

**Music Box**

— AUGUST 5, 2012 —

**Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ**

By the Waters of Minnetonka ..... Thurlow Lieurance (1878-1963)  
Trees.....Oscar Rasbach (1888-1975)  
Summertime..... George Gershwin (1898-1937)  
In the Good Old Summertime..... George Evans (1870-1915)  
Water in the Moonlight .....“Blind Tom” Bethune (1849-1908)  
Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin’ .....Richard Rodgers (1902-1979)

Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth  
from “Elijah”..... Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Herzlich tut mich erfreuen ..... German medieval melody  
Chorale Prelude on

“Herzlich tut mich erfreuen”..... Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)  
Down a Country Lane..... Aaron Copland (1900-1990)  
What a Wonderful World ..... George Weiss (1921-2010)  
& Bob Thiele (1922-1996)

Life is Just a Bowl of Cherries.....Lew Brown (1893-1958)  
& Ray Henderson (1896-1970)

**Child’s Summer**

This is the season I couldn’t wait for,  
The time of sharpened senses,  
When I could smell the crickets  
And hear the flowers,  
Wished, even, to hear the irritating question:  
Did you finish your homework?  
So I could laugh at it.  
And now the memory of the warm sun,  
Ageless, calls me back,  
And I smile.

—RLA



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Monday morning, July 30, 2012

Dear members and friends,

Many of us are watching the 2012 Summer Olympics and coming away with so many life lessons. Right there in the East End of London we are witnessing many dramatic events and being introduced to young people with lofty goals, tenacity and commitment. What an inspiration!

Contestants from all around the world are showing what they are made of and throwing themselves into their sport. Many of you will recall the movie that came out in the early 1980s, *Chariots of Fire*. In part, it was the story of Eric Liddell, a Scottish runner who ran for Great Britain in the Olympics after World War II. Eric Liddell, son of missionaries in China, was very religious, as was his sister, Jenny. The year Eric was invited to run in the Olympics happened to be the same year he was needed to help his parents in China. In his sister's mind, there was no question. Of course he would answer God's call to serve as a missionary. After all, which was more important, to run in a race for one's own glory or to serve the glory of God?

The decision was much more complex for Eric. He cared for his parents and the mission and fully intended to help... after the Olympics. Trying to explain to his sister the importance of this opportunity and his running, Eric said, "Jenny, Jenny, God made me fast, and when I run I feel God's pleasure."

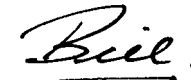
Paul, in his letter to young Timothy, suggests that life in the Spirit is very much like being, in what is truly for all of us, the

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race of our lives. He, in fact, uses the image of his life in God as that of an athlete performing in the Greek Games of his day, and says, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give on that day, and not to me only but also to all who long for His appearing." 2 Timothy 4:7 & 8.

Enjoy the Olympics and see you in church or at the finish line with all the others who have already received their prize!

See you in church,



William B. Rolland

## Calendar

**Sunday, August 5, 2012**

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

Topic: 1 Peter 3:18-22. Christian Baptism

**9:15 AM Music Prelude**

**9:30 AM Holy Communion**

**Passages** Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15; Psalm 78: 23-29; John 6: 24-35

**Lector** Howard Colehower

**Crucifer** Skip Lord

**Flowers** Lloyd Nattkemper

**Cookies** Joe Stine

**Altar Care** Martha Jordan

**Ushers** Chuck and Diane Elliott

**Oblation Bearer** Liz Lord

**Prayers of the People** Lloyd Nattkemper

**Sermon** The Rev. Natalie Stewart

**Title** Abundant Life

**Sunday, August 26, 2012, Church in the Forest 25th Anniversary Party**  
5:00 pm, Rosen Center — **your invitation is coming!**