



2nd Annual MOPS Moms Swap Shop

With the changing of seasons, it means that it is time to go through the summer wardrobe and figure out what to hold on to and what to get rid of. It also means that you need to figure out what your little one will need for the cooler months ahead. Perhaps your child has gotten tired of some of their toys and you are planning ahead for the holidays. . . the perfect solution is the MOPS Mom's Swap Shop! This is an entirely FREE event for the Harvest MOPS moms. Feel free to bring in any of your child related clothes, shoes, toys, books, etc. to the next meeting or arrange a drop-off with Joy (330-410-4253). Even if you don't contribute anything, there will be plenty of items that need to find a new home. After the swap, you will be able to reclaim your leftover items or choose to donate them to the Medina Community Services Center. Last year was a huge success and with many new moms, hopefully this year will be even bigger and better!
(Swap will take place in November – date & time TBA)



2008-2009 Steering Team Introductions Continued:

Ruth Vanke (440-846-0855) and Carolyn Smith (440-638-4143) are our evening mentor moms! Ruth happens to be Michele Swindell's mother and Carolyn is Ruth's dear friend since the days they were raising small children together. They are members at Royal Redeemer Lutheran Church in Strongsville. With a dozen grandchildren between them, we look forward to their down to earth perspectives with a twist of humor!

We welcome Jennifer Piehler (330-722-8067) as our new Sunshine Coordinator! Jenn has three young children and various MOPS experience, but this is her first year here in Medina.



Operation Christmas Child

MOPS International is a sponsor of this ministry and Harvest MOPS is a drop off location. This year each discussion group will be collecting items to create a shoebox of goodies to send to a needy child overseas. Please bring in an item or items from the sign-up form (passed during the October meetings). We will be putting the boxes together at the November meetings. Thank you for whatever contribution you can make to this wonderful cause!



Babysitter For Hire

Kristyn Boyland is 13 and has been certified by the American Red Cross for babysitting. As the eldest of four, she has experience with infants, preschoolers and elementary aged children. 330-410-3524.

Daughter of: Joy Boyland

References: Jennifer Anderson & Cori Knutson.



MOM'S NIGHT OUT EVENT

Friday, October 17th –
Scavenger Hunt @ 7:00 PM



Congratulations to Layne Hedden on the birth of her son Blake Robert born September 4, 2008 at 8:50 PM weighing in at 8 lbs. and measuring 20 in. Thank you to all that provided meals!



OCT. MOPPET CURRICULUM:

Lesson: Using Self-Control
Children will know that they can control their actions toward others

Memory verse:
His (Jesus) spirit fills us with power,
love and self-control – 2 Tim 1:7

Biblical Example: Life of Joseph
Gen. 37-47

PLAYTIME EVENT:

Friday, October 10th – Walsh Pumpkin Farm @ 1:00 PM
Saturday, October 18th – NE Ohio Live Steamers Train Ride @ 2:00 PM



Harvest MOPS Amusement Park Guide



Harvest Presbyterian Church
1095 E. Reagan Parkway
Medina, OH 44256
330-723-0770
www.harvestpca.com/mops



From Your Co-Coordinators:

Is it really October already? I know my calendar says that it is, but my mind hasn't caught up to it yet. I hope that you were able to get something out of your first month of MOPS, whether you are a morning attendee, evening attendee or both! If it wasn't something that Pastor Art Ames or Pastor David & Lisa Wallover had to share, maybe it was something you learned during your discussion group time from another mom or maybe it was the uninterrupted chance to finish a plate of food!

I enjoyed meeting all the new faces and seeing the familiar ones again. As we move forward, let me encourage you to get involved. We try to provide a variety of ways for you to do that at various times: participate in discussions during our meetings, attend a Moms Only Night Out, volunteer to help the hospitality team, prepare a meal for a mom who just had a baby, or call one of the other moms for a "play date" with all your children. You will find that the best way to get the most out of your MOPS experience it to be connected with other MOPS moms.

We are here to serve you, so if you have any suggestions or concerns on how to improve, please let us know.



Upcoming Speaker's

Speaker: Anette Shanks
Park Location: "The Rotor"
Topic: Adventures in Mothering
Date: October 2nd

Speaker: Randy Williams
Park Location: "Roller Coaster"
Topic: Marriage
Date: October 20th

Speaker: Dr. Jim Petty
Park Location: "Bumper Cars"
Topic: Q&A/Immunizations
Date: November 6th

Speaker: Jen Pasuit
Park Location: "Petting Zoo"
Topic: Family Food Safety
Date: November 17th



October Anniversaries

Cori & Tate Knutson	10/20
Michelle & Scott Welling	10/23



From your Hospitality Co-Coordinators:

Fall is here...already! It is a beautiful time of year, but can be a frantic one as well with starting up activities and working out new schedules. We hope everyone is starting to adjust to their new routines and feeling more settled this month.

October's door prize winner will enjoy a sweet seasonal decoration for their home. We have used it as a centerpiece for today's meeting. Good luck to everyone!



October Birthdays

Christine Lipian	10/2
Jill Renner	10/09



**October
Housekeeping
Duty:**
Pulled Taffy



**October
Moppets Duty:**
(On Call)
Cotton Candy