



# Plymouth UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 2010

**Pastor:** Rev. Lois Mueller **Ministers:** All Members **Office Manager:** Bruce Tutcher **Newsletter Editor:** Lisse Hooker

## *In the Meantime...*

Beloved Community,

Did you have a RE-warding Lent? We've relented, revived, reclaimed, returned, repented, refreshed, restored, related, refused, regathered, reformed, responded, retreated, and resisted. Now it's time to RE-Surrect!

Resurrection doesn't sound like another RE word because we never hear "surrection" as a stand-alone word. Resurrection is from the same root as Insurrection. Both are derived from the Latin word "surgere" which means rise, lift or grow; the connection to resurrection is obvious.

At Easter, we who are Christians celebrate the rising of Jesus. Jesus rose from death to life, from defeat to victory, from separation to union, from the domination of Rome to the liberation of God.

Jesus' resurrection is transformative for us when through the power of God we, too, rise, lift and grow.

Rise from despair  
to hope.

Lift from fear  
to trust.

Grow from isolation  
to community.

May we all walk on Holy Ground during this Holy Week and rise into new life.

Easter blessings,

*Rev. Lois*

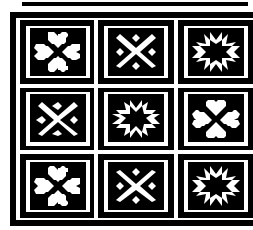


## Annual Meeting May 2, 2010



The entire congregation will be gathering for our Annual Meeting on May 2, 2010, after worship service, in the Fire-side Room. At this meeting we will review the work of the church during the fiscal year 2009-2010, and plan for the coming year, 2010-2011. We will be voting to elect new officers to the church council, to approve a proposed budget for the next year, and to approve our updated By-Laws. This is the most important all-church meeting of our year. Your participation is earnestly desired, as a member of the family of families called Plymouth Church, so please mark your calendar and plan to attend. There will be a pot luck luncheon as well. Please bring a dish to share.

-Michelle Burr, acting Church Clerk



East Bay Heritage Quilters are having their **Extraordinary Quilt Show April 10 and 11, 2010**. It will be held at the Oakland Convention Center, 550 Tenth St at Broadway, Saturday 10 - 5 and Sunday 10 - 4. Our own Karen Eppler will have a few items in the show. It is an amazing quilt show with so much more than your grandmother's quilts. It is a great opportunity to see what can truly be called "**Fabric Art**". See Karen for tickets, \$10 each, good for two days.

## Nominating Committee Report

### Officers

Moderator	Melissa Gardner-McBride
Vice Moderator	Duncan Falls
Clerk	Michelle Burr
Treasurer	Betty Foote
Financial Secretary	Karen Eppler
Auditor	Chris Lundin
Historian	Joanne Grimm

### Ministry Chairs

Administration & Finance	Erni Ng
Buildings & Grounds	Eric Eppler & Bernard Lubin
Education	Selena Wilson
Justice & Witness	Mary Lou Watson

### Committee Chairs

Personnel	Jeanette Brantley
Pastor-Parish Relations	Welda Murphy
At Large	
Darren Falls, Libby Gardner-McBride	
Susan Ode, Opal Taylor	

### Continuing Terms:

Care & Compassion	Marylin Tracy
Worship	Carolyn Collins

For further information contact a Nominating Committee Representative: Duncan Falls, Chair, Carolyn Collins, Bernard Lubin or Ayanna More.



## JOY-FILLED EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE

11 A.M., April 4, 2010

with exceptional music

PLEASE JOIN US!

Followed by : Coffee , Goodies & an Easter Egg Hunt  
for young children

### **Maundy Thursday – April 1st**

**7:00 p.m. Fireside Room**

Join us for our inspiring Maundy Thursday contemplative service of prayer, chants, scripture, Holy Communion and Hand Washing. If you haven't attended before, come and experience what you've been missing. Children are welcome.

### **Bay Association Spring Meeting Sunday April 25, 2010**

**Registration opens at 4:30 p.m. Dinner 5:00 p.m.**

**Program for the evening at 6:00pm.**

*"Web 2.0 - The use of technology and the church"*

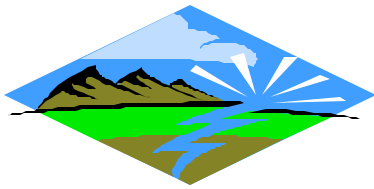
Eden United Church of Christ  
21455 Birch Street, Hayward, CA 94541 (510) 582-9533

**Cost: \$15.00 (includes meal) Reservations required! By APRIL 5th!**

Childcare available if requested in advance.

Please contact: Kathy Miller, Church Administrator, Eden United Church of Christ 510-582-9533 [office@edenucc.com](mailto:office@edenucc.com).

