

Go Tell It on the Mountain

July 2016 Newsletter

Skyland Community Church

Rev. Stephen Glauz-Todrank

10:30 Sunday Service

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Renee Pressler unveils grand plan for new Harvest Festival layout*

We're Jammin...



Harvest Festival Buzz Begins - Sign up Now!

Hello everyone -- it's that time of year to get ready for the Harvest Festival. I'm going to be a working co-chair so get ready for some fun.

Nancy Jo helped me post sign up sheets in Whitaker. PLEASE sign up; I need to meet with you and share ideas.

I've already started collecting things. We'll need the usual housewares, clothes, plants, toys and books, which we'll accept on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays after church. I'd like to accept everything; but no electronics or large furniture please! I have a truck and can pick up things if they're close by.

When the pods arrive on Aug. 2 we will start the clothes sorting,

Summer fruit is here and in the farmers' markets. And to further quote Bob Marley, we "hope you like jammin' too."

We need your jams, jellies, pickles, chutneys, and other preserves for the Jams and Jellies booth at Harvest Festival. The booth is always popular; let's fill the shelves with summer's lusciously preserved bounty.

You can leave your contributions on or near the hearth in Whitaker. If you need empty jars, or have them to donate, let us know. Note that we can only sell jars that are sealed and not in need of refrigeration prior to opening.

Let us know what you're planning to make. And thank you so much for your efforts! We can't do it without you.

Julie Victorine, 408-761-5095, Mary Ellen McTamane, 408-353-3331, and Jackie Seymour, 408-395-4789.

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Trustees busy: Weeds pulled, tree pruned, lights and water heater replaced

The Trustees have been busy with maintenance in the past month. Trustees and other church members had successful weed trimming parties on June 8 and 11. Several branches of the oak tree near the front of Whitaker were trimmed to improve lighting in the parking lot.

The Trustees also recently replaced the two large dusk-to-dawn security lights, one on the front of Whitaker and the other on the corner of the sanctuary by the bell tower. This is the fourth generation of dusk-to-dawn lights. Over the past years we have changed from

which will take place Tuesdays, Thursday, and Saturdays.

More to come next month, when the crunch begins!

-- Respectfully, Renee

* Layout is posted in Whitaker Hall

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Altar Flowers

Open Sundays for donating flowers are July 10, 17, and 31. Please sign up on the calendar in Whitaker Hall.



tall, dazzling bloom of magenta calandrinia-- deer resistant too!

-- haiku by John Heyes

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Meditation Moment



The fragrance always remains
In the hand that gives the rose

-- Mohandas K. Gandhi

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HPS (high pressure sodium vapor) lights at 150 watts, then to metal halide lights at 100 watts, then to CFL (fluorescent) lights at 65 watts. The newest choices are 50-watt LED (light-emitting diode) lamps with an expected lifetime of 100,000 hours (about 23 years). That's the highest lifetime of all and at 5700 lumens they are brighter than the previous two lights. (A lumen is a measure of the quantity of energy of the light emitted in all directions by a common candle)

The Trustees also plan to put up a temporary dusk-to-dawn light on the north side of the parking lot (below the green water tank) the day before the November elections, so that people voting at night will have more illumination.



New heater

In May, just two days before a Saturday wedding, it was reported that there was no hot water in Whitaker. Mike Mahrle investigated and found that the old water heater was beyond repair. We purchased a new propane water heater; Bruce Victorine and Brian Wood squeezed it into the existing space and added an earthquake strap.



Old water heater

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NOTE from your treasurer:

The Heifer Project quarter tube was emptied early to avoid possible overflowing while I was recovering from hip surgery. This month, a donation of two rolls of quarters was received. That \$20, combined with the previous amount, would have filled the tube; so \$130.31 was sent on our behalf to Heifer Project International to support their small animal mission work. (The extra six cents comes from a nickel and a penny that found their way into the quarter tube.)

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 or myself after service for these transactions.

Our surplus from the last fiscal year has been transferred as other income for this year. I am still working on distributing your approved budget to the anticipated peaks and valleys of expenses and income; but the planned amounts below should be close.

Here are our operating finances for June 2016 as of June 30.

	June 2016		Jun 1, 2016 to Jun 30	
	Actual	Planned	Actual	Planned
Income	\$ 20,445	\$ 20,225	\$ 20,445	\$ 20,255
Expenses	\$ 21,505	\$ 22,057	\$ 21,505	\$ 22,057
Net	\$ (-1,060)	\$ (-1,832)	\$ (-1,060)	\$ (-1,832)

-- Gerald J. Alonzo, Treasurer

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Welcome Back...to Stephen and Carolyn from their 40th anniversary Mendocino vacation!