

A Message from Pastor Petra
Music, Laughter, and Learning comes to RVCC!!!

We are excited to welcome April Masse, a dynamic and energetic music teacher to our church and to the Raymond Community. She will be teaching classes to children ages newborn to 5 beginning on Saturday, January 23rd. April and her students will be using one of our downstairs Sunday school classrooms.

Please read her bio below:

A former faculty member and Director of Early Childhood Music for the Portland Conservatory of Music, April is the creator and director of April's Music Garden, a traveling classroom through which she offers playful, individualized musical instruction for little kids. With a curriculum that takes inspiration from John Feierabend's First Steps in Music, April establishes an exciting and entertaining environment for pre-school and kindergarten students to explore movement and music together. By engaging a child's entire brain through multi-sensory activities, April's Music Garden classes use music as the foundation for cognitive, social, and physical development. But music isn't only a powerful way of integrating these aspects of child development and fostering learning—it's fun! For more information, visit her website at www.aprilmusicgarden.com

A dynamic and energetic teacher, April also offers piano instruction to students of all ages and skill levels, with an emphasis on individual expression underscored by musical theory and practice. With a background in piano performance and pedagogy, April holds a Masters in Music in piano performance from the University of Southern Maine. She is also active in the community as an accompanist and church musician, playing for Scarborough Free Baptist Church, Portland Children's Chorus, Girl Singers of Maine, and Classical Uprising choirs as well as other choral groups in the Greater Portland area.

Welcome to our community April!