

**Music Box**

— MAY 12, 2013 —

**Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ**

*A Student's Progress, with Date of Conquest:*

- Poppies Are Blooming (fall 1959) ..... Cedric Lemont
- Song Without Words (spring 1960) ..... Felix Mendelssohn
- Bagatelle (fall 1960) ..... Ludwig v. Beethoven
- Sonata Op. 10 No.1 (spring 1961) ..... L. v. Beethoven
- I. Allegro molto e con brio
- To the Sea (spring 1962) ..... Edward MacDowell
- Valse Op. 64 No. 2 (fall 1962) ..... Frederic Chopin
- Fugue in D, WTC I ..... J. S. Bach

A few weeks ago Bob was in front of the Carmel Post Office, and passed a forty-something woman talking to a couple, obviously her friends. He overheard her say, "I just came back from visiting my mother, but I'm OK." Sometimes a snippet out of context is just as illuminating as the whole story. Maybe more.

Happy Mothers' Day!! Today the spotlight is on my "musical mother."

On my ninth birthday, my parents launched me into piano lessons. Beginning the fall of 1959, and continuing for nine years, I rode my bike to Mrs. Dakserhof's house once a week with \$2 in my pocket. I was a willing and ambitious pupil and she guided me to repertoire that excited my feelings and ideas about beauty, power (ed. note: Yes!), dramatic expression and artistry. It was an entirely new language and a ticket to another world, into which I could disappear... and where I was in control! (ed. note: see earlier ed. note) She typically had one class recital in the spring and one in the fall, to each of which I looked forward eagerly. From the elevation of her upper-class Russian background, she also taught me autocratic reticence. I flunked the reticence part.(ed. note: Imagine my surprise.)

I often think of her and our years together and am moved anew by the force of: "Meleendeechka, Dear Heart, PLEEZE, slow down! Just get in a Mood and try to make a Beauty."

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Monday morning, May 6, 2013

Dear Members and Friends,

Following up from yesterday's sermon, here's a thought to think about this week: a story of one woman who made a difference and all because of her commitment to being a telling presence where she was.

Debbie Hall is a Psychologist in San Diego's Naval Medical Center. She volunteers her skills in places of disaster. She was there at Hurricane Katrina. She says, "I believe in the power of presence."

"I was recently reminded of this belief when I and several other Red Cross volunteers met a group of evacuees from Hurricane Katrina. We were there, as mental health professionals, to offer 'psychological first aid.' Despite all the training in how to 'debrief,' to educate about stress reactions and to screen for those needing therapy, I was struck again by the simple healing power of presence. Even as we walked in the gate to the shelter, we were greeted with an ardent burst of gratitude from the first person we encountered. I felt appreciated, but vaguely guilty, because I had not really done anything yet.


"I was first hurled into an ambivalent presence many years ago, when a friend's mother died unexpectedly. I had received a phone call from the hospital where she had just passed away. Part of me wanted to rush down there, but another part of me didn't want to intrude on this acute and very personal phase of grief. I was torn about what to do. Another friend with me at the time said, 'Just go. Just be there.' I did, and I will never regret it.

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"To me Presence is everything making the world a richer place just being there for self, or the other. It's a sure way to grow!"

See you in church—*your* presence brings wholeness to the church family.

Warm regards,

  
William B. Rolland

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** A service of Celebration for the life of **Gordon Paul Smith** will be held at Church in the Forest on **Saturday, May 25, at 2:00 pm.**

Please note that the **Stevenson** upper school graduation will be held on **Sunday, May 26.** There will be no coffee hour that day.

## Calendar

**Sunday, May 12, 2013 — Mother's Day**

**8:30 AM Bible Study with the Rev. Charles Anker.**

Topic: The Letter to the Hebrews: Introduction to Hebrews 7;  
A Priest After the Order of Melchizedek

**9:15 AM Music Prelude**

**9:30 AM Morning Prayer**

**Passages** Genesis 17: 1-8; Psalm 47; Luke 24: 36-49

**Lector** Ken Harrison

**Crucifer** Lupita Harrison

**Flowers** ??

**Cookies** ??

**Altar Care** Martha Jordan

**Ushers** Wim & Tonneke van der Linden

**Sermon** The Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

**Title** "You are well-connected"

**Sunday, May 19, 2013 — Pentecost**

**Saturday, May 25, 2013 — Memorial Service for Gordon Paul Smith, 2 pm**

**Sunday, May 26, 2013 — Stevenson Graduation**

**Sunday, June 2, 2013 — Annual Meeting of the Congregation  
after the service.**