

Demographics Win Team October 2019 Meeting

Questions I asked Sally Cleveland – Director of Nursery and Safe Sanctuary

1. What would a new and improved nursery/nursing room/infant soothing room space look like to you? What would you “dream/ideal” area look like?
2. Also, what are some additional ways/things we can do at Manchester UMC to be more welcoming to young families, especially people with babies both inside and outside the church?

What “New and Improved” would require:

1. New flooring in both the infant and toddler rooms (including the new Mommy and Me nursing room) – 20 years old and hard to clean.
2. Flat screen T.V. that feeds the worship service into the Mommy and Me nursing room.
3. Changing table, pad, and wipes in the Mommy and Me nursing room.
4. New blinds for the Mommy and Me nursing room (in progress).
5. Doorbell service for nursery area (in progress).

What we currently do:

1. New Mommy and Me room will have:
 - Comfortable chair
 - Small table with lamp
2. Outside area designated for older children has age appropriate games, crafts, and puzzles.
3. First time parents of children attending the nursery are sent a welcome letter with a nursery brochure.
4. Parents of newborns at Manchester UMC are also sent a welcome letter and receive a blanket made by members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry. These are delivered by a member of the Blessings at Birth Ministry.
5. In addition, COF families who are not members of MUMC, but who are very active in MUMC programming, will also receive a baby blanket from our Blessings at Birth/Prayer Shawl Ministry. (This will be determined by Sally and Chessey.)
6. Childcare is provided to our Circle of Friends Preschool when they have special events or other functions/meetings. Childcare is available for Manchester UMC members and non-members.
7. Childcare is provided for Manchester UMC activities including The Parent Group that meets on alternate Fridays. Childcare is available for Manchester UMC members and non-members.
8. COF families that are also connected with the church

Other things I have heard:

1. What would it look like to have more glass/visual areas to the nursery so it doesn't look so closed off – how would this affect safety?

2. How can we address or what area can we find for those that are currently using the Infant Soothing Room but not for its intended purpose – there is an obvious need here.
3. I would like to invite Sally Cleveland to our next W.I.N. Team meeting to discuss this further with us.

Next Steps:

At our next meeting we will use these ideas to create a budget for suggested changes.