

**Music Box**

— AUGUST 23, 2015 —

**Laura Anderson, soprano  
Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ**

*Songs of Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)*

Vocalise, Op. 34 No. 14

Do not sing to me again, Op. 4 No. 4

How long, my friend, Op. 4 No. 6

In the silence of the secret night, Op. 4 No. 3

How beautiful are the feet..... G. F. Handel (1685-1759)  
from Messiah

Toccatà in C .....Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Rachmaninoff suffered from chronic homesickness. He was born with a silver spoon in his mouth, but to a father who couldn't keep his hands off anything silver in the house. Mom brought five estates and considerable wealth to the marriage, but Dad was a financially incompetent wastrel, a compulsive gambler, a pathological liar and a chaser of skirts. Nevertheless, others had a sense that there might be trouble ahead. Sure enough, after six children were born, Dad was asked to leave, and what was left of the estates was auctioned off, so that Sergei and his mother and siblings could move to a small apartment in St. Petersburg, and he could study at the famous Conservatory there. He failed his general-education classes and was caught trying to alter his report cards. Nevertheless, after graduation he became a big success as a composer, conductor and pianist, and even toured the U.S. in 1909, using the 3rd piano concerto as his calling card.

He had to leave Russia in the turbulence of the 1917 Revolution, escaping to Helsinki from St. Petersburg in an open sled in the middle of winter, with his wife and two daughters and a single suitcase filled with musical scores. And that was it. He had to leave his estate and his beloved Russia behind. He gave concerts in Europe, and made enough to move to the U.S. a year later. Homesickness followed him like a faithful old dog. He bought a house in this country and remodeled it in aristocratic Russian style. He bought a villa in Switzerland on Lake Lucerne, repeated the remodeling cycle, and spent several happy and productive summers there, but was forced to abandon Switzerland at the beginning of WWII ahead of the Nazi threat. He died in Beverly Hills, CA, in 1943, of melanoma, and a broken heart.

*Melinda Coffey Armstead*



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Monday morning, August 17, 2015

Dear Members and Friends,

I want to take a moment to say thank you to all of you members and friends of the congregation of Church in the Forest for your faithful prayers, support and attendance, making Church in the Forest what it is in terms of a place to come and worship, and share our gifts as well as our burdens.

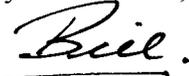
Every day or so, we are asked to remember those of our congregation, as well as those who belong to other faith communities who are requesting prayers for all sorts of valid reasons. I remember when you and yours went through difficult times of illness. It was for so many a scary and threatening time, but with God's grace and the faithfulness of your prayers and good thoughts, it made it so much easier for many of you to make it through tough times, whether they be physical, emotional or spiritual. Thank you!

For your prayers: Very shortly, Stevenson School will be back in session with our new head of school willing and able to lead Stevenson to meet the needs of around 500 students from all over the world. I ask that you keep Dr. Kevin Hicks, his wife, Cornelia, and wee girl, Zuleika, in your thoughts and prayers that it might be for them and for Stevenson an easy and exciting transition. We will reach out to them, and you can be sure that they will be invited to any and all of our special events, as were Joe and Marilee Wandke. We are looking at invigorating and positive days to come.

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Thank you for all you do for your Church in the Forest. Continue to keep an eye open for our "thought of the week" in the *Carmel Pine Cone* and, if you like it, tell them!

See you in church,

  
William B. Rolland

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** We are saddened to let you know of the passing of several wonderful members of Church in the Forest. Individual celebrations of their lives will be held at the times and locations below:

**Dorothy Larzelere**, Canterbury Woods, Wednesday, August 19, at 2:00 pm

**Helen Pinkham**, Church in the Forest, Thursday, August 20, at 1:30 pm

**Graeme Mackenzie**, Church in the Forest, Saturday, September 12, at 2:00 pm.

## Calendar

**Sunday, August 23, 2015 — 13th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**8:30 AM Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room with the Rev. Ken Feske**  
Rich Young Man—Matthew 19:16-30  
**9:15 AM Music Prelude**  
**9:30 AM Morning Prayer**  
**Passages** 1 Samuel 3: 1-10; Psalm 85: 8-13; Matthew 13: 1-13, 18-23  
**Lector** Bob Mulford  
**Crucifer** Leslie Mulford  
**Flowers** Linda Banner and Randy & Sharylon Willeby  
**Cookies** Arlen and Cindy Lackey  
**Ushers** Jack Davis and Linda Banner  
**Altar Care** Martha Jordan and Sandy Rice  
**Sermon** the Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland  
**Title** "How's Your Hearing?"  
**Tuesday, September 1, Study Group**, 10:15–11:30 am, at the home of Ruth Gleisner, "Living In Balance—Manna and Quail, Exodus 16"  
**Sunday, September 27, 2015—28th Annual Fall Function, 5:00-7:00 pm**