

Music Box

JULY 31, 2016

Karen Neal, mezzo-soprano
Brian Neal, trumpet
Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ

- From Cantata BWV 21
“Ich hatte viel bekummernis”J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Sinfonia
aria: “Seufzer, Tranen, Kummer, Not”
- En Prière.....Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)
- Toccatà from “Orfeo”.....Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643)

A warm welcome back to our wonderful musical couple, Karen and Brian Neal! She sings soprano and he plays the trumpet. If you look on a scale of good to marvelous, you didn't make your scale high enough, and you will not find them, as they are both musicians and performers of stellar quality. Normally we only get to see and hear them on Christmas Eve, but this year they're stopping off on their way home (Miami) from a music festival in Alaska. If you talk to them, make it clear that this appearance doesn't excuse them from Christmas Eve.

Speaking of Alaska, by strange coincidence Bob and I are going there next week for a week-long cruise with his daughter and son-in-law followed by a visit to old friends in North Vancouver, British Columbia. This trip was booked in February, although he claims he didn't hear about it until last week, when I talked in my sleep. (I never talk in my sleep. And when I do it's in French, which he doesn't understand.)

We are both really sorry to miss Joanne's first two Sundays at CitF, but we will be back with you and her on August. 21.

While we're gone, Hillet Botha will supply the music and soloists on August 7, 14 and 21. Please give her your warmest welcome and support as we begin our new chapter at CitF.

Melinda Coffey Armstead



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If you use the internet, why don't you have the weekly newsletter sent to you via email? It is fast, easy and saves the church money—here's what to do: Send an email to the office at citf@mbay.net and ask Sherry to put you in the list. You will receive it early every week! Please visit www.churchintheforest.org

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Monday morning, July 25, 2016

Dear Members and Friends,

Jesus says, “It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Therefore, sell your possessions!”

Our Biblical instructions might have included which website—
Craig’s List or Facebook?

Here in Connecticut we are shaking off the distractions of a cluttered home and schedule, preparing to meet you in Pebble Beach. As I write this morning amid the packing and sorting, I am sitting on the floor where previously rested a sectional sofa. Sofa, dressers, twin beds and desks have been sold on Facebook, donated to a church’s furniture ministry, Goodwill’ed, or packed off to college in August with Siri, our youngest.

As our house clears and possessions are boxed up, priorities have become more human: goodbye visits, one last kayak ride on Five Mile River, prayers and hugs and tears. What is most important is not organizing stuff, but connecting hearts from East to West.

One of the values of Church in the Forest is beautiful simplicity. How grateful I am to be joining a faith community that keeps things simple, in order to be open to God’s Kingdom. On August 7 I will join you, a little lighter in possessions, and much freer to see God’s Kingdom with you!

See you in church,



Joanne Swenson



ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, August 7, Joanne will be here and she has a lot of names to learn! If there is not a name tag with your name on it, please notify Sherry so that she can add you. It will be helpful to Joanne if we all wear our name tags for a while!

Regarding flowers, remember we can have two sponsors each week, so don’t be discouraged if your “week” already has someone signed up!

Calendar

Sunday July 31, 2016—Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 AM Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by the Rev. Ken Feske
“The Prayer of Faith” —*James 5: 7-20*

9:15 AM Music Prelude

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

Passages Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; Psalm 107: 1-9, 43; Luke 12: 13-21

Lector Dave Mackie

Crucifer Judy Fletcher

Flowers Lloyd Nattkemper

Cookies Leslie Buck

Ushers Marilyn Gorman and Bob Janzen

Altar Care Martha Jordan and Sandy Rice

Sermon The Rev. Ken Feske

Title “What Money Can and Can’t Do”