

First United Methodist Church Ann Arbor

Areas of commitment for Sunday's Cool Disciples

Workshop Coordinators

COMITTMENT: September to early June.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Maintain a particular workshop (one or two people per workshop: Art, Cooking, Drama, Computers, etc.). Set up a workshop prior to start of new Rotation; during a Rotation – check on necessary supplies; at end of a Rotation – put supplies away. Specific workshops have particular needs- for example, Puppets: repair puppets as needed. With exception of Art, not all workshops are used for every Rotation.

Shepherds

COMITTMENT: September to mid June

RESPONSIBILITIES: Work out a schedule with other Shepherd for your class so that all weeks are covered. If held, attend Bible study for a Rotation. Prior to a new Rotation - read Bible story and provided Overview material. During class– distribute nametags, take attendance, encourage participation by students, take an active part in class, and assist Workshop Leader as directed. Handle any disciple needs. Stay in touch with the other shepherd for the age group so both are aware of problems and blessings.

Workshop Leaders

COMITTMENT: for the term of a Rotation (usually 3 - 4 weeks).

RESPONSIBILITIES: If held, attend Bible study for a Rotation. Prepare for class - read Bible story, read provided Overview material, review provided lesson. The same lesson will be taught all weeks of a Rotation with slight modifications for different ages; therefore, preparation time is minimal. A Shepherd will assist you in the classroom. Know how to use materials & operate equipment as needed. Straighten workshop at end of each session. (See particulars on types of workshop leaders on page 2).

Large Group Leader

COMMITMENT: one or more months, from October to early June

RESPONSIBILITIES: Help plan and help lead the large group gathering (1st - 6th grades) on the first Sunday of the month. If held, attend Bible study for the current Rotation, read the Bible story and provided Overview material. Coordinate your plan with Ellen.

Shopper

COMMITMENT: mid-August to late May

RESPONSIBILITIES: Shop for curriculum supplies from list provided. (Use supplied tax-ID number.) Deliver supplies in a timely manner. Keep track of expenses and submit receipts for reimbursement.

Curriculum Design Team

COMITTMENT: a year

RESPONSIBILITIES: Study Bible story for a Rotation using Internet, books, etc. If held, attend Bible study for the story. Confer with other members of the team to determine goal/objectives for a Rotation and contribute ideas of potential workshops. Write curriculum for assigned workshop(s) using a provided template. (May take on other duties as feel able, such as preparing Overview material for a Rotation.)

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Curriculum Coordinator

COMMITMENT: a year

RESPONSIBILITIES: Attend story-planning meetings making recommendations based on available curriculum/past history. For each Rotation: Work with Curriculum Design Team to develop goals/objectives; discuss workshop ideas. Research theological questions; prepare Overview material. Confer with Ellen on workshop scheduling needs. Work with Curriculum Design Team to prepare curriculum. Check with team to be sure they are on track on their assigned lesson plans. Edit lesson plans and prepare final draft of curriculum; distribute to workshop leaders. Provide info for Little Messenger. Post appropriate material on rotation.org

Details on types of Workshop Leaders

POSITION TITLE: Storytelling, Puppetry or Drama Workshop Leader

RESPONSIBILITIES: Leading the lesson in the Storytelling, Puppetry or Drama Workshop and facilitating the creative dramatics or puppetry activity.

PASSION FOR: having fun roll playing and dressing up; a "flair for the dramatic".

TALENT/SKILL/ABILITY: comfortable working with children (grades 1-6); flexible. It is not necessary to have experience directing children in dramatic productions: we are not looking for polished performances but for a deeper understanding of a Bible story and the related life application.

POSITION TITLE: Art Workshop Leader

RESPONSIBILITIES: Leading the lesson in the Art Workshop and facilitating the creative process related to the Bible story.

PASSION FOR: having fun with art supplies. Willing to experiment with new media.

TALENT/SKILL/ABILITY: comfortable working with children (grades 1-6); flexible. Remember that we are not looking for fine art but for an art *process* to lead to a deeper understanding of a Bible story and the related life application.

POSITION TITLE: Cooking Workshop Leader

RESPONSIBILITIES: Leading the lesson in the Cooking Workshop and facilitating the creative process related to the Bible story.

PASSION FOR: having fun cooking and eating.

TALENT/SKILL/ABILITY: comfortable working with children (grades 1-6); flexible. An ability to improvise is useful.

POSITION TITLE: Games Workshop Leader

RESPONSIBILITIES: Leading the lesson in the Games Workshop and facilitating the games and activities related to the Bible story. These are not competitive games, but are games and activities designed to amplify a Bible story or Biblical truth.

PASSION FOR: playing goofy games

TALENT/SKILL/ABILITY: comfortable working with children (grades 1-6); flexible. A sense of humor and an ability to improvise are useful.

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POSITION TITLE: Video or Newsroom Workshop Leader

RESPONSIBILITIES: Leading the lesson in the Video or Newsroom Workshop and facilitating the discussion that follows. Remember that we are not looking for correct answers but for a deeper understanding of a Bible story and the related life application.

PASSION FOR: having fun with movies or making movies.

TALENT/SKILL/ABILITY: comfortable working with children (grades 1-6); flexible.
Comfortable with a-v equipment.

POSITION TITLE: Computer Workshop Leader

RESPONSIBILITIES: Leading the lesson in the Computer Workshop and facilitating discussion. Realizing that standing back and watching the kids play with the computers is *not* the way to teach a computer workshop.

PASSION FOR: having fun with computer games.

TALENT/SKILL/ABILITY: comfortable working with children (grades 1-6); flexible; comfortable with computers.