



## 2008-2009 Steering Team

I hope you all had an awesome summer full of fun and adventure with your children and families. Our Steering Team was able to meet over our summer break to plan our upcoming year. Here is a brief introduction of the 2008-2009 Steering Team:

Co-Coordinator: **Stephanie Seifert** (330-721-9545) is celebrating her 9<sup>th</sup> year in MOPS and 9<sup>th</sup> year on Steering Team. A wealth of leadership experience and four children make her a valuable asset! Stephanie is also in charge of our MOPPET program enabling all of us to have our meeting time together without our little “distractions”.

Speaker Liaison: **Michele Swindell (330-241-4155)** has two energetic sons and has been a part of the MOPS family for 5 years. Michele’s mother, Ruth Vanke, is also one of our dedicated MOPPET volunteers.

Membership & Finance: We are thrilled to have the creative ideas and enthusiasm returning from **Cori Knutson (330-598-1053)**. She also has two sons and has 5 years under her MOPS belt.

Special Events: **Jennifer Anderson** (330-421-0316) joined MOPS almost two years ago after relocating to Medina from Indiana. She, of course, brought her handsome son and adorable daughter, too!

Hospitality: **Brittany Peters** (216-287-8849) and **Ingrid Harpster (330-721-2448)** will be sharing this responsibility. Brittany has three precious daughters and has 1½ years of MOPS experience. This is Ingrid’s first year on Steering after enjoying a year of MOPS. Ingrid is a proud adoptive mother of a beautiful daughter.

Discussion Group Team Leader: **Carol Reddick** (330-241-5440) is the mother of two imaginative little ones. She is beginning her 3<sup>rd</sup> season of MOPS!

Publicity: We are excited to welcome back **Christine Lipian (330-723-6885)** in her 5<sup>th</sup> year of MOPS. She has three adorable children that get to call her “Mom”.

MOPPET Curriculum: New to Steering is **Stacie Marquis (330-721-4399)**, who has been a part of Harvest MOPS off-and-on for the past 4 years and has three little wonderful blessings.

Mentor Mom: We are honored to have **Mary Marg Marquis** (330-725-8986) returning as our Mentor Mom. Mary Marg has been married to Hub for 40 years and is the mother of 4 and grandmother of 3. Please take advantage of her perspective and wisdom as she spends time with us.

Co-Coordinator: **Joy Boyland (330-410-4253)** – I have been blessed to have the opportunity to serve in four different MOPS groups over the past 10 years. With four children (ages 2-13) it is hard to remember my life prior to MOPS!

It is our privilege to make MOPS an enjoyable respite during your mothering adventures. Blessings, Joy Boyland

## 2008-2009 Discussion Group Leaders

Pulled Taffy (Lime Green/AM)– Stacie Marquis (330-721-4399)  
Onion Rings (Orange/AM) – Michelle Welling (216-407-6567)  
Cotton Candy (Pink/AM) – Susan Williams (330-725-4262)  
Elephant Ears (Yellow/PM) – Nicole Morford (330-764-4640 & Venus Flanagan (330-241-5134)  
French Waffles (Blue/PM) – Carol Reddick (330-241-5440) & Stephanie Seifert (330-721-9545)



### 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 an item or items from the recommendation list with you to any meeting in Sept., Oct., or early Nov. to help out this wonderful cause!



### MOM'S NIGHT OUT EVENT

**Saturday, September 13th – Cedar Point** (carpool leave @ 9am)



**Congratulations** to Mike & **Lori McGrath** on the birth of their son **Kaden James** born July 18, 2008 weighing in at 7 lbs. Kaden is welcomed home by his big brother Zach.



### SEPT. MOPPET CURRICULUM:

**Verse:** “Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men” Matt. 4:19

**Goal:** Help children know that they can be disciples, too!



### PLAYTIME EVENT:

**Tuesday, September 23rd – Akron Zoo**  
@ 11am

# Harvest MOPS Amusement Park Guide



*Life is Sweet!*



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Welcome to Harvest MOPS 2008-2009! We are here to share "Adventures in Mothering" together. Our theme is based on Eph 3:18 "...how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ...": God's love is sufficient enough to cover all the experiences of mothering. Our experiences can be paralleled to those found at an amusement park: anticipation of so much fun as we approach the park (first time pregnancy), anxious thoughts as you climb to the top of the roller coaster (fear of being a mom, but excited at the same time); thrill and exultation as you race down the high hill; surprise as the car takes a quick turn to the left; chaos as so many sights and sounds are happening at once. Can you picture the adventure?

Share your experiences with one another and take comfort that you can relate to the various aspects of mothering. We hope you connect with someone, or many people and that you experience a delightful break from the kids. May you be blessed this season in your life, with the knowledge that God is handling the adventures with and for you!

Your Co-Coordinator—Stephanie Seifert



## Upcoming Speaker's

Speaker: Pastor Art Ames  
Park Location: "Ticket Booth"  
Topic: Welcome  
Date: September 4<sup>th</sup>

Speaker: David & Lisa Wallover  
Park Location: "Merry Go Round"  
Topic: Relationships  
Date: September 15<sup>th</sup>

Speaker: Anette Shanks  
Park Location: TBA  
Topic: TBA  
Date: October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Speaker: Randy Williams  
Park Location: "Roller Coaster"  
Topic: Marriage  
Date: October 20<sup>th</sup>



Welcome to MOPS! We know your time is valuable and we're happy you want to spend it with us! We hope you come in feeling welcomed and leave feeling refreshed.

Each meeting we will have a door prize, usually provided from an area business. This month's giveaways include a book entitled "Five Star Families" by Carol Kuykendall (author and speaker & director of strategic projects for MOPS) and a seasonal candle set. If you are blessed to win a door prize, please refrain from entering later raffles to allow those who have not won a better chance.

Thanks to the steering team for providing the snacks for the September meetings. A food sign-up for October will circulate during the meeting. Please contribute if you are able. We will be assigning clean-up tasks by discussion groups again this year. Many hands make light work! Thanks for your help!

Your Hospitality Leaders-- Ingrid Harpster & Brittany Peters



## September Anniversaries

Jennifer & Danny Pasuit	9/5
Carol & Kurt Reddick	9/18
Michele & Jade Swindell	9/24
Nikki & Dennis Elbert	9/27
Nicole & Stephen Olexa	9/30



## September Birthdays

Carol Reddick	9/4
Layne Hedden	9/9
Tina Fisher	9/15
Susan Smigel	9/24
Sheron Beard	9/25
Katie Taylor	9/27



**September  
Housekeeping  
Duty:**  
Steering Team



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Moppets Duty:**  
(On Call)  
Steering Team