

**Music Box**

JULY 24, 2016

**Edwin Huizinga, violin**  
**Adriane Post, violin**  
**Melinda Coffey Armstead, organ**

Duos for two violins..... Jean-Marie Leclair (1697-1764)

Fantasy for solo violin ..... G. P. Telemann (1681-1767)

Presto from Sonata in C ..... C. P. E. Bach (1714-1788)

A warm welcome back to Edwin Huizinga, a perennial favorite at CitF and the Carmel Bach Festival, and to Adriane Post in her first appearance at CitF.

*Melinda Coffey Armstead*



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Monday morning, July 18, 2016

Dear Members and Friends,

## Countdown to our New Pastor, Phase I

I want to share a few things that I, as a pastor, wish any congregation would keep in mind when receiving a new minister. I do not pretend to speak for anyone else but will offer this from my perspective as someone who was once the “new pastor.”

1. You are grieving the loss of someone you cared about. Joanne is grieving the loss of a whole congregation she cared about. Instead of closing ourselves off and letting the grief become a barrier, let us use that as common ground or a place to bond.
2. You do things differently from what Joanne is used to. She will do things differently from what you are used to. Let us keep that in mind, extend grace to one another, be open to new things and communicate as honestly, effectively and clearly as we can.
3. Try to find out who Joanne is before placing on her all of your expectations of whom you think she should be.
4. Keep an open heart, hers is!

## Countdown to our New Pastor, Phase II

Joanne is not Bill. Understand that Joanne has different interests, priorities, customs, training and expectations. Joanne will lead differently and perhaps in new directions. Be assured there will be change, but also know it will not be too radical or too quick.

5. There is a lot to learn in a short amount of time, so Joanne will not have answers to all of your questions. Please be patient and help her learn more about our community.
6. It may take a while to learn everyone’s name. Some of you may have names that are strikingly similar to people from her last congregation, and she may get confused. Please begin your conversations by reminding her of your name even after you feel she should know it.

7. God is capable, present, and grace is abundant. Let us live in that knowledge together!
8. Keep an open heart, hers is!

## Countdown to our New Pastor, Phase III

Moving to a new church and community always involves a period of adjustment and we will do well to provide space for Joanne and her husband John in this transition. While it’s important for Joanne to establish relationships, visiting the sick, and preparing for leading worship, it’s equally important that she have some extra time to help her family adjust to life in a new place. Which doctor, dentist, bank, cable company, grocery store, gas station, etc., etc., etc. It all takes time and it always takes more time that one would expect.

9. That container of yogurt and granola you brought by as her family was unpacking will mean more than you will ever know!
10. Please do not assume she knows about a regular event in the church or in the community, or that she knows who is in the hospital. She needs you to give her information!
11. Give gifts with a purpose—a gift card to a local restaurant, home improvement store, or ????
12. Keep your heart open, hers is.

Very sincerely,



Ken Feske

### Calendar

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 24, 2016—Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by the Rev. Ken Feske “Destroying Your Life from Within” — <i>James 5: 1-12</i>
<b>9:15 AM</b>	<b>Music Prelude</b>
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Passages</b>	Genesis 18: 20-32; Psalm 85: 6-13; Luke 11:1-13
	<b>Lector</b> Dennis Riley
	<b>Crucifer</b> Rae Janzen
	<b>Flowers</b> Michael and Victoria Carns
	<b>Cookies</b> Bob & Cynthia Perry
	<b>Ushers</b> Bob & Leslie Mulford
	<b>Altar Care</b> Martha Jordan and Sandy Rice
<b>Sermon</b>	The Rev. Ken Feske
<b>Title</b>	“You gotta keep knockin”