



SARAH CORSON CHILD CARE & LEARNING CENTER

April 2018 Newsletter

Picture Day

Friday, April 27 is our annual Picture Day. Individual and class photos will be taken. Photos begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and the whole process is usually complete around 10:30 or 11 a.m. Please see your child's go home folder in the coming weeks for a picture envelope.

Annual Inspections Completed

We had our annual health and fire inspections in late February, and we passed both with excellent marks. Our annual Office of Child Care Licensing Inspection occurred in early March, which we also passed with flying colors. I am always very proud to show our Center to our inspectors. We are told year after year what an impressive Center we have, and I am always quick to attribute that to our amazing staff. Special thanks to church volunteers for helping to keep our Center looking nice.

National Week of the Young Child

April 16-20 is National Week of the Young Child. This is a week set aside each



A junior contractor at work

year to honor and celebrate young children and families in our lives. We will be decorating the Church Fellowship Hall in honor of this special week. We will also be participating in several special activities at our Center throughout this week. Stay tuned for more information.

Please visit the following website for more information: www.naeyc.org/events/woyc/overview.

You can also find information on National Week of the Young Child by visiting the Facebook page for the National Association for the Education of Young Children.



Please Save the Date

We have scheduled our annual Family Day at the Medford Railroad Park, Saturday, June 30 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. More details to come.

Please Save Another Date

Our annual Pre-K Graduation will be Friday, August 3rd at 9:30 a.m. We will graduate about half of our current Pre-K class. Details are coming.

—Jaime Snider, director



Singing for 72 years

By PAULETTE AVERY



Robert Stark

Robert Stark leads a life of excellence. Born and raised in Chester, Penn., he graduated from Chester High School at the top of his class. A few months later he completed what would normally be a two-year course in court reporting in just four and a half months, a national record that still stands.

His 50-year career as a court reporter included work in Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and San Diego as he moved from lower level courts to stints in the Federal and Superior Courts. Along the way, he won awards for his speed in shorthand and typing, including placing first in a national typewriting championship.

“The most meaningful, enjoyable, and satisfying endeavor of my life,” says Robert, “was serving as the Chapter Advisor to the Chester Chapter of the Order of DeMolay (the Masonic group for boys). During his 25 years leading that group, the chapter was ranked International Chapter of the Year several times. Sixty years later, those men continue to stay in touch with Robert and each other.

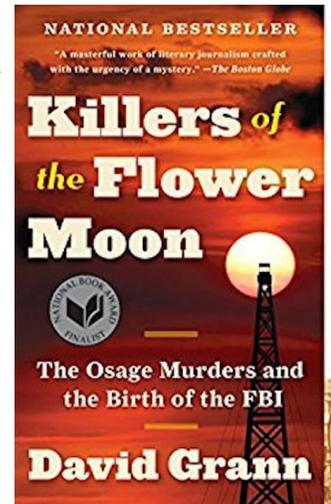
Robert sings tenor in the Chancel Choir, is a member of Session and serves on the Worship and Music committee.

In addition to singing in choirs for 72 years, Robert has performed in theater for most of his life. Recently he and his long-time friend Howard Bickel, a talented actor and director, opened the Wolf Pack Theater in Sandy, east of Portland. Robert runs the business end and Howard oversees the artistic responsibilities. The current production, *Glass Menagerie*, opened March 29 runs to April 29. Not surprisingly, the playhouse is getting excellent reviews.

Osage mystery

The Book Nook read for April is “Killers of the Flower Moon,” a true story by award-winning author David Grann. You are invited to

find a copy of this new book and join our readers at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 24 in the church library.



Grann tells of a string of a dozen murders on the oil-rich Osage Indian reservation between 1920 and 1924. It took J. Edgar Hoover, appointed FBI director in 1924, and a team of undercover agents to solve the crimes. The case launched the FBI into prominence as crime-busters.

The story of the Osage and their Oklahoma reservation unfolds, along with tribal partnerships with petroleum developers who make the tribe rich. There’s an FBI agent who poses as an elderly rancher, another as an Indian medicine man on a quest.



Pop-tops, please

In April our Food Bank is collecting canned ravioli and Spaghettios.

There’s a twist to the request from Food Bank organizers: They’d like the new pull-top cans, because many Food Bank recipients don’t have can openers handy.

If you check your grocery store, you’ll find the pull-tops for prepared foods and for several brands of soup. Also needed by the Food Bank are plastic or paper grocery



bags, and items such as toilet paper, toothbrushes and small tubes of toothpaste.