

Job Announcement

Position: Youth Director of Simonsdale Presbyterian Church
5016 Vick Street, Portsmouth, VA 23701, (757) 488-1493

Hours & Compensation: The director will be paid \$100 per week. The position requires approximately 8 - 10 hours per week, not to exceed 40 hours per month. The church is happy to be flexible to accommodate the schedule of the right candidate, however a nine to ten month yearly commitment is expected.

Supervision and Oversight: The Youth Director will direct and oversee the youth ministry program under the direct supervision of the pastor. The Youth Director is answerable to the Session of Simonsdale Presbyterian Church through the Christian Education committee. The pastor, as well as several volunteer youth leaders, provide support and leadership to the youth program.

Specific areas of responsibility in order of anticipated monthly time commitment (A minimum of 12 office hours and 12 Youth Group leadership hours per month should be on site, the rest are flexible hours which can be fulfilled as the Youth Director sees fit):

- 1) Give direction to and oversee the youth ministry program.
 - a. Identify the needs and interests of teens within the church and community
 - b. Plan and develop programs for the youth ministry
 - c. Identify and provide ministry opportunities for youth
- 2) Set up, lead and clean up after the Wednesday Youth Group gathering
- 3) Attend worship as you are able, with special responsibility for Youth Sunday.
- 4) Participate in outreach ministry to youth in the community
- 5) Develop relationships with the youth on an individual basis to encourage Christian maturity and growth, referring to pastor as needed.
- 6) Meet monthly with pastor to pray and discuss upcoming events, challenges, solutions and praises.
- 7) Keep current records of youth names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses and Facebook / Myspace information.
- 8) Assist in planning and coordinating youth fundraisers and special events.
- 9) Attend Christian Education Committee meetings monthly.
- 10) Lead and assist in planning one yearly youth retreat or mission trip.
- 11) Participate in training opportunities as presented and made available.

Description of our current Youth Program: The Youth Group currently is a combined group of about 15 Middle and Senior High youth. We meet on Wednesday nights from 5:30 until 7:30. Dinner is provided as people of all ages gather at the church for our midweek educational ministry. We went on a mission trip to New Orleans this past summer. Our energy and enthusiasm are high!

The Youth Group is central in the life of this church. With the creation of this position, Simonsdale Presbyterian Church is intentionally placing additional attention and resources into our Youth Program. We are making a commitment to the youth of the church, with the hope and expectation that the program will grow and flourish.

Description of a good candidate: The ideal candidate is a stable, mature Christian who is passionate about youth ministry and committed to reaching out to youth in our church and neighborhood. Knowledge of and experience in Presbyterian Youth Ministry programs are appreciated but not required. He or she should be kind, patient, a strong leader and a good role model.

****In order to be eligible to work with youth, a serious candidate must give consent for a criminal background check at the expense of Simonsdale Presbyterian Church. ****

This document is descriptive in nature and to be used solely as a resource for advertising, interviewing and hiring the best candidate as our Youth Director.