

If you have not already done so, please use the reverse side of this portion of the brochure to register your child.

We ask this for several reasons:

- We don't want to overlook our youngest members in our database, and when we are required to report to our diocese at the end of the year, we want to give them an accurate count of our "whole family."
- There is a newsletter sent out to all the children and youth of St. Martin's on a bi-monthly basis during the year. Even though your youngster may not read, it is not only thrilling to receive mail, but the information in "Martin's Murmurings" helps parents schedule around certain activities that happen at church.
- St. Martin's has a religious order of women who pray by name for the children in our church on a daily basis. This group is called The Daughters of the King, Jamestown Chapter. One of their main Rules of Life is faithful prayer. If you or your child ever has a need for prayers, please contact the church and ask to have a "Daughter" call you.

### Top Ten Reasons Why Children are Welcomed in our Church

10. Repeated exposure to the sights, sounds and symbols of Eucharist help form all Christians.
9. Children actually LIKE sitting in those usually empty front row seats so they can see and hear what's going on.
8. It would be expensive to repaint all those signs to read "The Episcopal Church Only Welcomes Adults."
7. Practice Makes Perfect—Teaching young children to enjoy and participate in the service helps them become active and receptive worshipping adults.
6. There are no pop quizzes at the communion rail! We all experience the Eucharist as a mystery...you don't have to be able to explain it in order to benefit from it.
5. Children have their own unique relationships with God. Being in church helps them learn how to pray, sing, worship and otherwise strengthen that relationship.
4. If children aren't in church, who are the candy-unwrapping, restless, coughing, whispering adults going to blame for the noise?
3. Sunday services make great family-togetherness time. Use the quiet space for extra hand-holding or snuggling time that may get lost during a busy week.
2. Children teach us what absolute joy looks like—and what better place to experience that than in church?

**And the Number One reason why Children are Welcomed in our Church:**

1. **The Circle of God's family is incomplete without them!**

# WELCOME



to the  
**Nursery**  
at  
**St. Martin's  
Episcopal Church  
Williamsburg, VA**

in the  
**Diocese of Southern Virginia**

# St. Martin's Episcopal Church Nursery Information

**The nursery is open from 7:30am to 12:30pm  
on Sunday mornings 12 months of the year**

Our child care providers have been screened and trained to assure you and your child quality and safe care. They are:

Ms. Hilary Jennifer Marcus  
Ph.D. Candidate at William and Mary  
Taught Preschool in California

and

Ms. Alexandra Sarah Eichel,  
a William and Mary  
undergraduate student

When our regular care-givers are on vacation or sick, Mrs. Jenny D. Mowry, mother of three & nanny for 2 families, substitutes for them.

## Policies

- There must be two adult child-care providers in the nursery at all times. If there is only one adult in the nursery when you arrive with your child, you will be asked to stay and help with child care. There are a number of safety reasons for this policy, and we ask that you abide by it.
- The age range for our nursery covers babies through 4 year olds. Please do not leave your child in the nursery if he or she is five-years-old or older. Children over four should be able to participate in the church service, especially as St. Martin's congregations are very welcoming to young children.
- We strive to have a ratio of one adult child care provider for every four children. That would mean a total of eight children in the nursery at any one time. If you arrive with your child and there are already eight children in attendance, please be prepared to offer your assistance as a third adult in the room.
- You are always welcome to accompany your child into the nursery to insure their comfort in the environment during your absence, but once that has been accomplished, we ask that you leave to attend church services or formation classes. Too many adults in that small an area can be overwhelming to the other children being watched.
- Signing in and signing out is a safety procedure with which we ask you to comply. If your child should need you, we need to know where to find you.
- Snacks of water and crackers are offered to the children in the nursery. If your child has an allergy, please let us know and/or provide snacks for your child that are safe.
- Always let Ann Meyer know of any suggestions you may have to make your child's stay a happy experience. Ann can be reached at 229-1111 (work), 565-0538 (home), 645-8891 (cell) or [ann@stmartinswmbe.org](mailto:ann@stmartinswmbe.org) (e-mail)

## ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH NURSERY REGISTRATION (please print)

Date:

Child's name:

Age:

Date of Birth:

Baptized: (date)

(church)

Parent's Contact Information

Name(s):

Address:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

E-mail Addresses:

Feel free to contact Ann Meyer at 229-1111 (work) or 645-8891 (cell with any comments you may have regarding the nursery.

Ministry to children of any age is of primary importance to the family of St. Martin's We want the parents of children using our nursery to feel confident that their children are safe and well-cared for. If for any reason you do not feel that way, please contact us immediately, no matter how small or insignificant you may think your feeling is. We take everything you say very seriously and investigate any concerns or questions you may have.