

## Music Box

— JULY 26, 2015 —

**Hillet Botha, Piano**

*The Music of Frédéric Chopin*

Etude Opus 25, number 1

Concerto in F minor, first movement

Nocturne Opus 27, number 2

Nocturne Opus 15, number 2

Concerto in F minor, second movement

Etude Opus 25, number 11

Frederic Chopin (1810-1849) was a Polish composer and pianist of the Romantic period. He is best known for his solo piano works and his two piano concerti. Chopin ranks as one of music's greatest tone poets by reason of the sensitivity and imagination of his lyrical melodies.

He was born in Poland and started piano lessons at the age of seven. He wrote a Polonaise, or Polish dance, which was printed, at this age. At the age of sixteen he was enrolled at the Conservatory of Music in Warsaw.

From an early age, Chopin had shown interest in the folk music of the Polish countryside and this gives a distinctive national coloring to his work. This can be heard throughout the Piano concerti and the Nocturnes.

The Etudes were written as studies to enable him and others to master the technical difficulties in his new style of piano playing: great flexibility of the wrist and arm and daringly unconventional fingering in the interest of greater agility.

After the Polish revolt against Russian rule, Chopin moved to Paris, at the time the cultural center of Europe. He stayed in Paris for the rest of his life.

In 1838 he started a relationship with the novelist Aurore Dudevant, better known as George Sand. She took care of him when he contracted tuberculosis and ultimately died of the disease in 1849.



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Monday morning, July 20, 2015

Dear Members and Friends,

A decade ago President Jimmy Carter authored *Our Endangered Values*, a deeply personal revelation of convictions and concerns. His profound faith (for 25 years after leaving office he taught a Bible Class 35-40 Sundays of the year in Plains) and thought-provoking analysis is forceful but balanced. One incident he shares captures the essence of faith:

“In 1974, while I was governor, I was invited by Dr. Norman Vincent Peace to go with him to Macon, Georgia to join in presenting an award from his *Guideposts* magazine to the nation’s outstanding church congregation of the year. He said there would be 7,000 people in the municipal center to honor the Church of the Exceptional, a congregation of about 50 mentally retarded people.

“I knew about Dr. Peale’s great ability as an inspirational speaker, and I felt somewhat competitive as I prepared my own address. He and I gave our best speeches, and then came the final event: the lighting of a large candle by one of the church members. She was a middle-aged woman with Down Syndrome who came slowly but proudly down the aisle carrying a lighted taper. She was followed closely by her pastor, who offered to steady her and give her assistance. She rejected all help, and approached the candle with obvious confidence and pride.

“The small flame wavered back and forth, and despite her repeated efforts, the candle wouldn’t light. The crowd sat with bated breath... the pastor moved forward and put his hands on hers, but she shook her head and pushed him

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away. Finally, the candle lit, and the crowd erupted into applause, but the brightest thing in the huge auditorium was the woman’s face, which glowed with happiness.

“It’s quite unlikely that anyone there that night would remember anything Dr. Peale or I had to say... but no one will ever forget the triumphant moment when the woman demonstrated her own dedication, confidence, achievement and pride in having contributed to the evening ceremony honoring her little church. Seven thousand lives were touched by her faith and determination.”

What candle can you and I light to celebrate God’s goodness and love?

See you in church,



**ANNOUNCEMENT:** We are getting ready to order the next round of plaques in the Memorial Garden. If you wish to have one placed, please contact **Sherry St. Clair** at the church or **Bob Janzen**, 655-5113 or at [raejanzen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:raejanzen@sbcglobal.net) by **July 26**.

## Calendar

<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>July 26, 2015 — 9th Sunday after Pentecost</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room with the Rev. Ken Feske</b> “The Greatest In The Kingdom” Matthew 18:1-20
<b>9:15 AM</b>	<b>Music Prelude</b>
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Passages</b>	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; Psalm 61:1-8; Romans 8:31-39
	<b>Lector</b> Dave Mackie
	<b>Acolyte</b> Jacob McCarthy
	<b>Crucifer</b> Judy Fletcher
	<b>Flowers</b> Rod and Pat Stoffe
	<b>Cookies</b> Annah Rolland and Mia Jarick
	<b>Ushers</b> Cynthia and Robert Perry
	<b>Altar Care</b> Martha Jordan and Sandy Rice
<b>Sermon</b>	the Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland
<b>Title</b>	“The Times That Touch Our Souls”