

# Go Tell It on the Mountain

February 2015 Newsletter

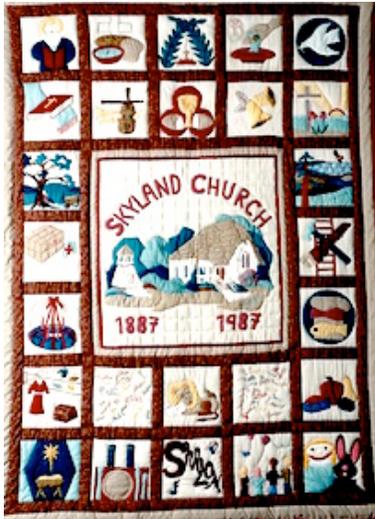
Skyland Community Church

Rev. Stephen Glauz-Todrank

10:30 Sunday Service

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*Where's the Skyland  
Quilt?*



Where has the centennial Skyland quilt gone?

Created a some decades ago by the church's women, the quilt used to be displayed at church events and special occasions. But it hasn't been seen for a couple of years and Joan Law and Margretta Dollard would like to find it. They have been searching for some time, with no luck.

Margretta, who quilted the square at the upper left, representing the choir, thinks that the quilt may be in the Whitaker Hall attic, although the attic has been inspected. She says that it may be wrapped in a white sheet, which is one reason it could have escaped discovery.

Any information will be greatly appreciated by Mmes Law and Dollard.

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*Message of Gratitude for  
Skyland's Giving & Receiving*



*Circle of thanks preceding last fall's Harvest Festival*

Dear Skyland Friends,

In churches such as ours there is a continual flow of giving and receiving. At our Annual Meeting on the 8th, some officers and board and committee members will retire and some will be instated. Others on the slate will be continuing. At our worship service on the 15th, we will thank incoming, outgoing and continuing volunteers.

We give and receive through financial channels as well. Thanks to your generous year-end gifts, we expect to proceed through the first half of 2015 "in the black."

The choir sings; the hall is cleaned; the garden is weeded; the newsletter comes your way. People in need come and go from the food pantry, the worship service, the AA meeting. Our life together is full. I am particularly grateful for all of you as our family prepares for Annalise's surgery. Your prayers, kind words and notes, offers to bring food, and meaningful, caring looks that convey more than words, all coalesce for me into a feeling of being loved and

## Skyland Named Literacy Champ



"Skyland Community Church has been named a 2014 Global Literacy Champion by the African Library Project for providing books for a library at Mid-Ennerdale Primary School (South Africa)," writes Ellen Curry of the Project.

"[That] helps to refuel our batteries to send another library to Africa," says Angela Patterson, who coordinated the shipment at Skyland. "But that will be later in 2015. For now, we can bask in the knowledge of a job well done and lots of children reading lovely books."

The container was to arrive in Cape Town around Dec. 29, after which the Project was to begin distributing the books to individual schools like Mid-Ennerdale Primary.

## Altar Flowers

Open dates for donating flowers are February 1, 8, and 22. Please sign up in Whitaker Hall.

supported. Churches really matter when we are in need. The old saying goes, "Laugh and the world laughs with you; cry and you cry alone". That is not how it is with us. Hear the Apostle, Paul, when he writes (1Corinthians 12:26), "If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it." That is more like how we seek to be. Thank you for all you are doing for each other, for the people of the wider world, for the planet, and for our family.

With deepest appreciation,

Stephen

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## Spaghetti Dinner SRO



Last month's spaghetti dinner, run with dispatch by Carol Carré and the Women's Group, attracted an overflow crowd that polished off all the pasta and many bowls of two kinds of sauces, vegetarian and non-, plus salad and a dessert of perfect lemon bars.

Fern Thompson's deadpan humor as MC introduced an after-dinner musicale in which Deana and Kaelie Arnold, a song duet, and pianists Dana Scoloy and Ava Schwabecher opened for the Summit Sisters, a lively and polished combo comprising flautist Paula Leary, vocalist Jinni Easterly, bass Suzanne Suwanda and lead guitar Jeannie Niemann.

Carol, *saladier* Betsy Fullegar, *saucier* Nancy Jo Lopp and last-minute recruit Carolyn McCall served dinners until the food ran out, but a few lucky diners managed to get seconds before tucking in to the lemon bars, the latter courtesy of Mary Ellen Mctamane, Marie Dixon, and Jackie Seymour.

Something of everything was saved for Gerry Alonzo, who provided



piano music throughout.



*plump daffodil shoots  
sprung by rain, fed by  
sunwarmth:  
golden blooms await.*

-- haiku by John Heyes

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## Meditation Moment



So then, just as you received Christ  
Jesus as Lord,  
continue to live in him, rooted and  
built up in him,  
strengthened in the faith as you were  
taught, and  
overflowing with thankfulness.

Col. 2:6-7

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## Financial Report for January 2015

NOTE from your treasurer:

Only special item was from the Heifer Tube, which overflowed for a total of \$134.10 and which has been sent to the Heifer Project for its small animal outreach program.

Pledge and Offering donations will still be on target for June through January, assuming two missing regular donations are received.

Here are the operating finances for Jan. 2015, as of Jan. 25.

	Summary of Operating Finances		6/1/14 to 1/25/15	
	Actual	Planned	Actual	Planned
Income	\$11,501	\$ 9,361	\$137,537	\$131,345
Expenses	\$ 8,242	\$ 8,401	\$115,529	\$115,790
Net	\$ 3,259	\$ 960	\$ 22,008	\$ 15,555

--Gerald J. Alonzo

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