

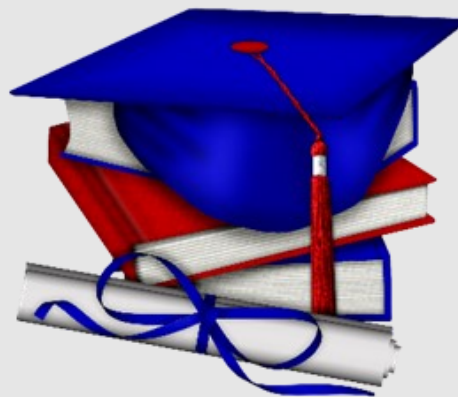


# SARAH CORSON CHILD CARE & LEARNING CENTER

September 2020 Newsletter

## Pre-K Graduation

Thank you to the families of our eight Pre-K Graduates for joining us for a special outdoor graduation event. It was the perfect evening – mild summer weather, a short and sweet ceremony, and Mahalo Shaved Ice! We will miss these kiddos terribly! Parents, please bring them back to visit us!



## Closed for Labor Day

A reminder we will be closed Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

## Move-Up Day

Our biggest move-up day of the year will be Monday, September 14. Parents of children moving up will be notified soon. We are excited for new stable groups, and to also welcome new children to our Sarah Corson Center family

## New Rules & Regulations



As of September 1, we have new rules and regulations to follow concerning COVID-19. Some of these rules and regulations are stricter than what we have been doing. But other rules and regulations are slowly expanding what we can do. We must ask that all children sanitize their hands prior to entering our building. Parents, we must ask you a series of health questions before we admit your child/children to the building. We ask for your patience at drop-off time, as it will take a bit longer for all children to be checked in each day. While waiting outside, we must ask that you maintain social distance from other families. ALL staff are now required to wear face masks or face shields. We are now able to expand our Preschool and Pre-K classes to more than 10 children per stable group.

## Hello and Goodbye

We said hello and then goodbye to a wonderful Infant Aide, Brittney. Right after I hired Brittney, she was given an incredible job opportunity that she could not refuse. We wish her well.

## New Infant Aide

We've hired a new Infant Aide, Aurrarah. She will begin work with us in mid-September. We are excited for her to join our team.

## Judith on Maternity Leave

Our Toddler 2 Aide Judith will be on maternity leave Monday, September 7. She will return to work on Monday, November 16.

## Welcome, Fall

We welcome the cooler morning and evening weather. Please make sure your child has appropriate outer wear for the playground. Thank you.



—Jaime Snider, director

# Leader of the band

By PAULETTE AVERY

This month's spotlight is on Leo Bardes, a member of the congregation since 2017 and for the past two years part of the volunteer team which reviews the church's financial records, a task completed last month. A college president for a month, a musician for almost all his life, Leo has stories to tell.



Leo Bardes

He grew up in Calistoga, Calif., the son of Greek immigrants who owned a hotel and café in the town that then had about 900 residents. In the fourth grade, Leo learned to play the trumpet. By high school he decided he

wanted to be a band director. Leo obtained an AA degree in music at Santa Rosa Junior College, then went to San Francisco State College where he met Sylvia, his wife of 65 years, and obtained a bachelor's degree. In college he joined the Army Reserve and played in the band at the Presidio.

Following graduation he went on active duty during the Korean War. He was assigned to Fort Meade, Md. and played in the band there. He and Sylvia got married, and when he completed his enlistment, he returned to school for his master's degree and teaching credential.

His first job was school band director in St. Helena, Calif. working with students from elementary through high school. He and Sylvia welcomed a son and a daughter into their family. A highlight of that time, Leo says, was participating with his students in the opening ceremonies of the Squaw Valley Winter Olympics in 1960.

After several years, they left St. Helena and Leo joined the faculty of the College of San Mateo, with an enrollment of 20,000 students. He later served as assistant to the chancellor, interim vice president, and for one month, acted as college president. During that time he also directed choirs at three churches. He retired in 2001. During the 1990's he was chairman of the Board of Trustees of First Methodist Church in Palo Alto.

Before moving to Medford in 2001, Leo directed the Peninsula Symphonic Band in which many of the musicians were Silicon Valley techs and executives. The Bardeses moved here to be closer to their two kids who settled in Portland.

They've spent many happy days traveling the country with their trailer. Leo also enjoys fly fishing and playing "old guys golf." Sylvia sings in the choir, they both help with the newsletter mailing.

The saying goes that if you do what you love, you won't work a day in your life. According to Leo, that perfectly describes his career as leader of the band.



## Outdoor meet, mask required

A pandemic-friendly congregational meeting is called by the Session for 12 noon in the church parking lot on Sunday, September 20, 2020 for the purpose of 1) amending the Bylaws to allow telephonic- or video-conference meetings of the congregation 2) to consider filling two vacancies in the class of 2023 on the Session and one vacancy in the class of 2023 on the Board of Deacons, and 3) to ratify interim actions taken to install interim officers during time of quarantine. The Nominating Committee presents Harlow Head and Cathy de Wolfe as nominees for the Session vacancies and Linda Colehower for the Board of Deacons vacancy. Session acted on an interim basis to install Carole MacKenzie and Linda Colehower as deacons by administrative commission in lieu of formal installation at a worship service.

Here's the text of the proposed Bylaw amendment:

ARTICLE VII Meetings of the Congregation, a new section 8:

8. Congregational meetings may either be in-person or conducted by telephone or video conference following the standards in ORS 65.205 with provisions that all members can participate effectively. Session shall adopt rules assuring full participation in electronic or telephone meetings.

## Zoom class

Our third adult education class over Zoom video conferencing begins at 1 p.m. Friday, September 11. It's a six-week study of the Gospel of Mark, led by the Rev. Barbara Haddon. Mark's gospel is thought to be the first of the four gospels to be completed, and it is the shortest. It focuses on the deeds of Jesus, often giving just summaries of the Lord's longer speeches found in the other three gospels.

We finished off the spring study of the Book of John by Zoom, and conducted a Zoom discussion of Walter Brueggemann's *Sabbath as Resistance* book this summer. The Christian Education committee is looking at the possibility of looking at Brueggemann's new book on the virus and the Old Testament later this Fall.