

Shreve UMC Family Ministries

December 15, 2018

Dear Shreve UMC Family,

As we begin to look forward to the new year, we also begin to update and recruit new members of our team. It is the mission of the DYCE office that Family Ministries (those including, children, youth, college-age students, and their parents) that the family be restored to the church, both locally and abroad. The mission of Family Ministry programs at Shreve UMC is two part: one, to restore the family, in all its generations, into a relationship with the community of Christ and two, refocus the church on its calling to minister to families of all kinds. By strengthening marriages, equipping parents, empowering kids and students, and raising up healthy leaders and disciples, these programs may achieve this mission. To do so, we need a consistent, dedicated team of volunteers who see their gifts used to fulfill their baptismal covenant.

Volunteering in the ministry programs at our church in Shreve is an essential part of fulfilling that promise. We ask that you prayerfully consider where your role may be within the ministries of Shreve UMC. If that place is serving and forming relationships with our families, then training is a mandatory process we require of you. This helps to keep us and you accountable for our ministry events, teams, and policies throughout the year. Below you will find how the training of our team will be conducted, along with instructions on how to begin.

To make sure that anyone may be able to participate in volunteer training, we have decided to present materials with a combination of 'videos' and meetings. On the church website, there will be three short videos that cover topics such as our Child Protection Policy, application/covenant forms, emergency procedures, and methodology/organization of programs. After watching all three videos, there is an online quiz (linked below on the website). After completing the quiz and turning in the required forms to the DYCE, you will be invited to our annual volunteer team gathering. At this gathering (which is required), all volunteers who successfully complete the training will come together for food and fellowship along with discussion and team building. *Please note that this training period is to update records amidst transition and reorganization, and therefore are more demanding; future training will be minimal in comparison.*

The videos, quiz, and forms will be posted on the church website on January 1, 2019; due on February 16, 2019. Our 1st Annual Volunteer Team Gathering will be March 9, 2019, at 9 a.m. in the New Fellowship Hall. Childcare will be provided. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to voice them with the email that is listed at the bottom of this letter.

Blessings,

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