

**Music Box**

— OCTOBER 21, 2012 —

**Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ**

Promenade from

- Pictures at an Exhibition..... Modeste Moussorgsky (1839-1881)
- Barcarolle..... Peter Ilyitch Tschaikovsky (1840-1893)
- In Church ..... P. I. Tschaikovsky
- How Fair This Spot.....Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)
- 18th variation from Rhapsody on a Theme  
of Paganini .....S. Rachmaninoff
- Hopak..... M. Moussorgsky
- Romance .....Anton Rubenstein (1829-1894)
- Promenade..... M. Moussorgsky
- Apothéose from Sleeping Beauty .....P. I. Tschaikovsky

From looking at composers of music today may be to wonder, .  
IS possible Russian Connection?

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I took up piano at age nine because ballet school was too expensive and too far away. My piano teacher, Alla Dakserhof, appeared in exactly the right place at exactly the right time to intercept me on my bicycle with two dollars in my pocket. I traveled eight blocks, she eleven thousand miles (via Shanghai and Vancouver), I from 511 Fitch St., Healdsburg, California, she from the pre-revolutionary St. Petersburg Conservatoire, Russia. For nine years she guided me with affection and non-negotiable Russian authority (“Melindichka, dear heart, your feengairing, PLEEASE!!” Autocratic reticence without the reticence part.). She launched me finally towards the College of Creative Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara, where she had already chosen a teacher for me. After that, teachers and courses and concerts and college degrees were only finishing touches on the solid foundation crafted by this exceptional teacher and mentor.

Alla Dakserhof died in 1980, but next week I go to New York City, where I will visit her daughter, Valentine Dmitriev and her grandson Alex and, together, we will remember her.

*Melinda Coffey Armstead*



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Monday morning, October 15, 2012

Dear Members and Friends,

I don't know about you, but I don't believe I handle change as well as I possibly should. It's the human condition. Oh, there are times when I experience change as a good thing, even a joy, but some changes are a challenge. This one is certainly that!

Our dear Kay Gameiro is retiring around the end of December after some fourteen years of service and that will be a difficult change for the team at Church in the Forest. I am sure that this news will come as a shock to many of you, but there comes that time when we know that decision is best for one's well-being. For Kay, that time is now.

The reason that I am letting you know about this is that we have been aware of Kay's decision for some time and need to fill her position with the right person for our Church Administrator. That notice will go out this week inviting interested parties to submit an application for the position. I did not want you to find out by seeing it in press or on the Internet.

The Church Board has hired a local consultant, Roberta Young, from Pacific Grove, whom we have worked with before on matters of compensation and other employment issues. A group of board members and I have met with Ms. Young and have completed a job description and advertisement to attract the right sort of candidate for the position. She assures us that we have done a good job in representing the position. If you know of anyone who might be a good fit for this part-time position, then please forward that to Roberta at: [robertaayoung@me.com](mailto:robertaayoung@me.com) with your information and she then will forward material to that individual.


Fourteen years ago, Ruth Gleisner and I, on behalf of the Board, reached out to the community as well as Stevenson School to see what interest was there for a church administrator. The second person to respond was Kay, who had come over from her home just five minutes

away, walked through the church and came in the inside office door off of the Altar, introduced herself to me, and right away I was impressed by her traits that we have all come to know and love: kindness, efficiency, solidness, open spirituality and so wonderfully genuine. The search was over—she got the job! I don't even recall that we talked salary at that time. It was a perfect fit!

Fortunately, Kay will be still around for a wee while to help the selected candidate to get to know the ropes. She and your committee are sure that we will find that right person for this special place and even more special congregation.

Keep the process in your prayers, and I will be keeping you posted. In the meantime, please extend your love and gratitude to our dear Kay, who will be so missed, and to whom we wish well in retirement. Kay, Mary and I will miss our staff meetings! We will keep you informed about a farewell event for Kay.

See you in church,

  
William B. Rolland

## Calendar

**Sunday, October 21, 2012 — Reception of new members**

**8:30 AM** Bible Study with the Rev. Charles Anker.  
Topic: Introduction to the Second Letter of Peter.  
The man who opened doors. 2 Peter 1:1

**9:15 AM Music Prelude**

**9:30 AM Morning Prayer**

**Passages** Isaiah 53: 7-12; Psalm 135: 1-5; Mark 10: 35-45

**Lector** Ken Harrison

**Crucifer** Leslie Mulford

**Flowers** Mary Rydell

**Cookies** Theo Fowler

**Altar Care** Shirley Temple and Andrea Thatcher

**Ushers** Wim and Tonneke van der Linden

**Sermon** The Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

**Title** A Standard that Will Change the World

**Saturday, November 3, 2012, 2 pm, Memorial Service for Tootie Denahy**