

Church in the Forest

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Monday morning, July 16, 2018

Dear Friends,

In this Sunday's sermon text we have two headstrong parties, headed toward mutual destruction—David versus Nabal. Into this crisis springs Abigail, Nabal's wise wife.

Right now our country and community seem especially riddled by opposing parties: Democrats versus Republicans, MSNBC versus Fox News, compassion for immigrants versus “no tolerance,” unions versus management, even local citizens versus road construction!

At such a moment we all need an “Abigail.”

Abigail runs to David and makes a speech that has been called a masterpiece of persuasion.

- First, she criticizes David's opponent, Nabal—her own husband—and herself. She accepts blame for some of this crisis.
- Then she inspires David to think of higher things. She appeals to God's higher purpose for David's life.
- Finally she meets David's most basic needs—his men are famished, hungry. She feeds them.

Abigail brings together opposing forces by working on three levels—the human, the heavenly and the humble level of basic bodily need, hunger.

Any crisis of entrenched opposition could learn from Abigail's three-level approach. We'll explore Abigail's wise and courageous speech on Sunday. See you then! But, in the meantime, why not read her whole story? Find it in [First Samuel 25](#) (I especially like *The Message* translation).

See you in Church



The Reverend Joanne M. Swenson, Th.D.

Calendar

Sunday July 22, 2018 — 9th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 AM Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by the Reverend Ken Feske. Topic: 1 Samuel 25

9:15 AM Chapel Concertino **9:30 AM Morning Prayer**

Passages Proverbs 18: 10, 12, 16, 19; Psalm 85: 8–13; 1 Samuel 25

Lector Francie Blinks

Crucifer Rae Janzen

Flowers Michele Axley

Ushers Bob Janzen and Bruce Rosnes

Fellowship Ruth Gleisner

Altar Care Martha Jordan, Linda Hanel, Linda Mackie, Sandy Rice

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

Title Sermon Series on David: Crises and Crown

This Sunday: “Our Enemies Define Us”

We are grateful to those who each week volunteer to help with ushering, reading, or providing cookies. Might you be able to help? If so, perhaps you could sign up on the bulletin board at church or contact Terri in the office.

SAVE THE DATE: September 16th—Fall Anniversary Party at the home of Janet McDaniel. More info to come!

With sadness for his family's loss, but hope in the resurrection, we share news that George Walker passed away on July 14.

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 **July 19, 10–11:30 AM** in the Multipurpose Room, where they will begin a new study about David.
- *Women's Bible Study Small Group* gathers **July 19, 10:30 AM–12:00**, at the Beach and Tennis Club. Always free and newcomers welcome.
- *Sisters in the Forest* will meet at a new location in July: Judy Stayduhar's home, 2904 Ransford Avenue, Pacific Grove. Join them at **12 noon–1:15 PM Thursday, July 26**. All women welcome.
- A new *Small Group for Women* (aka “*Soul Sisters III*”) will convene on **alternate Tuesdays, 1:30–2:30 PM**, beginning **July 24**, at the home of Lettie Bennett, 4076 Sunset Lane, PB. Please contact Pastor Joanne for more information about this new group: joanne@churchintheforest.org

Missed a recent church service? Want to listen again to a sermon? Go to our podcasts: <http://www.churchintheforest.org/worship-service-podcast.html>

Music Box

JULY 22, 2018

**Edwin Huizinga and Adriane Post, violins
Melinda Coffey Armstead, organ**

CHAPEL CONCERTINO

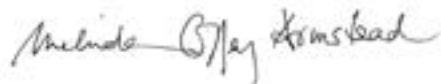
- Sonata for Two Violins,
Op. 3 No. 5..... Jean-Marie Leclair (1697-1764)
- Sonata for Two Violins Op. 3 No. 2..... M. Leclair
- Fugue in D, WTC I.....J. S. Bach

A warm welcome back to Edwin Huizinga and Adriane Post! Edwin celebrates his 13th season with the Carmel Bach Festival this year. Just back from a world tour, his duo with guitarist William Coulter, "Fire & Grace," returns to the Bach Festival for a Thursday concert entitled "Amazing Grace."

He is a member of ACRONYM, a baroque ensemble that will release their eighth album in 2018, continues to work as a commissioned composer for opera companies and orchestras around North America, and to work as a music educator.

Adriane Post has returned for her eighth season with the Carmel Bach Festival, is a founding member of the Diderot String Quartet and ACRONYM ensemble, concertmaster of the National Cathedral Baroque Orchestra, Assistant Principal in Apollo's Fire and a tenured member of the Handel and Haydn Society Orchestra.

Please give them your warmest welcome!



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