

Music Box

FEBRUARY 2, 2014

Laura Anderson, soprano
Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ

Hermit Songs, Op. 29 (1953).....Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

- 1. St. Patrick's Purgatory
- 2. Church Bell At Night
- 4. The Heavenly Banquet
- 5. The Crucifixion
- 8. The Monk and His Cat

10. The Desire for Hermitage

Panis Angelicus..... César Franck (1822-1890)

Sortie in D.....C. Franck

Samuel Barber, trained early as a singer, always had a lyrical melodic bent, whether the style is post-Romantic or more modernistic. He made a statement in 1971 that could serve as his credo as a composer: "When I'm writing music for words, then I immerse myself in those words, and I let the music flow out of them... I write what I feel. I'm not a self-conscious composer... it is said that I have no style at all but that doesn't matter. I just go on doing, as they say, my thing. I believe this takes a certain courage".

The Hermit Songs were first performed by Leontyne Price, soprano, with the composer at the piano, at the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., on October 30, 1953. They are settings of anonymous Irish texts of the 8th to 13th centuries written by monks and scholars, often on the margins of manuscripts they were copying or illuminating—perhaps not always meant to be seen by their Father Superiors. They are small poems, thoughts, or observations, some very short, and speak in a straightforward, droll, and often surprisingly modern terms of the simple life these men led, close to nature, to animals, and to God.

Melinda Coffey Armstead



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Monday morning, January 27, 2014

Dear Members and Friends,

Report from the *Annual Congregational Meeting*

This past Sunday we held the *Annual Congregational Meeting* of the Church in the Forest, to adopt the budget for this year, 2014.

It was a good, uplifting meeting and around 55 people attended. As usual, there was a fine spirit of cooperation and excitement about what is happening in the life of the church. We were in good hands under the Board Chair, Graeme Robertson, who presided over the meeting.

Church Treasurer, Peter McKee, reported that we are in a financially good position and have allocated \$26,000 for special needs in the community: *Stevenson School Scholarship Fund, Hospice Foundation, Monterey Food Bank, Boys and Girls Club of Monterey County* and *YWCA Safehouse Program*.

We are glad that Ken Feske's position will be funded for the coming year. He is already accomplishing what we, as a Church Board, felt was needed; taking the activities of the Church out to where our people are and especially to those who find it difficult to get to services. Both Charles and I are very appreciative of his assistance and friendship.

From all of us on staff, we thank you for your support and prayers and ask God to bless us as we worship and fellowship together.

Please call Sherry at the church office if you would like to have a copy of the financial report, and again, thank you for your support.

See you in Church



William B. Rolland

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1/28 **One God Three Faiths** study will be "Concord & Conflict in Theology and the Five Pillars of Islam" at 10:30 at the home of **Ruth Gleisner** or 5:30 at the home of **Bob and Sandy Rice**.

1/29 **Beatitudes** study will be "The Peacemakers," Matthew 5: 9 at 4:45 at the **Carmel Valley Manor**.

Calendar

Sunday, February 2, 2014

8:30 AM Bible Study with the Rev. Charles Anker
2nd Samuel Chapters 13 through 24. The End of an Era.

9:15 AM **Music Prelude**

9:30 AM **Holy Communion**

Passages Micah 6: 1&2, 6-8; Psalm 89: 1-6, 13-15, 24-16; Luke 10: 25-37

Lector Theo Fowler

Crucifer Skip Lord

Flowers Joe and Nancy Verska

Cookies Mary Kay Crockett, Judy and Bob Fletcher

Altar Care Martha Jordan

Ushers Ken and Jean White

Oblation Bearer Liz Lord

Prayers of the People Howard Colehower

Sermon The Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

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