

**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FAITHQUEST SHEPHERD (VOLUNTEER)
MINISTRY DESCRIPTION**



Objective: *You will help FUPC to glorify God through active discipleship by nurturing the spiritual formation of children through the modeling of authentic Christian faith and teaching them the essentials of following Christ.*

Result #1: The children of FUPC's children's ministry are prayed for regularly

Result #2: The FaithQuest rotation schedule allows more adults in the congregation to play an important role in bringing God's Word to children through flexible, short-term 3 or 4 week commitments.

Result #3: Through the FaithQuest workshop rotation model, major Bible stories are being taught to and learned by children through repetition and activities that actively engage all of their senses.

Result #4: FaithQuest shepherds stay with the same grade group of students as they rotate each week to different workshops and teachers providing continuity for the students.

Result #5: A shepherd is not responsible for teaching the lesson, but instead assists the teacher by giving extra encouragement, redirecting short attention spans, and helping with discipline as required.

Result #6: FaithQuest shepherds hand out name tags, take attendance, greet the students in the Sanctuary prior to the start of their workshop/lesson and ensure the students are picked up by their parents at the lesson's end.

Result #7: FaithQuest shepherds are receiving encouragement, support, training as well as time for prayer and trouble-shooting with the Director of Christian Education (DCE) as required.

Result #8: The FaithQuest schedule is well coordinated with the teachers and shepherds and provides maximum consistency.

Result #9: FaithQuest shepherds are regular participants in the weekly worship service at FUPC.

Team Composition (number): Varies; 2 to 4

Time Commitment:

- 1 hour, 15 minutes on Sunday mornings (9:00-10:15 am)
- 2, 3 or 4 week rotations

Special Talents and Skills Preferred: An active and committed disciple of Jesus Christ; a person who is comfortable interacting with children; patience; flexibility; friendliness

Spiritual Gifts: Any of the following: Artistic Expression Helps, Teaching

Support and Accountability:
Director of Christian Education (DCE)

Resources and Training Provided:
Training provided by DCE prior to each rotation; name tags, attendance sheets and other materials are provided.

Requirement: Active Member of FUPC, at least 6 months; willingness to undergo a background check

Thank you for considering this important ministry.