abatement portion of the project is \$8,400.00. The abatement portion of the project will take place on June 26 & 27, following the conclusion of Summer Camp on June 21 st.

We are also kindly requesting the aid of several able bodied folks on Saturday June 22nd to help relocate all the furniture, game tables, etc. in the Recreation Room, into the gym prior to the start of the project on June 26th.

Bids are currently being secured for different replacement flooring options. We would like to offer our grateful thanks to Nora Edens for her vision, input and time in helping secure bids for this project. The use of the Recreation Room is vital for us to be able to help accommodate Scout programs and after school programs that are now unable to use any basement rooms until the basement rehab can commence.

Donations for this ongoing project would be greatly appreciated.

We will be holding another “Labors of Love” event in early May prior to our Anniversary Celebration. Watch for more info in forthcoming Eden E News.

We also seek periodic assistance for help in the weekly cutting of the grass at the church and the yard area. Please reach out to Trustee Daryl Dahmer @ 773-259-4540 if you are able to help out!

Your Trustees,  
Daryl Dahmer  
Ed Lorenty  
Debbie Lorenty



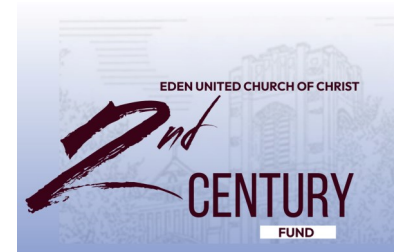
## FINANCIAL STATUS/PROCESSES UPDATE

We're in transition on leadership and tools --both! Since David Angel's relocation and final report in January, we've been attending to a slow and smooth transition to a next treasurer (hopefully in June).

In the meantime, staff and other signers have processed bills and revenue in a timely manner. Sarah has led the processes of switching to a more affordable and church/customer service oriented payroll vendor called MinistryWorks. We're also migrating our bookkeeping to a more user-friendly software tool called OneChurch. The tasks of the ideal financial officer(s) have been well documented so that the nominating committee can explore options of a possible team approach to these duties, should this be a direction we are led.

Watch for a full year-to-date financial report in the next regular issue.

## ANNIVERSARY OFFERING TO BENEFIT 2ND CENTURY FUND



Watch your mailboxes for an upcoming special mailing which will invite your Annual Spring Anniversary Gift. Our trustees, pastor and others are working on a prioritized multi-year plan for building and ministry care in the first years of our second decade in our second century!

## FORGET-ME-NOT FUND

The Eden **Forget-Me-Not fund** is very grateful for the gifts received from Dean and Mary Fleck, Elizabeth Wentland, Lori Wilson, and Gwynne Carlson in memory of William (Whitey, Willie) Fleck. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

Penny Dahmer  
FMNF Administrator





# STEWARDSHIP



## MANNA FOR THE MOMENT

The New Testament parallel to the “one day at a time” trust exercise God creates in the Old Testament wilderness - with the daily appearance (and disappearance) of manna -- is the miracle of the loaves and fishes found in the Gospels. Yes, I wrote about that AGAIN in the Eden e-blast last week.

Why? Because, as I shared there, I often say to my clergy friends about Eden: “Every day is a loaves and fishes day.” That is, a chance to trust, lean forward, sit, pray and eat in the presence of what seems “not enough.”

Last week the trustees held a visioning-prioritizing meeting in advance of our Second Century Appeal for the upcoming anniversary, and prioritized a multi-year plan for attending to our most pressing building needs. It’s tens and tens of thousands of dollars.

In addition, we learned the same week that our annual insurance costs will be increased BY 9,000.00 starting June 1. As we deal with these challenges, we want you to know that we’re constantly looking for places to reduce costs for frugality and increase revenue from our members, friends, and space-sharers. This will be a daunting challenge.

*Readers of the Echo are deeply devoted to this ministry, whether or not regularly present in body or spirit. We ask you to pray about your current regular giving, and to accept the Divine challenge to step forward with gifts however small or large in these challenging days.*

In Christ’s Peace,

## GRANT TEAM UPDATE

The Grant Oversight Team will soon hold its quarterly meeting, to assess how our grant-funded outreach programs are going and potential additional reporting and requests to work on. We anticipate receiving a second year of funding for In Good Company weekly programs of meal-based dialogue, learning and worship. We’re also completing a request for ReKindle (funded previously in 2022-2023), from Columbia Theological Seminary. We will learn in June if our LOI to Partners for Sacred Spaces results in an invitation to apply for funds which would be used to rehab the basement and restore it to use. It remains closed to activities until we raise the funds to repair the foundation cracks and address abatement and mold remediation issues.



Second Century Fund opened 2022 for continued building improvements for current and new outreach. Checks to Eden UCC, memo line: Second Century Fund.



Scholarship and merit awards for Eden college students (application dependent). Checks to "Eden Scholarship Fund". Fund administrator Gene Schnarr.



