

**Music Box**

— SEPTEMBER 29, 2013 —

**Arnie Buss, violin**  
**Carol Kuzdenyi, piano**

I Come to the Garden Alone

Hymn tune: Garden..... Austin Miles, 1913  
arr. Catherine McMichael (b. 1954)

Vocalise, Op. 34,

No. 14 (1916)..... Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)

Summertime

from *Porgy and Bess*..... George Gershwin (1898-1937)

Et Exsultavit Spiritus Meus (And My Spirit Rejoices)

from *Magnificat* ..... J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The Prayer..... Carole Bayer Sager (b. 1947)  
and David Foster (b. 1949)

Canticle of the Sun..... Marty Haugen (b. 1950)



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Monday morning, September 23, 2013

Dear Members and Friends,

Humility is a medicine that is sometimes hard to swallow. Our ego digestive tract finds ways to avoid it like the plague. Reminds me of the way I fought to avoid castor oil when a child. Now a bit of Mary Poppins wisdom never hurt and so we can learn from the line, "A little sugar makes the medicine go down," the sugar in this case being humor.

Nothing beats humor in getting some humility into the system. Ministers are always prescribing humility, but like doctors who often poorly medicate themselves, they don't always practice what they preach. So a few examples of sugar-coated humility.

A preacher was standing in the receiving line after his first service. Everyone was telling him what a nice sermon it was, when a strange-looking guy came through the line, grabbed his hand and said, "Preacher, that was the worst sermon I ever heard."

The preacher was a little surprised but went right on shaking hands. A few minutes later the same guy came through the line again. This time he said, "That sermon had nothing to do with the text."

Later this same fellow showed up again and said, "Preacher, if all your sermons are as boring as that one, I'm never coming here again."

At that point, a considerate member of the Pastor-Parish Committee drew the minister aside and said, "Don't worry about him. He's just a little crazy. He just repeats what he hears everyone else saying."

I like this one. As a minister stood in the receiving line, a woman came up and gushed, "Oh pastor, your sermon was superfluous, simply superfluous."

"I'm glad you liked it," he said, And then trying for a little humor he added, "I hope to have it published posthumously."

"Wonderful, just wonderful," she exclaimed. "I hope it will be soon!"

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And then there was a young bride whose husband was ushering one Sunday. During the service she began worrying that she may have left the roast cooking in the oven. She wrote a note to her husband and passed it to him by way of another usher.

The latter, thinking it was note for the pastor hurried down the aisle and laid it on the pulpit. Stopping abruptly in the middle of his sermon to read the note, the astonished minister read the following: "Please go home and turn off the gas."

Yours in the interest of sugar-coated medicine.

See you in church,



Charles C. Anker

## Calendar

**Sunday, September 29, 2013**

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

Topic: The Letter to the Hebrews 11:30-12:1  
The Faith Which Defied the Facts

**9:15 AM Music Prelude**

**9:30 AM Morning Prayer**

**Passages** Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 271-6; Luke 16: 1-13

**Lector** Judy Fletcher

**Crucifer** Judy Fletcher

**Flowers** Janet and Niels Reimers

**Cookies** Stevenson Bakers

**Altar Care** Martha Jordan and Susie Pearson

**Ushers** Bob Janzen and Jack Davis

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

**Title** Choose Your Words Carefully

**Sunday, September 29, 2013 — Fall Anniversary Party, 5:00-7:00 pm**

at the home of Nancy and Joe Verska, 2817 17-Mile Drive, Pebble Beach.

Contact the church office to reserve your place!

**Sunday, October 6, 2013.** Holy Communion, receive new members during church and the Blessing of the Animals afterwards on the grass.

**Sunday, October 13, 2013.** Dedication of the Plaques in the Memorial Garden following the service.