

CHILD CARE FOR CLASSES AND EVENTS

At times, we provide childcare so parents may participate in Bible study, attend meetings, or join other activities. At those times, the nursery is staffed by at least two Safe Sanctuary Certified childcare workers. Reservations must be made in advance.

INFANT SOOTHING ROOM

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



NURSERY MINISTRY

"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

QUESTIONS

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Welcome, Children!

Manchester UMC's Nursery Ministry provides loving, nurturing care for children ages six weeks to three years. Developmentally appropriate toys and activities help them experience God's love in a Christian environment. Our goal is to make their church experience a positive one from their very first day.

The nursery is open on Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. until noon. We offer:

- Infant room: 6 weeks-18 months
- Toddler room: 18 months-children turning two after August 1
- Two year old Sunday school-must be two by August 1

LEARNING ABOUT GOD

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 provide a nurturing environment.

SUNDAY MORNING ARRIVAL

Upon arrival, please sign your child in at the nursery desk. Complete all the information requested. 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, we will contact you on your cell phone.

Label your diaper bag and all other personal items. Bring disposable diapers, wipes, and a change of clothing. If you are sending a sippy cup, it should contain only water.

We ask that you do not leave the campus while your child is in nursery care.



HEALTH GUIDELINES

Don't 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, we will ask that you take him/her home. Please note: medications cannot be administered by the nursery staff.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers staff the nursery. Each makes an annual commitment for one Sunday a month. A receptionist is available every Sunday to answer any questions. All volunteers attend Manchester UMC and are Safe Sanctuary Certified. We encourage parents of children who attend the nursery to consider making this commitment to our nursery ministry.