**ROSEBUSH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM**

The following information must be obtained in order to complete a background check.

Name: (First, Middle, Last) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number(s) (Home) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (including year) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Area of Interest: (check all that apply)

Nursery \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday School \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ VBS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you 18 years of age or older? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

List any other names by which you have been known (including maiden name)

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Have you ever been convicted of, or plead guilty or no contest to, a crime other than minor traffic violations, or are you now under charges for any criminal offense? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Please note: A criminal conviction does not necessarily disqualify you from consideration.)

If yes, please explain (use the back of this sheet or an additional sheet)

**VOLUNTEER STATEMENT**

**(Please read carefully before signing)**

I have read the attached Child Protection Policy and Volunteer’s Ministry Covenant and agree to observe it to the best of my ability. The information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the church or its representative(s) to make any and all appropriate inquiries regarding my background, and I release the church and its representative(s) from any liabilities that may result from such actions. I waive any right I may have to inspect any information provided about me by those identified on this application.

I authorize that a Criminal Records Check may be conducted on me and that any information which pertains to any record of conviction(s) contained in any police files or any criminal file maintained on me, whether state, local, or federal, be released to the church. In so authorizing, I release the police departments, Rosebush UMC, or those individuals receiving the results of the check from any and all liabilities resulting from such disclosure.

By signing this volunteer form, I affirm that the above statements and information are true and correct.

Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Drivers’ License Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(\*) This information will be used solely for the purpose of a background check in connection with participating in the Children’s Ministry Program with Rosebush United Methodist Church. No information will be given to outside parties.

**CHILD PROTECTION POLICY**

**(birth through grades 12)**

1. Adults who have been convicted of either sexual or physical abuse of any kind may not serve in children’s ministry.
2. Adult volunteers must observe the classroom supervision guidelines, staffing ratios, and other protection policies.
3. Adult workers are never to be alone with the children. Two or more leaders are recommended for each classroom, and/or safety monitor/supervisor will visit every classroom at least once during every program.
4. Adult volunteers are required to report immediately to the Children’s Ministry Director any behavior that could be considered abusive, inappropriate, or endangering children or teens in any way.

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**VOLUNTEER MINISTRY COVENANT**

I have received Jesus Christ as my savior, and I have committed to live my life for Him, and to be an example of the teachings laid before me in the Scriptures.

I realize that in a leadership role, I will be guiding hearts and minds towards our Lord. I will seek to develop a positive and loving relationship with the children that I serve, and their parent(s) or legal guardian(s). In order to do this, I also understand that I need to be emotionally and spiritually healthy. Should changes occur in my life and I feel I cannot live up to these commitments, I will willingly inform my leadership, and temporarily step down from my position.

I believe that the Holy Bible is the inspired Word of God, and will teach my students from it. I am in agreement with the United Methodist teachings of the faith, and will not teach contrary to the stated doctrines of the Rosebush United Methodist Church.

With the support of Rosebush United Methodist Church and its staff, and under the direction of the Holy Spirit, I commit myself to this ministry.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_