

Go Tell It on the Mountain

August 2015 Newsletter

Skyland Community Church

Rev. Stephen Glauz-Todrank

10:30 Sunday Service

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1172 Books for Sierra Leone Library



Jinni Easterday and books collected for the latest African Library - the 9th that Skyland will have shipped.

With the generous donations from the Loma Prieta Community, we have collected 1,172 books to go to Tungbebu Primary School, Tungbebu Village, Baoma Chiefdom, Bo District, Sierra Leone.

The library will serve both the 335 primary school children and the community in this small village. There is no electricity at the school. "We have applied for a library to various organizations but to no avail," writes the Town Chief, John Mommodin, in his application to the African Library Project and RISE, the ALP partner in Sierra Leone. "We would be very grateful if you accepted our application."

Happily, ALP paired us with Tungbebu village and we will be sending the first children's books in English to create their first library.

Many of the books are storybooks from from Jan Parker's remarkable collection. We will pack the books in early



Photo by Larry Cooke

Minister's Column

Bench Dedication August 9

Dear Skyland Friends,

Please join us for a historic moment in the life of our church. On Sunday the 9th, we will dedicate the new memorial bench, which bears the names of over 100 deceased members and family of these members.

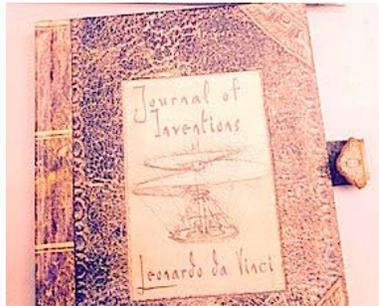
This project had its beginnings when Alice Schank asked me some years ago if I would scatter her ashes on the church grounds when she died. That moment led to a series of ideas and discussions, the engagement of the Memorial Committee, and a seven-year project to honor our beloved ones who have died. I join the multitude of those who are proud of the results of this project and want to extend particular gratitude to a few key people who made it happen.

First, I want to thank Larry and Diane Cooke for the financial contribution that made it possible. When they made their donation, none of us knew what shape our memorial would take. Now we know.

Don Law led the Memorial Committee for all the years it took to make the bench happen. Larry Lopp was the project manager. Margretta has been on the committee since the beginning. Nancy Jo, Lou and Mary Ellen have been very active since we started laying out the names. Glenda McCalla was on the committee until almost the end. Jeremy Cole was appointed to the committee by the Deacons in the last year or two. Thank you, friends, for all you did to make this beautiful and historic event happen for us.

We have invited the community to join us and expect a good turnout. We will dedicate the bench at the end of the Sunday service on the 9th, recessing from worship to the bench and nearby deck. Cake and

August and then send them to New Orleans, where they will be containerized and shipped to Sierra Leone.



Sierra Leone kids will learn to read from this replica of one of Leonardo's notebooks

We would also like to include school supplies; donations of paper, pencils, sharpeners, scissors, markers, Scotch tape and color construction paper would be appreciated. Please bring donations to downstairs Whitaker.

-- Anne Evans

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Mission Board aids Baobab AIDS/HIV Kids



The Mission Board has agreed to purchase the Junior African Writers Series (JAWS) books, including the HIV/AIDS children's storybooks, for the Baobab Home (tzkids.org) in Tanzania.

The JAWS books are very inexpensive (about \$2 each); they are helpful to all of the Baobab Home programs - but especially to *Stronger Together*, the support

beverages will follow.

There is a lot to be said for not rushing into things! This long but very fruitful project will grace the grounds of our church for decades (centuries?) to come. We will bless it together with great joy.

-- Stephen

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Harvest Fest Sept. 19

Ready to Jam? Mary Ellen Wants

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Harvest Festival jam and jelly maven Mary Ellen McTamane asks: What have you made? What else can you make? We can always use more of every kind of jam but traffic. We welcome chutneys, pickles, compotes, beautiful jewel-like jellies and yummy jams to our shelves!

I hear about lots of wonderful apricot and plum items being made. We can use all kinds of bases; for example, I'm making cherry chutney from dried fruit. Take a look online for further inspiration and we'll make this the best season yet!

-- Mary Ellen McTamane

Mary Ellen's Internet links:

[All Recipes](#) has more than 130 trusted jam and jelly recipes complete with ratings, reviews and serving tips.

[Taste of Home](#) has condiment recipes for dressings, jams, jellies, relishes.

group for HIV+ children.

Two summers ago, Matt Colbran-Patterson volunteered at the Baobob Home and worked with the *Stronger Together* group as well as helping transport and advocate for the medically fragile children with HIV/AIDS in the Baobob orphanage.

Since 2004, the Baobob Home has been helping children and families affected by HIV/AIDS and poverty. Located on a solar-powered, biogas fueled farm just outside Bagamoyo, Tanzania, Beobab runs a family style orphanage, a school, and a Breakfast Program as well as *Stronger Together*.

-- A.E.

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Altar Flowers

Several Sundays in August are open for donating altar flowers. Please sign up in Whitaker Hall.



*such light watering
but salvia reward us
with red, purple blaze.*

-- haiku by John Heyes

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[Tipnut](#) has more than 100 hand-picked recipes featuring homemade jams, jellies & marmalades made from fruits, berries, herbs.

AND...



The PODs are Here

These are the staging areas for items to be sold at the Harvest Festival Sept. 19. Needed are household items in good condition, clothes, toys, books, and other special items. Listen for collection dates and times at Sunday announcements, and sign up to help on the sheet in Whitaker Hall.

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Note from your treasurer:

July 2015 financial report

Combination of Pledge and offering gifts are down about \$2,400 from planned budget for first two months. I still need to massage expected giving ups and downs throughout the year based on last year's bumpy road.

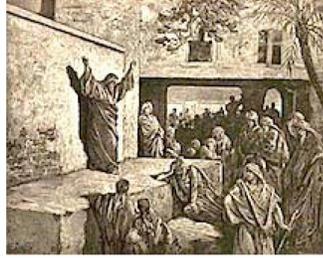
Here are our operating finances for July 2015 as of July 29.

Summary of Operating Finances

	Jul 2015		Jun 1, 2015 to Jul 29	
	Actual	Planned	Actual	Planned
Income	\$ 8,762	\$ 10,297	\$ 28,194	\$ 30,734
Expenses	\$ 9,930	\$ 9,573	\$ 29,635	\$ 29,723
Net	\$ (-1,168)	\$ 724	\$ (-1,441)	\$ 1,011

-- Gerald J. Alonzo, Treasurer

Meditation Moment



Micah preaching; illustration

by Gustave Doré

What does the Lord require of you
but to do justice,
to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

-- *Micah 6:8*

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