

# LEAKSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN, MAY WE SUGGEST...

### Relax!

God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are Welcome!

- Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of other's heads.
- Quietly explain the parts of the service and actions of the Pastor, Acolytes, Choir, etc.
- Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.
- If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."
- Remember that the way we welcome children in the church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this House of Worship.
- There are worship bags with coloring books and activity bulletins in the Narthex and outside the choir room. We also have "Worship Buddy" Teddy bears available. Our ushers would be happy to locate these for your child.

## TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION:

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our church family is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.