

The First Church in Oberlin UCC values children in our presence and wants everyone to be safe while in the church building. On Tuesday, September 20th, 2016 the Christian Education Committee agreed to the following as a way of keeping our children and youth safe within this place.

During Worship-

During the academic year childcare is provided during worship for children ages 4 and younger. Our childcare workers are hired college students with childcare experience, who have been fingerprinted and subsequently background checked. During college breaks or the summer, childcare is provided by an adult of the church who has undergone the same background checks per our Safe Church Policy as our Sunday school teachers and helpers. It's the parents' responsibility to take their children to the nursery.

Children age 4 through 5th grade are invited to attend Sunday school during worship. If parents choose to not send their children to Sunday school, those children should remain with parents in worship. Children will be taken to Sunday school by the teachers and helpers following the choir anthem/special music.

Youth 6th-12th grade are expected to be a part of the worshipping community and there is no childcare provided for this age group.

After Worship-

Children in Sunday school will be taken to music with Mary Ann Kershaw by their Sunday school teachers. If parents would like to pick up their children early from music they may do so by claiming their children from classroom #10 (upstairs) at any point. Any children still in music, when it ends around 11:30am, will be taken to the new multi-age room classroom #2 by Mary Ann. Parents will need to pick their children up from that room once Adult Education ends. Children will **NOT** be permitted to leave without a parent.

Children younger than Sunday school age will be taken to classroom #2, from the nursery if parents don't pick them up following worship.

On 1st Sundays of the month when children return to worship for communion or during any church service where there is no Sunday school, it is the parents' responsibility to get their children to music or childcare following worship.

Youth 6th-12th grade have the option to attend Sunday school following worship. If parents choose to not send their youth to Sunday school then they are the parents' responsibility.

Special Sundays-

Some Sundays we have lunches or other special activities following worship. On these Sundays there is **NO CHILDCARE** after worship. Families are encouraged to attend our luncheons together and it is the responsibility of the parents to know where their children are. The Christian Education Committee will have some activities for children to entertain themselves during these events.

Wednesday Night-

Childcare is available on Wednesday nights after dinner during Adult Education. Our childcare worker will be available by 6:45pm and remain until the end of Adult Education. Childcare will take place in classroom #2 (downstairs). Parents are responsible for getting their children to childcare and picking them up promptly after Adult Education ends.