

Director of Youth Ministry

Part-time (20 hours per week)

Report to the Pastor, Head of Staff



Summary

The Director of Youth Ministry will provide dynamic leadership and oversight to youth (middle and high school ages) at Oconee Presbyterian Church, equipping the youth, their parents, and other adults to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Essential Functions

1. Exhibit exceptional team building talent to:
 - Motivate ministry and program participation among youth and their families.
 - Encourage and grow volunteer support in youth ministry from parents and other adults
 - Support other staff members to achieve God's overall mission for the church
 - Create groupings within the youth programs and secure leaders for Sunday morning and Sunday evening programs.
2. Plan and implement creative youth programs aligned with the church mission, calendar, and budget for middle and high school youth. including summer conferences/retreats (Montreat).
3. Build an effective and exceptional communication network for youth and their parents.
4. Build strong relationships with youth and their parents and make participation in church activities a positive experience for all.
5. Encourage youth participation in multi-generational opportunities.
6. Participate in worship leadership as requested by Head of Staff.
7. Be visible and active in all aspects of the life of the church.
8. Actively participate in scheduled Staff and Youth Ministry Team meetings

Core Competencies

1. Strong leadership and organization skills
2. Supportive of the culture and mission of Oconee Presbyterian Church and the guidance of our Head of Staff, including participation in prayer, worship, and education that lifts up, reflects, and takes seriously the historic confessions and social statements the PCUSA (and particularly, the racial justice statement published by the OPC session in summer of 2020).
3. Utilize appropriate communication skills and platforms for youth, including modern available social media methods with youth.
4. Navigate online platforms for distance ministry when necessary or appropriate.
5. Bring fun and joy to the process of spiritual growth among its participants.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's Degree education preferred but not required
- Able to move freely in and out of different small and large group settings
- Ability to speak in a public forum

About Oconee Presbyterian Church

Oconee Presbyterian Church is a loving family of faith who believes God calls us to:

- Invite in all people to discover constantly the love and grace of Jesus Christ
- Build up one another in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, encouraging everyone to discern and use their gifts
- Send out empowered disciples to our community and the world to share God's love in word and deed to relieve suffering in Christ's Name

Oconee Presbyterian began as a New Church Development in 1999. Rev. Pam Driesell and missionary members from area Presbyterian churches began worshiping in homes, a storefront, a clubhouse, and a school. In 2001 with 100+ members, we purchased 15 acres and worshipped al fresco while building a multi-use 15K sq. ft. building dedicated in 2004. The church grew under Rev. Pam's leadership through 2010, when she was called away to serve as pastor of a large congregation in Atlanta. In 2012, we welcomed Rev. Joel Tolbert and his family, who then responded to another call in January 2020. In April 2020 we were blessed to welcome Interim Pastor Steven Barnes who continues to lead us. Our session has extended the closure of the main OPC building beyond Labor Day weekend and up through the Thanksgiving holiday (Thursday, November 26th), with the acknowledgement that we will continue to monitor the pandemic situation, hoping and praying for improvement, and re-evaluate as we move forward through the fall. Although the building is closed the campus and outdoor facilities remain open. Until the building is reopened, youth group meetings will be held at the OPC Pavilion or virtually.

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