

Sick Children

The nursery is designed for well babies and children. If you suspect that your child is becoming ill, please do not bring him/her to the nursery. If your child has allergies, this must be listed on his/her registration form. (If information changes please notify us.)

The following symptoms may represent contagious illness in which a child should not be brought to the nursery:

- * More than 100 degree temperature
- * Diarrhea or vomiting
- * Impetigo (skin infection), Conjunctivitis (pink eye), Fifth's Disease, MRSA, or Chicken Pox
- * Any draining wound/skin areas
- * A persistent or unexplained cough
- * Any questionable rash other than mild heat rash or common diaper rash.
- * If your child has been treated with antibiotics, he/she should be on the medication for at least 24 hours before coming to the nursery.
- * Volunteers cannot give medicine to children.

Snacks

- * Toddler-aged children are given snacks such as Mikesell's Puff Popcorn, fish crackers, Cheerios, and water. No peanut related foods are permitted due to allergies.
- * We use children's cups when available. Please make sure cups are labeled with your child's name.
- * Parents must indicate on the registration form if their child has food allergies or if snacks are not permitted.
- * Bottles should be already prepared by parents.

Nursing

Mothers who are nursing should inform the nursery staff of their child's schedule and needs. If we can not page you in the worship center, please let us know where we can find you. A private area is available for nursing mothers in the crib room. Come to the nursery window to obtain entrance into the room.

Paging Parents

As children become familiar with the nursery their anxiety at separation usually diminishes. If your child cries for an extended time, your security number given at check-in will be displayed on the worship screen. Please return to the nursery and stay until your child becomes comfortable again.

Diaper Bags

Permanently labeling bottles, pacifiers, and security items helps staff identify the proper owner.

We suggest including one or two labeled bottles, several disposable diapers, clip-on style pacifier, change of clothes, wipes and any other diaper supplies you want used.

Potty Training

- * The infant nursery does not have access to a children's restroom so assistance with potty training doesn't occur until children turn two and move to this room with a children's bathroom.
- * Parents should notify volunteers verbally when their child is being potty trained.

Looking for helpful parenting resources?
Visit www.hillsidecma.org
"Parent Resources" tab and then select the
"Preschool" tab to find videos and resources on
babies through preschoolers.

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Little Lambs Nursery



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Welcome

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Hillside's nursery! Thank you for entrusting us with your child. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve you and your family. It is our desire to provide a safe and loving place for your child. If you'd like a tour "behind the counter" ask the nursery greeter; parents are welcome in the children's areas anytime.

Our nursery staff are screened volunteers. Sunday sessions are led by an experienced weekly team leader, Bev Weaver. She is assisted by other volunteers who typically serve once a month. Parents are an essential part of the volunteer staff that makes this service possible. If you are interested in serving in the nursery please contact me or Claudia Spradlin at the phone numbers below.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know. We welcome your input as we strive to maintain a nursery of excellence for your child.

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Information for Parents

Age Guidelines

Birth to 2 years old at 9:30 & 11:00 am on Sundays

Promotion

Children are not promoted from the nursery until they have turned two years old. The exact Sunday for promotion is determined by the nursery and preschool staff.

Volunteer/Child Ratio

1 volunteer for every 2-3 infants*

1 adult team leader per session

*Additional staff is secured when needed.

Volunteer Selection

All volunteer staff complete an application and background check prior to serving in the nursery. Staff must be in at least 9th grade.

Check-In

- * Come *first* to the Preschool Farm Check-in Counter in the middle of the hallway.
- * Complete a written registration form at the check-in counter during your first visit.
- * A greeter will help you create a security tag and name tag for your child the first time. On your second visit you'll just type your child's name into the computer and be able to self check-in.
- * Take the printed child's name tag to the nursery window and hand it to the nursery greeter. *Please share any important information with the staff verbally.*
- * Keep the parent security tag for pick-up time.
- * If your child needs you we'll use this alphanumeric tag's code to contact you via the screen in the Worship Center.

Saying Goodbye

After completing the check-in process we suggest that you say good-bye to your child quickly. It is normal for a child to cry when leaving a parent. Our volunteers will engage your child with a toy or activity, reassuring them that you'll return shortly. With regular attendance your child will become more comfortable in the nursery. If you desire to check on your child, please look through the door window, keeping out of sight so the separation process doesn't begin again.



Check-Out

- * Hand your numbered "claim" tag to the counter greeter.
- * If you do not have the tag, you will be asked to secure it from the proper person before your child will be released. (This system ensures that we are returning children to the appropriate parent or care giver.)
- * If you did not check-in the child that you are picking up, you will be asked to provide identification and sign the information sheet before a child will be given to you. (This is only permitted when we have previous written consent from a parent.)
- * The greeter will return your child and diaper bag to you at the counter.
- * To maintain a safe area for all children, parents are requested to wait at the counter door for children to be released.
- * Please pick up children immediately after services or events so volunteers are not delayed from other responsibilities. Only adults can pick up children -- no siblings.

