

Youth Director Job Description
First United Methodist Church, DeKalb, IL
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Overview

Seeking an energetic part-time (20-25 hours/week) Director of Youth Ministries who is a committed Christian leader with a passion for discipling young people (Grades 6 and up) in the Christian faith and life by building relationships and empowering students to be leaders in the church and the world beyond.

Responsibilities

Develop and execute a strategic plan for the youth ministry that is responsive to the needs and interests of the youth of our community.

Recruit, develop and deploy new youth and adult volunteers for the church's youth ministry in accordance with Safe Sanctuary policies (e.g. background checks for all adults).

Organize, train, fund-raise and lead the youth in short-term mission experiences (local, domestic or international).

Promote youth ministry internally and externally through a variety of media communications – church newsletters, social media, etc.

Regularly teach the Bible to the youth with compassion, conviction and care.

In coordination with volunteers, facilitate regular gatherings and activities of a junior high group and senior high group.

Reach out to youth from the new church neighborhood (Annie-Glidden North) to develop programs and activities for them.

Facilitate special worship services in coordination with the worship planning team for mission trip promotion and reporting, Youth Sundays, and other occasions as needed.

In consultation with other youth leaders and senior church leadership, develop an annual budget for the youth ministry and operate within the constraints of that budget

Regularly report to the church's leadership about developments in the youth ministry, and track youth statistics for annual reports.

Participate in all staff meetings and retreats.

In partnership with the Senior Pastor and volunteers, facilitate Confirmation classes.

Potentially develop a youth-led worship service for youth as growth warrants.

Requirements

A passion for Christ and sharing Christ with youth.

A growing Christian faith and character.

A commitment to the mission of the church.

Previous experience working with youth in a group setting.

Energetic, self-starter.

Embrace Christian disciplines and have, or develop, a solid understanding of United Methodist doctrine, theology and organization (polity).

Possess a proven ability to work effectively with a diverse group of people, youth, parents, staff, and teams of volunteers from varying ethnicities, socio-economic levels, and generations.

Excellent written and verbal communication skills.

A college-degree preferred.

Ability to pass a background check.

Licensed driver preferred.

Structure

Youth Director reports directly to Senior Pastor and the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, with informational reporting responsibilities to the Youth Council and COM (church council).

To Apply: Please email a résumé to Kellyn Lawrence, Chair of Staff/Parish Relations, First United Methodist Church of DeKalb: kellynlawrence@gmail.com.

Or mail a résumé to: First United Methodist Church, 317 N Fourth St, DeKalb, IL 60115

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