

*“So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts according to the grace given to us.”
Romans 12: 5-6*

Our mission is to lovingly share Christ with God's unique individuals, both children and adults, to grow them spiritually, and provide them with opportunities to serve and be served. It is the desire of the ministry to be a lighthouse of hope, acceptance and belonging for individuals with special needs and their families, so they may experience the love of Jesus and excel to their greatest potential, becoming all God desires them to be.

For more detailed information or questions you may have about our Inclusion Ministry program, please contact our Inclusion Ministry Coordinator:

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Welcome to Grosse Pointe
Memorial Church

Our Mission

To be a welcoming and loving place for people of all abilities to grow in faithful relationship with one another and with God through worship, education, outreach and fellowship.

In this brochure you will find information about our Sunday Buddies program for children and youth with special needs and information about the Sensory Room which is located in room 309 on the third floor.

Sunday Buddies

A Sunday buddy is a trained volunteer who comes alongside a child/youth/adult to lovingly help them engage in the various Sunday morning activities at GPMC. Our group of volunteers is trained to meet the needs of your loved one and is committed to living out their Christian faith showing love, patience and compassion to another. Our desire is for your loved one to experience God and participate in the body of Christ to their God-given potential while they attend worship and any of the Christian education offerings.

Depending upon your desires, and your loved one's abilities and needs, they can be fully or partially included in the general Sunday morning activities. Buddies are available every Sunday during the 9am and 11am services and the 8:30am and 10:30am summer services.

Becoming a Member of the Buddies Program

1. Contact Lisa Turner, Director of Children's Ministries in the Christian Education offices to set up a meeting. A Spiritual Information form will be sent to the families for completion before the meeting.
2. At the meeting, we will review the Spiritual Information form and complete an individualized plan for your loved one that will best accommodate their needs.
3. Review the GPMC Inclusion Ministries Handbook.

Sensory Room

Our sensory room is specially designed to offer a range of stimuli to both calm and stimulate the senses for people with special needs all within a safe environment. The room offers a variety of different sensory equipment to develop their sensory skills, but also where they can relax and relieve stress and anxiety.

Request a Sunday Buddy

1. To request a Sunday Buddy for your loved one, contact the Inclusion Ministries Coordinator at _____ no later than the Thursday before. A confirmation email will be sent to you indicating that your request has been received.
2. On Sunday morning, please bring your loved one to the library (located on the first floor across from Fellowship Hall) to check in and meet the assigned buddy. To allow enough time for check in, please arrive to the library 20 minutes before the start of worship.