

WELCOME BACK!

FISHERS UMC KIDS

A GUIDE TO RETURNING TO IN-PERSON SUNDAY
SCHOOL AT FISHERS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FOR INFANTS THROUGH 6TH GRADERS



FAMILIES RETURNING TO IN-PERSON SUNDAY SCHOOL

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEGINNING APRIL 11TH

We are so excited to be getting back into the classroom for Sunday School at Fishers UMC! That being said, we are still in a pandemic. The staff at Fishers UMC has been working tirelessly to come up with a safe and effective plan to get your kids and you back to Sunday school and keep everyone COVID safe! Before you and your family return to in-person Sunday school, please take some time to go through this guide. And of course, feel free to email your ministry leader with any questions you may have regarding the return to the classroom.

DOWNLOAD THE KIDCHECK APP NOW!

All children ages infant - 6th grade will need to be checked in via app ONLY prior to class. There will be no check-in stations available Sunday mornings at this time. You can find Kidcheck APP in your mobile device APP store or through this QR Code.



ONLY PARENTS OF INFANTS/TODDLERS WILL BE PERMITTED UPSTAIRS TO DROP OFF THEIR CHILDREN.

We are asking that parents of preschoolers - 6th graders drop off and pickup their children at the designated location downstairs.

NO 9:45 WORSHIP SERVICE IN SANCTUARY

So where do parents go? There are a large number of adult Sunday school classes being offered at the same time. There will be a greeter in the FLC lobby to direct you to a class that best fits your needs. You can also visit www.fishersumc.org for small group options.

MASKS REQUIRED AND SOCIAL DISTANCING PRACTICED

Fishers UMC requires masks for children ages 3 and up. We will also be following the CDC classroom guidelines of having students spaced 3 ft. apart for preschool through Senior High Ministry.

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE FOR THE 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

DROPPING OFF PRESCHOOLERS - 6TH

1

All persons arriving for the 9:45 in-person Sunday School hour will park in the rear of the church and enter the church through Door #4.

2

Upon entering the building, families with children ages infant - 6th grade will be directed to go right. Your family will then find a floor sticker to wait on until you reach the welcome table/sanitizing station.

3

While waiting and if you haven't already, you will use the Kidcheck APP to check in your infant* through 6th grader.

4

Once your family has reached the welcome table, you will receive your child(s) name tag. Preschoolers - 6th graders will sanitize their hands and then be directed to go upstairs. *See below for instructions on nursery drop-off*

5

Parents will exit the hallway on the opposite side back to the FLC lobby to attend adults Sunday school class.

PICKING UP PRESCHOOLERS - 6TH

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Please arrive to pick up your preschooler - 6th grader promptly following Sunday School. Parents will wait in line in the same hallway as drop off for their preschooler through 6th graders.

7

Parents will show child recipient tag or their child's check-in status via mobile device to the volunteer located at the bottom of the stairs.

8

Children ages preschool - 6th grade will be released individually or by family from upstairs one at a time. *See below for instructions on nursery pick-up*

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Upon picking up children, families will be directed to exit to the opposite side of the hallway to Door #4 OR exit down the preschool hallway to the sanctuary for the 11:00 worship hour.

*INFANTS - 3's AND NURSERY 9:45

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Families with infants will follow steps 1 - 4 above.

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Once you have received your nursery-aged child's tag, one parent/guardian will be permitted to take their infant/toddler upstairs to the nursery.

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Parents with infants can pick up their child/children directly from the nursery classroom following social distancing protocols during any wait periods.

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE FOR 11:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

PRESCHOOL - 4TH GRADE PARTICIPATION

1

Families with children ages infant* - 4th grade should park in the rear of the church and enter through Door #3.

2

Parents/Guardians will use the KidCheck App to check in their infant* - 4th grader upon entering the building. *see below for instructions on dropping off infants - 2's in the nursery*

3

Children ages preschool - 4th grade will be invited to participate in the Children's Moment during the 11:00 service.

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Following the Children's Moment, the preschoolers - 4th graders will be released to go to a condensed Sunday school class with a member of the Fishers UMC Kids team.

PICKING UP PRESCHOOLERS - 4TH GRADE

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Promptly following the dismissal of the 11:00 service, parents/guardians with preschoolers - 4th graders will exit out of the sanctuary by Door #3 and go down the preschool hallway to the welcome station at the end of the hall. *see below for nursery instructions*

5

Parents/guardians picking up children will show the volunteer at the welcome table their check-in status using their mobile device.

6

Children will be released one at a time or a family at a time to meet their parent/guardian at the bottom of the stairs. Families will then be directed to exit the building using Door #4.

*INFANTS AND NURSERY FOR THE 11:00 SERVICE

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Parents with nursery-aged children will follow steps 1-2 above. Once the children are checked-in, parents/guardians will follow the signage to the nursery classroom.

3

Parents/guardians will show check-in status to nursery attendant upon arrival. Once check-in is confirmed, parents can go to sanctuary.

4

Promptly upon the service ending, parents/guardians with infants can pick up their child/children directly from the nursery classroom following social distancing protocols during any wait periods.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

IS THERE STILL AN ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTION FOR MY PRESCHOOL - 4TH GRADER?

We will continue to offer a virtual option for those families who are not ready to return to in-person Sunday school at 9:45 ONLY. Please look for the link in your email. Not on our email list? Contact Jenica Giffin at jgiffin@fishersumc.org to let you know you need the link.

WHAT IF I HAVE MULTIPLE CHILDREN IN DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE CHURCH?

All Sunday school classes can be accessed through Door #4 in the rear of the church. Adults, Senior and Jr. High classes can be accessed through the Family Life Center lobby.

WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS TO ATTEND?

There are a large number of adult Sunday school classes to attend during the 9:45 hour. There will be a greeter inside of Door #4 on Sunday mornings to help anyone not currently in a class to find one that best fits their needs.

WHAT IF I DON'T WANT TO ATTEND A SMALL GROUP OR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS AT 9:45?

We recognize that small groups aren't for everyone. Maybe you have never been to Fishers UMC or you don't feel comfortable joining in on a class just yet. That is okay. However, it is not okay to drop off your child and leave the church building to go elsewhere. Please let us know if this is your situation and we will work with you to figure out a solution.

WHAT IF MY YOUNG CHILD IS UPSET/CRYING? HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE THAT TO ME?

If you have an infant or toddler in the nursery, the volunteer will have your cell phone number to text you. For that reason, please make sure your cell phone is on and accessible during the hours you are attending church.

QUESTIONS? EMAIL US

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