



SARAH CORSON CHILD CARE & LEARNING CENTER

November 2020 Newsletter

We are SO VERY thankful for...

- * Our kiddos! We LOVE what we do!
- * Continued good health, despite the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- * Our parents! Thank you for trusting us with your most precious gift/gifts.
- * Our staff! We have an amazing group of women who teach and nurture your child/children.
- * Our expanding families! Thank you for continuing to come to us for your Child Care and Preschool needs.
- * First Presbyterian Church, which allows us to operate our Center, with its continued support and blessing.
- * Word of mouth advertising; our families are the best at recommending us to others. Thank you!



Thanksgiving

We will be **CLOSING EARLY**, at 3:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, November 25**. *All children must be picked up no later than 3:30 p.m.* We will be **CLOSED** Thursday, November 26 AND Friday, November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving. Wishing you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Holiday Break

We will be **closed Monday, December 21 through Friday, January 1** for our annual Holiday Break. We will re-open Monday, January 4.

COVID 19 Emergency Plan

As is required by the Oregon Early Learning Division Office of Child Care, we have completed a COVID-19 Emergency Operating Plan. The Plan has been emailed to all parents and staff in accordance with operating rules and regulations. The plan details just how we as a Center are following the health and safety protocols put in place to keep us operating safely during the Pandemic. Our staff has been **OUTSTANDING** during this time--quickly adapting to rule changes, creatively thinking of practical solutions, and keeping positive attitudes. They are to be applauded. Your children are in great hands!



The Pre-K student becomes the teacher as she teaches Director Jaime Snider how to draw a girl and a dog

-Jaime Snider, director

A life of teaching

By PAULETTE AVERY

After moving as a teenager from his birthplace in Pasadena, Calif. to Fort Jones near the Oregon border, Dennis Dedrick showed his leadership tendencies by becoming president of the



Dennis Dedrick

Fort Jones High School senior class -- all ten students!

The next step in his education was a bachelor's degree from Southern Oregon College (now Southern Oregon University), followed by student teaching at Medford High School from which his future wife Marthanne had just graduated.

Dennis was hired to the Medford High faculty and taught math there for many years, earning a master's degree in math along the way, before joining the faculty at SOU. As a teacher-in-residence at SOU, he taught junior high math teachers, including former colleagues, who were earning their master's degrees in teaching.

Dennis also helped develop a new math curriculum for junior high students.

"I used to tell my students at SOU that teaching was the hardest job they would ever love." Dennis moved on from SOU to teach at Rogue Community College for several years.

That's a total of 56 years as a teacher.

Marthanne and Dennis were married at First Presbyterian, Medford in 1964 and Dennis later served as an elder. These days, Dennis spends his time catch-and-release fishing from his boat in nearby lakes, camping in their recreational vehicle or enjoying time with their family of three kids and many grandkids.

Due to COVID and the need for home schooling, Dennis is back to doing the hardest job he ever loved by helping two of his grandsons with their online learning.

New members

Our congregation welcomes four new members joining the church in October. They are Todd and Kari Diehl and Dan and Carrie Pike.

The Diehls have been worshipping with us for three years. Todd works for Rogue Retreat, the ministry providing housing and transitional counseling for former homeless people. He was the overnight manager of our Emergency Shelter when it operated this past winter.

The Pikes are retired. Dan served for many years as pastor of Community Church in Columbus, Ohio.

Worship update

Tom McDermott reports the new video equipment in the Sanctuary has gone through some "minor glitches" and continues to improve the quality of our Internet Sunday worship service broadcasts. With transition to the new equipment in October services are pre-recorded. Tom told Session that Tony Chunn has taken charge of editing and production of the services.



For those who don't have computers to watch the service at home, we've added an informal – and properly social-distanced – viewing of the worship video each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Call the church office if you'd like more information on this worship option.

Anticipating reopening of public worship sometime in 2021, Session this week set aside \$5,000 for advertising resumption of public worship and promotion of our video Christmas Eve service.

