

# *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

## Skyland Church Newsletter – September 2018

**Skyland Community Church**  
**10:30 Sunday Service**

**Church phone: 408-353-1310**

### **Calendar**

September 2	10:30 a.m. Communion Worship Service
September 8	"Rise for Climate, Jobs, and Justice" Worship and March in San Francisco 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
September 9	10:30 a.m. Family Worship Service Trustees Meeting after Service (possibly) Deacons Meeting after Service
September 13-14	Setup for Harvest Festival (specific times see below)
September 15	Harvest Festival 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
September 16	10:30 a.m. Worship Service Post-Harvest-Festival Feast/Potluck after Service
September 23	10:30 a.m. Worship Service Church Council Meeting after Service
September 30	10:30 a.m. Worship Service

### **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/>

### **Harvest Festival Plans**

#### **WAYS TO HELP:**

Thanks to the help of many Skyland members, we are well on the way to setting up for the Harvest Festival! Please make copies of the flyer for your neighbors and friends and invite someone new!

#### **DONATIONS:**

We are accepting donations from church members on Tues. 10-12 and Sun. 12-2 until Sept. 13th. Please bring lightly used treasures.

#### **SET UP:**

All are welcome to help us set up and sort the books, clothes, house wares and workshop booths for the festival.  
Tues. Sept. 4, 10-1 Thurs. Sept. 6, 10-1. Sun. Sept. 9, 12-2  
Tues. Sept. 11, 10-1 Thurs. Sept. 13, 10-1 Fri. Sept 14, 10-3.  
Sat. Sept 15, 8:30-10

#### **HARVEST FESTIVAL JOBS:**

We are doing well with volunteer positions.  
We are still looking for booth helpers for Sat. Sept. 15th from 8:30-3pm.

#### **OTHER WAYS TO HELP FROM HOME: (the sign up sheet is in Whitaker Hall)**

- Make canned goods
- Share plants and produce
- Create a salad to compliment our rice bowl meals that will include pulled pork, chicken, and chili.
- Make baked goods and pies
- Help us find the missing white bowls and small plates from the kitchen (or lend us yours for the day.)
- The kitchen needs cookie sheets too for baking veggies on Fri. Sept 14th.
- Invite your friends and share the electronic flyer with your friends on Social Media and email.
- Help us find more items for the Silent Auction
- Lend us a carpet cleaner for donation.

Shannon Edwards is leading the volunteers for the Harvest Festival on Sat. Sept. 15th from 10-3. This is the day for all members of the church to come and welcome our mountain community to Skyland Church. Please contact her at shannedwards14@gmail.com or by calling 408-353-2710 at home.

**Special Note: WANTED! Jams, Jellies, Chutney, Pickles, Dried and Canned Fruit**

Please bring us any of your comestibles so we can fill our shelves with a nice array! We will price them and also label them if needed.

Harvest Festival shoppers look forward to buying our products every year! It's the first stop for many; they head in to see what's available on our green shelves before they continue shopping. We don't want to disappoint them!

Please leave your contributions on the fireplace in Whitaker by Friday, Sept. 14 morning, so we can do another beautiful display of our joint efforts.

Thank you, Mary Ellen McTamaney.

### Missions Board Delivers!

Africa Library Project	Thanks to the congregation and the local schools we were able to raise the money required to send 1200 books to the MCA School Heremakomo in Sierra Leone. It is a primary community library and we sent 2/3 preschool - 4th grade books and 1/3 4th - 8th grade books in 19 boxes. They were mailed in early August and are on their way to the shipping containers in New Orleans. They will be on the boat to Africa in September and will arrive before the New Year. A BIG thanks to the Mission Board and all who helped. It was a group effort! 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. <u>If anyone has a diaper-changing table we are still looking for one.</u>	Contact: Shannon Edwards

### NOTE From Your Treasurer

Our expenses for August ended up negative! How can that be? Expenses show negative because we received a refund from the UCC Pension Boards on advance payments for Stephen's Annuity, Medical, and Life Insurance. All of the individual expense accounts are less than budgeted except Utilities. The utilities deficit is due to an unanticipated propane delivery. 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 August 27 for our 2018-19 fiscal year:

August 2018			Jun 1, 2018 to Aug. 27, 2018		
	Actual	Planned		Actual	Planned
Income	\$8,496	\$10,552	Income	\$48,898	\$49,037
Expenses	\$ -490	\$ 5,899	Expenses	\$27,711	\$36,053
Net	\$8,986	\$ 4,693	Net	\$21,187	\$12,984

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

Sincerely, Gerald J. Alonzo, Treasurer

Several Sundays during September and October are open for floral gifts. Please sign up on the calendar in Whitaker Hall.	<p align="center"><b>MEDITATION MOMENT</b></p> <p align="center">"God's gifts put man's best dreams to shame."</p> <p align="center">Elizabeth Barret Browning</p>	<p align="center"><b>LITANY THROUGHOUT THE INTERIM PERIOD</b></p> <p><i>For God's holy presence amidst change, we pray.</i></p> <p><i>For comfort because loss is part of change, we pray.</i></p> <p><i>For Christ-like steadfastness during the challenges of transition and seasons of faith, we pray.</i></p> <p><i>For reassurance through frailty and failings, we pray.</i></p> <p><i>For the abundant creativity the Spirit provides, we pray.</i></p> <p><i>For our loved ones in this community of faith, we pray.</i></p> <p><i>For God's children beyond this community, we pray.</i></p>
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