



SARAH CORSON CHILD CARE & LEARNING CENTER

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Light Jackets and Layers for Outdoor Play

While we are still in the midst of our warm Summer months, please be reminded that light jackets and layers will be needed for children once those cooler mornings and late afternoons are upon us.

CLOSED September 5

A reminder we will be **CLOSED Monday, September 5**, in observance of Labor Day.

Updated Immunization Copies Needed

Parents, please make sure I have a copy of your child's most up-to-date immunizations on file. I am happy to make a copy here at the Center. You are welcome to fax or email to me, or you can bring me a copy. Thank you!

Graduates, Please Come Back to Visit

Our Pre K students who will be attending kindergarten are leaving us this month. We will miss them all terribly. Parents, please bring them back to visit us! We love getting visits from former students and families.

Water Lead Test results are in!

We have our city water tested every few years for lead, to make sure levels are safe for drinking and consumption. I am happy to report that again our water is drinkable and safe for children and staff.

—Jaime Snider, director



This Pre-K boy's family has been with our Center for over a decade. He is the youngest sibling of the family, with two older sisters, all of whom have been with us infancy through Pre K in our program. At the end of August, we said a tearful goodbye, as this sweet 5-year old is off to kindergarten this month!



Talent and generosity

By PAULETTE AVERY

If you've received a beautiful handmade birthday card from the church, or maybe a card for another occasion from your deacon, you have enjoyed the talent and generosity of Evonne Hubbard, wife of our wonderful associate pastor Mike. Evonne began making cards while living in Alaska. It was something to do during the long, frigid winters. She continued, taking classes and learning new techniques with water colors, fabric markers, colored pencils and alcohol ink as her media.

Her current favorite is the alcohol ink. "I like it because the results are a surprise," she says. Sometimes the outcome is wonderful and other times not so much, but she enjoys seeing what develops. In addition to supplying the cards for Mike to send out to church members, for the deacons and others, Evonne sells some cards to online customers, and occasionally sells at craft fairs.

Evonne and Mike met in high school in Grants Pass at a church Halloween party and married between her sophomore and junior years at Southern Oregon College (now SOU) where she obtained a degree in elementary education. They have two adopted sons, both disabled. One son



Evonne Hubbard

continues to live in Alaska and the other is in California. While living in Alaska, she was a child support enforcement officer for the state and also took classes in psychology and law. After returning to the Rogue Valley in 2002, she worked mostly in the mental health field.

The Hubbards became Presbyterians while living in Alaska and were active members of Eagle River Presbyterian in a suburb of Anchorage. There Evonne became an ordained elder and Mike was ordained as a deacon. At our church, in addition to her card-making, Evonne has served as chair of the mission and fellowship committees and has been on session several times. She's held several leadership positions with Presbytery of the Cascades

Evonne decides which card to custom-make. She and Jan Grunwald are organizing the December 10 church craft fair which will raise funds for our mission projects.



The Peanut-Butter Challenge

The food-of-the-month at First is peanut butter. Our mission committee has challenged Bethany Presbyterian in Grants Pass to see which congregation gather the most donated peanut butter. The winning congregation will get a guest pastor for a Sunday worship service.

But wait, there's more to the September need for our food ministry: Jelly. That's right, our Brown Bag Café sack lunches now include peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. So please bring in a jar of peanut butter **and** a jar of jelly to any worship service this month. Place them in the red grocery cart in the Narthex.

Thanks, and let's beat Grants Pass!



Joe Gibson

Joe Gibson moves on

There's been a volunteer staff transition in support of our lunch-time food ministry to the hungry at Hawthorne Park. Mission Chair Bob Frey reports that Joe Gibson, who did the cooking in our kitchen for several months, has moved on to other things. Two volunteers have taken over. They plan to prepare food in the kitchen a couple of times a week instead of the daily soup which Joe featured on his menu. In a related note, our Food Bank, operated with the West Medford Food Bank, has seen an increase in client numbers. It's averaging 100 families a week, some driving in from outlying areas.