

Church in the Forest

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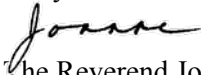
Monday morning, January 22, 2018

Dear Friends,

In our newsletter we're advertising our coming Mardi Gras celebration. Mardi Gras, although festive and fun, contains a deep truth of Christian faith: we live in a mysterious world of tension between light and dark, order and chaos, holiness and evil. According to anthropologists, Mardi Gras momentarily allows these tensions to run riot. Then, on Ash Wednesday, we reassert the power of God to rein in the powers of dark, chaos and evil.

This week, in our Mark sermon series, we'll see that tension between holiness and evil in a story of demon exorcism. Mark's Jesus is not so much a lovely teacher of wisdom. Rather, he is a holy power, a clarifying force that exposes evil. Can you and I understand evil and the power of Christ? Our Secular Age makes this hard, but that's our challenge for this week.

See you in church!



The Reverend Joanne Swenson, Th.D.

P.S. Speaking of Mardi Gras, we're looking for sponsors to help keep our fun affordable for all. Please contact the church to be a patron.

Small Groups are gatherings where CitF members and friends can explore faith and deepen fellowship.

- The *Small Group Bible Study* is held each **Sunday at 8:30 AM** in the Multipurpose Room.
- *The Men's Small Group* gathers **January 25, 10–11:30 AM** in the Multipurpose Room, currently studying the Book of Romans.
- The new *Women's Small Group*, "*Sisters in the Forest*," will meet on **January 25, 12 noon–1:15 PM**, at the home of Linda Mackie: 3110 Bird Rock Rd., Pebble Beach (Brown bag lunches welcome!). Need directions? Call Linda at 831-372-1501.
- A *Women's Bible Study Small Group* will be forming soon, to meet alternate **Thursdays 10–11:30 AM**, at local homes. Interested? Contact Pastor Joanne.



Church in the Forest invites you to

Shrove Tuesday

Mardi Gras

Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 5:30 pm, Douglas Hall
Featuring a DJ — Dress in costume to be eligible to win the
GRAND PRIZE DINNER FOR TWO

at Casanova in Carmel!

More fun prizes offered throughout the evening.

\$20 per person includes catered appetizers and beverages
RSVP by signing up on the bulletin board at church or
by contacting Sherry at citf@mbay.net or 624-1374

Wine, music and raffle sponsorships available!

Ash Wednesday Service, February 14, 6:00 pm



Calendar

Sunday January 28, 2018 — Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
8:30 AM Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by the Reverend Ken Feske. Topic: Mark 1: 21–28
9:15 AM **Chapel Concertino**
9:30 AM **Morning Prayer**
Passages Ephesians 6: 10–16; Psalm 111 (selected verses); Mark 1: 21–28
Lector Bob Mulford
Crucifer Leslie Mulford
Cookies Leslie Buck
Flowers Joe & Marilee Wandke
Ushers Marilyn Gorman and ??
Altar Care Martha Jordan, Linda Mackie, and Sandy Rice
Sermon The Rev. Joanne M. Swenson, Th.D.
Title “Wonder Walks Among Us: A Sermon Series for Epiphany”
This Sunday: “Evil in a Secular Age”
Tuesday, February 13, 2018 — Shrove Tuesday party, 5:30 pm
Wednesday, February 14, 2018 — Ash Wednesday Service 6:00 pm

Music Box

JANUARY 28, 2018

Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ

CHAPEL CONCERTINO

Pennies From Heaven (1936)..... John Burke/Arthur Johnston
I'll Get By (1928) Roy Turk/Fred Ahlert
Life Is Just A Bowl of Cherries (1931) Lew Brown/Ray Henderson
The Best Things In Life Are Free (1927)... L. Brown/R. Henderson
Gold and Silver Waltz Franz Lehar (1870-1948)

Be Thou My Vision.....trad. Irish melody; arr. by L. Shackley

The Rage Over A Lost Penny Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever: the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold.

—Psalms 19:9-10 (David)

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

—Proverbs 25:16 (Solomon)

Better is little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith.

—Proverbs 15:16

It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman. (ed. note: here followeth a non-sequitur.) There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.

—Proverbs 21:19-20

Jesus saves. Moses invests.

—Anonymous

Melinda Coffey Armstead



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