

Music Box

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

Melinda Coffey Armstead, keyboards

Prelude for FALL

Fantasy on “The Last Rose of Summer,”

- Op. 15..... Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
- September Song Kurt Weill (1900-1950)
- Autumn Leaves Joseph Kosma (1905-1969)
- arranged by Roger Williams (1924-2011)

- The Fall of the Leafe..... Martin Pierson (1590-1650)
- The French Almaine..... Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)
- Alman..... Robert Johnson (1583?-1634)
- Fugue in D, WTC I J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Time to unleash my liberal education once again, in the service of those who believe (as do 37% of college graduates) that the reason summer is warmer than winter is that the earth gets closer to the sun. That does, indeed, explain the northern hemisphere, but for obsessive nit-pickers it leaves the southern hemisphere, where the seasons are reversed, in the shadow of doubt.

Suspense is stressful, so I’ll explain it right away: The best way to clarify mysterious physical laws is by analogy. Now, the reason your brain has two hemispheres is so you can believe two contradictory things at the same time. It’s exactly the same with the hemispheres of the Earth. And the loud click you heard at midnight on September 21 was the onset of the autumnal equinox, which makes day and night of exactly equal length and so prevents them from overlapping.

Silly of me to think you might not already know this. On the other hand, there may be a few college graduates among you who haven’t yet repaid your student loans and hence have never gotten the envelope with the real answers. You’re welcome.

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Monday morning, September 19, 2016

Dear Members and Friends,

Yesterday, during the fellowship time following the Carmel Mission Church's Interfaith Peace Service, I got to know several of our local clergy and families better. There is a sweet and sympathetic understanding between clergy families about some of the challenges of our particular line of work, especially felt late on a Sunday afternoon!

But, of course, we all are people in ministry—with a spiritual calling from God. Do you have a friend or family member who shares with you a sweet and sympathetic understanding of your calling?

Such an empathetic friendship deepens our relationship with God. Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote: "We do God's work for our brothers and sisters when we learn to listen to them."

This Sunday, September 25, we'll meet at the Verskas' home for our Annual Fall Function. This is a fun party, but even more—a vibrant fest of spiritual community. As we visit and celebrate, let's strengthen our spiritual friendships and discover new ones. Bonhoeffer reminds us that these human friendships have a divine dimension: our ability to listen and care for each other can lead us upward, toward the Lord!



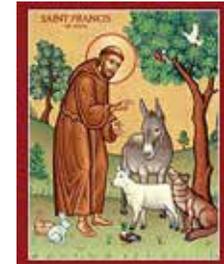
The Rev. Joanne Swenson, Th.D.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, October 9, our church will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, by blessing your pets! This is a wonderful outreach to neighbors and friends who may not consider themselves church-goers, but experience God's love through their pets. Please invite all to join us for this blessing—of animals and their owners!

Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 9, 2016

9:15 AM Pets and owners welcome for music and worship
10:30 AM Coffee and cookies
10:45 AM Blessing

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3152 Forest Lake Road, Pebble Beach
(Erdman Chapel at Stevenson School)
Meet on the grass with your pet!



11:30 AM Late-morning Blessing
Pebble Beach Equestrian Center
3300 Portola Road, Pebble Beach
Meet in the Courtyard with your pet!

For more information 831-624-1374, citf@mbay.net

Calendar

Sunday September 25, 2016—Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 AM Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by the Rev. Ken Feske
Topic: Luke 16: 19-31
9:15 AM Chapel Concertino
9:30 AM Morning Prayer
Passages Jeremiah 32: 1-3, 6-15; Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16; Luke 16: 19-31
Lector Phil Bowhay
Crucifer Judy Fletcher
Flowers Niels & Jan Reimers
Cookies Michele & Bob Axley
Ushers David & Mia Jarick
Altar Care Martha Jordan & Nancy Zahm
Sermon The Rev. Ken Feske
Title "Seeing the Trees in the Forest"
Sunday, September 25, CitF Fall Function 5:00–7:00 pm, at the home of Joe and Nancy Verska.
Sunday, October 9, Blessing of the Animals after church