

Health Guidelines

Please do not bring your child to the nursery if he/she is ill. This is for the protection of all the children, staff, and volunteers.

If your child has been ill, he/she should be fever-free for 24 hours and/or have been on antibiotics for 24 hours before attending the nursery.

If your child becomes ill while in the nursery, you will be asked to take him/her home. Please note that medications cannot be administered by the nursery staff.

Nursery Volunteers

Our nursery is staffed by volunteers who make an annual commitment to spend one Sunday morning each month with the children in the infant room or the toddler room. A nursery receptionist is available every Sunday morning to answer any questions. All of our volunteers attend MUMC and are Safe Sanctuary Certified. We encourage parents of children who attend the nursery to consider making this commitment to our nursery ministry.

Childcare for MUMC Ministries

At times during the week there is a need for childcare so that parents may participate in Bible study, attend meetings, and join in other church activities. The nursery is staffed with a minimum of two Safe Sanctuary Certified childcare workers who are instructed how to provide developmentally appropriate activities for children in their care. Reservations must be made in advance by contacting a ministry leader.



Infant Soothing Room

The room to the right of the Sanctuary is reserved during worship services just for infants and their grown-ups. Your baby is always welcome to attend worship, but if you feel that you need to leave the service, but still want to be a part of the worship experience, this room is available.

Questions should be directed to:
Sally Cleveland,
Director of Children's Worship
& Nursery
636-200-4707 or
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The Nursery Ministry at Manchester UMC



Welcoming Children

The Nursery Ministry provides loving, nurturing care for MUMC's youngest preparatory members and visitors. The nursery staff and volunteers help children ages six weeks to three years' experience God's love in a Christian environment. Developmentally appropriate toys and activities guide their learning as they play. Our goal is to make church experience for the very youngest a positive experience from their very first day.

Childcare is provided in the nursery on Sunday mornings for children of members and visitors during worship services from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Infant room: 6 weeks -- 18 months

Toddler room: 18 months -- children turning 2 after August 1

Two year old Sunday school -- must be 2 by August 1

Learning about God

"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." Matthew 19:14 NRSV

Our volunteers provide an experience that is faith-forming and appropriate to the children's stage of development.

The children in the toddler room (ages 18 months-2 years) learn Bible-based concepts with a Bible story picture card each month which introduces God's word to them. Extra cards are available at the desk to take home.

While there is no defined curriculum in the infant room, volunteers spend time holding and rocking children and singing and reading stories to them as they provide a nurturing environment. We believe that the care children receive in our nursery will have an impact on their faith formation throughout their lives.

Sunday mornings at MUMC

When you arrive, please sign your child in at the nursery desk. Complete all the information requested, especially informing us where you will be while your child is in the nursery. If this is your child's first time in the infant room, you will need to complete a Nursery Information sheet. A two-part label must be filled out and placed on your child's back, and you must present the matching stub when you pick up your child from the nursery. If your child becomes ill or is unhappy for any length of time, you will be notified on your cell phone.

Please label your diaper bag and all other personal items. Bring disposable diapers, wipes, and a change of clothing for your child. If you are sending a sippy cup with your child, it should contain only water. Diaper bags for toddlers should be hung up in the hallway; bags for infants may be taken directly to their room.

We are happy to provide childcare so that parents may attend a worship service or a Sunday school class for learning and fellowship. We ask that you **do not leave the campus while your child is in nursery care.**

