



SARAH CORSON CHILD CARE & LEARNING CENTER

May 2023 Newsletter



Pre K Graduation

Our annual Pre K Graduation ceremony is Friday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Holmes Park on Modoc Avenue in East Medford. We will hold a short and sweet ceremony in which we will hand out diplomas. All are welcome! Please join us in celebrating 12 of our amazing Pre K students as they prepare to head off to Kindergarten this Fall!

Upcoming Center Closure Dates:

Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day

Monday, June 19 in observance of Juneteenth

Tuesday, July 4 & Wednesday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day

Sunscreen Authorization Forms

The sunshine is here. Please make sure your child has a signed sunscreen authorization form on file with us. Please make sure you have brought in sunscreen for your child. Thank you!

Welcome New Staff!



We would like to welcome Deva to our teaching staff. Deva is our new Ladybug Teacher, 3-year olds. Deva comes to us with several years of prior experience teaching young children. We welcome her and are glad she has joined our teaching team.

We additionally welcome LeShea to our teaching staff. LeShea comes to us with decades of experience working with young children. LeShea is working in our Pre K classroom alongside of Ms. Lisa.

Both ladies are lovely and we are blessed to have them join us!

—Jaime Snider, director

A dedicated, smiling volunteer

By PAULETTE AVERY



Bob Frey

If you haven't met Bob Frey, you probably recognize his face. He and his wife, Sandi, spend much of their time working in many church activities. Church has been a big part of Bob's whole life.

Born in Nebraska, Bob and his family moved from there to North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota as his dad transferred jobs. Bob attended 12 different schools by the time he graduated from high school. He said having a strong family and going to church wherever they lived made the transitions easier.

From high school he entered the University of Nebraska, majoring in accounting and economics. He spent two years after graduation on active duty in the Marine Corps. Before he joined the Marines he had dated a young woman in nursing school who was the roommate of his future wife Sandi.

He and Sandi connected after Bob returned to Nebraska, later married and moved to Alaska where Sandy worked and Bob was a house husband. After a year, Bob got a job offer in the Portland area and spent seven years there.

They moved to Salem where he worked for the Department of Revenue until his retirement.

Bob and Sandi decided they wanted to live near their son and almost moved to the East Coast, but their son chose to move back to Oregon and after a few months in Bend, settled near Ashland. Bob and Sandi were active in the Presbytery for many years so knew Mike and Evonne Hubbard and Tam Moore even before they joined First Presbyterian Medford about 10 years ago.

During their time at First Presbyterian in Salem Bob served several terms on Session, heading the building and grounds committee, serving on the Mission and Christian Education committees and for a time was church treasurer.

In Medford Bob is serving his third term on Session. He's chair of the Mission committee and was Church Growth chair. He's a regular volunteer for the Food Bank, the bag lunch program and at fellowship events. When he has spare time he enjoys walking and other outdoor activities.



A week's worth of bag lunches, ready for the addition of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches from the refrigerator are part of the many-person volunteer effort coordinated by Bob and Sandi Frey.

May food of the month: Peanut Butter (and jelly)



Third place, September PB Challenge

Our Sack Lunch Ministry is a huge user of peanut butter, with every bag containing a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. It's time to restock the supply cabinets. And we again are engaged in a Peanut Butter Challenge with First Presbyterian in Ashland and Bethany Presbyterian in Grants Pass.

In case you've forgotten last September, we finished last in donated jars of peanut butter. Our two pastors had to turn up for worship wearing the badge of losers — "peanut butter and jelly" tops — to open the October 9 worship service. First, Medford gathered just 161 jars of peanut butter for our ministry to the hungry. Ashland received 203 jars and Bethany placed second with 182 jars.

Folks, we need to win the Spring Peanut Butter Challenge. And to help the sandwich makers, bring along a few jars of jelly, too. Please put them in the red food cart in the Narthex any Sunday morning.

And, if you have some morning time, there's a need for a volunteer or two to hand out lunches from 8:45 a.m. to noon. You can contact the church office or Sandi Frey, the program leader, for more information (1-(503) 399-7241).