



SARAH CORSON CHILD CARE & LEARNING CENTER

April 2022 Newsletter

Easter Egg Hunts



We will be having Toddler 1 and 2 and Preschool/Pre-K Easter Egg Hunts on Friday, April 15. Donations of plastic Easter Eggs, peanut-free candy, and small toys and trinkets are now being accepted. Please give your donations to any staff person. Thank you! Happy Easter!



Welcome New Staff

Welcome both Hailie and Toni to our staff. Each will be spending time in our Infant and Toddler 2 classrooms before we decide on their permanent age-group placements. Hailie comes to us having taken child development classes in high school. Toni comes to us having been a summer camp counselor at Kids Unlimited and having done private babysitting jobs for various families. Please help us welcome these ladies.

CLOSED for Memorial Day

We will be closed Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

Sunscreen Time is Here!

The season of sunscreen application is quickly approaching. Please bring in a tube of sunscreen for your child and label it with his or her name.

No aerosol sunscreen products can be used. Sunscreen Authorization forms will be going home soon and must be signed and turned in before we can begin applying sunscreen.

—Jaime Snider, director



A Toddler boy smiles in the sun while on our playground on a warm spring day

God-given talent

By PAULETTE AVERY

If you have heard Eric Smith sing, you know that God gave him a beautiful voice.

He says his mom recognized it when she came home once when he was a young child to find him with the babysitter singing Christmas carols by heart. Eric became more aware of his talent in high school and as a senior placed first in the bass division in a statewide competition. At Portland State he initially majored in vocal performance, but later realized he didn't want to spend his life traveling to perform so switched to music education. During college Eric sang with the Portland Opera and Portland Opera Chorus as well as in Portland State opera performances.

Eric and Alice, his wife of 43 years, married during his final year of college. They moved to Burns where he taught in middle and high schools and later to the Oregon coast at Reedsport. He directed church choirs in both communities. Now a family of five with a son and two daughters, the Smiths tired of all the coastal rain and moved to Medford in 1986. Eric applied for a job at South Medford High but was offered a position in the elementary grades which he decided would give him more time with their young children. He taught for 25 years in Medford and a total of 33 years in music education.

The Smiths joined our church in 1986. Two years later Eric became choir director and continued until 2015. He served on Session for a total of nine years and has also been on the Music and Worship and the Personnel committees. Eric says that singing helped him to live out some of his dreams. As a member of the Rogue Valley Chorale, he was able to travel on seven tours to Europe and sing in many beautiful places including cathedrals in Prague and other cities across Europe. He feels blessed to be part of our church and in our choir, and we are blessed to have him!



Eric Smith sings at a recent worship service. Bob Adams accompanies.

Transition task force created, new leaders chosen

Following up on last fall's *Canoeing the Mountains* study of our church's future, Session last week formed a Transition Task Force to work with Pastor Murray in developing ministries which fit our calling. Named to the task force are elders Dan Johnson, Diana Kelley and Carl Hultquist.

Committee chairs for the 2022-23 program year are Building and Grounds, Monty Holst; Christian Education, Carl Hultquist; Church Growth, Tom McDermott; Fellowship, Doris Sjolund; Finance, Cathy de Wolfe; Mission, Bob Frey; Personnel, Carol Holst; Worship and Music, Andy Ullrich.

Session elected Harlow Head as clerk and corporate secretary. He replaces Tam Moore who's served as clerk for the past eight years. Continuing as corporate officers are Cathy de Wolfe, president, and Bob Haddon, treasurer.

Session also voted to change the starting time of regular meetings to 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month. They learned that worship planners expect to resume the informal 8:30 a.m. Sunday services after Easter.

