

NURSERY MINISTRY



**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
5475 Brand Road
Dublin, Ohio 43017**

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Nursery care is offered in Room 2 on Sunday mornings during our 8:15, 9:30, and 11:00 am services.

For our Saturday 5:30 pm service, the nursery is open, but unstaffed, for parents to use with their children.

The Nursery room is staffed with a paid attendant and parent/student helpers who share in this ministry to our littlest members.

The Nursery room is for walkers to age 5. We encourage 3 year olds to begin to attend Sunday School during the 9:30 am worship service. We encourage children to attend worship with their parents.

If you have questions, please contact Sue Miller, Nursery Coordinator, at 766-6377 ext. 18 or smiller@princeofpeacedublin.org

ATTENDANTS

The nursery attendant is responsible for the care and well-being of the children, walkers (15 months old) to age 5, of Prince of Peace members or visitors who wish to use the nursery facilities.

The attendant is trained in first aid, infant and child CPR, and communicable disease awareness. The attendant has had a finger print background check. The attendant must be able to relate well with families and be willing to fulfill the responsibilities in accordance with the Christian philosophy of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

RATIOS

The ideal ratio for the nursery is one adult to six toddlers. One or two parent helpers will be scheduled to keep a safe, low attendant-to-child ratio. Each Sunday, we also schedule confirmation students, grades 6-8, to serve as helpers in the Nursery. Children ages 3 and older are recommended to be in the Sunday School program during the 9:30 am worship service hour.

PARENT HELPERS - We serve together!

We recommend that every parent (mom or dad) with a child who uses the church nursery program, help in the nursery during one worship service every six weeks.

To make these arrangements, please contact: Barb Hoyt, our Director of Congregational Ministries at (614) 766-6377, ext 16 or barbhoyt@sbcglobal.net



CHECK IN

On your child's first visit to the nursery you will fill out a registration/information form with emergency information. We suggest you introduce your child to the attendant, reassure him/her that you will be back, and tell him/her that they will be safe and receive good care.

Please add your name and your child's name to the weekly check-in sheet. Take a pager. Turn the pager on and keep it with you during the time your child is in the nursery. Return the pager upon picking up your child.

Individual needs or medical conditions:

On the Nursery Registration Form, please include information regarding medical or allergy alerts.

CHILDREN WITH SEPARATION ISSUES

We recommend that you stay with your child. Visit briefly with your child the first few times. Some children need that extra familiarity in order to transition into someone else's care. Separation anxiety is quite common; children soon learn to trust the environment that you have chosen for them and will adjust given the right amount of reassurance, consistency and routine.

SICK CHILDREN

We cannot care for a child who has a fever, cough, runny nose (other than clear) or runny eyes. A child who has had a fever, diarrhea, vomiting or who has taken a new medication within the last 24 hours should not be using the nursery.

PARENT PAGER SYSTEM - Vibrate only

The on-premise vibrating pager system will give you the reassurance that you can be contacted immediately should the need arise. We have a five-minute cry rule: if your child is still inconsolable after five minutes, you will be paged. Children can upset themselves to the point of becoming sick, or having problems breathing. They can also upset other children with constant crying, and pretty soon you have several children unable to console themselves or be consoled by the attendants.

If you are paged, the pager will vibrate every 60 seconds until it is turned off. The pager must be returned when you pick up your child.

ALSO...

The nursery is equipped with age-appropriate equipment to allow your child to safely explore and learn while having fun.

NO FOOD is permitted in the Nursery.

We do not change diapers. We will page you if your child needs to be changed. Keep diaper bags/back packs with you. A changing table is located in the hallway restroom and in the Nursery restroom.

If your child is potty-trained please take him/her to the restroom before entering the nursery. We will assist all children who need to use the restroom during the time you are away.

ATTEND WORSHIP WITH YOUR CHILD

You are encouraged to attend worship with your child. We suggest you bring soft, quiet, favorite items for him/her to explore. We suggest you sit toward the back of the church so you can plan your exit should your child or infant need a change of scenery. When you are deciding whether to use the nursery or not, consider your child's developmental stage. Keep in mind that new walkers want to walk and explore as much as they can, and new talkers want to talk and exercise their language as much as they can.



We offer the nursery program, to partner with you in the discipleship of your children. Join us in a lifetime of growth as we seek to: worship weekly, study diligently, give faithfully, pray constantly, and serve joyfully.

MEET OUR NURSERY STAFF

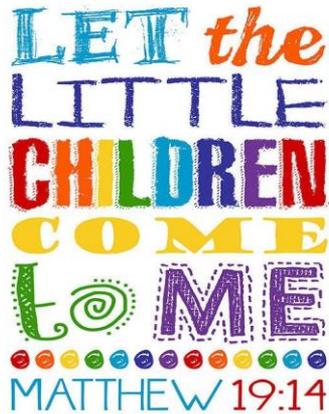
Sue Miller, Nursery Coordinator

Sue has served as our Nursery Coordinator since 2007. She is also the director of our Little Shepherds Learning Center and the director of our Sunday School program. Sue, her husband Craig, and their three daughters have been active members of Prince of Peace since 2001.

Julia Slater and Hannah Slater, Nursery Attendants

Julia and Hannah are high school students who have dedicated their Sunday mornings to serving in our nursery. Along with scheduled volunteers, they will keep our little ones happy and safe while parents attend adult education classes or worship.

Volunteers are scheduled each week to help keep a safe adult to child ratio. Throughout the year, the confirmation age students are scheduled on a rotating basis during the 9:30 & 11:00 am worship services.



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