



St. John's United Methodist Church Safer Sanctuaries Program

(A part of the United Methodist Church Safer Sanctuaries Program)

"I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me. But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea."

Matthew 18:3-6, NIV

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8

The Safer Sanctuaries Program is intended to protect vulnerable people from abuse, as well as to protect volunteers and staff from false allegations of abuse. It is not based on a lack of trust in clergy, laity, staff or volunteers but is intended to create a safe environment for our children, youth, employees, volunteers, vulnerable adults, and the whole church body.

We are creating an environment where all feel safe to worship and learn

Moving from fear to flourish

Teaching justice and compassion

This is part of a holistic approach to our ministries.

The St. John's policy is available [here](#).