

LANSING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Children & Youth Sunday School Shepherd Position Description

The primary role of a children's or youth Sunday School Shepherd is to become another trusted adult in the lives of LUMC children/youth while assisting teachers in carrying out faith formation instruction within the Lansing United Methodist Church Christian Education programs. Shepherds serve under leadership and supervision of the Children's Ministry & Christian Education Coordinator.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Assist teachers with faith formation opportunities for children/youth through classroom instruction using curriculum provided under the direction of the Children's Ministry & Christian Education Coordinator.
2. Work cooperatively with teachers in carrying out classroom instruction and activities.
3. Develop a relationship of trust and continuity with the children/youth to enhance each child's understanding of their identity as a Beloved Child of God.
4. Provide support and assistance to parents, grandparents and guardians.
5. Provide a safe, welcoming, inviting and positive environment. Model polite, friendly, and courteous behavior for both children and adults. Do not engage in physical punishment/discipline of any child.
6. Be present at each Sunday School session. Coordinate planned or unexpected absences with the Children's Ministry Coordinator and teacher. Find a substitute from the provided substitute list for planned absences.
7. Be trained in Safe Sanctuaries policies of the Upper NY Conference and of LUMC, and covenant with LUMC to fully carry out those policies.
8. Attend periodic training and education opportunities provided by LUMC to include an annual review of LUMC Safe Sanctuary policies and procedures as they apply to its Christian education ministries.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. A personal commitment to Christ, a growing faith, and a passion for children/youth.
2. Strong interpersonal skills interacting with children, youth and their families.
3. A basic understanding of children/youth and their needs.
4. Willingness to grow in knowledge of children/youth through periodic education and training opportunities.
5. Ability to adapt to a variety of situations.
6. Have had an active relationship with LUMC for at least 6 months.
7. Be at least 18 years of age and at least 5 years older than the oldest minor enrolled in the Sunday School class.
8. Completion of consensual background check process.

I have read the position description for Lansing United Methodist Church Children & Youth Sunday School Shepherds and understand its contents. My signature below indicates my agreement and covenant to abide by the responsibilities set forth above.

Signature of Applicant

Date