

Music Box

— NOVEMBER 13, 2011 —

Arnie Buss, violin, percussion
Theresa Soares, clarinet
Carol Kuzdenyi, piano

Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring.....J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Theme from “Schindler's List” (1993).....John Williams (b. 1932)
Psalm 130: Out of the Depths (1996)Francis Patrick O'Brien
Found in the Rain (2007) Helen Habershon (b.1953)
Psalm 96: Vayan al Mundo
(Go Out to the World) (1994) Jaime Cortez and Bob Hurd
keyboard accompaniment written by Jeffrey Honoré

Prepare Thyself, Zion
from the Christmas Oratorio.....J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Soon and Very Soon..... André Crouch (b. 1942)
arr. William Farley Smith (b. 1941)

Please give a very warm welcome to Carol Kuzdenyi, Arnie Buss and Theresa Soares. We are indeed fortunate to have this talented ensemble play while Bob and I are away in chilly Baltimore visiting family. I'll be back next week with the Monterey String Quartet to set us up for Thanksgiving. Can you believe it? Only a couple of weeks to Turkey Day and then Advent and the countdown to Christmas (40 days from the time you receive this newsletter). Enjoy!

Melinda Gray Homstead



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Monday morning, November 7, 2011

Dear members and friends,

We are coming up to Thanksgiving, and of course one of the hymns we will be singing is, “Now Thank We All Our God.” That great hymn was written by Martin Rinckart (1586-1649 A.D.), who was born in Eilenburg, Germany, a small city near Leipzig, which in the 20th century ended up behind the Iron Curtain in East Germany for several decades.

Rinckart studied for the Lutheran ministry and was called to serve as pastor of the church at Eilenburg, his home town. He arrived there just before the beginning of the “Thirty Years War” (1618–1648), a war that devastated Germany in general, and Eilenburg, in particular. Being a walled city, Eilenburg became a place of refuge and soon became badly overcrowded, rendering it susceptible to disease. The plague of 1637 decimated the town, killing 8,000 people, including Rinckart’s wife. Rinckart often conducted forty or fifty funerals a day for plague victims.

It seems incongruous that a hymn like “Now Thank We All Our God” should come out of such circumstances. However, Rinckart wrote the first two stanzas not as a hymn for public worship, but as a table grace for his family. At the end of the war his hymn was sung to celebrate the signing of the Peace of Westphalia—the treaty that ended the war. We would know

nothing of this hymn except for the good work of Catherine Winkworth, an Englishwoman who translated many German hymns into English. This hymn and “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” being the best known.

See you in church,



William B. Rolland



Volunteers Needed to Ring the Bells from November 25'til Christmas.

We need you! ...to volunteer for **The Salvation Army** in our community, to collect donations by ringing the **Christmas Bell** to support our many programs. A volunteer may choose to ring the bell at any one of our *Kettle Stands* placed throughout our community. Volunteers may stand or bring a chair for one, two-hour shift of your choice—or as many shifts as you would like—throughout the season. Sign up on the bulletin board, and if you have questions, please call one of the Salvation Army board members listed: Phil Bradbury 624-1325, Peppy Garner 624-1103, Judy Stayduhar 655-4985, or Ken White 624-4538.



Calendar

Sunday, November 13, 2011

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

9:15 AM Music Prelude

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

Passages 1 Thess 5:1-11; Psalm 90:1-12; Matt 25: 14-20

Lector Lucy Michael

Crucifer Judy Fletcher

Flowers Ken and Lupita Harrison

Cookies Theo Fowler and Mary Wiltsee

Altar Care Leonora Branca and Martha Jordan

Ushers Dee Dee and George Schroeder

Sermon the Rev. Dr. Lamont Wiltsee

Title Momma Bear's Last Lesson

Sunday, November 20, 2011 — Thanksgiving/Stewardship Sunday