## Eyewitness Report on the Recovery in Haiti



**Tuesday, April 20th,  
7:00 pm  
Fireside Room**

Join Dr. Opal Taylor for a presentation, pictures and discussion on the aftermath of the devastating earthquake in Haiti . Opal spent 2 weeks in Haiti , heading a medical team that treated hundreds of patients a day on the grounds of the University Hospital in Port-a-Prince. Don't miss this opportunity to hear her unique impressions and stories.

## 2010 Stewardship Campaign

As Stewardship Sunday approaches on April 18th, we wanted to share some thoughts about what stewardship in Plymouth Church means. In the truest sense of the word, stewardship means giving a full range of gifts to the church, including worshipping, connecting, learning, serving, and offering financial support.

As a church community we exist as a family, all dependent on each other to remain healthy and active. The act of giving keeps our community alive and functioning , whether it is worshipping together on Sundays, sharing our gifts of music and voice, connecting with other members, sharing and teaching your spiritual journey, helping with maintenance or food, and with financial support.

On April 18th, Stewardship Sunday, we will be providing pledge cards for your contribution. Together we can help fulfill our goal of being a caring and serving community whose love reaches each other, around the corner, and into the world. Thank you for helping all of us to sustain and grow our community for another year.

During our worship service on our **Annual Meeting Sunday, May 2**, we will honor Jean Lindborg who has been the Historian of Plymouth Church for over 20 years and name her our

### **Jean Lindborg** *HISTORIAN EMERITUS*

At the age 92 (as of April 17), we're allowing her to let go of the responsibility, with the promise that she'll help guide our new Historian, Joanne Grimm. Please join us in thanking Jean for her dedicated years of service and her attentive counsel, storytelling, picture taking, document saving and home storage unit!

### **Thank You**

Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

**The Family of Lillian Potts**

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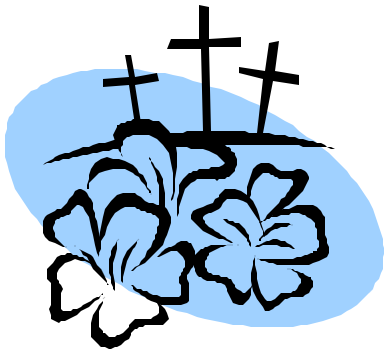
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Maundy Thursday	2 Good Friday	3
4 <b>Easter Sunday</b> 11:00 am Worship Communion	5	6 Healing Service 7 p.m. Fireside	7 Scripture Meditation, Fireside 1 pm	8 Fellowship Luncheon 12 noon	9	10
11 11:00 am Worship Birthday Sunday	12	13 Church Council 7 pm	14 Scripture Meditation, Fireside 1 pm	15	16	17
18 11:00 am Worship with Communion Stewardship Sunday	19	20 Opal Taylor Report on Haiti 7 pm Fireside	21 Scripture Meditation, Fireside 1 pm	22 Earth Day	23	24 Oakland Care Center Worship 3:00 pm
25	26	27 Annual Reports Due	28 Scripture Meditation, Fireside 1 pm	29	30	

Annual Report **Deadline** is Tuesday, **April 27**. We must have **ALL** reports by that date in order for it to be included in our Annual Report.  
**Thank You!**



## ***April Birthdays***

**April 2** Welda Murphy  
**April 3** Jamie Davis  
**April 4** Rev. Robert Matthews  
**April 4** Shelley Morris  
**April 12** Matthew Smith  
**April 17** Jean Lindborg  
**April 24** Marylin Tracy  
**April 27** Cheryl Brown  
**April 29** Rev. Lois Mueller



# HOLY WEEK

## Maundy Thursday – April 1

7:00 p.m., Fireside Room. Contemplative service of Tenebrae, Hand washing and Holy Communion.

## Good Friday – April 2

6:45 a.m., Witness for Peace at Lawrence Livermore Lab, Corner of Vasco & Patterson Pass Roads

## Ecumenical Good Friday Worship—April 2

12:00 p.m. Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church. 1188 -12<sup>th</sup> St., Oakland

## Easter Sunday – April 4

6:30 a.m. – Sunrise Easter Service  
Featuring Oakland East Bay Gay Men's Choir  
Skyline Community Church  
12540 Skyline Blvd.

11 a.m. – Easter Worship  
Plymouth Sanctuary

Followed by Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch

## Annual UCC Conference at Asilomar



### **A WONDERFUL HARMONY: Transforming Lives, Churches, and Communities The Annual Gathering of the NCNC-UCC**

**3 PM May 13th to 1 PM May 16th**  
Asilomar Conference Grounds  
in Pacific Grove

Join Pastors Lois Mueller & Marjorie Wilkes, Susan Ode, Duncan Falls, Carolyn Collins, Ayanna Moore, Bob Matthews and others at this annual gathering of our regional church family at the spectacular Asilomar Conference Grounds at the Pacific Ocean. For more information or to register online visit: [ncnuc.org/annual-gathering/wonderful-harmony](http://ncnuc.org/annual-gathering/wonderful-harmony)

## **Thanks from the Alameda County Community Food Bank**

Dear Rev. Mueller and Congregation,

Your Feb. 17, 2010 gift of \$222.00 make a difference for children and adults facing hunger in Alameda County. I am grateful for your financial contribution—the Food Bank could not do all it does without you.

