

Music Box

— AUGUST 16, 2015 —

Melinda Coffey Armstead, organ

- Fireworks Music George Frederick Handel (1685-1759)
arr. by E. Power Biggs
- Overture, The Rejoicing, The Peace, Bourée, Minuet Finale
- Chaconne..... G. F. Handel
- Rondo in G..... John Bull (1562-1628)

Thursday night he decided to pack an emergency escape package after hearing a news report that Monterey County had been declared a Red Flag Zone until 11 am Friday because of potential lightning strikes. I asked why all the chocolate chip cookies were in there, and he said they protect against smoke inhalation. I never knew that.

It reminded me of grade school, when they would line us up in front of the exit for a fire drill, short ones in front, tallest in the back. I never understood, do tall people burn slower?

Leading me to the time I was playing with matches in Uncle Elton’s garage one summer day with my cousin Thomas, and we got caught. AND scolded, in that maddening way adults have of discouraging natural childhood curiosity. (OK, there were oily rags and a can of gasoline in the corner, but you can't blame me for that). The lesson I learned is that scoldee is not my natural role. Since then, I play the opposing role or I don’t play at all. Also, I just better not get my hands on the fink that told on us.

Handel wrote the Fireworks Music to accompany an extravagant fireworks display in London. It was a world premiere performance, conducted by Handel himself, so no expense was spared. Well, almost no expense. Evidently an Italian pyrotechnics crew bid on the project, and the terms they offered were too good to refuse. If it hadn’t gotten entirely out of hand as to when the fireworks were lit and where they were actually pointed, it would have gone very well. And the success of the enterprise would have been disproportionate to the damages. Which in this case included the destruction of the entire set.

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Monday morning, August 10, 2015

Dear Members and Friends,

Your Suggestions Are Welcomed

Life can be tough, no question about it. And people do need help in the struggle. In the movie, *Oh, God! Book II*, George Burns plays the part of God. A little girl asks him why bad things happen. George Burns thoughtfully considers her question, and then replies: "That's the way the system works. Have you ever seen an up without a down? A front without a back? A top without a bottom? You can't have one without the other. I discovered that if I take away sad, then I take away happy, too. They go together." Then with a smile, he adds, "If somebody has a better idea, I hope they put it in the suggestion box."

Several asked for a copy of the poem I shared Sunday—here is a portion of it.

In all our days our lives are always changing,
Tears come along as well as smiles,
Along the road you travel, may the miles be
A thousand times more lovely than lonely.
May you have rainbows after every storm,
May you have hope to keep you warm.
May your always have an angel by your side.

—Douglas Pagels

One place to find the entire poem is at :
<http://nethugs.com/angels/an-angel-by-your-side/>

Keep looking for angels,



Ken Feske

ANNOUNCEMENTS: We are sorry to let you know of the passing of **Graeme Mackenzie**, beloved husband of **Judy**, this past Sunday. We will let you know when a memorial will be held once those plans have been confirmed.

Greetings,

Your *Pastor Search Committee* is pleased to report continued progress in this effort. We now have received a total of twenty applications in addition to several inquiries. Last Sunday a quorum of our *Committee* met at a local Audio Visual facility and conducted initial interviews via Skype with two qualified candidates. While technology isn't always perfect, we did gain some strong insights into the nature and background of both candidates. It is rewarding to see a significant return from our advertising plan and your referrals, all of which are receiving close attention. We thank you for keeping us, as we keep all of you, in one another's prayers.

Calendar

Sunday, August 16, 2015 — 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Don't worry, there will be plenty of parking this Sunday, not to mention the valets, so please don't worry about the Concours hampering your attendance at church!

8:30 AM No Bible Study this week

9:15 AM Music Prelude

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

Passages Romans 12: 10-21; Psalm 37: 1-5, 8-13; Matthew 13: 24-30

Lector Lloyd Nattkemper

Crucifer Judy Fletcher

Flowers Kim Talley and Gary and Shirley Gregersen

Cookies Jan Reimers

Ushers Sandy and Bob Rice

Altar Care Martha Jordan

Sermon the Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

Title "All Things Considered"

Sunday, September 27, 2015—28th Annual Fall Function, 5:00-7:00 pm