

I have children. What can they do during worship?

Here at Laingsburg UMC, we believe that the church is a place where everyone belongs, whether they're infants, children, youth, parents, or adults of all ages. That being said, please know that your children (all ages) are welcome to stay with you in the sanctuary during the worship service. For your convenience and their enjoyment, age appropriate activity bags can be picked up at the sanctuary's entrance, along with a children's bulletin. You can ask the usher for one when you receive your worship bulletin.

We also like to say that God gave children the wiggles, voices, and great energy. Allowing them to be children is perfectly fine. However, as we seek to teach them about the worship service, we encourage you to help them pray, listen, sing, watch, and do all of the things you're doing during the service. To help you do this, we provide a small pamphlet called "*Your Family, Your Church*" that will help guide you through the worship service, answer questions you may have, and guide you through our church building. This pamphlet will be located in the sanctuary's pew seats.

Family Space: You will likely notice that we don't have a traditional nursery with an attendant where you can leave your child during the worship service. This is because we want to strongly encourage you to have your children join you for worship. And so, instead of a nursery, we have the *Family Space*. This is an unattended room designed with families and parents in mind. If, during the service, you find it helpful to be able to spend time in the *Family Space*, for whatever reason, you are more than welcome to do so. You will find it located just outside of the sanctuary. In there, you will find comfortable seating, a changing table with complimentary diapers and wipes, age appropriate toys, as well as a child-friendly restroom. We simply ask that the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the children remain in the Family Space while it is being used. Please know that you and your family are *always* more than welcome to come back into the sanctuary during the worship service.