

March 2013



Go Tell It On The Mountain

Stephen Glauz-Todrank, Minister
Sunday Morning Service: 10:30-11:30

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March Calendar

Tuesday March 19

Church Council Meeting
Whitaker Hall 7:30 pm

Maundy Thursday March 28

6:30 pm: Soup Supper
7:30 pm: Service

Easter Sunday March 31

8:00 am: Sunrise Service
10:30 am: Family Service

Minister's Column

As we have moved from Epiphany into Lent and are looking ahead to Easter, we have been using St. Francis of Assisi's poem "Canticle of the Creatures" to encourage ourselves to see the world around us as full of family: Brother Sun, Sister Moon, Brother Air, Sister Water, you get the idea. St. Francis uses this family imagery to point us again and again to praising God for all God's creation. We are fortunate to live where Spring comes early and beautifully, daffodils and flowering plums in full bloom, so I want to encourage you to join me in remembering to behold and be grateful for the beauty on every side.

Easter comes early this year and we will be celebrating in our usual way beginning on March 28th with a Maundy Thursday soup supper at 6:30 and a service at 7:30. On Easter morning we will have two services: Sunrise Service at 8:00 and a Family Easter Service at 10:30. I hope you will join us for this holiday season and feel free to bring along family or friends you would like to introduce to our church.

Blessings to all, *Stephen*

Treasurer's Note

Pledge gifts are only \$726 less than anticipated through end of February. Fiscal year to date income is \$1,293 more than planned, but expenses are \$1,601 more than planned. Nothing to get excited about.

Here are our operating finances for February 2013:

Last Month	February 2013	
	Actual	Planned
Income	\$ 9,057	\$ 9,497
Expense	\$ 8,504	\$ 8,275
Net	\$ 553	\$ 1,222
Fiscal YTD	06/01/12 – 02/2013	
	Actual	Planned
Income	\$ 131,363	\$ 130,070
Expense	\$ 124,105	\$ 122,505
Net	\$ 7,258	\$ 7,566

Gerald J. Alonzo

Altar Flowers

Several Sundays in March are open for anyone who would like to donate flowers. Please sign up in Whitaker Hall or send an email to <heyes2@gmail.com>.

John Heyes

March Poetry Events

Poet laureate Erica Goss announces five events for March:

Thursday, March 7 at noon: Brown Bag Poetry at Los Gatos Library, 100 Villa Ave., Los Gatos 95030; an informal workshop with Erica in the upstairs meeting room. Bring a lunch.

Thursday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m.: An evening of poetry to celebrate the publication of the anthology *al-Mutanabbi Street Starts Here*, in the Dr. Martin Luther King Library, 150 E. San Fernando, San Jose.

Sunday, March 17 at 4:00 p.m.: St. Patrick's Day Poetry Crawl: "A Pint of Poetry." Meet at the Los Gatos Library, 100 Villa Ave, Los Gatos, for an afternoon of Irish poetry. We'll start at the library and end at CB Hannegan's.

Saturday, March 23: Saratoga Blossom Festival, "Celebrating the agricultural heritage of Saratoga," at the Saratoga Civic Center, 3777 Fruitvale Ave; a poetry reading with Erica Goss and special guests.

Monday, March 25, at 6:00 p.m., the Monday poetry workshop at the Adult Recreation Center, 208 East Main, Los Gatos 95030.

Erica Goss

Women's Retreat April 6

Join the Women's Group for an all-day retreat on Saturday, April 6, led by Deborah Streeter and featuring a visit to the Monterey Bay Aquarium. We meet at Skyland Church at 8:30 a.m. to carpool to Deborah's church in Pacific Grove, arriving there at 10 a.m. We then walk to and from the Aquarium, finishing up at 3 p.m. for carpool rides back to Skyland Church, arriving there at 4:30 p.m.

The cost is \$25, and be sure to bring a bag lunch. Also, we will need Aquarium passes from our members to help defray the cost of admission. Please send your check to Fern Thompson, 24500 Loma Prieta Ave, Los Gatos, CA 95033, and also let her know whether you have an Aquarium membership or guest passes available.

For those driving to Deborah's church, here is the address:

Christian Church of Pacific Grove
442 Central Avenue
Pacific Grove, CA 93950
(831) 372-0363

As Deborah Streeter describes the program:

We help church folks experience the ocean in a spiritual way, learn about ocean stewardship and have retreat time away. We've been doing this program, which we call Blue Theology.



Come first to our church, which is 0.8 miles from the Aquarium. Easy free street parking, as opposed to Aquarium garages. We gather, coffee, some orientation. The church is a 115-year-old redwood gem, lovely social hall and sanctuary. (It will remind you of yours!) Then walk along the shore to the Aquarium. (Sometimes we do this in silence or in pairs to help a spiritual conversation happen. There could be a car for folks who don't want to walk.) Spend time there; I give you a tour; focus on some spiritual / stewardship issues. Picnic outside or at church if weather is bad. Walk back, debrief, worship, done. I did this with some UCC adults from San Jose a few months ago and it went well.

*In the spirit of the deep,
Deborah*

What a wonderful day this will be.

*Nancy Jo Lopp,
Women's Group Leader*