



SARAH CORSON CHILD CARE & LEARNING CENTER

June 2020 Newsletter

Chugga BOO-HOO!

In light of COVID-19, we have had to cancel our Family Day at the Medford Railroad Park (Saturday, June 27). We will try to reschedule for a later date.

Water Play?

At this time, we are unable to run our usual summer Water Play days, due to COVID-19. We cannot use water or sensory tables until the Governor has lifted her current restrictions. If those restrictions are lifted sometime during the months of June, July, or August, we will begin Water Play Days immediately. Water Play Days would be Mondays and Thursdays.

CLOSED July 3

A reminder -- we will be CLOSED on Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day. Happy Fourth of July!

PPP Loan APPROVED

We received word from our bank in early May that our Paycheck Protection Program loan was approved! We have received funds and are breathing a huge sigh of relief. As long as we spend the money on interest on our mortgage, payroll, or utilities, we will not have to repay this loan (as part of the Federal Government's CARE Act). This is such a blessing.

2020-2021 Center Calendar



Two of our Toddlers, who are best friends, enjoy the warm spring weather out on our playground

Our upcoming school year calendar has been released. Parents, an electronic copy will be e-mailed to you and a hard copy will be placed in your child's cubby or go-home folder.

Staffing Update

Miss Heather had her baby girl at the end of May. She will be on maternity leave in June and July. Judith, Aide in our Toddler 2 classroom, is teacher-qualified and will be the Teacher of Toddler 2 in Heather's absence.

A heartfelt THANK YOU

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our families for keeping our Center in business during these trying times. We are grateful we have not had to close our doors, even for a short period of time. We are so fortunate we have not had to lay off or furlough any of our staff. We realize we could see another wave of COVID-19 later this year.

Please know we are making plans to remain open as much and as long as possible. We want and need to be here for your children and your family.

—Jaime Snider, director

The poet's corner

Our Father's love, more precious
than gold,
Like stars it glitters for all to share,
and from the Good Book so I am
told,
Rains enduring on all His fold...
---Patty Herkert, May 2020

When I am broken
Healing God has spoken.
When God is hard to find,
His is near and kind.
When it's hard to see
God cradles me.
When my heart is dim
I can lean on him.
When I cry for an hour
He lets me feel his peace.
I know he is near
And there is nothing to fear.
---Becky Jones, 3/27/2020



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God, from my youth you have taught me.

— PSALM 71:17

Building a Life of Faith



Talent and determination

By PAULETTE AVERY

Patty Herkert had a love for writing and travel from an early age growing up in New York State. During high school, she kept a journal of poetry and travel experiences and was asked by her journalism teacher to edit the school's literary magazine. She also wrote for local travel publications.

Patty earned an associate degree in applied sciences, graphic arts, and photography, graduating with honors from the Rochester Institute of Technology as the only woman in the printing/publishing program.

Urged by her mother to continue her education, she eventually earned a scholarship to East Carolina University in English Literature. She published her first anthology there. However, achieving her bachelor's degree was delayed for 30 years – after she married husband George and raised their daughter all while traveling the globe with “Weiss and Patricia’s World of Magic.”

Patty and George joined FPC as members in 2015. She currently serves as a deacon to those in her parish and her lovely voice enriches the soprano section of our choir. Patty also helped with crafts for the Wednesday Night Live youth program and assisted George last December when he played Santa for the children’s Christmas program.

While sheltering at home, Patty is writing short stories and poetry, and spending time in her garden.



Patty Herkert

For youth

The focus is on young people as we count down to the annual Pentecost Offering which will be dedicated Sunday, June 21. That’s when we join with thousands of Presbyterians in an annual offering to give the next generation a solid foundation. Forty percent of the Pentecost offering remains in this community.

Session designated our share to continued support of the Maslow project, a community non-profit that works with teenagers and their families to keep kids in school. We’ve supported Maslow for several years.

Your gifts assist as PCUSA trains and supports those who minister to youth in the 12 to 18 age group, and underwrites much of the expense of sending college graduates into the short-term mission field as Young Adult Volunteers.

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Please give generously.