

## Music Box

— MARCH 18, 2012 —

### Heartstrings

**Laura Burian**, violin      **Rick Chelew**, bass  
**Marj Ingram-Viales**, guitar      **Mike Osgood**, mandolin  
**Paulette Lynch**, hammered dulcimer

**Melinda Coffey Armstead**, organ

Lover's Waltz  
Soldier's Joy  
Water Kelpie  
Banish Misfortune  
Star of the County Down  
McPherson's Lament

Celtic Aire

Blarney Pilgrim  
MacCloud's / Temperance / St. Anne's Reels

The judge says: “O’Reilly, I sentence you to 10 days in jail. If you’re guilty that’s a light sentence. If you’re innocent, let that be a lesson to you.”

There’s a lot to be said for irreversible guilt from birth; it may explain why the Irish are so eloquent and capable of saying it. And then willing to take on another load of guilt for having said it. It has led to such a treasury of poetry and song that the rest of us can enjoy, that it is well worth the suffering of the afflicted, in the opinion of the rest of us.

*James Joyce:* Writing in English is the most ingenious torture ever devised for sins committed in previous lives. The English reading public explains the reason why.

Happy Saint Patrick’s Day Plus One!

*Melinda Coffey Armstead*



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Monday morning, March 12, 2012

Dear members and friends,

Over the years, I have kept and filed away about seven years of the little devotional booklet that we provide for those who wish to pick one up at the entrance to the church. I do tend to hoard! Maybe if I could get a *Kindle* or a new gadget like it where I could download books and magazines that would help a preacher, and where I could copy/cut and paste, then I would do away with all or much of my reading stuff.

But I do have the hard copies and at times look back and find something that just fits the situation. Here is one for example from Lent, 2010 on the subject of trust—a follow-up thought from Sunday’s sermon on that subject. The text of that day was taken from Mark 7: 37, “Then looking up to heaven, Jesus sighed and said, ‘Be opened.’”

Anthony Bloom, Archbishop of the Eastern Orthodox Church of England, records that one of the first people to seek his advice after his ordination was an elderly lady, who said, “I have been praying almost unceasingly for fourteen years and I have never had any sense of God’s presence.” It appeared that her prayer times were filled with her talking, so Anthony Bloom suggested that she set apart fifteen minutes every day to sit and just knit before the face of God. The women returned a few weeks later and reported that when she did just sit in silence as he had suggested, that she felt wrapped in God’s presence.

When we wish that we had more recorded prayers of Jesus, it may be that we, too, regard prayer predominantly as conversation. In the above text, prayer for Jesus was simply looking to the heavens.

As per the Sunday sermon on Trust, prayer itself can be a trustful waiting, a single word or sentence, a look of hope, support or welcome.


This coming Sunday the Rev. Charles Anker will be the preacher and the Rev. Jim Leeper will be assisting.

The Nominating Committee will be meeting shortly to recommend names for the Church Board, Fund for the Future, and the next Nominating Committee. Please contact Kay or one of the ministers if you have a suggestion.

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Holy Week begins on April 1 with Palm Sunday, followed by Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services at 6:00 pm. On Easter Sunday, April 8, we will have two identical services at 9:30 and 11:30 am. Bring a friend!

See you in church,

  
William B. Rolland

**Announcement:** A memorial service for **Peter Thatcher** will be held at Church in the Forest on **March 24, at 2:00 pm.**

## EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

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## Calendar

**Sunday, March 18, 2012**

**8:30 AM** Bible Study with Charles Anker. Topic: 1 Peter 2: 1-3  
What To Lose And What To Yearn For; That on Which To Set the Heart.

**9:15 AM Music Prelude**

**9:30 AM Morning Prayer**

**Passages** Genesis 45: 1-15; Psalm 8; I Corinthians 1:10-13, 17-19

**Lector** Ken Harrison

**Crucifer** Lupita Harrison

**Flowers** Joe and Nancy Verska

**Cookies** Mary McCary and Nancy Verska

**Altar Care** Martha Jordan and Tootie Denahy

**Ushers** Robert and Cynthia Perry

**Sermon** the Rev. Charles Anker

**Title** “Bridge Builders”