

# Purpose of Mothers Morning Out

The Purpose of Mothers Morning Out is to:

1. Give mothers a break two mornings per week while knowing their child is being cared for in a safe, Christian environment.
2. Help the young child develop a sense of trust and being loved. (Most young children are moving toward independence. Separation from their parents/guardians can be frightening and threatening. Mothers Morning Out provides a warm, caring, loving, protective, Christian environment for the young child. They should feel welcomed to the church, learning that the church is a special place for them to come and belong.)
3. Provide a safe environment during the entire time the child is in the care of the church. From the time the parent/guardian brings them in the door until they return to the care of the parent/guardian, they are watched carefully to insure their safety.
4. Provide an opportunity for basic socialization skills to be learned. This might be the first time that a child is mixed with others his or her own age. Though "me, my, mine, no, and I" are the key words in their vocabularies, they might begin to share, listen to short stories or poems, or sing some simple songs.
5. Provide the very basic Christian education for the child. "Jesus Loves Me" is the basic concept of the program. Everything Christian that is

taught revolves around this concept. A few basic early childhood activities which prepare children for the mandates of preschool are also incorporated.

## Policies & Procedure

The First Presbyterian Church's Mothers Morning Out program is under the control of the Session through the Christian Education Committee.

**Who May Come?** Mothers Morning Out is open to children from 9 months through the time they are eligible to enter a preschool program. The members of First Presbyterian Church will have the first opportunity to fill vacancies. After a given time, registration will be open to the public without preference to race, color, or creed. A maximum of 14 children will be allowed.

**What are the hours?** Mothers Morning Out meets from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm each Monday and Wednesday, when the public schools are in session.

**Who are the Mothers Morning Out leaders?** The Director of Mothers Morning Out is Kelly Holter and the Assistant Director is Dayna Gladden. "Mrs. Kelly" holds a degree in Elementary Education and "Mrs. Dayna" holds a degree in Child and Adolescent Development.

**How do I register?** The parent or guardian of a child must complete a registration form (included in this brochure) for each child with all information requested. If any of this information changes during the year, it is the responsibility of the parent or

guardian to notify the Mothers Morning Out staff, immediately.

**What will my child need to bring with him/her to Mothers Morning Out?** Each child needs to bring a sippy cup (labeled with their name on it), a seasonally appropriate change of clothing, and any pacifiers, blankets, or other security items.

**What do I need to do if someone besides me is to pick my child up from Mothers Morning Out?** The parent or guardian must notify the Mothers Morning Out staff about who will be picking their child up. This information should include the person's name and the person's emergency contact number. In addition, the parent/guardian should include this information on the registration form (included in this brochure) and provide their signature as well.

**What is the visitation policy?** Parents or guardians are welcome to visit at any time.

**What is the cost?** Tuition will be \$70.00 per month. It is due on the first session of each month. If your child is absent on the first session of the month, the tuition may be paid on the next session. A \$5.00 late fee may be assessed. In all cases, parents or guardians are responsible for the complete month's tuition.

**What type of discipline is used?** If for some reason your child becomes unruly, he or she will be given a warning. If the behavior continues the child will be placed in the "time out"

chair. A child will be given three warnings/timeouts, and then the parent or guardian will be notified of the problem.

***What should I do if my child is sick?***

Please do not bring a sick child to Mothers Morning Out. This includes fever within the past 24 hours, a bad cold, or a yellow-green runny nose. This policy will protect the health of all the children in Mothers Morning Out.

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