

Music Box

DECEMBER 20, 2015 — ADVENT IV

Wildcoast Brass Quintet

Kevin Jordan, trumpet Charles Old, trumpet
Ruth Jordan, horn Steve Mortensen, trombone
Jim Paoletti, tuba

Melinda Coffey Armstead, organ

Christmas Carol Festival.....arr. by Paul Nagle
for Brass Quintet

In Dulci Jubilo..... arr. by J. S. Bach
for organ

Renaissance Christmas Suitearr. by Stephen Bulla
for Brass Quintet and percussion

O Come All Ye Faithful/Joy To The World..... arr. by Howard Cable
for Brass Quintet and Organ

I Saw Three Ships arr. by Luther Henderson
for Brass Quintet and Keyboard

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace,
good will toward men.

—*Luke II: 14*

Melinda Coffey Armstead



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Monday morning, December 13, 2015

Dear Members and Friends,

Lighten Up, It's Christmas! Have You Heard The One...

“A sense of humor keen enough to show a man his own absurdities, as well as those of other people, will keep him from the commission of all sins, or nearly all, save those that are worth consulting.”

—*Samuel Butler*

In this festive, and at times stressful, season here are two stories that are meant to bring you a smile or perhaps a chuckle.

A rabbi, a Hindu priest and their attorney were on a trip when their car broke down late at night in rural Washington. The three trudged to a nearby farmhouse, but the farmer had but two extra beds. One of them was going to have to sleep in the barn. After some discussion, the rabbi agreed to take the barn accommodations, and all retired for the night.

Five minutes passed and there was a knock on the farmhouse door. “I just find it most distressing to sleep in the barn with that pig in there,” the rabbi said. The Hindu priest sighed and agreed to sleep in the barn. Five minutes later came another knock on the farmhouse door. “I cannot sleep in the barn with a cow. In my religion, cows are sacred.” So the lawyer angrily stomped out to take up residence in the barn.

Five minutes passed and then came another knock on the farmhouse door. This time it was the pig and the cow. *(pause for laughter)*

The British media mogul Robert Maxwell was dining alone on his yacht. As he was finishing his after-dinner coffee, the butler entered the room.

“Sir, you look terribly tired tonight. Might I draw your bath before you retire?”

“No, thank you, William,” responded Maxwell. “Actually I intend to wash ashore tonight.” *(pause for groan)*

A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken. —*Proverbs 15: 13*

Let us pause and recall that the God of joy and laughter is always abiding with us and filling us with life, with hope, with creativity and with a thirst for union with Him. We are God's people, alive in the Spirit and called to continually celebrate His presence in our lives. Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, Who invites us to be filled with holy laughter.
Amen.

See you in church,



Ken Feske

Calendar

Sunday	December 20, 2015, Advent IV
8:30 AM	Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room with the Rev. Ken Feske “Risen From The Dead” Matthew 28 <i>Last day of Bible Study until January 3, 2016</i>
9:15 AM	Music Prelude
9:30 AM	Morning Prayer
Passages	Isaiah 54:1-10; Psalm 85:1-13; John 14: 18-27
	Lector Don Daly
	Crucifer Leslie Mulford
	Flowers Lloyd Nattkemper;
	Cookies Leslie Mulford
	Ushers Howard Colehower and Jack Davis
	Altar Care Martha Jordan and Sandy Rice
Sermon	the Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland
Title	“It's All About Love!”
Thursday	December 24, 2014 — Christmas Eve Service 7 and 9:30 PM, the Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland preaching. <i>Music Prelude 1/2 hour earlier</i>
Friday,	December 25, 2014, Christmas Day Service at 9:30 AM, the Rev. Ken Feske preaching
Sunday,	December 27, 2015, — First Sunday of Christmas
Sunday,	January 3, 2016, HC at 9:30 AM — Second Sunday of Christmas That same afternoon at 4:30 PM, the traditional <i>Burning of the Greens</i> will take place, <i>weather permitting.</i> Hot mulled cider and a little praise/prayer liturgy will mark the end of the <i>Twelve Days of Christmas.</i> Bring your Christmas tree, wreaths, and garlands to the beach near Fanshell/Bird Rock, and bundle up! <i>The office will be closed after Christmas (so no newsletter that week!) and will reopen Monday, January 4, 2016. If you need to be in touch with a minister, please feel free to call Bill Rolland at 229-2099.</i>