

Making Custer Road UMC a Safer Place to Worship

In the Children's Ministry we are reminded of the mission statement at Custer Road UMC. "God has called Custer Road United Methodist Church into being to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Custer Road UMC seeks to fulfill its calling by helping any and all people in their experience and commitment to Jesus Christ through providing opportunities for worship, nurture, fellowship and service."

We want Custer Road UMC to be a safe place where your child can grow closer to God and others, a place where he/she will feel important and loved. In doing so, we have established preschool and elementary policies for Sunday school during their time in our Sunday school program. The Sunday morning policies are as follows:

Sunday Morning Policies

- Children participating in our Sunday school program must have a parent or other responsible adult on site at all times.
- To ensure a safe student/teacher ratio, we ask that all children be placed in their assigned room. The coordinator of elementary ministries and coordinator of nursery/preschool ministries will confer with the education staff regarding any issues.
- **All preschool children must be signed into and out of their assigned classroom by a parent or responsible adult. Parent will receive a pager to be returned in order to pick up child.**
- ***All children in kindergarten through second grade must be picked up at the end of the Sunday school hour by a parent or responsible party. Any exceptions must be communicated in WRITING by the parent or guardian to the teacher. NO CHILD WILL BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE CLASSROOM UNLESS A WRITTEN NOTE IS RECEIVED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN. NO EXCEPTIONS. This is for the protection of the child.***
- Children in kindergarten through fifth grade may only attend one hour of Sunday school.
- From time to time a child's behavior can disrupt the Sunday school lesson. At such times, both preschool and elementary children may first be given a verbal warning by the teacher. If the behavior does not change, immediate action may be taken to have one teacher supervise a time-out for the child apart from the group. An elementary child may be asked by the teacher to sit outside the classroom within view of the teacher until he/she can correct the behavior. If the behavior continues in subsequent weeks, the teacher consults with a staff member and the parent is called. If the behavior continues after the parent is contacted, the parent is asked to stay in the room with the child during the Sunday school hour.

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