



Adult Small Group Leaders – Short Term and/or Long Term – Study-based or Service-Based
Time Commitment – 60-75 minutes per group meeting plus preparation time,
as determined by the leader

Small Group Leaders join the Pastor in the teaching and shepherding ministry of the Church. They are spiritual leaders, regardless of the specific orientation of their group. Small Group leaders are committed to prayer, to reading and studying the Bible, to participating in worship and the Lord's Supper, and to serving in mission in the community. These holy habits are essential marks of discipleship.

Small Group Leaders are persons who are familiar with grace. They are comfortable in their own skin, acknowledge freely they do not have all the answers or need to know everything. They are good listeners who bring an atmosphere of grace with them into the meeting room. They pay attention to the people in the group and encourage everyone to participate. They post attendance of their group and relay prayer requests and/or other needs of members to the Church Office. Small Group Leaders are aware of the gifts God has given them and look for gifts in others.

Finally, Small Group Leaders collaborate and cooperate with fellow leaders and the pastor. They work together as a team to focus on their ministries and to be clear that the group is an extension of the congregation and its mission with Christ in the world. Whether the group meets for Bible study, prayer, accountability, service in the community, or ministry within the church, the leader helps the group to maintain their attention to the stated purpose.

If you are interested in learning more about and/or serving as a Small Group Leader at South Shore, please begin with prayer, such as

Lord, guide me in the discernment and investment of my gifts in service to you and your Kingdom through South Shore. Amen.

Then, connect with Pastor Sarah via sarah@southshoreumc.com.