

Plainfield United Methodist Church Transportation of Minors Policy

Plainfield United Methodist Church (PUMC) is concerned with the safe transportation of our children & youth and adult leaders as they participate in various activities and trips; therefore, this policy ensures participants follow procedures intended to minimize risk and provide necessary communication. This policy concerns “church-related” transportation, which is travel from the church building to a ministry event destination and from the same back to the church building. Transportation from home to the church building or ministry event and back to home is not church-sponsored transportation; such arrangements are the responsibility of parents and are made solely at parental discretion.

1. Drivers will be at least 23 years old. All drivers must present a copy of their driver’s license and current insurance card to the staff member in charge.
2. Proof of insurance and vehicle registration / rental agreements are required in each vehicle.
3. Drivers and all passengers must be seated and wearing a seatbelt at all times in transit.
4. Passengers must obey the driver and other adult leaders and behave appropriately according to the youth “Code of Conduct.”
5. Drivers are expected to use their good judgment to drive at a safe speed with the flow of traffic and to adhere to all traffic laws.
6. Vehicle-to-vehicle communication shall be done by non-drivers. Drivers shall comply with “hands-free” laws for electronic devices.
7. Drivers are to remain within reasonable distance of each other but it is not necessary to caravan.
8. During stops along a trip (e.g. shopping malls, rest areas, restaurant clusters, gas stations, etc.), the trip leader will determine how groups may be formed to walk or drive to nearby locations for services.