

Ministry Description: Buffalo UMC Nursery Attendant

BUMC Nursery Attendant(s) provide a safe, loving, & Christian place for children to play and learn while families attend worship, attend meetings and/or events as sponsored by BUMC. BUMC Nursery Attendants are often a first point of contact for members and visitors.

Qualifications:

- ◆ Loves/Enjoys children and is committed to providing for their care
- Good communication and hospitality skills
- ◆ Physically able to lift and play with children
- ◆ Reliable, responsible, and consistent presence
- ◆ Flexibility in adjusting to COVID guidelines (and/or other infectious diseases) to keep children safe and healthy while in our care
- ♦ Comfortable being in Christian environment
- Successful completion of background check (handled and paid for by BUMC)
- ♦ Preferred:
 - High school age or older
 - Basic knowledge of 1st aid
 - o Babysitter training course or higher level of education

Responsibilities:

- ◆ Provide childcare for children (infants 5 years of age approximately)
- Provide warm hospitality to children and families utilizing the nursery
- ◆ Follow child safety policies
 - Assist parents with appropriate sign-in and sign-out procedures
 - o Review of allergies
 - o Ask about diapering and bathroom needs
- ♦ Work cooperatively and positively with parent(s)/families and other volunteers in the nursery (and/or church while present)
- Actively play and positively interact with children in the nursery
 - o Consider reading short Bible stories or other stories
 - o Consider quarterly/seasonal projects or activities
- Redirect children behaving inappropriately through kind and caring ways
- ♦ Communicate behavioral or discipline issues with parents & Children's Ministry Coordinator

- ♦ Monitor nursery safety including:
 - o condition of play equipment
 - o reporting safety and equipment needs promptly to the Children's Ministry Coordinator
- Sing clean-up song while teaching and encouraging children to put away toys/activities
- ♦ Close up nursery
 - o Organize the nursery toys and equipment following childcare
 - o Spray/sanitize large equipment/toys
 - o Wipe table & chairs
 - o Vacuum (as needed)
- ♦ Update Children's & Family Ministry Coordinator regularly w/ concerns, celebrations, or challenges regarding children and families
- ◆ Provide 2-week notice if unavailable for scheduled shift
- ♦ If ill, NOTIFY Children's & Family Ministry Coordinator by 7am on Sunday morning by cell. Emergency absences will be handled on a case-by-case basis
- ♦ Complete weekly timecard & place in Administrative Asst. mailbox

Hours/Benefits/Compensation

- Sunday mornings from 8:45 am 10:15 am
- ♦ Additional events as pre-arranged by Children's & Family Ministry Coordinator
- \$20/Sunday for 1.5hrs, paid bi-monthly by direct deposit or check

Children's & Family Ministry Coordinator Information

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