



## ILLNESS POLICY FOR A HEALTHY NURSERY

The purpose of our healthy nursery policy is to prevent the spreading of illnesses and to allow families to confidently trust in our commitment to their children's health while in the nursery. The following guidelines are in agreement with recommendations by the American Academy of Pediatrics and apply to workers and volunteers as well as the children.

Parents are asked not to bring their child to a church program or function if any of the following conditions exist:

- Temperature of 100 degrees or more in the last 24 hours
- Started taking prescription medication in the last 24 hours
- Vomiting/Diarrhea in the last 24 hours
- Severe Coughing
- Pink Eye
- Head Lice
- Undiagnosed Rash
- Any symptoms of Infectious Childhood Diseases

Children who appear ill during a church session shall be isolated with supervision, and parents are expected to come for the child upon notice.

If a child contracts a childhood disease following a session in the nursery, the parent must immediately notify the Nursery Coordinator and the Program Director.

All Nursery workers and volunteers will encourage frequent hand-washing. Disposable gloves are worn at diaper changing and during any first-aid procedure. All toys and equipment used are disinfected by the workers at the end of the day.



## NURSERY CLASSES



### Nursery I – Room 103

(Birth–2 years)

Your baby is loved, cared for, rocked, played with, and read to by our trained nursery staff.

This is also an area available for nursing moms where they can hear the sermon through a speaker.



### Nursery II – Room 105

(2 - 5 years)

Your children have play time and snack time, while also being taught a Biblical lesson appropriate for their development by our nursery staff. We currently use the “Grow, Proclaim, Serve” curriculum through Cokesbury.



## WELCOME TO THE NURSERY

The mission of the Nursery Ministry at St. John United Methodist Church is to provide a safe and loving environment where your children will want to come to church, begin to learn Bible truths, and experience the love of Jesus!



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## A NOTE TO PARENTS

Dear Parents:

Welcome to the Nursery at St. John United Methodist Church. God has provided a wonderful team of nursery staff and volunteers to care for your little ones.

The purpose of our ministry is as follows:

To help each child:



Associate God, Jesus, and the Bible with happy feelings.



Know that the Bible is a special book that tells about God and Jesus.



Make progress in solving problems, sharing and experiencing.



Learn to love one another.

These objectives shall be taught by the use of activities such as blocks, puzzles, games, music, and Bible stories; and by us providing a safe, orderly environment. All paid Nursery staff have been trained in CPR and have undergone criminal background checks. Also, all staff and volunteers are at least 18 years of age.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please call or email:

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## GENERAL NURSERY GUIDELINES



The nursery department shall provide care and teaching for children from **birth through age five** during Sunday School, Worship Services, Church Training, Wednesday night activities, and special events. Due to liability issues, older children should remain with their parents when there is no age-appropriate, adult-supervised activity elsewhere. Exemptions include choir practices and special adults-only events, in which the nursery area may be used for supervising children older than five when approved by the Nursery Coordinator or Program Director.

Times: The nursery shall be open 15 minutes prior to the beginning of all functions and shall remain open a maximum of 15 minutes after all services and meetings.

### Check-In/Pick-Up:

- If possible, only one parent should sign-in your child(ren) immediately upon arrival in the room. All other family members are to wait in the hall to prevent overcrowding and ease transition. Note the time and pager number on the sign-in sheet. If you are new, please fill out a registration card with all information for us to keep on file.
- You will be given a pager that must be brought back to the nursery area in order to pick up your child. This pager will be used to notify you of an emergency or any other need while your child is in our care.
- Only an adult caregiver of a child may pick up the child, unless other arrangements have been made by the parent with the workers.
- Children are to be picked up promptly after services or events.

### Personal Items:

- Parents are to provide all bottles, diapers, change of clothes and general care items that may be needed for the proper care of their child.
- Please label all personal items for each child with first and last names, especially diaper bags and bottles.
- Personal toys and games should be left at home. Security items are acceptable.

### Food/Drinks/Medication:

- Infants in Nursery I will only be fed by what the parent has provided.
- Children in Nursery II may be served fruit juice and crackers/cookies unless restricted by the parents.
- Be sure to alert nursery staff to any food allergies.

