

Music Box

DECEMBER 21, 2014 — ADVENT IV

Wildcoast Brass Quintet

Kevin Jordan, trumpet Charles Old, trumpet
Ruth Jordan, horn Steve Mortensen, trombone
Jim Paoletti, tuba

Melinda Coffey Armstead, organ

Sonata No. 11 “St. Mark” Tommaso Albinoni (1671-1751)
Grave
Allegro
Andante
Vivace

Chorale Prelude on In Dulci Jubilo.....Friedrich Zachau (1663-1712)

Suite from Montregian Hills Morley Calvert (1928-1991)
Marche
Danse Villagedise

Ding Dong Merrily On High..... traditional, arr. L. Henderson
I Saw Three Ships

Hodie Christus Natus Est.....Giovanni Gabrieli (1555-1612)

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace,
good will toward men.

—*Luke II:14*

Melinda Coffey Armstead



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Monday morning, December 15, 2014

Dear Members and Friends,

Lighten Up, It's Christmas! Have You Heard the One...

“A sense of humor keen enough to show people their own absurdities, as well as those of other people, will keep them from the commission of all sins, or nearly all, save those that are worth consulting.” —*Samuel Butler*

In this festive, and at times stressful, season here are two stories that are meant to bring you a smile or perhaps a chuckle.

A rabbi, a Hindu priest and their attorney were on a trip when their car broke down late at night in rural Washington. The three trudged to a nearby farmhouse, but the farmer had but two extra beds. One of them was going to have to sleep in the barn. After some discussion, the rabbi agreed to take the barn accommodations, and all retired for the night.

Five minutes passed and there was a knock on the farmhouse door. “I just find it most distressing to sleep in the barn with that pig in there,” the rabbi said. The Hindu priest sighed and agreed to sleep in the barn.

Five minutes later came another knock on the farmhouse door. “I cannot sleep in the barn with a cow. In my religion, cows are sacred.” So the lawyer angrily stomped out to take up residence in the barn.

Five minutes passed and then came another knock on the farmhouse door. This time it was the pig and the cow. (*Pause for laughter.*)

The British media mogul Robert Maxwell was dining alone on his yacht. As he was finishing his after-dinner coffee, the butler entered the room.

“Sir, you look terribly tired tonight. Might I draw your bath before you retire?”

“No, thank you, William,” responded Maxwell. “Actually, I intend to wash ashore tonight.” (*Pause for groan.*)

A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken. —*Proverbs 15: 13*

Let us pause and recall that the God of joy and laughter is always abiding with us and filling us with life, with hope, with creativity and with a thirst for union with Him. We are God's people, alive in the Spirit and called to continually celebrate His presence in our lives. Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, Who invites us to be filled with holy laughter. **Amen.**

See you in church,



Ken Feske

ANNOUNCEMENT

It's not too late to bring an ornament for the Church in the Forest Christmas tree. Bring yours on Sunday and hang it on!

Calendar

Sunday, December 21, 2014 — Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Bible Study with the Rev. Charles Anker. The Gospel of Matthew. Final Bible Study of the year—will resume on 01.11.15 with the Rev. Ken Feske

9:15 AM Music Prelude, featuring Wildcoast Brass Quintet

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

Passages Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 91: 9-16; Matthew 1: 18-25

Lector Bob Janzen

Crucifer Rae Janzen

Flowers Mary Wiltse

Cookies Robert and Cynthia Perry

Altar Care Martha Jordan & Leonora Branca

Ushers Jan Stine and Marilyn Gorman

Sermon The Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

Title “It's All About Your Good Heart”

Saturday, December 20, 2014, 1:30 PM, memorial service for Holly Tunstall.

Wednesday, December 24, 2014 — Christmas Eve Service 7 and 9:30 PM, the Rev. Dr. William Rolland preaching. *Music Prelude 1/2 hour earlier*

Thursday, December 25, 2014 — Christmas Day Service at 9:30 AM the Rev. Dr. William Rolland preaching.

Sunday, December 28, 2014, the Rev. Dr. William Rolland preaching.

Sunday, January 4, 2015, HC at 9:30 AM — Second Sunday of Christmas That same afternoon at **4:30 PM**, the traditional *Burning of the Greens*.