

Music Box

SEPTEMBER 21, 2014

Erasmus (Orazio) Aiello
Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ

- Parlami d'Amore..... Ennio Neri/Cesare Bixio
- Maria Mari Vincenzo Russo/Eduardo Di Capua
- Non Ti Scordar Di Me..... Ernesto de Curtis
- Core 'NgratoR. Cordiferro/S. Cardillo
- I' Te Vurria Vasà..... V. Russo/E. Di Capua & A. Mazzucchi
- Con Te Partirò Lucio Quarantotto/Francesco Sartori

- The Prayer Carole Bayer Sager & David Foster
Alberto Testa & Tony Renis

- Psalm XIX..... Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

Reverence and Sicilian passion are compatible if not actually conjugate expressions of the soul. Today we are so fortunate to have our favorite tenor, Erasmo Aiello, raise his unforgettable voice in benediction over Church-in-the-Forest and the surrounding landscape.

There is plenty of incentive for the choice of artist and program. He is such a joy to listen to, such an accomplished artist, and his voice and spirit ring with Italianate authenticity, big surprise.

Also, we are taking a trip to Rome, leaving on September 26, home October 19.

Yes, yes, I know. We have already been on a trip to Europe. But we were moved by Paul's Letter to the Ephesians: "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time." I think you'll agree that he didn't just mean "men," but I'm in no position to argue with you on that point. Nor the mood, neither.

Hillet Botha will, with artistry and dedication, care for the music while we are gone, and we WILL be, not only thinking of you, but talking about you.

Melinda Coffey Armstead



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Monday morning, September 15, 2014

Dear Members and Friends,

I draw to your attention, an upcoming CitF project.—WBR

ADVENT—that period of great anticipatory **JOY**—is a time of preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. Church in the Forest will again publish an **Advent Devotional Booklet** to enrich individuals, families, or groups who observe the true meaning of the season.

Your contribution is most desired and important!

To make this year's Advent special we want **YOU** to share the joy, wonder and meaning of the season by writing **200-250 words** (the editors reserve the right to edit with author's approval). Here are some ideas:

Someone dropped out of the sky and is unfamiliar with the concept of Christmas. How would you explain it? Can you put the meaning of Christmas into words?

What does Advent mean to you?

What is the anthem of Christmas? What carol, song, music is special to you and why?

Define "Christmas spirit."

Share three Christmas traditions from your childhood and three from your current practice.

These will be bound to create our **Advent Devotional Booklet** to provide one "gift" a day for the 24 days of Advent and, if enough giving persons contribute, the gift will last through the 12 Days of Christmas.

We need **YOUR** help to create this "Gift of Advent" for the community. Last year a thousand booklets were distributed to family, friends, residents at Forest Hill Manor, Park Lane, Canterbury Woods, laundromats, coffee shops and other community spots.

Christmas has always been a sweet time for me. I love the story of Jesus' coming, time with family and friends, all the festivities and traditions and goodies. I love going to get our Christmas tree, looking at Christmas lights with a hot cocoa in hand, and celebrating with those I love.

However, this time can quickly escalate in the crazy department—crazy busy, crazy stressful, crazy expensive. I can easily get caught up in wanting it all to be perfect, people pleasing, materialism, and I forget to remember the basics. Remember the reason why we celebrate. I get so caught up in running in this game that our culture promotes... do-do-do, buy-buy-buy, and be this-this-this in order to have a merry Christmas.

And for some of you, I know this time can be full of sadness and heartache—of loss, unfulfilled desire, and broken relationships.

Christmas. There's so much we feel when that word is mentioned. Help us to capture the reason for the season by contributing to Church in the Forest's **Advent Devotional Booklet**!! Thank you!!! —The Rev. Ken Feske

Advent 2014 Template

Please use this format in writing your Advent devotional contribution. Handwritten or email is fine and return to Ken. Questions? Send an email to **kenfeske@comcast.net** or call him at 831-229-7160.

Subject/Thought/Prompt: 1-6 words that identifies the subject of your writing such as: Gratitude, Christmas Creations, A Merry Christmas, I'll Be Home For Christmas, etc.

Reflection/Musing/Poem: Sharing your thoughts, remembrances, discoveries, encouragement in **200-250 words** (please use Word Count—on Microsoft Word in the "Review" tab).

There are full-sized copies of the Advent Booklet promotion, with a larger template, at the back of the church or available via snail or email if you contact Sherry in the church office.

Calendar

Sunday, September 21, 2014

8:30 AM Bible Study with the Rev. Charles Anker. The Gospel of Matthew
Make Peace in Time; Matthew 5:26-6

9:15 AM Music Prelude

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

Passages Exodus 32:1-4; Psalm 106: 1-8; Matthew 4: 18-22

Lector Ken Harrison

Crucifer Leslie Mulford

Flowers Lloyd Nattkemper and Jacquelyn Coleman

Cookies Nora and Al Schell

Altar Care Martha Jordan

Ushers Bob Mulford

Sermon The Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

Title "I don't understand—I stand under!"

2014 Fall Function at the Wandke home

