

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Skyland Church Newsletter – January 2018

Skyland Community Church
10:30 Sunday Service

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Minister's Reflection

Dear Skyland Friends,
 Thank you so much for your generous Christmas present of a gift certificate to an Inn Carolyn and I love in Pacific Grove. It's a great getaway spot: close enough to be easy and far enough to feel special. Looking forward to a productive and enjoyable new year with you all.
 Cheers and Blessings, Stephen

Calendar

January 14	Preaching today Rev. Diane Weible, NCNC Conference Minister - discussion of Re-Vision
January 21	Potluck Lunch after Church
January 26 Spaghetti Dinner	Time: 6:00 pm, Dinner served at 6:30. Place: Skyland Community Church - 25100 Skyland Rd Cost: \$20 Family or \$10 for each adult. Menu: Fresh pasta with a meat or puttanesca sauce, salad, garlic bread, dessert, and sparkling cider. You may bring wine to share.

Missions Board Spotlight

The annual special collection for overseas education will be taken on January 21. These funds will provide tuition and board for students in Guatemala, India, Fiji, and Tanzania. That's **GIFT!**

Treasurer's Report - January 2018

Pledge income for December had a big jump due to change in 2018 tax code. I adjusted our planned pledge income to match total received as of Dec. 31. Offerings received continue below our financial plan expectation by \$-5,662 total for these 7 months. Offerings are donations from members and visitors who have not made a pledge. Our financial planning was over optimistic on this item.

An unexpected decrease in medical expenses for Stephen and Carolyn has occurred due to Medicare being their principal insurance provider. This will reduce medical insurance by about \$9,000 and eliminate the planned \$6,618 deficit plus offset some of our reduced income due to the Harvest Festival sabbatical.

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 me after service for these transactions. Here are our operating finances as of December 31 for our 2017-18 fiscal year:

	Summary of Operating Finances			
	December 2017		Jun 1, 2017 to Dec 31	
	Actual	Planned	Actual	Planned
Income	\$32,502	\$34,423	\$127,519	\$131,057
Expenses	\$17,376	\$25,159	\$112,169	\$120,544
Net	\$15,126	\$ 9,264	\$ 15,350	\$ 10,513

Gerald J. Alonzo, Treasurer

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers add color and beauty to our contemplations during worship service. There are several open Sundays in January and February. Please sign up on the new calendar in Whitaker Hall.

MEDITATION MOMENT

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives within me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
 Gal. 2:20, New International Version

New Year's Day sees our chrysanthemums still in bloom. In Greek "golden flower."

--haiku by John Heyes