

Music Box

JANUARY 19, 2014

Norma Faison Mayer, soprano
Richard Mayer, flute
Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ

Oh, What a Beautiful City! arr. by Edward Boatner
Deep River arr. by H. T. Burleigh
Swing Low, Sweet Chariot arr. by Hall Johnson
Ride On, King Jesus..... arr. by Hall Johnson

Lis'en To De Lam's.....arr. by William Grant Still

Lord, Revive Us arr. by Gilbert Martin

“I have decided to stick with love,
Hate is too great a burden to bear.
Darkness cannot drive out darkness;
only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate;
only love can do that.”

—*Martin Luther King*

Richard and Norma will present a concert of all African-American spirituals on **February 9 at 3 pm**. Information and reservations at 372-2941 or **opera-essence@hotmail.com**

Melinda Coffey Armstead



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Monday morning, January 12, 2014

Dear Members and Friends,

This past Sunday the sermon was on “The Blessing of Belonging,” and one short story I just came across today would have fitted well into the sermon of the day. Here it is:

A little three-year-old girl was sitting on her mom’s knee while they both were looking through a family picture album. The mother opened the album at the first page before this latest wee one was born. “Why aren’t I in this picture?” demanded the wee one. “Well, you weren’t born yet,” said the mother smiling. “What does that mean, ‘I wasn’t born yet?’” asked the child.

Predictably, mom was a bit lost for words, but she gave what she hoped would be a sufficient explanation for a three-year-old. It wasn’t nearly enough information for the little girl. So, she asked again, “Then why wasn’t I born yet?” “Because,” said the mother with a little less of a smile, “you weren’t born yet!”

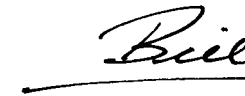
“If I wasn’t born, then where was I?” Before her mom could answer that one, she asked again, “Why aren’t I in this picture? I see you and dad and my brother and sister, but I don’t see me. Why? And don’t tell me I wasn’t born yet!” The mother, trying to keep calm, firmly said, “Honey, that is the answer to your question! You just hadn’t been born yet!”

“Well, where was I if I wasn’t born yet?” screamed the frustrated wee one. With her own voice being raised, mom said, “You were in heaven with the angels.”

The three-year-old was silent and pondered that for a while, then calmly took the family picture album and put it away. On her way back to her room, she stopped and glared at her mother and said, “Well, I’m sure not there now!”

I wouldn’t be surprised if that wee one grew up to become a Presbyterian or perhaps a Methodist minister, and I hope that by now she feels she belongs! And I hope you do too!

See you in Church



William B. Rolland

Calendar

Sunday, January 19, 2014

8:30 AM Bible Study with the Rev. Charles Anker. 1 Samuel Chapters 20–31. Exploring the many facets of David from his teenage years to his overwhelming passion for God.

9:15 AM **Music Prelude**

9:30 AM **Morning Prayer**

Passages I Kings 3:16-27; Philippians 2:1-11; Psalm 103:1-5, 9-14

Lector Dick Crowell

Crucifer Judy Fletcher

Flowers ?

Cookies Stevenson Bakers

Altar Care Martha Jordan and Leonora Branca

Ushers Bob & Leslie Mulford

Sermon The Rev. Charles Anker

Title “Are We Grown Up Yet?”

Saturday, January 18, 2014, Memorial Service for Jim Leeper, 2 pm

Sunday, January 26, 2014, Semi-annual Meeting of the Congregation to approve the budget, immediately following the morning service