

Westerville Community United Church of Christ
Director of Youth Ministry

Do you crave the adventure of walking with middle and high school youth on their faith journey? Do you love to wonder about God through the eyes of a child? Westerville Community United Church of Christ is seeking someone who is ridiculously devoted to working with kids of all ages, who believes in the transforming power of God's love, and who affirms the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of everyone to serve as our next Director of Youth Ministry. If you are interested in serving as a spiritual leader for some of the most outrageously awesome kids on the planet, please consider this opportunity to join the WCUCC family and have your life changed forever.

Qualified candidates will have 5+ years of professional youth ministry or Christian education experience; a proven record of relationship-building with youth and parents; a history of professional collaboration & team work; a spirit for Christian service; and share the belief that God loves and affirms the identity and value of all people. Membership in the United Church of Christ is preferred.

Applications may be sent to youthdirector@westervillecucc.org

Job Purpose:

This position contributes to the success of Westerville Community United Church of Christ (WCUCC) by engaging middle school and high school youth in church activities (e.g., worship, Sunday School, youth group) and making church a meaningful part of their lives.

Position Responsibilities:

1. Attend weekly church and fellowship time
2. Lead Journey Group (senior high youth group)
 - a. Plan, schedule, and prepare communications re: activities
 - b. Recruit parents and other church members to assist with events
 - c. Hold regular (at least twice per month) meetings and/or events during the year
 - d. Plan and lead the youth retreat; organize and facilitate fundraising efforts to help pay for the retreat, if necessary
3. Support Exodus Express (middle school youth group)
 - a. Attend events, if available, providing a religious element as needed
 - b. Provide activity ideas to volunteer leaders as needed
 - c. Plan and lead the middle school retreat; organize and facilitate fundraising efforts to help pay for the retreat if necessary
4. Sunday School
 - a. Lead high school Sunday school class
 - b. Provide leadership in curriculum planning; either leading in the process of selecting the curriculum or creating it
 - c. Help the Christian Education board recruit volunteers (Sunday school teachers, youth group leaders, children's worship, tween worship)
5. Involve youth with annual inter-generational and/or youth church mission trip as primary leader of youth on the trip
6. Co-teach Confirmation class & attend confirmation events as available

7. Work with youth to prepare and lead annual Sunday worship service
8. Communicate regularly with youth and parents
9. Counsel youth and their parents as necessary
10. Weekly meeting with supervisor
11. Attend monthly Christian Education board meetings and provide updates
12. Support lay leaders with ideas, information on UCC youth events, research as requested, and training
13. Support Sunday worship services
 - a. Occasionally lead Children's Sermon
 - b. Assist volunteers with hand bell choir, children's choir, and Children's Worship as needed
 - c. Lead Tween Worship weekly (with exception of first week of each month), including developing curriculum
 - d. Assist Pastor with developing or selecting curriculum for Sunday morning programming, including Children's Worship materials
14. Develop and lead new programming as needs arise to support our children and youth in their spiritual development (i.e. "Girls Are Beautiful")
15. Engage in youth ministry continuing education