



Discovery United Methodist Church

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Nursery Children,

Welcome to the Discovery United Methodist Church nursery! Nursery care at Discovery United Methodist Church is designed to provide a safe, enjoyable and loving environment in which infants, children (through age five) and adults can interact. We would like to share some of our policy and procedures with you so you know what to expect when your child is in the nursery.

Katie LoScalzo, an employed professional, and a volunteer from the Discovery congregation will care for the children in the nursery from 9:00 until 11:00 on Sunday mornings. A first aid kit is kept in the nursery and Katie has completed a course in first aid.

We follow the appropriate mandates in the Discovery Child, Youth & Caregiver Protection Policy (found on the table in the lobby). We also attempt to have both caregivers in constant view of each other when children are present. When this is not possible, the doors between the hall, bathroom and nursery should remain open.

Parents drop off and pick up their children at the check-in area just inside the primary nursery door. Doing so will make it easier in the long run for both the caregivers and children to transition. Parents/Guardians sign children in and out of the nursery on an attendance sheet. This sheet will also ask for a cell phone contact number. If a caregiver needs to contact you, he/she will do so via text message. As a result, we ask that you keep your phone on vibrate when your child is in the nursery. Unless arranged at drop off, the same individual will be expected to sign children in and out of the nursery on a given day.

You will be asked to complete a registration/information form with useful information about your child when you first visit the nursery. We will keep this form on file to help us provide the best possible care for your child on subsequent visits. You may also supply any personal materials that your child might need, such as bottles or a favorite comfort toy.

Shoes of children and adults are not permitted beyond the check-in area and nursery toys are washed/cleaned on a weekly basis. Our caregivers will attempt to learn and accommodate possible allergies. Peanut products are not allowed and snacks are not to be permitted if more than one child is present in the nursery.

If you have any remaining questions or suggestions on how we can further improve the care we offer, please feel free to speak with Katie or call the church office at (952) 937-0063. Again, welcome! We are eager for this to be an enjoyable and comfortable experience for both you and your child.

Sincerely,

Pastor Carrie Binnie and the people of Discovery United Methodist Church