



Director of Youth Ministries Position Description (full time)

Position: Director of Youth Ministries (full time), beginning September 1, 2010 or until position is filled.

First United Methodist Church of Champaign, Illinois, seeks a dynamic, passionate, Christian leader to continue our tradition of an active and highly effective youth ministry by providing a safe, inviting place for youth to meet, grow and live in Christ so they may enter adulthood as Christian disciples.

Primary Responsibilities:

1. Continue the development and management of our Christ-centered youth ministry in coordination with and responsive to the direction of the congregation, pastors, youth board and our vision for youth ministry.
2. Provide leadership for our team of adults, college students and youth who will work together to achieve our youth ministry goals.
3. Build relationships with youth and parents and other adults of the congregation (i.e., mentors; volunteer youth leaders; church mission teams) and work to draw them closer to Christ and the church through personal contact, youth gatherings and all-church events; this would include recruitment and ongoing training of youth leaders.
4. Foster relationships between various church groups and coordinate joint events to promote multi-generational and family ministry.
5. Continue to build relationships with other local youth leaders (e.g., from YMCA, Parks and Recreation Dept., other Christian churches).
6. Provide opportunities for youth to meet, enjoy fellowship, and develop relationships with other Christian youth through youth gatherings, activities and events (e.g., worship; Bible study).
7. Disciple youth and train them to witness to and disciple others.
8. Continue to provide opportunities for youth to grow as servants and to be of service to their peers, church and community.
9. Willingness and ability to support ministry team and congregation by performing other duties as needed and contributing to overall mission of the church.

Current Youth Ministry activities:

1. Sunday morning Sunday School
2. Weekly High School Bible study
3. Central High School lunch on Thursdays
4. Sunday night UMYF
5. Semester mission opportunities, Trick or Treat for UNICEF, Crop Walk, 30 Hour Famine, Cunningham Children's home @ Christmas
6. Winter Ski Retreat
7. Fundraising for ASP & Ski Retreat

8. Summer mission opportunities, including
 - a. MSSP (Middle School Service Project) for middle school students
 - b. ASP (Appalachia Service Project) for high school students

Accountability:

To Senior Pastor and to the FUMC Youth Board

Attend monthly Youth Ministry meetings

Attend weekly FUMC staff meeting

Professional Requirements:

College degree preferred

Demonstrated experience in working effectively and creatively with teens. Direct experience as a Christian Youth Director a plus.

Demonstrated skill as leader/coordinator, teacher, recruiter, motivator

Professional approach in dress, conduct and attitude

Personal Requirements:

Demonstrated strong commitment to Christian faith; spiritually disciplined

Enthusiasm for and love of youth

Ability to communicate effectively with youth and adults

Satisfactory review of a background check

Salary: Base salary commensurate with experience. Benefit package included.

Contact: Send resume with cover letter and references to Rev. Mary Brady, Associate Pastor, First United Methodist Church, 210 W. Church Street, Champaign, IL 61820 or email YouthMin@champaignfumc.org .

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