



# SARAH CORSON CHILD CARE & LEARNING CENTER

December 2022 Newsletter

*Merry  
Christmas*

## **Holiday Program December 9**

We will be hosting our annual Holiday Program **Friday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m.** Children in Toddler 2, Preschool and Pre K classes will be participating. We will open the doors to the Church at 6:00 p.m. Children need to be at the Center promptly at 6:15 p.m. Immediately following our program, we will head to the Center for a Holiday open house. We will be serving treats and homemade hot apple cider. Please join us!

## **Holiday Break Closure**

We will be **CLOSED Monday, December 19, 2022 through Monday, January 2, 2023** for our annual Holiday Break. We will reopen Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

## **Update Immunization Records**

Parents, please make sure I have the most recent copy of your child's immunization records (or a copy of exclusion certificate). I will be turning in an Immunization Report to our local Health Department as soon as we return from our Holiday Break.

## **Welcome, Kaylee**

After weeks of being very patient with our lengthy background check process, we welcome Kaylee to our staff. She joins us primarily on the Preschool side of our Center, working with our 3-5 year old children. Please stop in and say hello to her and join us in welcoming her to our Center.

## **Thanks for the Yummy Mac & Cheese**

A huge shout out and thanks to teacher Kathy's son, Tyler Hoebet, and The Point Pub and Grill, for donating a big pan of their mac and cheese to our kids. This is our traditional pre-Thanksgiving lunch each year on the Wednesday before Turkey Day. If you haven't been to The Point, check them out in either Central Point or South Medford.

## **THANK YOU**

Parents, a heartfelt thank you for sharing your child/children with us this past year. They are your most precious gifts you give to the world. We do not take our jobs lightly and we are highly aware of the awesome responsibility placed upon us and the extraordinary trust you place with us. We are so blessed to be able to be part of your village.

From all of us at the Sarah Corson Center, ***MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!***

—Jaime Snider, director

# Pressman and page-turner

By PAULETTE AVERY

Dudley Peterson has stories to tell from a life time in Southern Oregon. Born in Klamath Falls, Dudley spent his first two years in Drew, a South Douglas County community on Highway 227, before his family moved to Jackson Street in Medford.

His father died when Dudley was 12 and his mother took a job as janitor at McLoughlin Junior High School to support her family of four boys.

During high school Dudley sold newspapers and later became a paperboy for the Medford Mail Tribune. It turned out to be a career. After graduating from Medford High School he joined the Army. On his return to Medford he worked in the pressroom at the Mail Tribune, a job he held until his retirement.

Dudley met his wife Ginni through a friend who later became their best man. Ginni already knew Dudley's mom; Ginni was the junior high music teacher. Shortly after meeting her, Dudley showed up in Ginni's classroom with flowers, embarrassing her in front of the students. Apparently she got over it. They've been married for 61 years!

The Petersons live on a hill-top farm overlooking Talent. For years the family produced hay on the irrigated ground. These days the acreage is in vineyards.



Dudley Peterson



A tractor which used to haul irrigation pipe for Peterson hayfields now marks the driveway to the family home surrounded by vineyards

Dudley joined First Pres when they married in 1961. Ginni was the organist way back then and for decades after, until her retirement a few years ago.

Over the years Dudley has been an usher, a page turner for Ginni at the organ, washed dishes, helped cook for Wednesday Night Live, and done various other jobs as needed. He also brought food from ACCESS to the Food Bank, once dropping an entire load of poorly secured food in the middle of an intersection!

For many years Dudley has been an active member of Rusty Relics, a group that restores antique tractors. They participate in parades and do tractor pulls all around the area.

## The birth of the church

We are launching a Wednesday morning Bible Study of the Book of Acts in January. Classes begin at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2023.

Pastor Murray and Carl Hultquist will co-teach this study of all 28 chapters of Acts. This is the book which describes the founding of the church and the spreading of its message across the Roman Empire.

Acts, and Luke's gospel which precedes it in the Bible, is dated by many scholars as being written within 50 years of Jesus' death and resurrection. Most scholars attribute both books to the same author. More information and a sign-up sheet will be available later this month. The class will be about an hour and 15 minutes long.



Papyrus dating from 250 A.D. reveals an early copy of Acts of the Apostles