

# La Tijera United Methodist Center for Children News

## Mayola's Corner

It's that time of the year again.....Re-registration will begin June 1<sup>st</sup> please watch for the packet in your mailboxes. Forms are due by June 15<sup>th</sup> for the 2011-2012 school terms. Please be

aware if you have not reserved your space by July 1<sup>st</sup> all available slots will be open to the public. Thank you for a wonderful year and I hope to serve all of you for the 2011-2012 year too.



As we approach the summer months and the children begin to wear less clothing, scrapes and bruises happens more frequently. It is very important to discuss the importance of playground safety to eliminate falls and boo-boos. We also stress while most boo-boos are minor it is often difficult to explain each one especially when children don't bring it to the attention of the caregiver. While we want the children to enjoy their summer fun we equally want to stress the importance of safety during outside and field trips. Some of the ways we

are going to try to eliminate boo-boos will be by during organized games, storytelling, water play, and recruiting volunteers. If you have free days this summer stop by and join the fun.

As part of our continual effort to provide you with the highest quality of communication we frequently communicate through e-mail and our newsletter. Please take a few minutes to stop by the office to give me your address. This will guarantee you stay abreast of all information from the school.

I would like to extend a thumb up to Tricia McReynolds (Amanda-room 5/Kevin-stage 3 mom) on during a great job as the P4C President. She made every attempt to keep every body informed of all center happenings, attending meetings, and participating in all center events. Please help me in letting her know how much we appreciate her efforts through this year.

It saddens me to tell you that Pastor Rachel has been assigned to a new church effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. A good bye breakfast will be hosted by the staff in her honor on Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> please stop by to have breakfast with her and wish her well on her new appointment.

Congratulation goes to our students who will be graduating or moving to the next level. Our commencement exercises (end of year celebration) for the children will be held on Thursday June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30pm. in the main sanctuary.

Our Crossroads Summer Camp will officially begin June 27<sup>th</sup>. Stop by the office or the pre-school classrooms to pick up a summer schedules.



## Music & Spirit....to be met where we are. By Lyda Eddington

the hospital or in hospice care. One of the jobs of a harp therapist is to “meet people where they are” instead of going in and playing a specific set of songs or type of music that I may think they should listen to. We are taught to listen to the sounds of the room, to find and follow an individual’s breathing and tone, and play music that meets their needs, in that moment in time. Their needs might change as the music continues, and it is the harp therapists’ job to continue to meet those needs. It struck me recently while I was playing - isn’t that what God does? God meets us where we are, listens to our prayers and our hearts, and gently leads us to a place of wholeness and peace. God doesn’t try to change who we are – we are loved in each moment of our lives – God meets us where we are, each and every day, and offers us peace, forgiveness and love which is beyond our understanding. God will always meet us where we are . . . and guide us to where we need to be.



Friends-

It is with mixed emotions that I write this letter. On May 8, I announced in worship that I would be moving from La Tijera UMC and the Westchester community to take a new appointment in Simi Valley at the United Methodist Church there. I would be lying if I said I wasn’t excited about the possibilities with the new congregation and working with a colleague and friend that I respect. That being said, I am saddened at the thought of leaving so many people that I have come to love.

To the members of La Tijera UMC, it has been a blessing to serve you. You have demonstrated persistence, fire, and resolve. I pray that as this transition happens that you will continue to seek God’s guidance and direction. God can do amazing things when we follow the Spirit down the new paths that God is creating for us. You are resurrection people and I pray for a new life for you based on hope, energy, and grace. I know as you await an appointment that Lyda will serve you to the best of her ability. Work with her to embrace the possibilities open to you to be the Church as God would like it to be.

To those connected to the Center for Children, I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you and having the opportunity to work with Mayola and the teachers to provide quality care to your children. It has been a pleasure to watch your children grow. The teachers have been a gift to me as I am sure they have been a gift to our parents as well. I have been honored that you entrust your children to our care. Thank you for many wonderful experiences! I wish you joy on your further adventure in raising children. I pray that the blessings continue to outweigh the hard times and you can see the ways your children have enriched your lives.

To everyone, I wish for you the very best. I hope that in my time with you all that you have felt well served—understood, respected, led, challenged, and encouraged. Warren and I have cherished memories while being in this community. We hope that we have helped to shape your lives as much as you have helped to shape ours. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve.

Blessings, Rachel

## Rachel's Ramblings

# June

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Lyda Preaches The Gathering	6	7	8	9	10 Parent's Night Out	11
12 Pentecost (Consider wearing Red)	13	14	15	16 Annual	17 Center Closed for Staff Dev. Confer	18
19 Happy Father's Day Lyda Preaches	20	21	22 Rachel's Goodbye Breakfast	23	24	25
26 Rachel's Last Sunday	27	28	29	30		

We apologize for the abbreviated Newsletter. You will receive the classroom articles and the Hot Lunch Menu, in early June.