

Blossom Hill Mennonite Church

Nursery Information and Guidelines for Parents

The nursery of Blossom Hill Mennonite Church is designed to provide a place of safety and caring for our youngest church participants, while allowing their parents and guardians to participate in worship or activities.

Adult nursery volunteers* are Approved Adults, which means they have completed the application process and submitted necessary federal and state clearances to work with children. The following guidelines are designed to protect children in the nursery, and to guide parents and volunteers who participate:

- Sign your child in for nursery care on the whiteboard to the left as you enter.
- Make sure your child has a name tag. Nursery volunteers will help you with this.
- Complete a [BHMC Child/Youth Registration Form](#) if you haven't completed one before
- Label all bottles, sippy cups, blankets, toys and any other personal belongings.
- Pacifiers should be attached to the child
- Nursery volunteers will sometimes provide snacks and water to the children. The nursery is a nut-free zone and posts a list of any other allergens besides nuts that should be avoided due to nursery children's specific allergies. If you do not want your child to receive a snack or need to provide your own snack for your child, please communicate with volunteers.
- If a child requires a diaper change or bathroom assistance, a parent/guardian will be notified to assist the child.
- If a child is repeatedly displaying inappropriate behavior and redirecting has not worked, parents/guardians will be asked to come to the nursery.
- At least one parent/guardian will remain in the church while the child is in the nursery.
- Children must be picked up immediately following service or church activities and checked out on the whiteboard by a parent or a person designated on the registration. Siblings under age 12 may not pick up children in nursery care.
- Should an incident occur that results in physical injury, a parent/guardian will be notified immediately.
- These Guidelines are posted in the nursery and a complete version of the BHMC Child Safety Policy is available on the bulletin board between the pastors' offices.

*Occasionally there are Youth Helpers in the nursery as additional volunteers- they *must* serve with two approved adults present. Youth helpers must be 12+ to help, OR if they are ages 6-11, they *must* be assisting alongside a parent who is an Approved Adult Volunteer.