



# SARAH CORSON CHILD CARE & LEARNING CENTER

July 2022 Newsletter

## CLOSED July 4 and July 5

We will be CLOSED both Monday, July Fourth AND Tuesday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day.

## CLOSED August 4 and 5

We will be CLOSED both Thursday, August 4 and Friday, August 5 for our annual Staff In-service training. We will be completing a 2-hour ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences) training, working on curriculum for the coming year, rearranging classrooms, cleaning toys, and preparing for our big move up in September.

## CLOSED September 6

We will be CLOSED Monday, September 6 in observance of Labor Day.

## Welcome Jasmine and Krysta

We would like to welcome Jasmine and Krysta to our staff! Both have prior experience working with young children. Both have been floating around the Center, primarily working in our Toddler classes. Welcome, ladies.



A Pre-K girl poses for a picture wearing her special kitty sunglasses



## Fall Move Up Date

We will be moving several children up to the next class level as of Monday, September 12. We are also accepting several new children into care and our Sarah Corson Center family. More details to come.

## Please save the date

After a two-year hiatus due to COVID, we are pleased to announce our plans for an in-person Christmas Program Friday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m. Children in Toddler 2, Pre-school and Pre-K classes will be participating. Please save the date!

—Jaime Snider, director

# From a distance, keeping healthy

By PAULETTE AVERY

The new moderator of our Board of Deacons knows how to do things from a distance, if necessary. Joan Peckham restricted her in-person activities when COVID-19 arrived in the Spring of 2020. Personal health concerns as well as concern for her daughter, who has undergone a bone marrow transplant, made caution mandatory.

Deacons have done most of their work with our church family by telephone, and their communications with each other by Zoom teleconference. Since she took over when Sally Densmore stepped down this spring, Joan has become a veteran of running Zoom meetings.

Joan was born in New Jersey to a Presbyterian father and a Jewish mother. As children, Joan and her brother attended Sunday School at a Presbyterian church, but her parents only came on Christmas and Easter.

Disillusioned with a problem at the church she had been attending, Joan began looking for a new church after obtaining her driver's license. She chose a Dutch Reformed Church, now known as the Reformed Church in America.

She continued with that denomination years later when she and her husband and two daughters were living in San Jose, Calif. Joan was active in that church, including serving as superintendent of the Sunday School.

Joan has a degree in sociology from Marietta College in Ohio. She worked in New York City in foster care, later receiving additional education training to teach remedial reading to underserved children in a parochial school. After her marriage, Joan moved with her husband to Poughkeepsie, N.Y. In California, after both girls were in school, Joan became a social worker for Santa Clara County, retiring after nine years.

Moving to the Rogue Valley in 2017, Joan looked at several churches, returning to her Presbyterian roots by joining our congregation. Before COVID, she was in the book group, the Lunch Bunch and took several classes.

Recently, Joan took a photography class that she says increased her connection to nature. Currently, she's learning to paint with watercolors. She enjoys cooking and hopes to return to entertaining when risk of COVID has diminished.



Deacon Joan Peckham

## Faith in Action

### **Jams, jellies and joy**

The July Food of the Month for our Food Bank is jams and jellies, from the store please, no home canning. Pick up a couple of jars when you next head to the market and bring them to worship on Sunday. There's a red grocery cart in the Narthex ready to receive your donation.

