



# SARAH CORSON CHILD CARE & LEARNING CENTER

October 2023 Newsletter

## Happy Halloween!

We will be celebrating Halloween at our Center on Tuesday, October 31. Children may wear their costumes to school, but please bring play clothes for them to change into. We will Trick or Treat each classroom around the Center as well as our playground and Miss Jaime's office. Classrooms will be having class parties on this special day.



Please see your child's teacher for specific classroom party details.

## Thanksgiving closure

A reminder we will be ***closing early at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22.*** We will be ***CLOSED Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24*** in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

## Holiday break closure

We will be ***closed Monday, December 18, 2023 through Monday, January 1, 2024*** for our annual Winter Break.

## Save the Date!

Our annual Holiday Program will be Friday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m. Children in Toddler 2, Preschool and Pre-K will be participating, singing traditional children's Christmas songs. We will follow up our program with a Holiday Open House at the Center with cookies and hot apple cider. More details to come.



**A Pre-K student pauses for a picture while having fun painting with apples**

## Coats, Hats and Gloves

It's that time of year again when morning and evening temperatures are cooling off and are down-right chilly! Please make sure your child is coming to school with a coat (hats and gloves, too, if you so choose).

—Jaime Snider, director

# Our talented tenor

By PAULETTE AVERY

We gained another great addition to our choir in recent months when Chris Hamby shared his wonderful tenor voice. In addition to singing in the choir, Chris has treated us to several solos as well as his recent duet from *Fiddler on the Roof* with Alissa Barry.

Chris grew up in Modesto, California. He had a difficult childhood as he was moved around in the foster care system. After high school, he attended Modesto Junior College for several years studying music and later theater studies while working full-time. Eventually, he transferred to Fullerton State where he fell in love with musical theater. While there he worked at Disneyland as part of their college program for aspiring Disneyland managers and received an AS degree from Disney University. During his time at Disneyland Chris played Goofy and Geppetto and also played Quasimodo on a Disney Cruise.

He left Southern California and moved to Humboldt County to attend Humboldt State and then taught special education for three years, an interest he gained during his foster care years. He came to the Rogue Valley to be closer to a girlfriend. His first job here was in the kitchen at the Oregon Cabaret Theater, owned by Valerie and Rick Robinson,



Disneyland's Goofy

daughter and son-in-law of our own George and Patty Herkert. He moved from the kitchen to helping build sets and one day Valerie heard him singing as he worked. He then became an understudy in many of their productions.

Currently Chris is the technical director at the Collaborative Theater Project and recently played the sheriff in their production of *Desperate Measures*. Previously he had a part in *Lend Me a Tenor*. Those of us who saw him in *Desperate Measures* know that in addition to singing well he is a great actor!

In his spare time he likes to play golf (often with Eric Smith), and also enjoys basketball and bowling. When he can, he travels to Portland and San Francisco to watch theater productions.



Alissa Barry and Chris Hamby sing at worship September 17

## A Surprise goat

Someone known to God gifted a pair of goats in the name of Medford First Presbyterian Church through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog. The thank you note came in September. A pair of gift goats cost \$178. The goats provide food security through the production of milk, cheese, butter, and yogurt. By doing this we give hope to people. Thanks be to God!

You can check out the catalog online at [Presbyterian Online Giving Catalog \(pcusa.org\)](http://PresbyterianOnlineGivingCatalog(pcusa.org))

