

Shreve UMC: Restored Family Ministries

Volunteer Covenant & Application Form

Take your time and fill this application out thoughtfully, carefully and prayerfully. We take this ministry very seriously, and therefore we take you very seriously. Please read through the application, pray, and then complete it. The contents herein will be held confidential and considered church property.

Responsible To:

Director: Dana Treisch, sumc.dcym@gmail.com

Pastor: Mike Grant, shrevepastor@gmail.com

Strategy: At Shreve UMC we strongly believe that a part of our baptismal covenant means ministering and loving families. The volunteer at Shreve UMC Restored Family Ministry will be an example of Jesus to every member at every stage of life. Thus fulfilling the mission of the United Methodist denomination, “...to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world” (*p. 120 UMC Book of Discipline*).

Relationships: We believe that loving families and showing them Jesus is the greatest way we can have an impact on them. Building individual relationships with each member through our program events: youth group, Sunday school class, trips/camps/VBS, and supporting children & youth at their extracurricular activities, is essential for effective, relational ministry. Since we believe in a family ministry, this also includes making an effort to care about children and their guardians in every phase of life.

Personal: I acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus Christ in my life and have a personal relationship with Him. I am committed to growing and maturing my relationship with God through quiet times, active church attendance, and involvement in some type of accountable relationship. I am committed to choices and a lifestyle that are both godly and “above reproach”, abstaining from any immoral behavior that the UMC dictates in the Book of Discipline. This is my commitment knowing that my life is a model for the children & students with whom I work.

Proper Relationships: I have also turned in a read and signed compliance statement for each document: Disciplinary Policy, Child Protection Policy, Media Release and Medical Forms, Volunteer Covenant Form (which are included in this packet and the Welcome Packet).

Support of the Church: I commit to relational ministry, knowing that every child of God counts; to be known, greeted, cared for, and loved. I understand the Statement of Faith and Affirmation of our church and with the mission and vision of both our congregation and the Restored Family Ministry. I commit to staff support and unity through quickly resolving conflicts, supporting the leadership and church decisions, and nurturing any new leadership.

Time: I commit to consistency in attendance of the programs to which I have committed and to volunteer team meetings. Because I am making a significant commitment and my presence is important, I agree to be consistent and timely to the programs to which I commit myself. If I have the need to miss a program or event, I agree to do my utmost to find a replacement, and then notify the Director or a coordinator of the change.

This is your commitment for the position of volunteer. The Director and Pastor will hold you accountable to this commitment. By signing this document, you are agreeing with the information on the Volunteer Covenant and Commitment page and you have also read and understood your expectations expressed on your Volunteer description sheet. You were chosen for this position because of the love you have shown for students and your love for God. We ask that you continue good spiritual practices as you are role model for students. Students will grow as much as you grow.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Volunteer
Printed Name: _____
Volunteer
Approval: _____ Date: _____
Director

By signing below, I have read, understood, and will comply and uphold the Shreve UMC Child Protection Policy. I also understand that I am a mandated reporter as a volunteer within the Restored Family Ministry.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

By completing and signing the bottom of this form, I give Shreve UMC permission to run a background check. I understand results will be kept confidential and will factor in determining my involvement in the Restored Family Ministry program.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

(Form for background checks to be completed at Annual Gatherings)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

If you would like to join our church van approved driver list complete the following (does not guarantee being added to the list):

Driver's License # _____ Birthday: _____

Auto Insurance Co. & Policy: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Email: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Education Completed:

- High School: _____

- Further Education: _____

1. Do you attend this church regularly or a member? _____ How long? _____

2. In what ministries have you been involved with, and at what church?

3. Do you agree entirely with our church's doctrinal statement and beliefs? YES NO

If not, with which statement(s) and/or beliefs do you struggle/disagree?

4. What children/youth ministry experiences have you had?

5. Briefly, how did you become a Christian? _____

6. List two reasons why you want to be a volunteer:

1. _____

2. _____

7. What fears/reservations will you have if you were selected as a volunteer?

9. What specifically characterizes your walk with God?

10. With what part of your walk with Christ do you struggle the most, and how do you think that it will affect your ministry with students?

11. List three people who have significantly impacted your life for Christ:

12. What kind of things do you like to do for fun? (Hobbies, leisure time, etc.)

13. What three spiritual gifts and/or strengths do you believe you have?

14. Have you ever been convicted of a crime involving children/youth? Explain.

15. Have you ever been a victim of abuse, physical, emotional, or sexual? If so how might this affect your ministry with youth?

17. In what parts of the Children & Youth Ministries program would you like to be part of and why?

I understand that this application will be kept completely confidential. I agree that to the best of my knowledge, all of the above questions have been answered honestly and truthfully.

Signature _____

Printed Name: _____

Date _____