

HISTORY

The Ruth M. Smith Center was built in 1884 and purchased in 1901 by the C.H. Smith family. At the age of eight, their daughter, Ruth, died of rheumatic fever. In 1922, they gave their home to the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Erie Conference of the Methodist Church to serve as a children's orphanage in memory of their daughter.

In 1972 two dormitories were built to accommodate young people with behavioral, emotional or psychological problems. In 1982 with the change in funding, we welcomed senior citizens and opened a Daycare Center. The Mansion was closed for repairs and reopened on May 20, 1989.

In 2012 we opened our doors and hearts to adults with disabilities. Today we continue our mission to care for area children and to assist the elderly and physically or intellectually challenged adults.

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PERSONAL CARE HOME

Ruth M. Smith Center seeks to provide a home for residents in which quality of life is emphasized while promoting independence and involvement in the community.

Our personal care facility, licensed by the PA Department of Human Services, provides an economical, safe, comfortable, residential setting for elderly, physically or mentally challenged adults. We provide assistance, including medication administration, to those who need care beyond the basic necessities of food and shelter, but who do not require intermediate or skilled nursing care. Meals are served family style. We provide assistance with personal hygiene and grooming. Activities are scheduled throughout the day. We also offer Respite care.

Private rooms are available in the renovated Smith family mansion. Double occupancy is available in our newest units.

Private pay and SSI w/boarding home supplement are accepted as payment.

LICENSED DAYCARE PRESCHOOL

Open between 6 AM and 5:30 PM, our professionally trained staff offers learning and growth opportunities through organized educational curriculum, recreation, socialization and supervised play. Our program, licensed by the PA Department of Human Services, provides education and care giving to area children between the ages of 3 months to kindergarten age.



COMMUNITY SERVICES *Recreation Program*

The gym is available for use by community groups and individuals with a flexible fee schedule.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Ruth M. Smith Center offers individuals, church or community groups the opportunity to volunteer to help others.

Contact the Center for possible projects.

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Ruth M. Smith Center, a National Mission Institute of the United Methodist Women, National Organization, is to minister to the social, education, emotional, spiritual and physical needs of dependent children, youth, adults and families regardless of race, color, religious creed, disability, ancestry, national origin, age or sex.

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