

SAFE SANCTUARIES POLICY

Effective April 15, 2009, all people that will be leading or supervising youth and/or vulnerable adults in GUMC sponsored activities will need to adhere to the new Safe Sanctuaries policy. This includes, but is not limited to, Church School teachers, nursery volunteers, youth group leaders and chaperones, VBS volunteers, Movie Night chaperones, and acolyte leaders. The policy is intended to not only protect our youth, but it also protects the adult volunteers and the church itself. All individuals will need to follow the process below to be in compliance with the Safe Sanctuaries policy and continuing service the youth of GUMC.

1. Background check through Screen Now. This will be done through the GUMC office staff and all reports will be kept confidential and stored in a limited-access, locked file.
2. Attend Safe Sanctuaries training session at GUMC. Sessions are scheduled for March 29 (11:45 am), March 31 (6:30 pm), April 5 (11:45 am), April 7 (6:30 pm).
3. Read, understand, and comply with the Safe Sanctuaries policy.

Please complete an Authorization and Request for Criminal Records Check form (available in the office) and return to the church office as soon as possible so the background screening can be completed in a timely manner and avoid a disruption to our programming. Thank you for all you do for the children of Grace in the name of the Lord. Please forward any questions to Rev. Kathy or Bob Harpster.