

# Church in the Forest

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Monday morning, April 9, 2018

Dear Friends,

This Sunday we'll consider one of the most beloved verses in the Bible, "Count it all joy, when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces perseverance." What a postcard from Heaven are those words, as we received the news last week that Sherry St. Clair will be leaving our staff!

Last Tuesday Sherry surprised us with a letter of resignation, explaining that she needs to change the pace of her life. How can we "count it all joy," when faced with the loss of this gifted colleague? Sherry is the first face and voice that many meet as they seek out a church for worship, weddings and funerals. She is behind the scenes preparing mailings, copying bulletins, and managing our facility in friendly accord with Stevenson School. She is a woman of faith who listens with compassion, and sends out heart-felt prayer requests that ignite our prayer chain. And Sherry is simply fun to be with, keeping us laughing at ourselves.

How can we count this loss as "joy"? May each step of farewell to Sherry be an occasion to grow our Christian character. When Sherry leaves our employ, officially, on May 31, may we all have grown in the spiritual gifts she has shown: hospitality, perseverance, humility, faith, love and especially joy.

And see you Sunday, to start!



The Reverend Joanne M. Swenson, Th.D.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** April 22 is our next New Members' Sunday. Join our mission to be a "Light in the Forest"! Contact: joanne@churchintheforest.org

## Calendar

**Sunday April 15, 2018 — Third Sunday of Easter**

**8:30 AM** Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by the Reverend Ken Feske. Topic: *James 1: 2–4; 12–18*

**9:15 AM** **Chapel Concertino**

**9:30 AM** **Morning Prayer**

**Passages** Numbers 21: 4–9; Psalm 15, Selected passages; James 1: 2–4; 12–18

**Lector** Evelyn Musavi **Crucifer** Judy Fletcher

**Cookies** Ruth Horn

**Flowers** Joan and Peter McKee

**Ushers** Wim and Tonneke van der Linden

**Altar Care** Martha Jordan, Linda Mackie, and Sandy Rice

**Sermon** The Reverend Joanne M. Swenson, Th.D.

**Title** There's an App for That! A Sermon Series on James

This Sunday: "Count It All Joy?"

**SMALL GROUPS:** *These are gatherings where CitF members and friends can explore faith and deepen fellowship.*

- The *Small Group Bible Study* is held each **Sunday at 8:30 AM** in the Multipurpose Room where the topic is the sermon Bible lesson of the day.
- *The Men's Small Group* gathers **April 12, 10–11:30 AM** in the Multipurpose Room, currently studying the Book of John.
- *Women's Bible Study Small Group* gathers **April 12, 10:30 am–12 noon**, at the *Beach and Tennis Club*. Purchase book, "Women of the Old Testament" from Pastor Joanne.
- *Sisters in the Forest Small Group* meets **April 19, 12 noon–1:15 PM**, at Linda Mackie's, 3110 Bird Rock Road, Pebble Beach. All women welcome.

## Spring Brunch/Celebrate Sherry

at the Monterey Peninsula Country Club

**Please join us after church**  
**Sunday, May 6, 2018, 11:00 AM**

**\$25 per person, \$10 unhosted bar tickets**  
**RSVP by signing up at church or contacting**  
**the office at citf@mbay.net or 624-1374**

*MPCC dress code enforced*

**Music Box**

APRIL 15, 2018

**Cathryn Wilkinson, guest organist**

*CHAPEL CONCERTINO*

*FROM THE SCHÜBLER CHORALES BY J. S. BACH (1685-1750)*

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

*(Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme) BWV 645*

Ah, Whereto Shall I Flee? *(Wo soll ich fliehen hin) BWV 646*

If You But Suffer God to Guide You

*(Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten) BWV 647*

My Soul Magnifies the Lord

*(Meine Seele erhebt den Herrn) BWV 648*

Stay With Us, Lord Jesus Christ

*(Ach bleib' bei uns, Herr Jesu Christ) BWV 649*

Can It Be Jesus from Heaven Come Down .....J. S. Bach

*(Kommst du nun, Jesu vom Himmel herunter) BWV 650*

“See, the Conqu’ring Hero Comes!” and “March”

from Judas Maccabeus ..... G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Arranged for organ by Robert Gower

**Bach’s Best Sellers**

In the last years before he died in 1750, J. S. Bach was the venerable senior musician of Leipzig. He had directed music at the city’s five Protestant churches and taught at the local Lutheran School for the past 25 years. In 1748, he made an unusual arrangement with a local publisher and friend, J. G. Schübler, to have six works for organ engraved. The resulting collection became known as the “Schübler Chorales in a Variety of Styles.” We imagine that Bach chose this music for its popularity among organists.

Although not quite as flagrant a borrower and recycler as his contemporary, Handel, Bach recycled chorale settings from six cantatas for this publication of organ music. The variety of styles reflects Bach’s early work in Leipzig, when he was churning out nearly 50 cantatas per year. Many of the cantatas were sadly lost, as Bach and his students hastily copied out the music by hand just in time for Sunday’s service. Since very few of Bach’s works in any genre were published during his lifetime, the Schübler chorales are some of the few works of Bach that could have been purchased in a Leipzig music shop. They provide a unique glimpse of music polished and proofed by Bach himself.

Cathryn Wilkinson



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