

Guidelines for Parents

1. All parents/guardians must sign in. A parent or designated guardian is expected to be on the OPMH premises during the entire time the child is in child care
2. Please notify the caregiver if your child is upset or has had any recent experience that might affect the child's behavior. This aids the caregiver in providing the best possible care.
3. It is natural for parents to check on their children periodically. However, it can be upsetting to a young child to see his/her parent before it is time to leave. Please avoid checking on your child between hours. If your child needs to be transitioned from one room to another for Sunday School or Worship the caregivers will handle it.
4. If you are in the process of toilet training, please notify the caregivers. Tell them what words you use, and if a boy, if he sits or stands.
5. If at all possible, please try to arrange feeding times for your Infant so it is not necessary to feed the child during child care. Of course, we will not let a child be hungry.

All families who use Child Care are asked to volunteer 3 or 4 Sundays during the year. Volunteer coordinators (listed below) oversee the schedule. To volunteer contact one of the coordinators listed below.

Child care is most effective when we all work together, communicating clearly about needs and concerns. Please contact any of the following people if you have questions, concerns, or suggestions.

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Child Care Ministry

Old Presbyterian Meeting House



But Jesus called the children to him and said, Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Luke 18:16

Mission Statement

When children are baptized, the entire church makes a commitment to share with them the Good News of the Gospel and to support their families in raising them as Christians.

With this charge in mind, the Old Presbyterian Meeting House (OPMH) has identified the following goals for child care at our church:

- ♥ Provide loving, safe child care for children during all services of worship and Sunday School.
- ♥ Welcome, nurture and include families with young children into the life of the church.
- ♥ Nurture children with the Good News of the Gospel.



Child Care on Sunday Morning

DURING WORSHIP:

Child care for infants through 4 year-olds is available for all Sunday morning worship services. Reservations are not required.

@ **8:30** Child care is provided by paid caregivers. Infants and Toddlers are in Room 14; 2's, 3's and 4's are in Room 12.

@ **11:00** Child care for infants through 4 year-olds is provided by paid caregivers and parent volunteers. Room Coordinators oversee volunteers to ensure that all policies and procedures are followed and that children are cared for in a loving, Christian environment.

Infants Room 14

Toddlers and 2-year olds - Room 12

3's & 4's - Room 11

DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9:40

Child care is provided by paid caregivers for infants and toddlers. Sunday School classes are provided for children age 3 years and older.

Registration and Sign-In Procedure

Parents are required to fill out a **one-time** registration form to register their child(ren). In addition, we ask that each Sunday you sign your child into the appropriate room. Each child must have a name tag and all belongings (diaper bag, bottles, cups, etc.) are to be clearly labeled. Parents are asked to complete **ALL** information on the Child Care Sign In Form. Silent pagers are available so caregivers can alert you if your child needs you. Please note your pager number on the Sign-In Form.

Sick Policy

Out of consideration for the health of other children in Child Care, if your child(ren) have had any of the following symptoms within the previous 24 hours please do not bring them to the nursery:

- ♥ A temperature of 100 degrees or higher
- ♥ Diarrhea and/or vomiting
- ♥ Extreme congestion/cough/ runny nose

Fire Safety

The escape routes that will be used in the event of a fire are outlined in red on maps which hang by the door of each child care room. After exiting the building, the children will be taken as a group by our caregivers to the patio outside the garden entrance to Elliot House (on the Wolfe Street side) where we will meet parents for pick up. Please do not go to the child care rooms to pick up your child.