

Music Box

JANUARY 18, 2015

Robert Armstead, bass-baritone
Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano and organ

- My Lord, What A Morning.....arr. by Jay Althouse
- Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen.....arr. by J. Althouse
- Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
- Wade in the Water.....arr. by Mark Hayes
- Amazing Grace John Newton (1725-1807)
American melody/arr. by Diane Bish
- Lord, Revive Us.....The Revivalist, 1868/arr. by Gilbert Martin

John Newton, the composer of the words to “Amazing Grace,” is a study in transformation from reckless, irresponsible, rudderless youth to an upright man with imposing intellectual gifts and achievements. His mother died when he was seven, and he went to sea with his father, carrying slaves from Africa. When he was twenty-three years old, he was in command of a slave ship which was caught in a terrible storm at sea. Believing he and all aboard the waterlogged vessel were doomed, his epiphany came during the long, turbulent night. Well, it was kind of a time-release epiphany. His actual conversion to faith occurred after the ship arrived safely on shore. By degrees. Six years after, really, if you are a nit-picker about dates. But there is no doubt about his brilliance and his total devotion to Christianity. He was ordained and became curate at Olney, Buckinghamshire, in 1764. It was there that he formed a lifelong friendship with William Cowper, and produced the *Olney Hymns*. He composed his own epitaph, which reads:

John Newton, Clerk.
Once an infidel and libertine,
A servant of slaves in Africa,
Was, by the rich mercy of our Lord and Saviour
JESUS CHRIST,
restored, pardoned, and appointed to preach
the Gospel which he an long laboured to destroy.
He ministered,
Near sixteen years in Olney, in Bucks,
And twenty-eight years in this church.



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Monday morning, January 12, 2015

Dear Members and Friends,

An evening of thanks and appreciation!

Last night, in the gorgeous home of Joe and Nancy Verska, we as a congregation, said “Thank you” to Charles Anker for his nine years of wonderful service to The Church in the Forest. What a party! It was a night to remember! Thank you to Melinda and Bob as well as our special soloist for the day, Salmaaz Adeli, who sang to Charles the hit song from *Wicked*:

“Changed for the Better.”

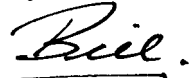
So much of me
Is made of what I learned from you
You’ll be with me
Like a handprint on my heart
And now whatever way our stories end
I know you have re-written mine
By being my friend...
Like a ship blown from its mooring
By a wind off the sea
Like a seed dropped by a skybird
In a distant wood
Who can say if I’ve been changed for the better?
But because I knew you

Charles isn’t going to just disappear. He will be coming by to worship whenever he can and from time to time, be a part of the

service of a Sunday morning as preacher or touching our hearts and minds with one of his prayers. He will be preaching as our “guest preacher” on February 1.

See you Sunday, and bring a friend with you if you can.

See you then,


William B. Rolland

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

January 20, Small Group Mid-week Bible Study resumes

January 25, New member intake and brunch

February 1, Annual Meeting of the Congregation to approve the budget immediately following the service. Holy Communion that morning and Charles Anker in the pulpit.

Calendar

Sunday, January 18, 2015

8:30 AM Bible Study with the Rev. Ken Feske.
Matthew 7:6-11 “Be prudent and persistent”

9:15 AM Music Prelude

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

Passages I Samuel 3: 1-10; Psalm 136: 1-6, 13-18; John 1: 43-51

Lector Bob Mulford

Crucifer Leslie Mulford

Acolyte N/A

Flowers Bill and Annah Rolland

Cookies Judy & Bob Fletcher

Altar Care Andrea Thatcher & Shirley Temple

Ushers Sandy and Bob Rice

Sermon The Rev. Ken Feske

Title “Where Earth and Heaven Meet”

Tuesday, January 20, *Small Group Study* led by the Rev. Ken Feske resumes at Ruth Gleisner’s home, 3004 Sloat Road, PB, **10:15-11:30**. “Priorities—a look at a healthy, balanced spiritual life. (The Parable of the Sower)” —*Luke 8:4-15*

Email version of this newsletter has a third page with pictures of the party!

This past Sunday, Church in the Forest held a farewell party for Charles Anker at the home of Nancy and Joe Verska. Here are some shots from that event.

—Photos: Arlen Lackey & Mary Wiltse

