

Sunday School Covenant for Erb Street Mennonite Church

Faith formation in children and youth is a partnership between the church and the home. Faith conversations and practices in both these settings help our children grow in understanding, experiencing, and living out the Christian faith. As a church community, we endeavor to partner with you both to help your children learn the language and practices of faith, and to open the door to you having open discussions with your children at home. Below are listed the expectations of teachers and children within the Sunday School program, and how the Sunday School program is one of many initiatives supporting Christian formation at Erb Street Mennonite Church.

What parents can expect from our Sunday School program

- Genuine interest in, love and care of your child
- Faith-based Anabaptist curriculum
- Teachers will promptly arrive when classes begin.
- Opportunities for children to practice their faith--service projects, weekly offering, prayer times, songs, community building, etc.
- Prayer partners recruited to pray for your child and their class
- Open ears to hear your input -- we want every child to feel positive about Sunday School
- Adequate supplies, curriculum, space for programming
- Every attempt to recruit enough volunteers will be made.

What teachers can expect from the children and parents

- Parents will collect their children at 12:00 noon.
- Children will follow directions of teachers.
- Children who are having trouble participating appropriately with the group may be asked to return to their parents.
- A parent or designate will stay onsite during the SS hour to be responsible for their child should the need arise.
- A commitment for parents to build upon faith formation efforts at home.

Other faith formation opportunities outside the Sunday School hour:

- Sunday morning worship services and other special worship events (Christian Worship & the Arts Ministry)
- Retreats and young families potluck to get to know other children and families (Christian Education & Formation Ministry)
- Inter-generational connections: Erb Street Neighbours, "The Community" newsletter, some fellowship meals (Christian Community Ministry)
- Junior youth and youth events, mentorship program for youth (Christian Education and Formation Ministry)