



SARAH CORSON CHILD CARE & LEARNING CENTER

January 2018 Newsletter

Closed two days for New Year

We will be closed Monday, January 1 AND Tuesday, January 2, 2018 in observance of the New Year. *We re-open Wednesday, January 3.*

OPEN Martin Luther King Day

We will be open Monday, January 15 on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Oh, What Fun It Was to Sing

A wonderful time was had by all at our 2017 Holiday Program. Thank you to our staff for all of the hard work and preparation that went into the 2017 program. Thank you to Teacher Heather for creating our slideshow. Thank you to Pastor Murray for doing a reading for our children. Parents, thank you for your attendance and participation.



Pastor Murray reads *Night Before Christmas*

Window Art by Katy

Special thanks to Katy Restivo, our resident window paint artist. Teacher Katy works with our Preschoolers. She painted the windows in our Infant Room, our front door, and the playground door with a simple and elegant winter theme. Please let her know how much we appreciate her work.

Thank you for the gifts

Our staff received many special and generous gifts to commemorate the holiday season. Thank you to all. We appreciate being appreciated!

Updated Immunization Records Due

If you have not yet turned in updated immunization records for your child, please do so as soon as possible.

Goodbye, Miss Tawni

We are sad to announce that Miss Tawni, our Pre-K Teacher, won't be with us after the first of the year. We wish her well. We are currently hiring a Pre-K Teacher. If you know of anyone, please tell her or him to contact Jaime as soon as possible. Thank you.

Your Most Precious Gifts

At this reflective time of year, we would like to take the opportunity to thank you parents for the gift of sharing your children with our staff. They are truly your most precious gifts. We do not take our jobs and responsibilities lightly. We understand the great trust you are placing in us to care for your young children. We love and care for them as if they are our own. Our hearts will forever be filled with sweet memories of all the children we teach.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR.

—Jaime Snider, director

Meet the Reverend Barbara Haddon, associate for visitation and pastoral care

By PATTI SPRINKLE



The Reverend Barbara Haddon

Barbara Haddon first felt a call to ministry at twelve, but took a twenty-two-year detour to become a special education teacher, marry a career Air Force officer, and raise two daughters. When husband Bob was posted to the Air Force Academy not far from Iliff School of Theology Barbara resurrected her dream of serving the church. "I felt more at home in seminary than I ever had," she remembers.

Starting a Master of Divinity program in her thirties with two daughters under six was daunting enough. A Presbytery committee un-supportive of women ministers made it more so. Then the Air Force posted Bob to Phoenix before her last year of seminary. Undeterred, Barbara completed her internship and Clinical Pastoral Education requirements, graduated with her class, and was ordained in February 1980. She served churches in Sun City and Orangewood, AZ, and San Luis Obispo and Sherman Oaks, Calif.

What does she most love about ministry? "Preaching, teaching, and pastoral care."

After retirement, she and Bob moved to Medford. Bob now serves as the FPC church treasurer and sings with the SonShine Singers. Barbara became one of two FPC Associates for Visitation and Pastoral Care. They assist our deacons and Pastor Murray in caring for families experiencing illness, loss, and personal hardships. Barbara also volunteers with the Rogue Art Gallery and is involved in the restoration of the Holly Theater.

Our second Associate for Visitation and Pastoral Care is the Reverend Mary Wright Gillespie, featured in our October newsletter. With special training in visiting the sick, Mary works mostly among our members at the Manor, where she serves as a Spiritual Care Volunteer.

Members are encouraged to call the church office to report illness, loss, and other needs for support that they or others in the congregation are experiencing.



The Reverend Mary Wright Gillespie

Education

Two evening classes are available this winter.

One is the next series from the Covenant Bible Study which began this fall. It will be Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, beginning January 22 and continuing for eight weeks, led by Pastor Murray.

The second opportunity begins Thursday, January 11, at a 7 p.m. discussion group on *The Great Spiritual Migration: A Better Way to Be Christian*. It will be held at the Congregational/UCC Church, 1801 East Jackson, and led by our Barbara Haddon.

The *Spiritual Migration* book by Brian McLaren, is a forward look at spreading God's love. The book is available in stores and on the Internet. To indicate interest either leave a message at the office or talk with Barbara.

Tea time



Women of the congregation are invited to a tea in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, January 6 at 2 p.m. A traditional Epiphany Cake will be part of the refreshments. The cake comes from the Episcopal tradition celebrating the arrival of the Magi's visit to the Christ child. Cake batters vary with choice of the baker. What marks the cake are a variety of trinkets and charms mixed in.

If there's time after the talking and eating, some of the women plan to work on a Women's Fellowship banner project.

Maslow thanks

To the congregation of First Presbyterian Church:

Thank you so much for your incredible donation of \$1,031.60 to Maslow Project.

Your continuing support of our work helps ensure that we can respond quickly and effectively to the needs of the homeless youth and families we serve.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!

s/ Karen Phillips, Development Director Maslow Project

