

Following Jesus and the General Rule of *Do No Harm, Do all the Good you can, and Stay in Love with God* - we diligently work to create an Awesome and Safe Space for Gatherings at Schweitzer; in person and in the digital realm. Here are Important Takeaways!

#### WE HAVE A 2 ADULTS RULE FOR EVERY GATHERING

- We believe, “The more the merrier!” Every event that involves Kids, Teens, or Vulnerable Adults will have at least TWO adults, trained and certified through *Safe Gatherings!* And we’re always looking for more!
- For mentoring and personal conversation, one-on-one interaction needs a public place with plenty of other people around. Ministry leaders look forward to meeting up at your favorite coffee spot!

#### DIGITAL SPACES & SOCIAL MEDIA - NO SECRETS HERE

- Ministry leaders are committed to being accountable to one another on our social media postings - that means you and your grandma can both engage
- Because some Social Media sites thrive on secrecy... you won't find ministry leaders there...
- Some digital spaces may be ‘closed to the public,’ but will always maintain the TWO adults rule and will not be hidden from accountability
- Always remember, your text, your chat, that 1-on-1 interaction... in the digital world it's always public - so be kind, encouraging and do all the good you can!

#### SMILE ;- ) WE USE PICTURES AND VIDEO

- We love to use lovely smiles to share God’s story with others. If you are not having a photogenic day, or you don’t want your kid's image captured; let us know and we’ll replace your image with a pic of a smiley face;-)

#### RECORDS? YES WE KEEP THEM, SAFE AND SECURE

- We collect data and store it in a super, secret vault that Batman can’t break into! Well, not that super secret;-) But we do protect all the personal information shared with us in verified and accountable systems. Whatever data we keep has been shared willingly with us, and we do not share or sell personal information.

#### MINISTRY STAFF ARE MANDATED REPORTERS

- If we see something, we say something! Paid and volunteer staff, in person, or on-line are responsible to report to appropriate authorities and their staff overseer if they see or suspect abuse or neglect.
- If you see a ministry leader conducting themselves in an unfitting fashion, we encourage you to SAY SOMETHING too! We want all gatherings to be places where people can grow in faith, friendship, and fun.

#### LEARN MORE

- Learn more about *Safe Gathering* policies by going to [sumc.co/safe-sanctuary/](http://sumc.co/safe-sanctuary/) or [moumethodist.org/safesanctuaries](http://moumethodist.org/safesanctuaries)