



We take your kids' safety seriously, and have safety policies in place to help protect those in our children's ministry.

Check-In Procedures: All kids 5th grade and under must be checked in by a parent or adult guardian for all ministry functions. We have a computerized check-in system. Upon check-in, a name sticker will be given to each child, and a parent sticker will be given to each adult. This parent sticker must be presented to the child's leader in order to pick up your child after the service.

Our church complies with the PA Child Protective Services Law.



Our volunteers and staff in children and youth ministry have met all of the criteria set by this new state law including multiple background checks. Our staff is trained to be mandated reporters and to follow our MGBC Children and Youth Protection Guidelines. Children are securely contained in the children's wings. You can rest assured that we have taken every precaution to ensure the safety and well-being of your children.

Frequently Asked Questions about Safety Policies



What do I do with the parent sticker? Each parent/guardian is given a sticker that matches their child's, which the parent will turn in to the teacher in order to pick up their child after the service, to ensure that all the children leave safely with the correct guardian. Siblings under the age of 18 are not allowed to pick up children, and siblings over the age of 18 are only allowed to pick up children with parents' permission and with the claim sticker.

What if we arrive late? You can use the check in station in the lobby.

What if I drop my kids off, but another adult needs to pick them up? You should alert the child's teacher or check-in staff, and give the other adult the claim sticker.

What if I lose/forget my claim sticker? You will see the Children's Director or security staff and present a form of ID in order to pick up your kids.

How will I be contacted if there is an emergency? If we need to get in touch with parents for any reason while you are in the building, we will come and find you. If you are not in the building, we will call the phone numbers on file.

Welcome to

MGBC Kids

serving babies—5th graders





At Martinsburg Grace Brethren Church, we love families!

We offer lots of opportunities for kids to worship God and learn more about Him. It's so much more than just babysitting- it's a great way for kids to learn how to worship and connect with God at their level. We want to make the Bible come alive for kids; our goal is for kids to have a blast learning about God.

For more information about our children's ministry, or to talk with the Children's Director, contact Geri Roth at 793-2513 x117, or email geri@mgbconline.com or check out our website www.mgbconline.com

After check-in, the nursery and pre-k kids will go directly to their classrooms. We offer three levels of nursery care; infant, toddler, and 2 yr olds. 3-4 year olds have children's church in the pre-k classroom. Structured play time is incorporated in with a bible lesson and snack time. Elementary age children should accompany their parents to "Big Church" and participate in worship. They will be dismissed after approx. 30 min to children's church which is held in two locations, both on the 2nd floor. We split into groups by grade, grades K-2 in one room and grades 3-5 in another. Each service includes a mix of games, bible lessons, video, and small groups. Following the service, kids are met by their Sunday School teacher and walked to their classroom. Pick-up is in the Sunday School classroom at 11:30am.



On Wednesday nights starting in September through April from 7-8pm, we offer fun and exciting Bible-based kids' clubs to help kids grow deeper as disciples through small group time. With their groups, kids will dig into the Bible to see how its truth applies to their lives. We offer a club for ages 3-kindergarten, and boys and girls clubs for kids in grades 1-5. We also have our Kids' Korale musical practice from 6-7pm before kids' clubs. This group performs two musicals each year, in December and April.



We are here to partner with parents, and look forward to serving you through our nursery ministry. Our nursery welcomes

babies age 6 weeks – 2 years. Our nursery is staffed with trained, caring leaders. We understand the importance of helping little ones feel comfortable, so we have a consistent nursery staff who will care for your baby regularly. We also have a nursing mother's room near the infant nursery. We provide snacks of cheerios and animal crackers for toddlers and will keep track of diaper change and potty break information for parents.