



SARAH CORSON CHILD CARE & LEARNING CENTER

August 2019 Newsletter

Pre-K Graduation

Pre-K Graduation will be Friday, August 2 at 9:30 a.m. in our Dragonfly Classroom at the Center. All are welcome to attend a short but sweet ceremony, followed by a small reception. Please see Jaime for more details.

Welcome Lisa!

We would like to welcome Lisa Young to our teaching staff! Lisa comes to us with many years of teaching experience, both at the Elementary and Preschool levels. Lisa most recently worked at Sacred Heart Catholic School, and was recommended to us by the principal (one of our parents). Lisa is a joy to work with and we are very blessed to have her here with us!

Julia Promoted to Infant Teacher

Julia Johnson, our former Pre-K Aide, has been promoted to Infant Teacher, following Geri's retirement. Julia has worked for us for a little over a year, with previous experience at the Family Nurturing Center. Julia has a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Southern Oregon University. Julia has assumed her new teaching role with ease, grace, enthusiasm and a can-do attitude. Please join us in congratulating her.

Class Move-Ups

Fall enrollment is filling up quickly! We will be moving several children up to the next class level in early-mid September. Jaime will contact families involved, and we will begin to transition children towards the end of August.

Staff In-Service Closure Dates

We will be *closed both Thursday, August 15, and Friday, August 16* for our annual staff in-service training.

Closed for Labor Day

We will be *closed Monday, September 2*, in observance of Labor Day.



Students in our Pre-K class enjoy riding the train at the Medford Railroad Park



Three of our Preschool boys work together to construct a tower out of cardboard blocks

—Jaime Snider, director

Advocate in action

By PAULETTE AVERY

DeLores Duble has achieved many things in her life; one of the most significant is her part in passage of Public Law 94-142, the Education for All Disabled Children Act.

The 1975 law ensures educational opportunities for all disabled children in schools receiving Federal funds. DeLores was a strong advocate for this law because two of her four children were born deaf. They had to go to the Oregon School for the Deaf in Salem even though the family lived in the Portland area.



DeLores Duble

One of the provisions of the law is easy access, meaning local schools must provide adequate opportunities for students with disabilities. DeLores acted as a volunteer advisor to Senator Ron Wyden as the legislative concept turned into a bill. Once it passed, she assisted families fighting to get their local schools to put the law into practice.

DeLores obtained her undergraduate degree from Marylhurst University, and a Masters in gerontology from University of California Davis. She worked for the State of Oregon licensing long-term care facilities as well as monitoring the facilities once they were licensed.

Her first husband Jim died at age 50 from complications of the flu. She met her second husband Al (who died this past January) after one of her granddaughters signed her up on EHarmony.com. They were married for 13 years.

She and Al began attending our church last year after coming to a Jazz Vespers. DeLores is grateful for the help and support she's received from our members since Al's death.

You are invited

Presbyterian Women of Central Point invite the women of First Presbyterian to their annual mission tea at 11 a.m. Tuesday, August 13. The tea will feature a report by Jonna Reeder, for 15 years a PCUSA mission co-worker in Asia, who now works with Global Frontier Missions.

This is a potluck tea. Bring something to share and nibble on. It will be at First Presbyterian Church, 456 W. Pine Street, Central Point.

Faith questions

A new class, designed by those who wish to attend, is taking shape Sunday-by-Sunday in August. Folks are asked to write down faith questions they've always wanted to ask –



but didn't. Patti Sprinkle is working to create a monthly forum where we try to answer those questions.

The signup sheet, at the Connecting Point table in the Narthex, is the place to write down your questions. Patti hopes that participants in the forum will take a question – their own or someone else's – and research it for group discussion.

Parables class next month

This fall you'll have a chance to look at the Parables of Jesus from the "backside." Barbara Haddon leads a Thursday 7-to-8:30 p.m. class from September 5 through October 10. There's a sign-up sheet at the Connecting Point table in the Narthex on Sundays.

Barbara is a retired pastor and long-time student of the Bible who worships with us and serves the congregation as an associate for visitation and pastoral care. She's taught many classes at First and at Medford Congregational United Church of Christ.

This six-week-long Bible study will, in Barbara's words, look at the "backside" of the parables, seeking meaning from Jesus' stories about common-place happenings of the day. Class participants will be asked to read the evening's parable before class, coming prepared to discuss it. A bibliography will be provided for students who wish to do additional study.

The 90-minute classes open September 5 with a look at the wedding feast story as reported by Matthew (22:1-19) and Luke (14:16-24). All classes will be held in our Fireplace Room.