

Go Tell It on the Mountain

**Skyland Community Church
Monthly Newsletter
10:30 Sunday Service**

**February 2014
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Altar Flowers



Open Sundays for donating flowers are February 2 and 23; March 2, 9, 16, and 30. Please sign up in Whitaker Hall or by email to heyas2@gmail.com.

--John Heyes

In the twilight rain
these brilliant-hued hibiscus--
A lovely sunset

-- BashÅ

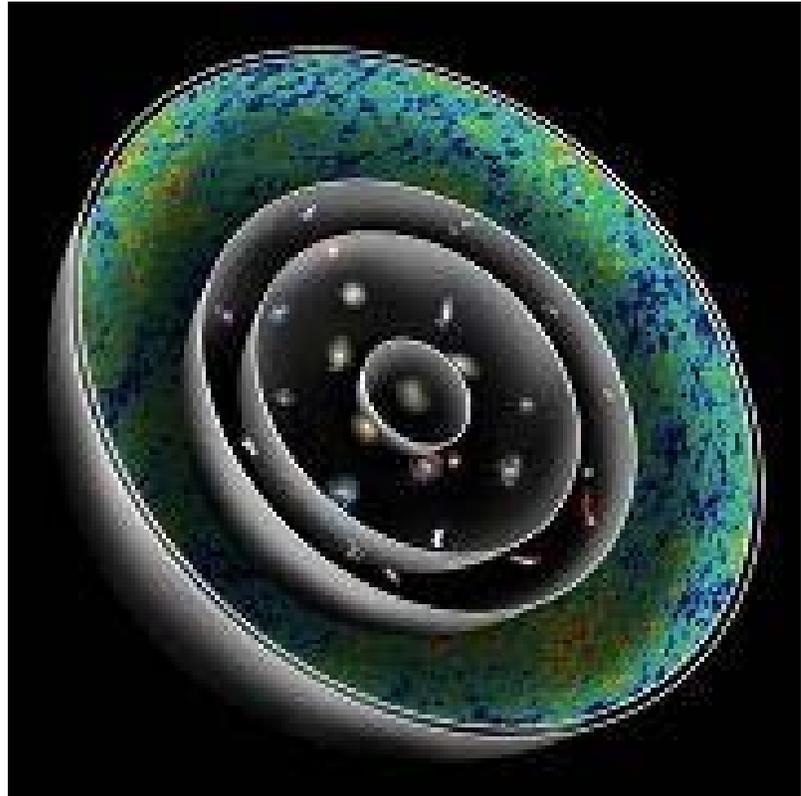
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Video Poetry Event

Among other upcoming activities, I would like to highlight the event on February 6 at DeAnza College's Visual and Performing Arts Center. [Here is the flyer](#), which summarizes the event. I hope to see some Skyland people there.

-- Erica Goss

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Minister's Column

Dear Friends,

During January I was inspired for my sermons by a book, *The New Universe and the Human Future*, by Nancy Abrams and Joel Primack. They make a case from a scientific/secular perspective for a new sense of human identity, one grounded in our connection not just to the earth but to the whole universe, and they continue with a prophetic call to respond to climate change for the benefit of perhaps 100 million generations to come! Now, for February, I am going to be using sermon themes to ask God to inspire us and let God create through us a response in which we can do our part to move human carbon usage into greater harmony with a sustainable human-friendly climate. Please help me by doing your own research and prayer and let me know what you are finding and thinking. I am pleased to share sermon time this Sunday with Hugh Shyba, who along with his wife, Cheryl,

Local Emergency Relief Fund

Who can you turn to in the Santa Cruz Mountains when you have an unexpected medical bill or unpaid propane bills? In a wonderful quiet way, a Skyland Church tradition, Stephen Glauz-Todrank has a local emergency fund that can help defray expenses when money is tight. It is a completely anonymous process that helped individuals pay for dental work, car tires, electric and propane bills, and specialized diet/food among other bills last year. In 2013, over \$3,200 was given to Skyland Church members, community members and friends who needed the money. Sometimes the money is paid back to the local emergency fund by the recipients. The money also comes to the fund from proceeds from the Skyland Run, the Christmas Eve service collection, the Loma Prieta Women's Club and anonymous gifts. There are no applications and Stephen gives the money at his discretion.

This local emergency fund is such a life-saver in times of need but only shows up as a line item in the Mission Board annual report. We wanted to emphasize its importance to our local community and to the overall mission of Skyland Community Church. We thank everyone for their generous donations.

Anne Evans for the Mission Board

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have become involved with the Citizens Climate Lobby. Please join us to hear more about that. I hope very deeply that we may realize together that climate change is the most consequential issue of our day, the one with the greatest impact on future generations, the one we must solve sooner rather than later. Let's put our heads and hearts together; let's think about prayerful and active responses so that the human presence on earth may reflect our highest vision for many generations to come. Please come and join us!

Blessings for earth balance,
Stephen

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Financial Report for January 2014

NOTE from your treasurer:

Nothing special to report this month except donations of about \$700 were received for Santa Clara Assoc. UCC on behalf of Patricia Wood's ordination ceremony. Thanks for your generous giving.

	Jan. 2014		Jun 1, 2013 to Jan 31, 2014	
	Actual	Planned	Actual	Planned
Income	\$ 12,423	\$ 11,134	\$137,253	\$134,483
Expenses	\$ 9,923	\$ 10,504	\$115,676	\$116,554
Net	\$ 2,500	\$ 630	\$ 21,577	\$ 17,929

-- Gerald J. Alonzo

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Enhance Peaceful Rest, Love and Healthy Relationships.....

A Clutter-Free, Harmonious and Serene Bedroom Generates a Fresh Flow of Nourishing Energy Leading to Peaceful Rest, an Enhanced Love Life and Healthy Relationships!

Your bedroom should be a peaceful haven you retreat to for rest and romance, and emerge from feeling refreshed and

renewed. Apply these simple and practical tips to your bedroom and watch your Love Life and Relationships flourish in amazing ways:

Take a fresh look at your bedroom with an eye towards decluttering. Keep what's essential and let go of any items that have no use or provide no benefit being there.

1. Remove pictures, objects and art forms (from the past and present) that do not represent, encourage or attract Love, Unity, Joy and Happiness.
2. Keep work-related items out of your bedroom. Remove electronics devices, bookshelves and work desk. Instead add a couple of love-related and inspirational books to your nightstands.
3. Bring tranquility to your bedroom. Choose calming colors such as light blue or soft lavender for your bedroom. Invest in high quality beddings with a solid pattern and soft texture.
4. Add light fragrant candles or use an essential-oil diffuser (lavender induces relaxation, and jasmine, rose, and geranium scents are associated with love and romance).

Happy Valentine's Day!
Ellie Lavender
Feng Shui Practitioner

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A MEDITATION MOMENT

Love is a fruit in season at all times,
And within reach of every hand.
Anyone may gather it and no limit is set.

Mother Theresa.

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