



# SARAH CORSON CHILD CARE & LEARNING CENTER

December 2018 Newsletter



## Annual Holiday Program

Our annual Holiday Program is Friday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m. Children from our Toddler 2, Preschool, and Pre-classes will participate. Church doors will open for seating 6 p.m. **Children need to be at the Center promptly at 6:15 p.m.** Children will be singing traditional children's Christmas songs, followed by a reading of "The Night Before Christmas" by Pastor Murray Richmond. We will host an Open House at the Center immediately following the program. All are welcome to attend!

## Holiday Break

We will be closed Monday, December 24, 2018 through Wednesday, January 2, 2019 for our annual Holiday Break. We will re-open Thursday, January 3, 2019.

## Updated Immunization Records Due

Parents, please make sure Jaime has an updated copy of your child's latest immunizations **no later than Friday, December 21**. These can be faxed to 541-779-5091 or emailed to [jaime.snider@gmail.com](mailto:jaime.snider@gmail.com). Thank you!

## Children Moving Up in January

We are excited to welcome several children to the next class level come mid-January. Families of children moving up have been notified. Please see Jaime if you have any questions.

## Oregon Pacific Financial Advisors

Thank you to our upstairs neighbors, Oregon Pacific Financial Advisors, for hosting us for Trick or Treating on Halloween. Always a pleasure!



## Thank you Tyler Hoevet at The Point

Thank you Tyler Hoevet, Teacher Kathy's son, and owner of The Point Pub and Grill. Tyler donated pizzas for our annual Thanksgiving Pizza Party. If you have not yet visited The Point, you should go. There are locations in South Medford and Central Point.

## What a Wonderful Year!

As 2018 draws to a close, we would like to thank all of our families for sharing your child/children with us this past year. We truly love what we do, and we hope that you love the care and education that your child/children receive. We leave 2018 with fond memories, and we are filled with hope for the future. We look ahead to 2019 with excitement, knowing we'll get to watch your child/children learn and grow, and reach many more milestones. Blessings to you and your family!

—Jaime Snider, director

# Oregonian comes home

By PAULETTE AVERY

Ellen Rancik and her husband Rod moved to Medford about two years ago, but Ellen likes people to know she is a native Oregonian born in Gold Beach. Her family moved to Idaho when she was a child and later to Centralia, Wash. where she attended high school. Unfortunately, she says, she became a single parent and was unable to graduate, but years later earned her GED while living in North Dakota and worked as a teacher's assistant. Later she moved to California and worked various jobs including business manager for the Visitor's Bureau in the San Diego area.



Ellen Rancik

After successfully passing a civil service exam, she worked as a clerk in the Chula Vista court system and was promoted several times in just two and a half years. Inspired by many members of her family in law enforcement, she pursued her dream to become a police officer. She was hired as a reserve officer in Chula Vista, attended the academy, and worked as a police officer for six years. When circumstances prevented her from her goal of joining the FBI, she returned to work in the court system and retired from there after 24 years.

In retirement she traveled extensively for a year and then became a senior volunteer for the San Diego Sheriff's Department and was named senior volunteer of the year. She met Rod when she became his training officer in that organization. They joined the church in 2016 and cook once a month for Wednesday Night Live, serve as ushers, and hand out bag lunches. Ellen especially loves her time working with the kids on Wednesday nights. She is the mother of three, grandmother to five, and expecting her fifth great grandchild soon.

## Sounds of Christmas

The Rogue Valley Harmonizers, a men's barbershop chorus that rehearses at our church each week, present a Christmas concert in the Sanctuary this Saturday, December 1. The 2 p.m. concert will include numbers with Southern Oregon Sound, the local women's barbershop chapter of the national Sweet Adelines. Tickets are \$10.

The Rogue Valley Chorale, which includes several members of our choir, presents two works based on Mary's Magnificat this weekend. The scripture, from Luke 1, will be sung at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 1 and at 3 p.m. Sunday December 2 at the Craterian Theater.

## Joy fills my days

I turned a corner  
You were there.

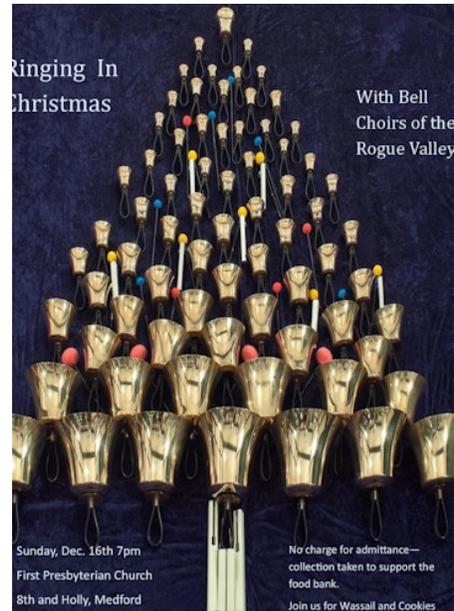
You smiled at me,  
Bringing me joy.

My heart was lifted,  
When I looked into your eyes.

I felt hope in my soul,  
I received strength

You are with me always,  
Joy will fill my days.

--Becky Jones, undated



Our Bell Choir hosts a community handbell Christmas Concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, December 16. Ringing this year, in addition to the Shepherd's Bells of the Medford and Central Point Presbyterian churches, are Tintinnabulation, a small ensemble, the community group Rogue Ringers and the Grace Notes from Ascension Lutheran. The concert is free, with donations accepted to help with our Food Bank program. Ringers will host a cookie and wassail reception after the concert.