



FIND YOUR FIRE

2018-2019

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First Presbyterian Church of Rome

Welcome!

We hope at these MOPS meetings you will find encouragement, support, relevant teaching, and opportunities to develop relationships with other women who are in your same state of life.



As your Steering Team, it is our goal to facilitate and create a MOPS experience that meets your unique needs. If at any time you have comments, suggestions, or concerns please talk with one of us. We are here to help you! We are so excited that you have chosen to be a part of MOPS at First Presbyterian Church!

Blessings,

Your Steering Team



What is MOPS?

MOPS stands for **M**others **o**f **P**reschoolers, a program designed to **nurture mothers** with children from infancy through kindergarten.

It is a **safe, loving** environment where moms have the opportunity to make new friends, share experiences, and laugh together. They learn Biblical principles pertaining to womanhood, parenting, and marriage.

MOPS Meeting Dates 2018-2019

1st & 3rd Thursdays

Time: 9:30-11:15am

September 6

January 3

September 20

January 17

October 4

February 7

October 18

February 21

November 1

March 7

November 15

March 21

December 6

April 4

December 20-no meeting

April 18

May 2

May 16

Inclement Weather- First Presbyterian Church MOPS follows Rome City Schools guidelines. If Rome City Schools are closed (or delayed) due to snow or ice, MOPS will be canceled.

General Meeting Schedule

9:15-9:30 nursery and MOPPETS Check-in, Mingling

*Please be sure to check-in by 9:30 am so that our meeting
can start promptly.*

9:30-9:45 Breakfast

All members will alternate to bring a breakfast item at least once, if not twice a semester.

9:45-10:45 Speaker/Meeting topics

10:45-11:15 announcements and discussion time

A fun time of creativity and fellowship!

11:15 PROMPTLY pick up children

Please respect the nursery and do not pick up early nor late!

First Presbyterian MOPS Policies

Dues

\$31.95 for the year. This money covers the costs of operating our MOPS group with the charter regulations to register all moms with MOPS International. The other costs – hospitality supplies, making copies, postage, MOPPETS curriculum and craft supplies, speaker gifts, printing materials, etc. are generously provided from the church budget. We do not want dues to be a hardship for

anyone, so please see a Steering Team Member if you need a scholarship. Registration is handled online at Mops.org. Again, if the dues are a burden on your finances please let us know. Our policy is NO MOM LEFT BEHIND!

Absences

It is very important that you adjust your reservation status if you are unable to attend a meeting for any reason. It allows us to adequately plan for childcare and hospitality supplies. It also allows us time to contact a mom on the waiting list to give them an opportunity to attend that meeting if applicable. Please edit your sign up online or contact Nicole Woody at 727-421-9919..

Cell Phones

As a courtesy to all moms and speakers, please silence (put on vibrate) your cell phone during our meetings. If you need to make or receive a call during our meetings, please excuse yourself from the meeting area to do so.

Food

Each meeting different members will be in charge of bringing/providing food. Our hospitality steering team coordinator will have a sign-up sheet we pass around at the meetings, you will let us know what type of food you are bringing on sign-up-genius and/or Facebook, and we will post reminders on our Facebook page. Please sign up to bring breakfast at least twice a semester and bring enough for 30 moms. We ask that you arrive with your food promptly at 9:15 so all mothers can begin breakfast at 9:30 AM. If you need to be absent on the day you signed up to bring food, please let our hospitality leader know ASAP.

Visitors

We love to have moms visit with us! Visitors are welcome! Registration (dues) is necessary for them to continue attending after 2 visits. The MOPS International registration fee remains \$31.95 even if they join mid-year, as they will receive the same benefits from MOPS International as those who registered earlier. After ONE visit, all moms are required to do childcare reservations.

Nursing Moms

Please feel free to bring your nursing infant into the meeting to nurse – as you feel comfortable. Other children would be better served staying in the nursery or MOPPETS.

Discussion Time

- ❖ Your table groups can change EVERY meeting! We encourage you to seek out new mothers with whom you can fellowship and share.
- ❖ We are very blessed to have a wide range of speakers from our community to come and talk to us. Please be courteous and refrain from speaking to others during their presentation.

Please keep in mind the following guidelines during your discussion time:

- ♥ Be AUTHENTIC – share your true feelings
- ♥ Be MUTUAL – encourage one another
- ♥ Be SYMPATHETIC – support one another
- ♥ Be MERCIFUL – forgive one another
- ♥ Be HONEST – speak the truth in love
- ♥ Be HUMBLE – admit your weaknesses
- ♥ Be COURTEOUS – respect our differences
- ♥ Be CONFIDENTIAL – no gossip
- ♥ Be FAITHFUL – make your group a priority

Confidentiality

MOPS meetings and discussion groups are places for mothers to share and confide in one another. Be respectful to these confidences and keep them as such. As a guideline, never share a situation or prayer request unless the person requesting it has given you permission to do so.



MOPPETS is our childcare program for potty trained older children. We want to give you a chance to have uninterrupted “girl” time while your child(ren) is being safely cared for.

You can be sure your kid(s) will have a fun and educational time while they are in MOPPETS. Our curriculum this year will teach valuable Bible lessons. Children also have the opportunity to participate in crafts, games, and other fun activities.

We believe that your child(ren)’s hearts are an investment, and we seek to cultivate a love for Jesus during our time with them. Our goal is to partner alongside of the parents to help children have a love for God’s Word and reach saving faith in Jesus Christ. We are so excited to minister to your child(ren) this year! Each child is such a blessing and gift!

We want your child to have a positive experience in the MOPPETS program. Your child’s health and safety are important to us. Please, help us help you by following the MOPPETS Guidelines.

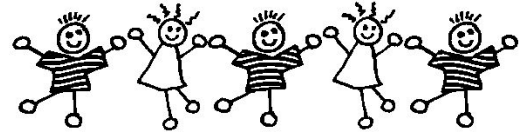
Childcare Guidelines

1. Please DO NOT bring your child if they have had a contagious cough, fever, green runny nose, or any other potentially contagious illness within the last 24 hours.
2. Please DO NOT bring your child’s toys from home, with the exception of a security item or lovey. Please label any items that are brought with first and last name.
3. PLEASE sign your child in!!! Also, do not leave your child until everything is labeled and your child is signed in.
4. PLEASE let us know if your child has any allergies. We will post it on your child’s nametag. *Note: First Presbyterian Church is a peanut free facility.*
5. PLEASE walk your child to their appropriate classroom. Please do not drop your child off before 9:15 am.
6. PLEASE try to avoid getting your child early unless you are contacted. (This causes LOTS of distress for other children who want to see their mommies too!) If you know you must pick up your child early, please let the worker know so they can be discrete.
7. PLEASE pick up your child promptly at 11:15am.

8. If you are bringing a child that is not your own, you will need to pay \$5 for each MOPS meeting you attend with that child. Please see Nicole Woody or Lisa Ingram if you have any questions.
 9. Label Everything! This includes diaper bags, sippy cups, bottles, pacifiers, and any special items your child might have.
 10. There is a reservation system for childcare. Please see one of the steering team members if you have any questions.
- Ms. Nell is the full time director of the nursery ministry and has been in charge of the First Presbyterian nursery for many years.

REMEMBER to thank the workers caring for your child!
First Presbyterian MOPS Steering Team

The Steering Team for MOPS at First Presbyterian is a group of women who lead their specific area to accomplish the MOPS purpose of nurturing every mother of preschool needs to the glory of Jesus Christ. We seek to help moms recognize & following needs: significance, identity, growth, intimacy, instruction hope.



If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the appropriate person.

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