

Mothering Matters

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Are you interested in joining the MOPS Steering Team? *Perhaps Moppets is for you!*

Would you like to be part of a high-energy team of moms who like to work together and have some fun at the same time? If so, a seat on the MOPS Steering Team may be just the area where you'd like to serve.

Your MOPS Steering Team is the leadership that works together to make every MOPS day successful. Our wonderful Moppets Team Leader, Pamela Alleva, is ready to turn the reigns of this rewarding position over to someone else.

Below is a description of position responsibilities and personal characteristics provided by MOPS International that may answer some questions you have about the position.

Pamela will still be assisting in the Moppets program, and there is a volunteer team as well, so you won't be going this alone!

If you are interested, please call Melissa Hayes at 694-8358, for more information.

Moppets Team Leader

Position Responsibilities

- ✎ Works with the Chartering Ministry and Steering Team to establish policies and procedures for the MOPPETS program.
- ✎ Recruits MOPPETS workers, either volunteers or paid help.
- ✎ Trains and encourages workers.
- ✎ Communicates with MOPS moms who leave their children in her care. Selects appropriate curriculum materials and develops programs and

lessons for each class.

- ✎ Serves on Steering Team and attends meetings.
- ✎ Reads the MOPS Handbook and the Moppets Handbook, and understands the vision of MOPS and her relationship to the MOPS group.
- ✎ Disciples her team members and encourages each member to grow in her relationship to Christ.
- ✎ Recruiting Moppets workers is often one of the greatest challenges for a Moppets Team Leader.

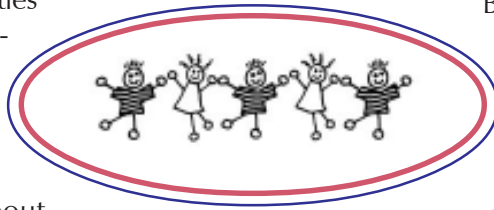
Building this team should not be a single-person effort, but is a project that should involve your entire Steering

Team, your Chartering Ministry, and possibly your entire MOPS group.

Moppets Team Leader

Personal Characteristics

- ♥ Demonstrates a growing personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- ♥ Displays sensitivity to needs of young mothers, even if she is not a mother of preschoolers herself.
- ♥ Exhibits a dedication to meeting the needs of children and understands their eternal worth to God.
- ♥ Communicates well with children, peers, and older adults, because building relationships with all of these people will be a part of her ministry.
- ♥ Understands what is involved in providing quality childcare to a group of small children.
- ♥ Thinks creatively about how to find and involve many people in a project.



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Please contact your steering team leaders if you have any questions, concerns, or would like to volunteer to be on a committee.

Coordinator Melissa Hayes	694-8358
Speaker Coordinator Marcie Bistodeau	622-8875
Hospitality Team Leader Christina Perry	696-2219
Discussion Group Team Leader Becky Lambert	622-4505
Publicity Team Leader Candis Olmstead	622-3322
Creative Activities Team Leader Stacy Nyikos	696-2625
Moppets Team Leader Your name here?	
Prayer Team Leader Terri Otto	622-0982
Care/Community Team Leader Kristie Moser	622-9332
Finance Team Leader Glenda Young	622-0382
MOPS Mentor Team Leader Patty Meredith	696-0780

HELP WANTED

Do you know someone who would like to help mothers of preschoolers take a much-needed break? It's only once a month for three-and-a-half hours*.

Volunteers will be teaching and playing with children, ages birth to five-years-old.

Curriculum, materials and training are provided. No experience is necessary. *Volunteers may bring a child to participate free of charge.*

*15 minutes before and after for preparation and finishing up.

Operation Christmas Child

In November, we will be participating in Operation Christmas Child, a ministry that delivers shoeboxes full of gifts to children around the world. These children are victims of war, poverty, illness or neglect. This small token of generosity on our part can bring so much joy to a child who has never received a gift.

Please bring your contributions and shoeboxes to the November MOPS meeting.

Suggested Gifts:

Toys: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, musical instruments, drawing toys; **School supplies;** Hygiene items: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, comb, washcloth, etc.; **Other:** Hard candy, gum, sunglasses, flashlights with extra batteries, ball caps, socks, t-shirts, toy jewelry, small picture books.

We cannot send any used items, war related items, liquids, medicines or breakable items.

The purpose of Operation Christmas Child is to share the joy of Christmas and the love of Jesus Christ with suffering children around the world.

Bible Verse *God's Word*

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

"We are irresistibly drawn to pretty things. Nice restaurants, elegant shopping malls, sweet smelling, happy, easy-to-know people. We instinctively shun the unlovelies of life. Consequently, we have a terrible time understanding the grace of God. God's grace loves when there is nothing good even beneath an awful wrapper. God loves us because he has decided that we will be precious to him. He sent his son to die on the cross for our ugliness. Period. It's hard to imagine, isn't it? It's even harder to accept. We push and tug at ourselves, trying to earn his love and attention when the fact is, whatever package, we come in, God loves us. Dressing ourselves up with good deeds, advanced degrees and charitable attitudes doesn't increase God's love for us. He simply reaches down into our torn, misshapen world and makes people who are ugly, precious." Mops Devotional Bible

Care Team welcomes you...

The Care Team is in need of volunteers who want to help make a difference in the lives of our fellow moms. It could be by making a meal for a new mother, reaching out to a mom in need or just helping in one of the areas of MOPS that may need an extra hand.

If you are interested in volunteering your time and heart to this team, please contact Kristie Moser at 622-9332 or ktmoser@yahoo.com.

Giving Thanks *Yummy!*

A big thanks to the moms who brought the delicious dishes for us to enjoy today. The discussion groups of the Apples, Watermelons and Oranges provided all of the great food. Thanks!!

Check it out!

This month's featured web site is found at www.familylife.com and we think you may enjoy all of the information that can be found on its pages.

clip and save

Breakfast Bruschetta

Here is an easy and healthy recipe for overfilled fall calendars!

*whole wheat toast or bagels
strawberry or regular cream cheese
orange marmalade
bananas, sliced
strawberries, sliced*

*Toast the bagel or bread, spread with cream cheese, then with marmalade, and top with fruit slices.
Try different fruits to suit your tastes and depending on what is available.*

*Recipe from Angela Hougas
"MOPS Fruit: Fresh, Fun, Fabulous!" cookbook*

