

Mill Grove United Methodist Church
Nursery Policies and Procedures

The following Policies and Procedures outlined for the nursery have been developed by the Children's Committee and are for the purpose of ensuring our nursery continues to be a safe and nurturing environment for all of our children and for the caregivers.

- 1) The nursery is available for children ages 0 up to 36 months. The church provides age-appropriate Children's Church and Sunday School classes for children three and older.
- 2) The nursery is staffed with a paid caregiver and a church volunteer each Sunday morning between 8:15am and 12:15 pm.
- 3) Parents must notify the caregivers of any allergies their child(ren) may have.
- 4) To minimize the spread of any virus, please do not bring your child to the nursery if he/she is sick, has had a temperature or diarrhea within 24 hours, or has thick, colored mucus from the nose.
- 5) Parents should provide all items necessary for their child(ren) for the duration of their stay at the nursery. These items include diapers and wipes. Please clearly mark each diaper bag, sippy cup, bottle, and pacifier with the child's name.
- 6) Caregivers are able to give liquid drinks in a sippy cup or bottle, as provided by the parents; they may also provide a light cracker snack. However, due to the number of children each morning, the inappropriate seating for meals, and the liability of choking, caregivers are unable to feed the children other foods.
- 7) A pager system is available to parents who choose to use it. If you choose not to use a pager, please make sure the caregivers know where to find you if you are somewhere other than the Christian Life Center (i.e. which Sunday School class you will be attending).
- 8) Please contact a member of the Children's Committee if you would like to donate any item to the nursery. While we welcome donations, we are making every effort to ensure that toys are not duplicated and that all items in the nursery meet safety standards and age appropriateness. All donated items should be in good condition (like-new to gently-used) and cleaned with a disinfectant prior to bringing them to the nursery. Toys will be evaluated periodically and, if appropriate, will be sold at the annual consignment sale or donated to an appropriate organization.

The Children's Committee