



# SARAH CORSON CHILD CARE & LEARNING CENTER

June 2018 Newsletter

## Water Play Days

We are excited about our summer Water Play Days. Water play begins Monday, June 4 and concludes Thursday, August 30. We schedule water play on Mondays and Thursdays. Preschoolers play from 1-2 p.m. and Toddlers play from 2-3 p.m.

Please make sure your child has what he or she needs: Water shoes, swimsuits (girls), swim trunks and a t-shirt or swim shirt (boys), sunscreen, water diapers (if you wish to use these) and sun hats (if you wish to use these). Please label all items and leave these items at school.

Please see your child's teacher and/or the class newsletter for more details.

## Reminder – Summer Closure Dates

The Center will be **CLOSED**

- **Wednesday, July 4** in observance of Independence Day.
  - **Thursday, August 16 and Friday, August 17** for our annual Staff In-Service Days.
  - **Monday, September 3** in observance of Labor Day.
- Please mark your calendars.

## Janet Corson Celebration of Life

Over Mother's Day weekend, many gathered to celebrate the life of Janet Corson, mother of Sarah Corson. Janet had a profound effect on many youth in our community. Her memorial service was very well-attended, and it gave a great tribute to her life and legacy.

Your children are a part of Janet's legacy. We are a part of her legacy. May she rest in peace.



Janet Corson 1938-2018

## Immunization Rates

We are required to make public both county-wide Immunization rates and our Center immunization rates. Our Center is 94 percent fully immunized. A graph is posted on the wall at the front of the Center, near the sign in sheets.



## Train Park

Our annual Family Day at the Medford Railroad Park is Saturday, June 30 from 10 a.m. to noon. Two trains will be in operation. We will provide snacks, drinks and coloring materials.

All Sarah Corson Center children and their families are welcome to attend this FREE event. We hope to see you there!

—Jaime Snider, director

# An accomplished woman

By PAULETTE AVERY

Like many in our congregation, Vera Morrell possesses many talents and has led a life full of accomplishments. Following graduation from high school in Montana, she attended nursing school and worked in hospitals in the Bozeman area. When her first husband got an engineering job in Alaska, she stayed at home with the children and began her own upholstery business.

Remarried, she moved to Medford. Vera returned to school and received a multi-disciplinary degree in science and math with a minor in nursing.

In her next career she worked for Trend College teaching sales, marketing, business management, and personal development. When the college went bankrupt, she became the church administrator at Medford First Presbyterian, serving five years.

She's been a volunteer with the Presbytery of the Cascades for 35 years, including serving as moderator of presbytery and several terms on its committees on ministry.

Vera's other community contributions including president of the Audubon Society in Alaska, serving twice as the president of the League of Women Voters where she's been a member for 40 years, heading a coalition to improve Medford's air quality when it was the third worst in the nation, singing in church choirs for most of her life and currently serving on Session.

Vera has three sons who all live locally, two stepsons from her husband Frank, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She is an avid birder and a master gardener.



Vera Morrell

## Organ prodigy in concert



Zach Duell, who presents a concert Sunday on our organ, stands beside the pipe organ in the Willamette University Chapel where he practiced for three years. Duell graduated last month. He plays at 3 p.m. on the Schoenstein organ in our sanctuary. Duell will do graduate work at Eastman School of Music.

## Mountain dinner

Fellowship Committee is organizing groups of 20 each for 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, and Sunday, June 10 for dinner out at the Prospect Hotel. There's a sign up sheet at the Connecting Point table in the Narthex, and reservations are a must for this event. Built in 1892 as an overnight stop for folks doing the two-day trip to Crater Lake by horse-drawn vehicles, the Prospect Hotel is now a gourmet dining establishment.

# Lesya returns

Los Angeles jazz violinist Lesya Terry returns to our Jazz Vespers this month, along with a new set of landscape photographs by Ravindra C. Vasavada. The music begins at 5 p.m. Sunday, June 10.



Lesya Terry

Terry is director of the Women's Jazz Orchestra of Los Angeles and a music educator who does international workshops.

Backing her will be Opus 3, a local trio with Dave Scoggin on piano, Jeff Addicott on base and Theresa McCoy on percussion. They've played several Jazz Vesper services.

Vasavada, a retired educator who lives at Rogue Valley Manor, promises several new images for his June photo show in the downstairs hallway gallery. His photography, a hobby while he taught at Pacific College of Pharmacy in Stockton, Calif., blossomed in retirement into hiking and taking pictures in Asia and in California's High Sierra mountains.



R.C. Vasavada

## Bible study wrap

The year-long Covenant Bible study will close with a potluck supper Monday, June 11 at the home of Patti Sprinkle, 348 Sutter Avenue. Since last fall, classes led by Pastor Murray have worked their way through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

The study group is talking about organizing a look at the Gospel of John starting in September. The Covenant curriculum will be available should another group wish to organize for a 2018-19 study (instruction is broken up into three eight-lesson units).

Pastor Murray is exploring a summer study based on the "Reclaiming Jesus" curricula developed by an ecumenical group of church leaders including Bishop Michael Curry, the Episcopal prelate who delivered the sermon at May's Royal Wedding in Windsor.