

## Position: Youth Advisor

Purpose/Vision: St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Mechanicsburg welcomes and affirms the unique gifts, talents, and ministries of ALL youth – members and friends. This is a place where every youth is known by their name and friendships between young and old blossom. All gifts are used, even those “still in the rough”. Through our various programs and service projects young people, together with adults, seek to deepen our relationship with God. While growing in our discipleship, we follow in the ways and words of Jesus. Opportunities are provided to integrate faith into our lives as we nurture new leaders in our church and greater community. St. Paul's provides a safe and stimulating environment for youth to learn from each other, grow spiritually, and share the love of Christ by serving others.

The United Church of Christ is a united and uniting, multiracial and multicultural, accessible to all, open and affirming, and peace with justice church. The Youth Advisor seeks to sustain our commitments to the United Church of Christ as she/he provides leadership and support to lay leaders and members in the design and implementation of varied opportunities that support the spiritual growth of our youth.

Responsibilities:

1. Serve as the primary staff person to the youth of our congregation.
2. Serve as an advisory and resource person for the Consistory and the Council for Youth Ministries on all matters relating to the youth activities of the congregation.
3. Support the Council for Youth Ministries and the youth of this congregation, in designing a program for youth fellowship and active youth involvement in this faith community, including opportunities for discipleship.
4. Prepare regular written reports concerning the youth ministries of the congregation for review by Consistory and the congregation, including, but not limited to: monthly status report for Consistory and Council for Christian Education and a yearly report to be available for the Annual meeting of the congregation.
5. In cooperation with the Pastor and Council for Youth Ministries and the youth of this congregation, plan for and provide on site support for youth events such as regular meetings of the youth fellowship program and service projects.
6. Maintain a broad knowledge of available youth resources; including resources within the congregation, community, and wider church level.
7. In cooperation with the Council for Youth Ministries, prepare, submit and help oversee an annual Youth Ministry budget, maintaining records of all youth - related purchases.
8. Plan for and assist in the design of special youth educational programs and events in the life of the congregation, such as: Youth Sunday, Easter Sunrise Service and the UCC bi-yearly Youth Event.
9. Work in conjunction with the Pastor, the Director of Educational Ministries and other Councils, as appropriate, to support activities that foster opportunities for youth to hold leadership roles within this congregation and allow for work alongside adults of all ages.

10. Develop and maintain a variety of ways of keeping youth members of the congregation informed of the social and faith development opportunities available to them, including, but not limited to events at Hartman Center, participation in the Penn Central Youth Ministry Team, serving as Youth Delegates, etc.
11. In all responsibilities, provide leadership that nurtures a relationship with the Church and models a life of caring, compassion and faith for our children and youth.
12. Other related duties may be assigned by the Pastor.

Average time required: 5 hours per week, but can vary depending on activities.

Supervisor: Pastor