

Music Box

— UPCOMING MUSICAL OFFERINGS —

Saturday, Christmas Eve

CHAPEL CONCERTO at **4:30 and 7:00 PM** will feature: **Katherine Edison**, soprano, **Karen Neal**, mezzo soprano, **Aidan Neal**, tenor, **Robert Armstead**, bass-baritone, **Julia Jakkel**, violin and **Brian Neal**, trumpet. They will present a program of music for voices and instruments, from Leonard Cohen to Monteverdi, with outstanding local and guest soloists, accompanied by **Melinda Coffey Armstead** at the piano and the organ. The (identical) *Candlelight Services* will begin afterwards at **5:00 and 7:30 PM**.

Sunday, Christmas Day

CHAPEL CONCERTINO at **9:15 AM** with glorious Christmas music from the **Wildcoast Brass Quartet**, who will perform a broad range of classical masterpieces and traditional carols. The festive worship service follows at **9:30 AM**.

First Sunday of Christmas, New Year's Day

CHAPEL CONCERTINO at **9:15 AM** celebrating Christmas and the New Year. Soprano **Laura Anderson** sings of lambs and lullabies. Our worship service follows at **9:30 AM**.

First Sunday after the Epiphany, January 8

CHAPEL CONCERTINO at **9:15 AM** celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany and featuring music that celebrates the journey of the Three Kings with a solo program by **Melinda Coffey Armstead** at the piano and organ. Our worship service follows at **9:30 AM**.

Melinda Coffey Armstead



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Monday morning, December 19, 2016

Dear Church in the Forest Friends,

With great anticipation I look forward to experiencing my first Church in the Forest's Christmas Eve and Christmas Day traditions! But already I know that my family and I are enfolded in a loving community of zest, faith, beauty and service.

God's 2016 Christmas gift to the "Swenbecks" is ministry and life with you! How overwhelming are God's good gifts, revealed at just the right time. My prayer is that each of you experiences that truth this Christmas.

—Pastor Joanne

Merry Christmas from the Church in the Forest Staff



Photo: Allen Lackey

Mary Joanne Ken Melinda Sherry

Calendar and Participants

Saturday December 24, 2016—Christmas Eve, two identical services

4:30 PM Chapel Concerto

5:00 PM Candlelight Service

Lector Freddie de Sibert **Crucifer** Skip Lord
Christmas Prayer Charlotte de Sibert
Ushers Robert & Cynthia Perry **Oblation Bearer** Liz Lord

7:00 PM Chapel Concerto

7:30 PM Candlelight Service

Lector Dr. Kevin Hicks **Crucifer** Judy Fletcher
Christmas Prayer Sherry St. Clair
Ushers ?

Flowers Mary Wiltse & Art Grater and Linda Banner

Altar Care Shirley Temple and Andrea Thatcher

Passages Isaiah 43:15–21; Psalm 96 (excerpts); Luke 2:1–7

Sermon The Rev. Joanne M. Swenson, Th.D.

Title “The New, New Thing”

Sunday December 25, 2016—Christmas Day

9:15 AM Chapel Concerto

9:30 AM Holy Communion

Passages Micah 5: 2–4; Psalm 98: 4–9; Luke 2:8–20

Lector Dennis Riley **Crucifer** Judy Fletcher

Flowers Linda Banner and Mary Wiltse & Art Grater

Ushers Jack Davis

Prayers of the People Sherry St. Clair

Altar Care Shirley Temple and Andrea Thatcher

Sermon The Rev. Ken Feske

Title “A Little Town, A Little Baby”

Sunday January 1, 2017—First Sunday of Christmas,

9:15 AM Chapel Concerto

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

Passages Ecclesiastes 3: 1–13; Psalm 8; Luke 2: 20

Lector Bob Mulford **Crucifer** Skip Lord

Flowers Jan & Niels Reimers **Oblation Bearer** Liz Lord

Ushers Bob & Sandy Rice

Prayers of the People Leslie Mulford

Altar Care Martha Jordan & Sandy Rice

Sermon The Rev. Ken Feske

Title “Picking Up Where We Left Off”

Sunday January 8, 2017—First Sunday after the Epiphany

8:30 AM Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by the Rev. Ken Feske

9:15 AM Chapel Concerto,

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

4:30 PM Burning of the Greens at “Seal Rock Picnic area #11” (same location as last year). A great event for newcomers!

The office will be closed after Christmas (no newsletter that week) and will reopen Tuesday, January 3, 2017. If you need to be in touch with a minister, call Ken Feske at (831) 229-7160. No Bible Study or Fellowship Hour on Christmas or New Year's Day.