

Church in the Forest

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Monday morning, September 4, 2017

Dear Friends,

We treasure our Texas members and friends. Their arrivals boost our hymn singing, fellowship fun and small groups!

Now we share their burden, with Hurricane Harvey's havoc.

But, we especially share their faith, inspired by their "back-home" churches' recovery work. Bob and Michele Axley told me of their own Dallas church, St. Michael's and All Angels (<http://www.saintmichael.org/support-hurricane-harvey-relief-efforts/>), and its call for volunteers on Friday evening that resulted, by Saturday evening, in over 226,000 "shelf-stable" meals prepared and readied for transport to flood areas.

This Sunday during our worship hour we'll have a special collection for the Houston-area Salvation Army. After consulting with our Texas members, this was the clear choice. Just as here, on our Monterey Peninsula, the Houston Salvation Army provides emergency housing and food, counseling, spiritual care and vocational assistance—all delivered with sacrificial, Christian love and utmost financial integrity.

Please pray about your contribution and then come prepared to join with this epic American recovery.

Grateful for our Texans,



The Rev. Joanne M. Swenson, Th.D

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY OCTOBER 1 AT 5 PM

DAVID GORDON SINGS THE GREATEST HITS OF THE 1850S & 60S

MUSIC AND AMERICAN LIFE IN THE PIONEER ERA

ADMISSION \$20 AT THE DOOR AT CITF

DAVID GORDON - SINGER, HISTORIAN, STORYTELLER AND GUITARIST

<http://nwtroubadour.com/pb-2018.html>

Small Groups are gatherings where CitF members and new friends can explore questions of faith and deepen fellowship. These groups are open to visitors who wish to find out more and experience a meeting.

- The *Small Group Bible Study* meets every Sunday at **8:30 AM** in the Multi-purpose Room. This study will link with our new sermon series, using Eugene Peterson's *Psalms: Prayer of the Heart*. Purchase your book from **Ken** (KenFeske@comcast.net), or at your bookseller. **Bob Axley** will lead the discussion on **September 10** when **Ken** is out of town.
- The *Men's Group*, led by **Bob Axley** and **John Thorbeck**, will have its first meeting on **Thursday, September 7, 10:00–11:30 AM**, in the Multipurpose Room.
- A *Small Group* for those who are grieving, led by the **Rev. Dr. William Rolland**, our minister emeritus and an expert in grief counseling, will meet for the first time **Thursday, September 7, 1:30–3:00 PM**, in the Multipurpose Room.
- The *Music and Spirit Small Group* will meet soon. Venue and time may change from earlier announcements.

Pastor Joanne is exploring interest in a *Small Group for Caregivers*. Are you providing care for an ill relative or spouse? Would you be interested in a Small Group for spiritual support? Please let Pastor Joanne know.

Calendar

Sunday September 10, 2017 — Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 AM Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by Bob Axley
Topic: Psalm 1

9:15 AM **Chapel Concertino**

9:30 AM **Morning Prayer**

Passages Proverbs 4: 3–9; 25–27; Psalm 1; Revelation 2: 1–5

Lector Evelyn Musavi

Crucifer Marilyn Gorman

Ushers Arlen & Cindy Lackey

Cookies Steve Bellavance & Gus Diaz

Flowers John & Carolyn Sanders

Altar Care Martha Jordan & Sandy Rice

Coffee Hour Hosts Hospitality Committee

Sermon The Rev. Joanne M. Swenson, Th.D.

Title "Real Spirituality ~ A Sermon Series on Psalms"
This Sunday: "Trees of Faith"

Sunday **September 10, 2017, Celebration of Life for Maurice Gardner**
at **2:00 PM** at Church in the Forest

Music Box

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ

CHAPEL CONCERTINO

Song Without Words of Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Moderato Op. 19 No. 4

Venetian Gondola Song Op. 30 No. 6

Adagio non troppo Op. 30 no. 3

Andante tranquillo Op. 67 No. 3

Allegro con anima Op. 62 No. 5

Andante sostenuto Op. 85 No. 4 F. Mendelssohn

“Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth”

from *Elijah* F. Mendelssohn

The decision by Felix Mendelssohn to be born rich can plausibly be held against him only by the other 99 percent, but he overcame the tide of resentment to become the most beloved composer of his time. (That must have made the 99 percent feel pretty silly.) His father Abraham was a wealthy banker who gave his four children social advantage and the best available education, and two of them, Felix and Fanny, turned out to be immensely gifted musically. Abraham converted his family to Christianity in 1816 to protect his children from the anti-Semitic cloud forming over Germany, and changed the family name to Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, which he felt sounded more Gentile. Felix found his father’s plan to nurture his talent in luxury and with the best teachers not noticeably inferior to the alternative, where you teach yourself in a cold leaky garret and beg for food.

His unbroken rise to fame as (handsome and charming) composer, pianist, and conductor led him to friendship with Queen Victoria, whom he would accompany on the piano as she sang his songs. The elderly poet Johann Goethe befriended him as a child and delighted to listen to his playing.

When he was twenty he personally ignited the revival of the music of J. S. Bach by the force of his fame, his good taste and his musical talent. He was happily married to the beautiful Cecile Jeanrenaud, with whom he had five children. Lacking any visible external stressors, he nevertheless worked himself into fragile health. On learning that his beloved sister Fanny had died suddenly, Felix suffered a stroke, and died shortly after.

Melinda Coffey Armstead



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