

Music Box

MARCH 13, 2016

HEARTSTRINGS

Laura Burian, fiddle; **Mike Osgood**, mandolin; **Paulette Lynch**, hammered dulcimer; **Marj Ingram-Viales**, guitar; **Rick Chelew**, bass

Melinda Coffey Armstead, organ

Prelude for St. Patrick's Day at 9:00

Danny Boy/Elzik's Farewell/Vladimir Steamboat/Mairi's Wedding/
Flowers of Edinburgh/Water Kelpie/Trip I Took Over the Mountain/
Rights of Man/Amelia's Waltz/Climbs of Mohr/Crossing to Ireland/
Dick's Gossip/Joe Cooley's Reel

Celtic Air

Bonaparte's Farewell/ The Girl I left Behind Me/Smash the Windows

William Butler Yeats (1865-1939) was a literary Colossus with one foot in Ireland and the other in England. He completed his greatest works—including *The Tower* (1928) and *The Winding Stair and Other Poems* (1929)—AFTER they gave him the Nobel Prize, which was a peculiar order to do things.

Here's a (deliciously non-PC) Yeats poem that makes you wonder whether he and Ogden Nash had intertwining DNA):

POLITICS

How can I, that girl standing there,
My attention fix
On Roman or Russian
Or on Spanish politics?
Yet here's a travelled man that knows
What he talks about,
And there's a politician
That has read and thought,
And maybe what they say is true,
Of war and war's alarms,
But O that I were young again
And held her in my arms!

Melinda Coffey Armstead



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Monday morning, March 7, 2016

Dear Members and Friends,

Lent is a time when we have the opportunity to evaluate where we are in our standing with our maker and our redeemer. What I find to be helpful, and it has happened in spades these past few weeks, is to unearth some notes or correspondence from friends. I recently came across a recording of my minister in Scotland, who was influential in my teen years for directing me on a spiritual path. It was a wonderful discovery that took me back to my young and formative years as a follower of Jesus Christ.

My parents did not attend church, and my dad was hurt in some way by his religious upbringing, so when I, as a 14-year-old, “got religion,” dad was not at all impressed. Looking back now, I don’t know that any of my extended family was in any way connected with church or faith. I recall when telling my granny about my spiritual breakthrough, she simply said, “Oh, that’s lovely, Billy.” But that was the end of the conversation. My dad, on the other hand, responded to my sharing my good news of being found by God’s grace, by stating, “You’ll get over it. I’ll give you six weeks!” That was some sixty years ago!

All of this I share with you because that first spiritual experience is still very real and what a thrill it was to hear the reverend Brian Farmers’ voice and thoughts from one of his sermons preached some fifty years back. He said this, “If I give myself to God as fully as I know how, God will give himself to me as fully as He knows how.”

What an exciting truth to think about during this Lenten Season! Blessings.

See you in church,



William B. Rolland

ANNOUNCEMENTS: A service of Celebration for the Life of **Erl Lagerholm** will be held on **Sunday, March 13, at 2 PM**, at Church in the Forest.

New Member Intake on **Sunday, April 3**, followed by a brunch for the group at the Manse. Please contact **Marilyn Kren** (624-4484), **Bill Rolland** (229-2099), or **Sherry** at the office (624-1374) if you wish to join this vibrant community.

Calendar

Sunday March 13, 2016 — Fifth Sunday in Lent

Celebrating St. Patrick’s Day

Daylight Saving Time begins—Spring forward!

8:30 AM Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by Ken Feske
“Truth About Wrath of God” —*Zephaniah*

9:00 AM **Music Prelude—NOTE EARLIER TIME**

9:30 AM **Morning Prayer**

Passages Isaiah 43: 16-21; Psalm 126; John 12:1-8

Lector Bob Mulford

Crucifer Leslie Mulford

Flowers Janet McDaniel

Cookies Victoria Carns

Ushers Bob and Cynthia Perry

Altar Care Martha Jordan and Sandy Rice

Sermon the Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

Title “Spring forward, and hold on to your hat!”

Tuesday, March 15, Small Study Group led by Ken Feske at the home of Raymond and Carol Williams, 3945 Ronda Road, PB; **10:15-11:30 am.**

Topic: “Being Bold, Yet Wise” —*James 3:12-18*