

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Safe Sanctuary Application

All four pages of this application are to be completed by all persons (volunteer or compensated) who desire to work/volunteer in ministries serving children, youth and/or vulnerable adults, as well as all staff, paid and unpaid interns, etc serving at Faith UMC. This application form is being used to help the church provide a safe and secure environment for everyone who participates in our programs.

PERSONAL

Date: _____

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Former Name (if applicable): _____
Last First Middle

Present address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

How long have you lived at the above address? _____ E-mail address: _____

If less than one year, provide all previous addresses for the past five years.

Please indicate the areas you would like to serve at Faith UMC. _____

Please indicate the date you would be available to begin. _____

What is the minimum length of commitment you can make? _____

Why would you like to serve in ministries with children, youth, and vulnerable adults? How are you called to this ministry? _____

Have you ever been charged with, convicted of, or pleaded guilty to or no contest to a crime against children or other persons?

____ Yes (If yes, please explain – attach a separate page, if necessary) _____
____ No

Have you ever committed any act of child abuse or sexual misconduct against a minor?

____ Yes (explain) _____ No

REQUIRED INFORMATION

The information entered below will be SHREDDED after it is entered into a secure website for a background check.

Date of Birth: _____ Previous/Maiden Names: _____

Social Security Number: _____

List any gifts, callings, training, education, or other factors that have prepared you for working with children, youth, and vulnerable adults:

At Faith UMC, we believe that it is important for volunteers who are nurturing the faith foundation of others to also be nurturing their personal faith development.

How would you describe your desire to grow in your faith; your spiritual practices? _____

I understand that participating in periodic training is important to maintaining a safe environment and a requirement for serving at Faith UMC. YES _____ NO _____

Our church has an open door policy which means that a parent, volunteer, or church staff member can visit/observe at any time. Are you comfortable with this atmosphere? _____

Our church utilizes the use of two teachers/leaders for all children/youth activities. Are you comfortable working in teams? _____

CHURCH HISTORY AND PRIOR EXPERIENCE

How long have you been attending Faith United Methodist Church? _____

Name of church of which you are a member: _____

List (names and address) of other churches you have attended regularly during the past five years:

List all previous church work involving children, youth, and/or vulnerable adults (list each church's name and address, type of work performed, and dates):

List all previous non-church work involving children, youth, vulnerable adults (list each organization's name and address, type of work performed, and dates):

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
REFERENCES**

Please list three persons who are familiar with your character, particularly as it relates to supervision of children, youth, and vulnerable persons. Try to include one reference from previous church experience if possible. None of the references may be a relative.

1. _____
Name Relationship

Address

Home Phone Cell Phone

2. _____
Name Relationship

Address

Home Phone Cell Phone

3. _____
Name Relationship

Address

Home Phone Cell Phone

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
APPLICANT'S AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE**

I certify that all the information on this application is truthful and completely accurate. I authorize representatives of Faith United Methodist Church to obtain any information regarding my character and fitness for children and youth work, which will include a background check. I will sign any necessary authorizations in order to accomplish that purpose. In consideration of the receipt and evaluation of this application by Faith United Methodist Church, I release any individual, church, organization, employer, reference, both collectively and individually, from all liability for damages of whatever kind or nature which may at any time result to me, my heirs, or family on account of compliance, or any attempts to comply with this authorization. I waive any right that I may have to inspect any information provided about me by any person or organization identified by me in this application.

Should my application be accepted, I agree to abide by Faith United Methodist Safe Sanctuaries Policy and abide by all rules and laws. I will live by the understanding that, as a person in authority, it is my responsibility to avoid inappropriate behavior with any children, youth, or vulnerable persons in my care.

I further state that I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FOREGOING AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE AND KNOW THE CONTENTS THEREOF AND I SIGN IT AS MY OWN FREE ACT. This is a legally binding agreement which I have read and understand.

Photo Release – I give my permission for Faith United Methodist Church to publish my pictures (without ID) in church related activities for the purposes of promoting/celebrating Faith United Methodist Church and its programs in local newspapers, church newsletter, church bulletin, church website and/or social networks maintained by Faith UMC.

Check One : Yes No

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

Parent or Guardian Signature if under age 18 _____

Date _____