

Faith Mennonite Church Nursery Guidelines

Use of Faith Mennonite Church's nursery is at the discretion of parents. Children are also welcome to stay with their parents during the worship service. Activity bags are available in the foyer area for preschool and grade-school children.

If you are new to Faith and/or the Nursery – Welcome! The nursery is a safe, peaceful, respectful and nurturing place for children, allowing parents of young children to attend adult Christian education and worship. Please review the following policies and procedures for the nursery. Please introduce yourself to the nursery coordinator and complete an information form to remain on file in the nursery if you haven't already.

Minnesota State Law requires that you remain in the building while your child is in the nursery.

Hours and Ages

The nursery is staffed on Sundays in September–May from 9:15AM–12 PM, and in June–August from 9:15–10:45 AM. The nursery is for children who are sitting up independently through age 5. Parents involved in the service (e.g. usher, song leader, worship leader, etc) may leave children in the nursery beginning at 9:20 a.m. Parents are expected to pick their children up from the nursery immediately following the worship service. If they plan to return the child to nursery during the Sunday School hour, they should take the child to the bathroom during fellowship time and make sure they receive a snack as desired.

Family Information Forms

The coordinator has copies of these forms. Please fill one out to have on file in the nursery. In addition to filling out the information sheet, please communicate any of your child's social or health concerns (allergies) directly to the Nursery Coordinator when leaving your child. Also, please share the best ways of working with your child.

Diapering and Restroom Use

Notify the nursery coordinator or a volunteer if your child wears diapers and leave ample supplies. There are no diapering supplies available in the nursery. Please leave all bags and other items in the hallway and send only your child into the nursery. Leave any special instructions with the staff or volunteers. The Nursery Coordinator or volunteer will change diapers or take your child to the restroom as needed. If you prefer not to have anyone change your child, please let the Nursery Coordinator know, and make a note on your child's Information Sheet. Since accidents do happen we ask that you bring your child in training pants/pull-ups along with an extra change of clothes.

Supplies

Toys are provided in the nursery. We ask that you do not bring personal toys into the nursery unless cleared by the coordinator. Please do not allow your child to bring any items that may be small and/or hazardous into the nursery.

Illness

We follow Minneapolis school guidelines for keeping sick children home. Please do not bring your child if he/she has had or has the following:

- Fever of 100 degrees or more in the past 24 hours
- Vomiting or diarrhea in the past 24 hours
- Conjunctivitis (inflammation around the eye lids)
- Undiagnosed rash
- Unexplained lethargy

Curriculum

During preschool Sunday School (ages 2-5), a Bible-themed curriculum is being taught by a Sunday School teacher. The theme from these sessions is carried into the nursery care time during worship. During the summer, the nursery will include activities related to the adult worship theme, or a peace-related theme, with a story-telling emphasis.

Snacks/Bottles and Cups

Children are welcome to bring a snack if they need one. Since services are mid-morning and fellowship snacks are provided after the service, a formal snack will not be provided by the nursery staff on a regular basis. If your child has allergies, please make this known to the coordinator and on your child's Information Form. Please remember to label all bottles and cups to help minimize mix-ups and left behind items.

Discipline

Discipline will be given for such things as hitting, kicking, foul language, not sharing or taking toys, pushing, etc. If such behavior occurs, a verbal warning will be given and the child will be redirected. If this is not successful in stopping the behavior, a parent will be consulted.

A Nursery Volunteer Will Come Find You If:

- Your child has been crying for more than 15 minutes. Please feel free to let the Nursery Coordinator or a volunteer know what your comfort level is.
- Your child becomes ill.
- Your child is injured in any way
- Your child is uncooperative.

Parent Resource Room

A small room is available on the lower level in the hallway between the two restrooms.

This room is set up for nursing mothers or parents of infants. You are welcome to nurse or feed your baby anywhere in the church you feel comfortable. This parent resource room is semi-secluded (at least from most adults). It has a rocking chair, safe toys for infants, a portable crib, and a changing table with diapers available.