

Music Box

MARCH 15, 2015

HEARTSTRINGS

Laura Burian, fiddle **Mike Osgood**, mandolin
Rick Chelew, bass **Marj Ingram-Viales**, guitar
Paulette Lynch, hammered dulcimer

Melinda Coffey Armstead, organ

Lover's Waltz
Reel Beatrice
Si Bheag, Si Mhor
Banish Misfortune
Parting Glass/ Princess Royal
McPherson's Lament
McLeod's/Temperance/St. Anne's Reels

Brid's Farewell

Lisdoonvarna / Morrison's Jig

St. Patrick is said to have given a sermon from a hilltop that drove all the snakes from Ireland. Now, although no snakes were ever native to Ireland, some Irish people are more sensitive to the appearance of snakes than are others, and more so at certain times. And perhaps it was THOSE consumer-related snakes. Others think it may be a metaphor for the conversion of the pagans, but metaphorical thought is no longer mainstream in Ireland, and probably most will go with literal snakes, which sounds more cheerful. Though originally a Catholic holy day, St. Patrick's Day has evolved into more of a secular holiday. Here is progress, since a holiday, secular or otherwise, calls for more good cheer, and that IS mainstream.

Cheers!



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Monday morning, March 9, 2015

Dear Members and Friends,

The other day I was going through my library just for the fun of it and came across a volume that I had bought when I was sixteen and living (as the flyleaf indicated) at 37 Burns Street, Dunfermline. I remember where and when I bought it, and I had proudly written my name inside on the flyleaf. The title was: *The Secret of Radiant Life*, by one of the most outstanding Methodist clergy in the U.K., the Reverend William E. Sangster. Here is something that I had marked back then for special attention:

Sangster asks: "Why are some Christians so grim?"

The best of these people have surrendered their will to Christ, but have never given him full control of their minds. They are, in a sense dedicated men and women, but Christ has never been allowed to reshape their thinking. And thought is life! The Bible says: "As a man thinks in his heart, so is he." These joyless, powerless Christians acknowledge Christ as Lord, and may do nothing to displease God, but their thinking continues on a low level, and so fear and resentment, pride and complaining, can still have a major part in their life. This is what the apostle Paul would say to them, who knew more than most followers of this Jesus what an utter transformation Christ's indwelling could make:

"Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind and have this mind in you which was also in Christ Jesus and be renewed in the Spirit of your mind." What a wonderful reminder that while we may have yielded our wills to God, we also, in order to know the power of God in our lives, have to surrender our minds as well. "Be transformed by the renewal of our minds."

Have a great week!

See you in church,



William B. Rolland

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

It's that time of year again! Please use this form to order a Lily for our Easter decorations. The cost is \$10 per plant and you may order more than one. Please fill out the order form below and return it with the appropriate amount.

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ANNOUNCEMENT: Due to the increase in our flower expense, we would like to encourage the option of two flower sponsors per week. The amount will remain at \$65 per sponsor, but having two sponsors per week will enable CitF to defray the cost increase and allow for multiple weekly recognitions of special memories and celebrations.

Calendar

Sunday, March 15, 2015 — Lent IV — Celebrating St. Patrick's Day

8:30 AM Bible Study with Ken Feske. The First Three Accents in the Voice of Jesus, Matthew 11: 1-19

9:15 AM Music Prelude

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

Passages Ephesians 2:1-10; Psalm 107:1-9; John 3:14-21

Lector Bob Perry **Crucifer** Cynthia Perry

Acolyte Jacob McCarthy

Flowers Lloyd Nattkemper

Cookies Arno & Linda Hanel

Altar Care Shirley Temple and Andrea Thatcher

Ushers Mary Towne and Jack Davis

Sermon The Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

Title "Can You Feel the Wind of God's Grace?"

Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at 10:15 am — *Small Group Study* led by Ken Feske. "My Uniqueness: the story of the little guy up a tree." (Luke 19:1-10) Held at the home of Ruth Gleisner, 3004 Sloat Rd., Pebble Beach.

Sunday, March 29, Holy Week begins with *Palm Sunday*. Dedication of the Memorial Plaques in the garden behind the chapel after the service.

Thursday, April 2, 6:00 pm, *Maundy Thursday* Service.

Thursday, April 2, 8:00 pm, *Cornell University Chorus* concert at CitF. Tickets \$15/adults and are available at the door.

Friday, April 3, 6:00 pm. *Good Friday* Service.

Sunday, April 4, 9:30 and 11:00 am — *Easter Sunday* services. (Identical) Music prelude at 9:10 & 10:40 am.