

Music Box

JANUARY 31, 2016

Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ

Music of Frédéric Chopin (1810-1949)

- Valse in F minor Op. 69 No. 1
- Preludes Op. 28.....No. 20 in C minor
 - No. 1 in C major, No. 4 in E minor, No. 6 in B minor,
 - No. 7 in A major, No. 9 in E major, No. 10 in C-sharp minor
 - No. 11 in F-sharp major
- Valse in D-flat major Op. 64 No. 1
- Nocturne in D-flat major Op. 27 No. 2F. Chopin
- Prelude I in C major ,WTC Book II..... J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

George Sand was introduced to Chopin by Franz Liszt in 1836. Liszt either had a wicked sense of humor or powers of observation similar to a block of wood. She had feminine qualities, of course: a cigar-smoker with a man’s name and man’s clothing, highly competitive and aggressive. But underneath these delicate qualities lived an uncompromising pit-bull on a mission. Chopin was pretty much a goner from that introduction.

Although initially scandalized and repelled by her, he had insufficient will to resist her persistence. They spent the winter of 1838-39 on the island of Majorca. She had planned the trip as a season in the sun to force him back to health, but it backfired. The weather was bitterly cold and rainy. Chopin, already in poor health, developed chronic bronchitis and had nightmares and hallucinations, many of which resembled Georges Sand. Somehow, he completed the *24 Preludes Op. 28*. Sand reports that one stormy evening she returned to find him in a kind of trance at the piano. He had dreamed that he was dead. “He saw himself drowned in a lake; he felt the rhythmical fall of heavy raindrops of icy water on his breast.”

She retained executive control over her hapless pet until 1846, when she began addressing him as “my dear corpse,” almost always a sign of trouble in a relationship. Still, who can blame her? Who did he think he was? Him and his stubborn refusal to stop dying of TB despite nine years of her best efforts.

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Church in the Forest

invites you to our

Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras

Tuesday, February 9, 2016
at 5:30 pm

in Douglas Hall, Stevenson School
RSVP by signing up on the bulletin board
at church or by contacting Sherry at
citf@mbay.net or 624-1374

Featuring live music!
Come in costume if you wish and be
prepared to have some fun!

Each guest contributes:
Hors d'oeuvres for eight — ready-to-serve
(no heating or cooking facilities available)
or a \$10/per person donation to offset the
cost of beverages (no bottles, please)

Please join us for this special evening together —
and then the next day, February 10,
Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00 pm



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Monday morning, January 18, 2016

Dear Members and Friends,

Shrove Tuesday is the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, which is the first day of Lent. It's a day of penitence to clean the soul, and also a day of celebration as the last chance to feast before Lent begins. We invite you to join us in this observance!

See you in Church

Bill

William B. Rolland

Calendar

Sunday January 31, 2016 — Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
8:30 AM Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room with the Rev. Ken Feske
 “Joel: Truth about God’s Call”
9:15 AM Music Prelude
9:30 AM Morning Prayer
Passages Hebrews 4: 12-16; Psalm 90: 12-17; Mark 10: 17-22
Lector Bob Mulford **Crucifer** Leslie Mulford
Flowers Nancy Zahm **Cookies** Marge Moore
Ushers Cynthia and Robert Perry
Altar Care Sandy Rice & Martha Jordan
Sermon the Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland
Title “Life in Three Dimensions”
10:30 AM **This Sunday, the Annual meeting of the Congregation to approve the Budget for 2016 right after the church service.**
Saturday January 30, at 2:30 pm. “Chopin and Yeats” in Carmel Valley with **Taelen Thomas**, poetical showman of Carmel, and **Melinda Coffey Armstead**, piano, in the Hidden Valley Opera Barn. Admission \$15.
 For more information call (831) 659-3115.
Tuesday, February 2, 2016, the *Small Study Group* continues with “Patience the art of waiting” at the home of **Ruth Gleisner**, 3004 Sloat Road, Pebble Beach, 10:15–11:30 am.
Saturday, February 6, 2016 — Memorial service for Richard Zahm at **2:00 pm**