

FEBRUARY 2013



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# Go Tell It On The Mountain

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## February Calendar

### Friday February 1

*Spaghetti Dinner*  
*Whitaker Hall 6:00pm*

## Minister's Column

Dear Friends,

This month marks a couple of transitions in the life of our church. First, a new group of people are elected to positions of leadership from the Annual Meeting held last Sunday. I want to thank Mary Ellen McTamaney who has been our moderator for the last two years, for her gentle, steady style that kept us all on track without the feeling of being managed, and our new moderator, Larry Cooke, who has guided us in the past and also facilitated excellent visioning sessions. It takes a pretty good sized village to raise the "child" of Skyland Church. Many of those villagers are on the slate of officers and board and committee members who do much of our work. Many thanks to you all for your participation and leadership, past, present and future. Without you ... we hesitate to think!

We also are making the seasonal transition from Epiphany to Lent. This year, I will be using the "Canticle of Creatures" by St. Francis of Assisi as a guide to help us grow in praise of God and in closer relationship to our fellow creatures and all creation. Come to worship with us to hear more! We will be integrating the time with children and the sermon as often as possible so that we may be working on the same projects together. I believe that the season of Lent into Easter can speak to our lives on the earth with particular meaning these days. Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing until Easter, we will worship as we did last year on Wednesday evenings from 7:15 to 7:45, with song, scripture, but mostly quiet prayer/meditation time. This midweek service is designed to dovetail with choir rehearsal that begins at 7:45. I hope you will join us.

Thank you to everyone helping to make Skyland Church a place where God's love is at the center of who we are and what we do.

*Stephen*

PS Two little communication notes:

1. I recently joined Facebook so that I could receive information from UCC clergy that I couldn't get any other way. If you have tried to "friend" me and I haven't responded, it is not because I do not want to be your friend, it is because I don't use my account for anything but this specific church information. I would be glad to communicate with you by phone, email or best of all, in person!

2. Since our website has been down, some emails to me may have bounced back to you. The best way to email me is at [sglauztodrank@gmail.com](mailto:sglauztodrank@gmail.com).

## Treasurer's Note

Thanks for your special year end gifts totaling \$8,700 to help our operating and facilities fund finances.

Pledge giving is only \$706 less than anticipated after eight months. Thanks for catching up with your commitments. Our operating finances are essentially on target after the planned transfer of \$7,400 from previous surplus to this year's operations.

Here are our operating finances for January 2013:

Last Month	January 2013	
	Actual	Planned
Income	\$ 12,697	\$ 9,497
Expense	\$ 9,528	\$ 8,045
Net	\$ 3,169	\$ 1,452
Fiscal YTD	06/01/12 – 01/13	
	Actual	Planned
Income	\$ 122,306	\$ 120,574
Expense	\$ 115,602	\$ 114,230
Net	\$ 6,704	\$ 6,344

*Gerald J. Alonzo*

## Altar Flowers

Available dates for donating flowers are February 3, 10, 17, and 24; March 3, 10, 17, and 31. Please sign up in Whitaker Hall or send a message to me at [heyes2@gmail.com](mailto:heyes2@gmail.com).

*John Heyes*

## New Phonebook Edition Coming

Did any of your contact information change over the past year? If so, you need to let Lou McTamane know so those changes will be included in the upcoming 2013 edition of the printed phonebook. Please call 408-353-3331 or email him at [lmctamaney@comcast.net](mailto:lmctamaney@comcast.net) ASAP.

## An Offer from Richard Lyness

I know that many of our friends and colleagues in the Skyland Church community are in transition: unexpectedly unemployed; just hanging on; moving from their last job to their next job; looking to reenter the workforce after time off to be a spouse or a parent; or simply trying to understand what we are truly next called to do.

Figuring out answers to these (and related questions) is what I do. I'd be pleased to engage in conversation, etc., with anyone in the Skyland community. At least one or more conversations at no charge. Please call/email if I can be helpful to you.

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## Kale Salad Recipe

I am so glad some people liked our kale salad a while back at potluck. Here is the recipe for those who requested it:

- Several mid-sized leaves of lacinato dinosaur kale, stripped from the ribs and torn into pieces
- Pour over, in any order, then toss leaves until coated with:
- Juice from 2 lemons or more, depending on their size
- Braggs liquid aminos (soy sauce is way too salty for my taste)
- Olive oil
- Sesame oil (optional depending on your audience; my kids seem to prefer less: a small dash, like less than a teaspoon)

These components combined should provide enough dressing to moisten all the leaves.

I think the texture is better if the leaves marinate to soften a bit, but if the leaves are tender and fresh, that doesn't seem to matter so much.

*Ann Baier*

## Nature's Herbal Antibiotics

Please see the following website for a list of natural herbal antibiotics (including lavender):

<http://www.seattleorganicrestaurants.com/vegan-whole-foods/top-20-herbal-antibiotics/>

*Ellie Lavender*