The Emergency Food Helpline referrals have escalated a shocking 47% in the last year and 98% in just two years. With your help the Food Bank strives to meet this increased challenge. Thank you for making this happen!

In gratitude,

Suzan W. Bateson, Executive Director



## Ecumenical Good Friday Worship

Good Friday Service  
Friday, April 2, 12 noon  
Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church  
1188 12<sup>th</sup> St., West Oakland.

Join Rev. Ron Swisher and his wonderful congregation and other local clergy for this moving service, which includes inspirational music and reflections on the last seven words of Christ featuring gifted preachers, including our own Pastor **Marjorie Wilkes**.

## Integrity of Creation Sunday April 25, 2010

Please contact Pastor Lois Mueller (revlois@sbcglobal.net, 654-5300) or Carolyn Collins (530-8198) if you'd like to help to plan this service that celebrates our beautiful earth.



### The UCC has **BIG PLANS** And they include you! For Friday, April 16th at 9 am (EST)

On April 16th UCC's StillSpeaking Ministry will launch a powerful NEW video. With your help, the video will eventually reach millions!

Step 1: Visit [ucc.org](http://ucc.org) or check your email for a special message offering a first peck at the new video. Watch it.

Step 2: Share the link on Facebook, Twitter, MySpace your own Blog or anywhere else others will be able to see it.

Step 3: Send the link by email to family, friends, co-workers and church members, inviting them to watch and share with others.

Step 4: Relax, knowing that thanks to you and countless others millions have received a counterculture message about a stillspeaking God — a word of inclusion, justice and welcome.

## Introducing **StillSpeaking** Magazine

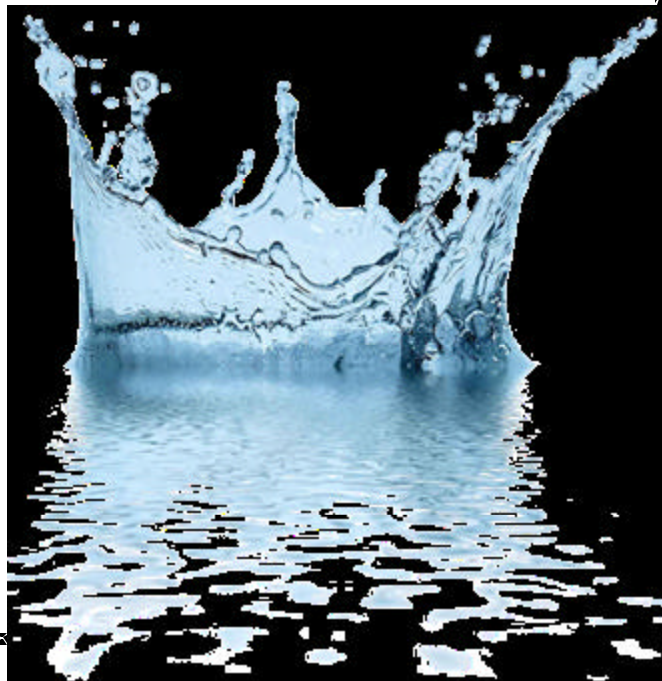
- The United Church of Christ is launching a subscription campaign for its new high-end-design StillSpeaking Magazine, an oversized, full-color publication that will debut in late April. The 88-page StillSpeaking Magazine will be published twice annually in Spring and Fall. An inaugural, three-year subscription is \$29 if purchased before July 1. After that date, subscriptions will be \$39 each. Order online at [ucc.org/magazine](http://ucc.org/magazine).
- "StillSpeaking Magazine promises to be a full-sensory experience for readers, with compelling writing and expert photography that will communicate stories of inclusion, involvement, transformation and the best aspirations of the UCC, its members and its churches," said the Rev. J. Bennett Guess, the UCC's director of communications. "We're being very clear that this is not a newsmagazine. Instead, we want a quality feature publication that tells moving accounts of our people and the ways their lives have been impacted by the UCC."
- The UCC's hard news will continue to be offered online at [ucc.org/news](http://ucc.org/news) and through its weekly e-zine, Keeping You ePosted.

**Come and soak in the renewing waters  
of community prayers for healing.  
Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.  
April 6, May 4**

**FIRESIDE ROOM**

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For further information or to arrange  
individual healings sessions  
call **Carolyn Collins, M.Div.**, at **(510) 827-0009**  
or email her at [bardee1@yahoo.com](mailto:bardee1@yahoo.com).



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