

# Go Tell It on the Mountain

Skyland Community Church  
Monthly Newsletter  
10:30 Sunday Service

November 2013  
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## Altar Flowers



Altar flowers are needed for Sunday, November 24. Anyone willing to provide them may sign up on the bulletin board in Whitaker Hall.

--John Heyes

*On the white poppy,  
a butterfly's torn wing  
is a keepsake.*

-- Matsuo Basho

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## Poetry Podcast Party!

Skyland member Erica Goss, Los Gatos's poet laureate, invites everyone to a party celebrating the completion of the Poetry Podcast Project, in which volunteers made recordings of 50 poems, which will be available on the Los Gatos Library website (<http://www.losgatosca.gov>).

The event will be held at the library, 100 Villa Lane in Los Gatos, on Sunday, Nov. 17, from 2-4 p.m. There will be cake and beverages, poetry readings, and, Erica promises, "surprises." Everyone's welcome. For more information, call Erica at 408-205-1957, or email her at [ericagoss@comcast.net](mailto:ericagoss@comcast.net).

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## Minister's Column

### *Thanksgiving - a Time for Gratitude*



Thanksgiving is late this year, not until the 28th, but I am already getting into the spirit of it. It's not the roast turkey or the pumpkin pie that is on my mind; it's the feeling of gratitude. This fall in the mountains is a benign time with beautiful persimmon trees turning orange in fruit and leaf while the first green grass of the wet season pops up after months of dry weather. Cumulus clouds, rare here in summer, mix it up now and set off the blue of the sky. As the day ends the orange light gives an almost heavenly cast to the surrounding scene. Then at night, our mountain vantage point sets off the evening stars with arresting clarity. We are blessed.

Right in the middle of it all, Skyland Church centers our faith community as a place of prayer and work and play. Now it is the people I am grateful for: for you. Thank you for all you do to bring the still-creating God's love to life in our church building, to the surrounding community and touching, in a small but powerful way, to people all around the world. When Jesus talks about the Kingdom of God he doesn't mean "pie in the sky when you die", he means what is happening right here and now. Being with you in this beautiful place reminds me again and again that Jesus' here and now is our here and now. Thank you for your hearts full of love in this Thanksgiving season and always.

-- Stephen

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## November Giving to Migrant Farm Workers

Can you imagine not having enough money to purchase the basic hygiene items for yourself or your family? In November it is a Skyland tradition to collect toiletries for migrant workers and their families. In addition to toiletries, we are asking for donations of clean, gently used, sweatshirts and hoodies for the male farm workers for the winter months, as well as food items like tuna fish and peanut butter. The items can be brought in any Sunday beginning Nov. 10-Dec. 1.

Angela Patterson has been collecting and delivering toiletries and food to the Davenport Resource Center all year. They have a health screening day in late October so their toiletry supplies will be depleted for the winter months. That is why our November collection becomes so important.

In early December Angela, Stephen and the Mission Board will deliver the collected supplies to the Davenport Resource Center, which will distribute them throughout the winter to the migrant workers and their families. For more info: <http://www.cabinc.org/drsc>

These Basic Items contribute to the health and welfare of the workers:

- \* Soap
- \* Dental Floss
- \* Toothpaste
- \* Mouth Wash
- \* Toothbrush
- \* Shaving Gear
- \* Shampoo
- \* Deodorant
- \* Brushes/Combs
- Hand Sanitizers (Purell, e.g.)

Blankets, Sweatshirts and Hoodies for men  
Cans of tuna fish & peanut butter  
Optional Items

- \* Skin Lotions/Creams
- \* Aftershave Lotion
- \* Shower Gels

## Oops -- Pledges Short of Spending Plan

NOTE from your treasurer:

I have adjusted our fiscal year planned income to reflect the actual \$118,000 pledge commitment, not the previous \$127,400 needed to balance our spending plan. As a result we have a planned deficit of \$-9,501 instead of the previous \$-101. We all need to be thinking of how to increase our income or reduce spending without using Uncle Sam's privilege of printing money.

Here is our operating finances for September 2013 as of October 31.

### Summary of Operating Finances

	Oct. 2013 Actual	Planned	Jun 1, 2013 to Actual	Oct 31, 2013 Planned
Income	\$ 12,373	\$ 5,841	\$ 80,709	\$ 76,568
Expenses	\$ 6,246	\$ 8,650	\$ 70,236	\$ 72,547
Net	\$ 6,127	\$ (-2,809)	\$ 10,473	\$ 4,021

-- Gerald J. Alonzo

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### A MEDITATION MOMENT

The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely, or unhappy, is to go outside, somewhere they can be quiet, alone with the heavens, nature and God.

Anne Frank, *Diary of a Young Girl*



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- \* Hair Care Products
- \* Toothbrush
- \* Feminine Hygiene Products
- \* Chapstick/Lip Balm
- \* Cash to buy needed items

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