

Church in the Forest

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Monday morning, May 28, 2018

Dear Friends,

We're in a season of love. Bookend'ed between May 1 and June 30 are Mother's Day, Father's Day, weddings, anniversaries and graduations. To prepare for these celebrations we need a refresher course on love.

The Letter of James more than refreshes; it shocks. In our sermon text for this Sunday, James calls us to hate the world!

Hate? But what James means is this: hate the way the world works. Hate its way of twisting and distorting love: gifts given with the silent expectation of pay-back; advice offered in order to feel superior; belonging that demotes the outsider; help that comes with smiling manipulation!

Our Scripture lessons for Sunday show us a way out. We can love others more powerfully by making God our first love, our best friend, our source of identity and self-worth.

Perhaps this isn't a refresher, "101 course" after all. Maybe James is teaching a higher course in love—the paradox of loving others by detachment from them and devotion to God.

See you Sunday!



The Reverend Joanne M. Swenson

PS: Please note an important announcement on the extra page of this newsletter!

Calendar

Sunday June 3, 2018 — 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

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

9:15 AM Chapel Concertino **9:30 AM Holy Communion**

Passages James 4: 1–8; Psalm: 62 (selected verses); Matthew 6: 24, 31–33

Lector John Kessel **Crucifer** Skip Lord

Prayers of the People Mia Jarick

Oblation Bearer Liz Lord

Cookies Arlen and Cindy Lackey

Flowers Linda and Howard Colehower

Ushers Bob Janzen and Jack Davis

Altar Care Martha Jordan, Linda Mackie, Sandy Rice

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

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

This Sunday: "Misplaced Love or God-placed Love?"

We are getting ready to order the next round of plaques for the *Memorial Garden*. If you wish to have one placed, please contact Bob Janzen, 655-5113, or at raejanzen@sbcglobal.net for details

Message from **Leslie Mulford**, Chair, CitF Board of Directors:

We are pleased to announce the appointment of **Lettie Bennett and Janet McDaniel** to the CitF Board to serve out the remainder of the unexpired terms of **Gerry Williams and Judy Fletcher**.

The 15th Annual "A Table Affair" will take place this **Thursday, May 31**, in the Main Ballroom, The Inn at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach, between **2:00–6:00 PM**. No reservations or admission charge. Guests are respectfully requested to make a donation to the beneficiary of the year, *Peace of Mind Dog Rescue*. This non-profit organization, located in Pacific Grove, has for nine years concentrated on the rescue of older dogs from shelters and finding them loving homes. In addition, seniors are assisted in keeping their pets with them as long as possible and arrangements are made to find homes for the pets in the event that the owner dies or is moved to a care facility where it is not possible to keep a pet.

Saturday, June 16 at 10:00 am, Memorial Service for Emily Stephenson
Saturday, June 23 at 1:00 pm, Memorial Service for Jim Sanders. Both at CitF
Sunday, June 24, after the service, Annual Meeting of the Congregation

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 **May 31, 10–11:30 AM** in the Multipurpose Room, currently studying the Book of John.
- *Women's Bible Study Small Group* gathers **June 7, 10:30 am–12:00**, at the Beach and Tennis Club. Always free and newcomers welcome; come and explore!
- *Sisters in the Forest Small Group* meets **May 31, 12 noon–1:15 pm**, at Linda Mackie's, 3110 Bird Rock Road, Pebble Beach. All women welcome.

Music Box

JUNE 3, 2018

Andrea Jordan, soprano Kevin Jordan, trumpet
Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ

CHAPEL CONCERTINO

Wayfaring Strangerarr. Richard Waters
Amazing Gracearr. Richard Waters
Wondrous Lovearr. Richard Waters
Walls of Zion.....arr. Aaron Copland

How Can I Keep from Singing?...R. W. Lowry; arr. Richard Waters

At the River..... A. Copland
SerenityCharles Ives
Nunc Dimittis..... Geoffrey Burgon
Prayer of Saint GregoryAlan Hovhannes

Space Allen Vizzutti

Today, we present Kevin and Andrea Jordan, he on the trumpet, she singing soprano, father and daughter. Kevin and his wife, Ruth, on French Horn, have been playing for our important holiday services for 25 years. That first Christmas I was here, Andrea was in the loft, singing, but as she was only 7, her voice didn't compete with that big brass sound. Things have changed, as you will see. Andrea and Kevin and Ruth live in Carmel, Kevin having recently retired from teaching middle-school math. Andrea likewise, except for the retirement part, as she now teaches second grade at Monterey Bay Charter School. Their home is guarded by two deceptively small and friendly junk-yard guinea pigs, named Simon and Garfunkel, so the family sleeps easily, secure and free of fear.

Melinda Coffey Armstead



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Please note the following announcements:

The *Nominating Committee* has selected the following slate of officers to be presented to the members of the Church in the Forest at the annual meeting on June 24, 2018:

Board of Directors: Bob Axley, Jackie Henning, Aram Kinosian

Fund for the Future: Jim Chibidakis

Nominating Committee: Judy Fletcher, Leslie Mulford

According to Church in the Forest Bylaws, additional nominations may be made by members from the floor at the annual meeting. Nominations from the floor will not be valid unless accompanied by a signed statement from the nominee that s/he has agreed to serve if elected, or if such nominee is present and consents to serve.

**REVISION OF CHURCH IN THE FOREST
FUND FOR THE FUTURE BYLAWS
JUNE 24, 2018**

The membership of Church in the Forest will vote at the *Annual Meeting* on June 24, 2018 on a revision to the Church in the Forest Fund for the Future Bylaws to reduce the size of the Fund for the Future Board of Trustees from eleven to seven. The specific language of the change to be voted on is shown opposite:

ARTICLE II. TRUSTEES OF THE FUND

Section 2.01. The Fund shall be administered by ~~eleven~~ **seven** Church members as elected by the Church and/or appointed by the Board. They shall be called the Trustees of the Fund. They shall report periodically to the Board as requested by the Board and to the members at the Annual Meeting. The primary responsibilities of the Trustees shall be to engage in fundraising activities for the objective and purposes of the Fund, to determine investment policies for the various types of accounts as described in Section 1.03 and to manage those accounts.

Section 2.02. The Trustees shall be composed of two members from the Board, and ~~nine~~ **five** members from the congregation at large. The Trustees representing the Board shall be appointed annually by the Board, one of whom shall be the elected Treasurer of the Board, who shall also act as Treasurer of the Fund.

(a) The Trustees representing the congregation shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee of the Church to serve three-year terms. The nomination procedure shall be the same as that for nominating persons for the Board of the Church, as provided in the Church Bylaws, Section 5.03. The election of Trustees shall be held at the Annual Meeting of members concurrent with the elections for other offices, as provided in Section 3.02.(2) of the Corporation Bylaws.

(b) The Senior Minister of the Church and the Chair of the Church Board shall serve as non-voting ex-officio Trustees in addition to the Trustees elected by the congregation and/or appointed by the Board, as described above.

Section 2.03. ~~Three~~ **Two** new Trustees from the congregation shall be elected each year to replace the Trustees whose terms have expired, ~~except beginning with 2018, only one~~ **Trustee shall be elected every third year.** Trustees shall be eligible for reelection but may not serve more than two (2) consecutive 3-year terms, plus any unexpired term to which they were appointed.