

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Skyland Church Newsletter – August 2018

Skyland Community Church
10:30 Sunday Service

Church phone: 408-353-1310

Calendar

August 5	10:30 a.m. Communion Worship Service in Whitaker Hall. Welcome Pastor Jean Jeffress after Service (finger foods, please!).
August 12	10:30 a.m. Family Worship Service. Trustees Meeting after Service (possibly). Deacons Meeting after Service.
August 19	10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Potluck after Service.
August 26	10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Church Council Meeting after Service.

Welcome, Pastor Jean Jeffress!



Pastor Jean Jeffress will join us for the first time as our new Bridge Pastor, will be joining us for the first time Sunday, August 5th. She will be leading our worship services during August and most of September until our Interim Minister, Rev. Kevin Omi arrives. She will also be available one other day during the week for pastoral care and/or meetings. The deacons will be coordinating those times with her and will let you know what they are.

We are especially pleased to have Pastor Jeffress with us. She is passionate about worship services that lift the spirit and restore, renew, and rejuvenate people and believes that powerful worship can inform and empower us to move into the world strengthened by the spirit of God to do the work we are called to do.

Although Pastor Jeffress is new to us, she is not new to our area. She grew up in San Jose and spent much of her teenage years traipsing around Los Gatos. Currently she lives in Oakland and will be commuting from there.

Please bring finger food to share as we meet and welcome Pastor Jeffress during an enhanced coffee hour in Whitaker Hall following the service on Sunday August 5th.

Harvest Festival Plans

73rd Annual Harvest Festival at Skyland Church SAVE THE DATE! !

When: Saturday, September 15, 2016 Time: 10:00 am until 3:00 pm

Where: 25100 Skyland Road Phone: (408) 353-1310

Skyland Community Church in the Santa Cruz Mountains hosts its annual Harvest Festival this September. Get ready for a truly great experience. Jams and Jellies, apricots, peach and pickles are being canned now.

Plants are potted, and Silent Auction items are coming in. Emile's Dinner at Silver Mountain, tickets for DeYoung and Shakespeare At Ashland Oregon.

Skyland Community Church Website

To learn more about the Interim period, the progress in the search for the Interim Minister and other transitions at Skyland please visit the Transitions page: <http://skylandchurch.com/transitions/>

Missions Board Delivers!

Africa Library Project	We have great books this year! We have completed the first sorting part of the work and will be packing books in the coming week. Check with Cindy to see whether more packing is needed for our 1,000-1,200 books for Sierra Leone. During the summer, we will be collecting the \$600 from the congregation for shipping our books to New Orleans where they will put in shipping containers. africanlibraryproject.org	Contact: Cindy Siwajek
Local Support	Mental Health Community Action Network in Santa Cruz helps those transitioning into homes. We are collecting socks, coats and sleeping bags. If anyone has a diaper-changing table we are still looking for one.	Contact: Shannon Edwards

Church Council News

At the Church Council meeting on July 22, the main topic of discussion was the formation of a Transition Committee, as requested by our incoming interim minister, Rev. Kevin Omi. This group will support Rev. Omi during the first several months of his time with us, serving as a resource for both Rev. Omi and the congregation and helping with communication regarding the interim process. Although Pastor Jeffress will only be with us a short time, the Council felt it would be helpful to her, as well, so decided to form this committee sooner rather than later. Several members present at the meeting volunteered to serve on the committee. Glenda McCalla will represent the Deacons, Deana Arnold will represent the Council, and Mary Ellen McTamaneay will represent the wider church community. Following the meeting, Jeremy Cole and John Heyes volunteered to bring their experience with Pastoral Relations and the Missions Board. (Glenda and John were also part of the Interim Search Committee, so they will be familiar faces to Rev. Omi.) Transition Committees (also termed "Transition Teams" in the UCC) are commonly formed to support new ministers. More information on the interim period can be found in the Guide to Pastoral Search and Call.

Come Enjoy Wedding Cake With Leslie & Roger!



Leslie Meehan and Roger Sanford are getting married in San Jose August 25th! Please come celebrate with us at the August 19th church service potluck with a special "Strawberry Shortcake" wedding cake. Leslie's daughter (and Skylander) Lisa, Leslie's parents John & Ellie, and Lisa's boyfriend Adam will be here to celebrate too.

We're so very blessed to be part of the Skyland family. We hope to see you on the 19th.

Love, Leslie & Roger

NOTE From Your Treasurer

Second month into our new fiscal year, June 2018 through May 2019, all accounts are near the adopted financial plan, nothing in the red. We are 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 July 29 for our 2018-19 fiscal year.

	July 2018		Jun 1, 2018 to June 27, 2018	
	Actual	Planned	Actual	Planned
Income	\$21,078	\$ 18,242	Income \$ 40,402	\$ 37,675
Expenses	\$ 9,134	\$ 18,805	Expenses \$ 21,579	\$ 30,154
Net	\$11,944	\$ 6,437	Net \$ 12,823	\$ 7,521

Note: These fiscal year actuals do not include non-budgeted special and local Mission gifts and outreach

Sincerely, Gerald J. Alonzo, Treasurer

<p>Flowers for the Altar Several Sundays during the summer are open for floral gifts. Please sign up on the calendar in Whitaker Hall.</p>	<p>MEDITATION MOMENT</p> <p>So in every possible case He that is not free is not an agent, but a patient.</p> <p>— John Wesley, Sermon lxvii</p>	<p>LITANY THROUGHOUT THE INTERIM PERIOD</p> <p><i>For God's holy presence amidst change, we pray. For comfort because loss is part of change, we pray. For Christ-like steadfastness during the challenges of transition and seasons of faith, we pray. For reassurance through frailty and failings, we pray. For the abundant creativity the Spirit provides, we pray. For our loved ones in this community of faith, we pray. For God's children beyond this community, we pray.</i></p>
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