



SARAH CORSON CHILD CARE & LEARNING CENTER

December 2019
Newsletter

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Annual Holiday Program

Our annual Holiday Program is Friday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. Children from our Toddler 2, Pre-school, and Pre-K classes will be participating. Church doors will open for seating at 6:00 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 23 through Friday, January 3 for our annual holiday break.

Updated Immunization Records Due

Parents, please make sure Jaime has an updated copy of your child's latest immunizations ***no later than Friday, December 20, 2019***. These can be faxed to 541-779-5091 or emailed to jaime.snider@gmail.com. Thank you!

Thank you Tyler Hoebet @ The Point

Thank you Tyler Hoebet, 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! There are two locations in South Medford and Central Point.

What a Wonderful Year

A big, heart-felt thank you to the parents of children in our Center. Thank you for sharing your little one/ones with us this past year. We love them so much and we have enjoyed watching them learn and grow. We look forward to seeing what they learn in the New Year. Blessings to you and yours for a Merry Christmas and Happy 2020!



A Pre-K boy is in awe of his pumpkin-scented slime, created in class

—Jaime Snider, director

Food Bank record

By PAULETTE AVERY

The Food Bank set a new one-day record November 20, serving 107 clients representing 257 family members. The size and scope of the food bank has grown steadily in the approximately fifteen years since it began.

In 2011 it became part of ACCESS, the community action agency which is part of the Oregon Food Bank Network. What was once just a cupboard of food is now a grocery store set up each Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall. Clients register and then wait their turn to shop, accompanied by a volunteer.



Carole MacKenzie takes a client shopping

“I have been doing this for about nine years,” said Caren Lea. “I like to help, and it is a much-needed service.”

Another volunteer calls it “an opportunity to serve ... a way to know the Medford community.” Says another, “It gives you another perspective on the community, one that even those in the government do not have.”

Carole MacKenzie, who joined the church a year-and-a-half ago, says she likes, “getting to know the clients and I enjoy the camaraderie with the other volunteers.”

That’s echoed by Jeannine Foucault, who likes the stories told by some of the clients.

“I absolutely enjoy it,” says Jeannine. “It is a way to show my Christianity, to feed people. It is an opportunity to give back and I find it very rewarding.”

Led for many years by Audrey Berry and the late Bob Elert, the Food Bank is now managed by Jim Foucault who spends about twenty hours a week “on the job”. As the number of clients increases so does the need for volunteers. You can help for a couple of hours or spend the day. Contact Jim at (541) 772-9017 or foucaultjim@gmail.com for more information.

Lunches go fast

The same week the Food Bank set a one-day record, our volunteers gave 386 bag lunches to the hungry each morning, Monday through Thursday.

News from Session

Thanks for your generous response to our fall stewardship drive. With all but a few folks heard from, we have over \$260,000 pledged for the 2020 operating budget. Session will work on a final budget this month. The November 26 Session meeting was canceled due to concerns caused by the early winter storm. Elders meet Sunday to reschedule the meeting.

In other news, Choir Director Jane Blomquist has resigned effective at the end of this year. A search committee is working on a replacement. And Sylvia Bardes, elected as an elder in the Class of 2022 in

Sauce please

Spaghetti sauce, a popular item at our Food Bank, got all but cleaned out in November.



Please buy some and donate it. Marg Funch reports we can no longer get spaghetti sauce from ACCESS. We need to restock the shelves ahead of the holiday season. Place your donations in the grocery cart or basket in the Narthex any Sunday during December.

Healing with help

The memoir of recovery from a devastating accident is the December read for our Book Nook group.

Sleep, Heal, Pray: A Path to Wholeness and Well-Being, is author Donna Fado Ivery’s story of coping with a brain injury. Everyone is welcome to pick up a copy of the book in the church Library, then join the group Tuesday, December 3 at 1:30 p.m. in the second-floor kitchen of Horton Plaza, 1122 Spring Street.



Caroling to shut ins

Join carolers of all ages, Saturday afternoon, December 14, to sing Christmas cheer for some home-bound members. Meet at the church at 4:30 p.m. to arrange car-pooling. After caroling, we’ll meet and eat (pie or more) at Shari’s Restaurant, 71 E Stewart Avenue.

There’s a sign-up sheet at the Connecting Point table in the Narthex.