

Church in the Forest

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Monday morning, September 10, 2018

Dear Friends,

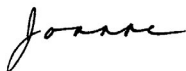
This Sunday we celebrate our Fall Anniversary Party, a long-standing signature of our church. The Fall Party exemplifies our CitF identity—fun-loving, diverse, rich in friendship and care—and not indifferent to good food and wine!

I don't quite know how this wonderful tradition began, but I am grateful for its continuity. A long-time member remarked just last week about all the "changes" at the church, perhaps with some worry. But our best traditions continue and get better with time—our music, our sparkling sanctuary, Christmas and Easter services, our members' community service, our quiet care for each other.

These are what God made us to be—our special "salt" and "light" to a tired, cynical world.

Also this Sunday, we continue our new sermon series, following Kate Bowler's wonderful book, [Everything Happens for a Reason \(and Other Lies I've Loved\)](#). Here she challenges tradition—belief that God is "fair." This is a tradition that does not bring light when she faces a terminal diagnosis.

See you Sunday, morning and afternoon!



The Reverend Joanne M. Swenson, Th.D.

Calendar

Sunday September 16, 2018 — 17th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 AM Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by the Reverend Ken Feske. Topic: Mark 4: 35–41

9:15 AM Chapel Concertino **9:30 AM Morning Prayer**

Passages Mark 4: 35–41; Psalm 107; Job 38, 40, 42 (*selected verses*)

Lector Lloyd Nattkemper **Crucifer** Marilyn Gorman

Fellowship Carle Mowell and Linda Banner

Flowers Eva & E.J. Svensson

Ushers Linda Banner and Jack Davis

Altar Care Martha Jordan, Linda Hanel, Linda Mackie, Sandy Rice

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

Title Fall Sermon Series: *Everything Happens for a Reason?*

This Sunday: *"The Crisis Question"*

We are grateful to those who each week volunteer to help with ushering, reading, or providing cookies. Might you be able to help? If so, perhaps you could sign up on the bulletin board at church or contact Terri in the office.

Our new on-line Church Directory is coming; photographs will be taken October 22–25 at CitF. Sign up now! Contact Mia Jarick at (831) 917-3202 or miajarick1@yahoo.com.

THIS SUNDAY, September 16—Fall Anniversary Party, 5:00 –7:00 pm—at the home of **Janet McDaniel, 158 Littlefield Road, Monterey**. Contact the office admin@churchintheforest.org; or Steve Bellavance, stevenbellavance@gmail.com; or Mia Jarick, miajarick1@yahoo.com; or call the office, 624-1374. *Just follow the balloons!*

SMALL GROUPS: *These are gatherings where CitF members and friends can explore faith and deepen fellowship.*

- The *Small Group Bible Study* is held each **Sunday at 8:30 AM** in the Multipurpose Room where the topic is the sermon Bible lesson of the day.
- *Women's Bible Study Small Group* gathers **September 13, 10:30 AM–12:00**, at the Beach and Tennis Club, when we begin our new study, "Women of the New Testament. Always free and newcomers welcome.
- *The Tuesday Study Group* will meet on **September 18, 10:15–11:30 AM**, at Gloria Bigelow's, 3138 Bird Rock. Topic: Dealing with the "hard" questions of life (guilt, pain, doubt).
- *The Men's Small Group Bible Study* gathers **September 13, 10–11:30 AM** in the Multipurpose Room, studying the life of King David.
- *Sisters in the Forest* will gather again on **September 20, 12 noon–1:15 PM** at Linda Mackie's home, 3110 Bird Rock Rd., Pebble Beach. All women welcome.

Music Box

SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ

CHAPEL CONCERTINO IN SHADES OF C

- Moment Musical in C, Op. 94 No. 1..... F. Schubert (1797-1828)
- Sonata in C, K. 330..... W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)
Allegro moderato
- Partita in C minor BWV 826J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Sinfonia

- Impromptu Op. 90 No. 3..... F. Schubert

- Little Preludes in C minor and C majorJ. S. Bach

Today we celebrate Church in the Forest’s birthday, founded 31 years ago. Paul Woudenberg, Lamont Wiltsee and Joe Wandke conceived and realized a vision of a non-denominational neighborhood church in lovely Erdman Chapel. A classical music program was its foundation, explicitly. Today I celebrate coming home to Carmel-by-the-Sea and to Church in the Forest, where I have had the pleasure and privilege to serve as Music Director since 1995, fulfilling Aristotle’s definition of happiness:

“Happiness is the exercise of vital powers, along lines of excellence, in a life affording them scope.”

Though we wander far and wide, from Kyoto to Bali, Istanbul to Iceland, there’s no place like home, nor even a rumor of it. Happy Birthday CitF!

Melinda Coffey Armstead



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