

# Go Tell It on the Mountain

October 2015 Newsletter

Skyland Community Church

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10:30 Sunday Service

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## Books Draw Eager Readers



**Bibliophiles like this one, willing even to crawl under tables to find new reading matter, were a big reason why the book sale was, as always, a big draw at Harvest Festival.**

**Such eager readers brought a smile to the face of Buchmeisterin Anne Evans:**



*Harvest Festival Midway was a lively place - see results below.*

## Minister's Column

### Skyland and *Laudato Si'*

Most of you know that I preached a summer sermon series on Pope Francis's encyclical "*Laudato Si'*," which takes a strong stand on climate change and care for the poorest people in the world.

Like many other non-Catholics, I have found myself appreciating the leadership of a Pope for the first time in my life. Not long ago, I met with Father Eugene at Christ Child Church and we celebrated our common appreciation of Pope Francis and his work. We decided to have a potluck and discussion for the members of our two churches at 6 PM on October 25th at his church.

I had intended to have more information for you about that, but Harvest Festival, a last minute vacation to visit my mother (September 21-28) and a fast approaching deadline for this newsletter has put me in the position of inviting you to set aside the date and to take, on faith, that we will come up with an interesting evening for you.

If you wish, please read the encyclical itself, which is easily available on line. [\[1\]](#) I feel that we are at a crucial time in our world's history and the decisions we make will have very long term effects on the planet and the quality of life for humans and other living things for eons to come. I also believe that Pope Francis is one of our best hopes to guide us to the best possible outcome for our planet's future. Let's meet, eat and converse with our Catholic brothers and sisters on the mountain and perhaps God will inspire us to some kind of group endeavor to support the most sustainable future for Mother Earth. More details will follow!

-- Cheers and thanks,  
Stephen

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## Altar Flowers

Open Sundays for donating flowers are October 4 and 11. Please sign up in Whitaker Hall.

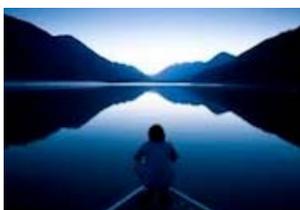


*Summer heat sears me --  
yet with a meager trickle  
tea trees grow and bloom.*

-- haiku by John Heyes

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## Meditation Moment



Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

Do not be anxious about anything; but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

-- *Philippians 4: 4-7*

[1] One of these websites, the Vatican's own, is [here](#). The text can be read online or downloaded (free) as a .pdf file. The 70-page English text is just over 40,000-plus words long, including 162 footnotes. There are many shorter summaries available on the web as well; search Google for "Laudato Si' summary"). The full title, *Laudato Si', mi Signore* (Praise be to you, O Lord), is from St. Francis of Assisi's *Canticle of the Sun*. The Vatican has released the text in Italian, German, English, Spanish, French, Polish, Portuguese and Arabic.

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-- Nancy Jo Lopp

**Babies and kids are stars of every Harvest Festival**

## Harvest Festival Results



**Festival director Larry Cooke checks crew at opening of Festival.**

Aided by boosts from bakery, books, clothes/jewelry, jams and jellies, and above all the wall and basket auctions, the 2015 Festival brought in only slightly less than last year's, despite a smaller crowd; and it looked quite sprightly, with a new children's section and a repainted Whitaker Hall.

The festival set was struck the following Saturday, and the invaluable PODS will be gone shortly.

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Proceeds, compiled by Gerry Alonzo:

## Festival Fotos



Julie Victorine and Mary Ellen McTamanev spiced up the day with a bumper crop of jams, jellies, pickles and such.



Margretta Dollard presided over a new outdoor children's section.

Booth Donations	2015	2014
Accessories	225.75	Included in Clothes
Auction Baskets	3,381.00	8,175.43
Auction Wall	3,826.52	Included in Auction Baskets
Bakery	860.05	714.66
Books	581.50	511.75
Clothes	1,572.55	1,576.35
Coffee	Included in Luncheon	53.72
Face Painting	13.19	To special Outreach
Jams & Jellies	1,137.00	1,217.39
Jewelry	319.00	Included in Clothes
Kitchen	381.75	210.58
Luncheon	1,208.20	973.50
Odds & Ends	601.26	371.65
Plants, Garden & Produce	416.25	601.51
Toys	289.57	433.50
<b>Total Booth Donations</b>	<b>14,813.59</b>	<b>14,840.04</b>
Miscellaneous Donations	100	200
<b>Total HF Donations</b>	<b>14,913.59</b>	<b>15,040.04</b>

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## NOTE from your treasurer:

September 2015 financial report.

Harvest Festival donations are detailed above. The total of \$14,8F3.59 is \$1,000 less than planned, but additional donations may still be received.

We are now able to accept credit card payments for pledge, general and special offerings. If that is more convenient than check or cash, see either Jan Swayne or myself after service to utilize these transactions.

Here are our operating finances for September 2015 as of Sept. 23.

Church pew baskets were a big hit as always.

### Summary of Operating Finance



Sep 2015 | Jun 1, 2015 to Sep 23

	Actual	Planned	Actual	Planned
Income	\$ 26,037	\$ 25,873	\$ 64,132	\$ 63,985
Expenses	\$ 21,346	\$ 22,860	\$ 59,274	\$ 61,704
Net	\$ 4,691	\$ 3,013	\$ 4,858	\$ 2,281

*Gerald J. Alonzo, Treasurer*

And kitchen cleanup remained a most important task.

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Safe baby

-- Nancy Jo Lopp