



SARAH CORSON CHILD CARE & LEARNING CENTER

March 2022 Newsletter

St. Patrick's Day

We will be *celebrating St. Patrick's Day on Thursday, March 17* with our annual "Green parties." Children in both Toddler classes, Preschool and Pre K will be having class parties. Don't forget to wear green on St. Patrick's Day!

**Happy
St. Patrick's
Day!**

Easter

We will be having *class Easter Egg Hunts on Friday, April 15*. We will be accepting donations of plastic Easter Eggs, peanut-free candy, small toys and trinkets, etc. Please give your donations to any staff member. Thank you!

Inspection Season

We had our annual fire alarm, fire safety and health inspections in February. All went very well!



Hugs and love

New Pre-K Curriculum

We are excited to introduce a new supplemental curriculum for our Pre-K students. From the makers of "Handwriting Without Tears" we will be introducing "Learning Without Tears." Each Pre K child will have their own workbook, and teacher Lisa will guide them through it, page by page. Students will focus on handwriting skills surrounding activities with colors, shapes, numbers and social-emotional skills.

Welcome Tara!

We would like to welcome to our staff Tara, our new Infant Teacher. Tara comes to us with an Associate's degree in Early Childhood Education, as well as experience working in Child Care in California and Oregon. Please stop by the Infant classroom and say hi to Tara!

Save the Date – Pre K Graduation

We will be having our annual *Pre K Graduation celebration on Friday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Holmes Park* in East Medford. We will have a short ceremony, followed by play time in the park and a special surprise 😊

—Jaime Snider, director

Meet Meghan MacDonald



Meghan MacDonald

Music lover

By PAULETTE AVERY

Meghan says she loves music. When we spoke, she and her husband Ed Hyde had just returned from a trip that included seeing the Van Gogh exhibit in Portland, attending several concerts in Eugene and two short jaunts to the coast.

At home in Medford, they go to concerts and Ed plays rhythm guitar in the Southern Oregon jazz band. Meghan acts as his manager and helps with his equipment. She used to play violin “very poorly” and also attempted to learn to play bagpipes—a tradition in her Scottish family.

Natives of Pittsburg, Pa., Meghan and Ed knew each other in high school but didn’t become close friends until years later when they became neighbors. In 2000 they moved to Medford. Ed took a job as a pharmacist at Asante. Meghan has a degree in education but never worked as a teacher because there were no jobs available in the 1970s when she graduated. She worked as an administrative assistant until her children arrived and then took 10 years off to raise them.

She resumed her career, working in a law firm for business attorneys. After their move here, she worked for neonatologists. Now they are both retired.

Meghan lost her adult son in 2012. She says she received great help from *WinterSpring*, a group providing support to grieving children, teens, and adults. She became a volunteer and is dedicated to helping others as she was helped.

Meghan and Ed came to our church late in 2000 when they attended a Christmas service and decided to join. They were married in the church in 2007 and both are elders. Meghan is currently on the Personnel Committee and has served on the Mission Committee.

She misses the warmth and friendliness that brought many of us to First Presbyterian, made much more difficult by the pandemic and the need for masks. She encourages all of us to be sure to make eye contact and greet one another when we are together in worship.

Class of 2025



Installed and ordained February 27, from left, front row, Elder Diana Kelley, Deacons Carrie Pike and Marilyn Hultquist; back row Elders Dan Johnson and Carl Hultquist. Inset, Elder Kari Diehl.



Continuing service after election to a second term are Deacons Linda Colehower and Megan Marks, and Elder Bob Frey.