Gifts support faith-based curriculum and experiential learning of youth and adults, as well as fundraising and outreach events which support these. Checks to "Eden Christian Education Committee". Fund administrators Larry Pavia and Nora Edens, CE Co-chairs.



Designated gifts given in memory of loved ones from Eden and beyond, ministry space improvements such as musical instruments, landscaping, kitchen needs etc. Checks to Eden UCC, memo line: Forget-Me-Not Fund. Fund administrator Penny Dahmer.



Supports outreach programs such as R-Space After School, Summer Camps, adult learning, seniors' groups and space improvements to host these. Checks to Eden UCC, memo line: GEF- General. Contact: Treasurer David Angel.

# STEWARDSHIP



## PANCAKE BREAKFAST TEAM NEEDED

We've locked in the morning of June 8 for our next Pancake Breakfast, a timely fundraiser and outreach opportunity.

Our Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will once again be essential workers.

Do you have ideas for a great event? Thoughts on how to leverage for income and positive engagement alike?

Please contact President Ed Thomas at [ethomas@zebra.com](mailto:ethomas@zebra.com) if you can contribute time, supplies or funds for the event.

## QUEEN OF HEARTS UPDATE

We are rockin' and rollin' with our QoH Jackpot! As of mid-April, our pot is \$3300 and growing!

If you would like to enter the 50/50 and can't get over to Rabbits during the week or are unable to stay after service to get your tickets, please check out our new Self-Serve Ticket Board in the Fellowship Hall.

Check out the accompanying graphic for a step-by-step how-to!

Have any questions? Ask Sarah, Noel, Sheri or Jacki for more info.

Many thanks to all those who have made this a roaring success.

Let's find that Queen!

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**Queen of Hearts 50/50 JACKPOT**

**\$5.00 (cash only)**

**\*DRAWINGS EVERY MONDAY 8PM**

**at RABBITS**  
4945 W. FOSTER

**BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY!**

**At EDEN: Tues & Thurs: 2-6 pm, and Sunday 10-Noon**

**At Rabbits (anytime)**

**Can't do either of those? Envelopes & tickets in Fellowship Hall. Take a ticket and place payment and completed stub in envelope and slip under office door!**

**Pot is over \$3300 and growing!**

**www.edenUCCchicago.org** **ON FACEBOOK: @EdenQueenofHearts**

# CALENDAR AND EVENTS

## Ongoing

**Mondays, 8pm.** Weekly drawing for the Queen of Hearts 50/50 JACKPOT at Rabbits Bar and Grill, 4945 W Foster. As of April 19, the pot was projected to exceed \$3300 (Queen wins 50%). See complete info on our website. Winner need not be present to win if Queen or 1st Joker drawn (winnings for Joker \$100). IF PRESENT and your ticket is drawn (but your card is not one of those), a consolation prize is yours. Get your tickets today after church (\$5 each); available only at Rabbits and Eden. Ask Sarah, Noel, Sheri, or Jacki for more info. Tickets available this morning from Pastor Jacki.

**Tuesdays, 3-5pm. R-Space After School Time** for ages 6-14.

**Thursdays, Neighbors' Breakfast 9:15am. @ Lucky Grill on Milwaukee Avenue.**

**Thursdays, Yoga with Regina, 6-7pm in Fellowship Hall. \$15/class.**

## Upcoming

**April 19-27:** Pastor Jacki will be away for a national Women in Ministry retreat in Atlanta. Sarah Foster on call for emergencies.

**April 30:** We host faith leaders' breakfast for Northwest Side; co-sponsored with Bridging Jeff Park and the 16th District CPD's Faith Committee. Please see Pastor Jacki to volunteer.

**April 30:** Monthly Bridging Jeff Park Dinner, 6pm.

***In Good Company: 110 Years of Growing Eden's Family—Throughout May (worship details on p2)***

***Storytelling on Volga German Journeys, Jeff Park Settlements and Eden Founding, with Keith Wiegel and other Eden Friends and Elders. See [www.edenuccchicago.org](http://www.edenuccchicago.org) for schedule information.***

***May 17: Sound Healing Meditation with Jimmy Chan David in Sanctuary, 8pm. Suggested donation: \$20.***

***May 18: Eden Game Day/Open House, 12-5pm. Concessions and tours available. In Good Company "Open Mic" Coffee House, 5-8pm.***

***May 19: Pentecost Birthday Celebration & Party***

***SAVE THE DATES!***

**June 8. Pancake Breakfast.** Details TBD.

**June 23: Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting,** following worship.





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## **“Forward in Faith”**

*Join us as we  
Honor the Past,  
Bless the Present,  
and Open to the Future!*

**April—May**  
Storytelling Opportunities in  
Worship & Zoom

A Re-Launch of our  
Cookbook Project

Digitizing our Archives

TLC and Refreshment in our  
Fellowship Hall

Anniversary Weekend Activities  
Special Guest Musician



In Good Company: 110 Years of  
Growing Eden's Family