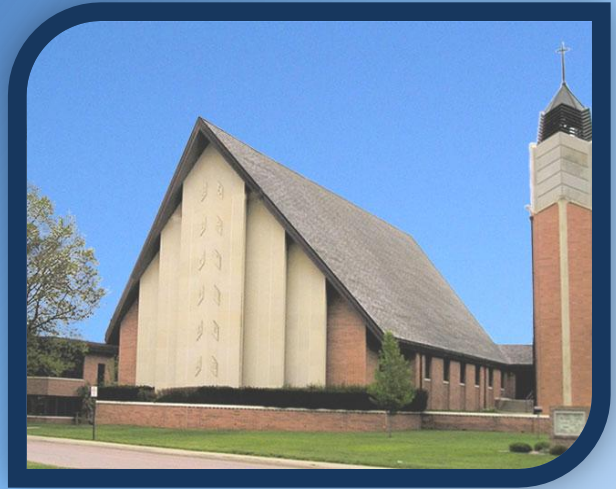


Welcome!

Job Description for:

Youth Director



Grace at A Glance

Founded in 1888, Grace United Methodist Church is located on the southeast corner of the campus of Morningside College in the Morningside area of Sioux City, Iowa. The Morningside suburban area features large regional shopping malls and retail shops, growing residential subdivisions, medical clinics, recreational facilities, and excellent schools. This congregation of 300 worshippers gathers weekly for worship, spiritual growth, fellowship, and ministry. Our worship services include a rich blend of liturgy, music, media segments, and preaching. Our 500-seat worship center includes a pipe organ, grand piano, and state-of-the-art media equipment; reflecting our desire to honor past traditions and explore new ones. Our Sunday School averages 50 elementary-aged children, 20 youth, and 25 adults. Our Wednesday evening “Grace Nights” program brings people together for a light meal, musical group rehearsals for all ages and interests, activities for 20 elementary children, and youth group activities for 20 middle school and 10 high school youth. Additional events during the year include special children’s programs, Vacation Bible School, and men’s and women’s group activities and retreats.

Grace United Methodist Church
Sioux City, Iowa



Director of Youth Ministries

Job Description Summary

Our Youth Director will lead our middle school and high school youth ministry. Although adult leaders are and will continue to play a supportive role in our youth ministry, our Youth Director will serve as the primary leader and work directly with our youth. Our Youth Director will design and lead a variety of youth-oriented experiences aimed at leading youth into Christian discipleship. This includes Sunday School and Wednesday youth groups. However, our Youth Director must design and lead additional youth ministry experiences and events in order to reach out to youth beyond those presently participating in our youth ministry. These additional experiences might include youth worship experiences, youth retreats, and youth mission trips. In short, our Youth Director will be in direct, weekly, and face to face ministry with our middle school and high school youth to help them move forward in their spiritual journey of Christian discipleship.

Staff Support and Supervision

Our Youth Director will work as team member alongside our Senior Pastor and Director of Discipleship. In practice this means that the design and development of our youth ministry will be done in concert with the ideas and support of our Senior Pastor and Director of Discipleship. This will require planning and evaluation meetings for this team.



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Responsibilities

- Provide direct ministry to Middle School/High School youth to communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Youth Director must not view himself/herself as only a coordinator but rather as giving direct ministry leadership to youth and families.
- Gather and equip a team of adults to assist in leadership of Grace Church's youth (Middle School/High School) ministry. Supervise and support this team of adult leaders.
- Build on our existing Sunday School and Wednesday evening youth group ministries but move beyond these existing ministries in ways to reach out to youth and families outside our current ministry.
- Design and execute a yearly plan of youth ministry that includes discipleship formation, outreach, and service.
- Communicate a vision of youth ministry to the Grace Church Congregation.
- Team with Grace Church's Director of Discipleship in order to integrate youth ministry into the life of Grace Church.
- Speak/present/preach occasionally to the Congregation – frequency to be determined by the Senior Pastor.
- Attend Sunday worship and Wednesday evening youth events.



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Responsibilities (continued)

- Involve youth in Sunday worship through participation in leading liturgy, worship dramas, readers' theater, etc.
- Provide timely information and reports. This includes submitting written material for the church newsletter, worship folders, and church web site.

Qualifications

- Must have a passion for working with children, youth and their families in order to guide them in Christian discipleship.
- Must be able to work as a team member, have an engaging personality, and be able to communicate effectively with youth, parents, and church leaders.
- Experience and/or training in Christian youth ministry.
- Possess a mature personal faith, a heart for God and people, and a commitment to help people come to and grow in their faith in Christ. Come to Grace UMC with a background of church membership (preferably United Methodist). Must have an appreciation, knowledge and respect for the ministry and mission of The United Methodist Church, and a desire to be part of the life of Grace UMC and participate in its mission and ministry by leading youth in Christian discipleship.
- Must be a self-starter with motivation to follow through with limited supervision.



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Qualifications (continued)

- Must be able to support the senior pastor and complement the senior pastor's ministry.
- Be able to cast a vision to the Grace Church Congregation to inspire and encourage church members to support discipleship ministries. Speaking/presenting/ preaching skills are a must.

Organizational Relationships

- Meets as needed with Children's and Youth Committees.
- Reports to the Staff–Parish Relations Committee.
- Meets as needed with the Senior Pastor.

Scope and Compensation

Our current youth ministry requires a time commitment that includes Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Planning time is an additional requirement. We see this position as part-time and with a maximum compensation totaling \$12,000. We recognize that youth ministry requires a varied schedule in order to respond to the needs of youth and their schedules.



Director of Youth Ministries

Starting Date

Our goal is to have this position filled by August 2010.

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