

**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CLUB (PYC) SPONSOR (VOLUNTEER)
MINISTRY DESCRIPTION**



- Objective:** *You will help FUPC to glorify God through these: meaningful worship, active discipleship, faithful service and nurturing fellowship by providing for the spiritual formation of children grades 3rd through 5th by developing relationships with them, modeling an authentic Christian faith, and teaching them the essentials of following Christ.*
- Result #1:** A weekly commitment has been made to attend PYC (with no more than five absences in a given year) and volunteers have arrived 15 minutes early to prepare.
- Result #2:** The children of First United Presbyterian's PYC ministry are prayed for regularly.
- Result #3:** The names and faces of children who regularly attend are known and a commitment to creating a welcoming environment for all students who attend has taken place.
- Result #4:** A specific role has been taken on by each PYC volunteer. Those roles may include: leading games, leading discussion, set-up, clean-up and greeting.
- Result #5:** PYC Sponsors are receiving encouragement, support, training as well as time for prayer and trouble-shooting monthly with the Director of Christian Education (DCE).
- Result #6:** The PYC Sponsors are informed about any special victories, concerns or challenges being faced by the children and their families and, as often as reasonable, pass that information on to the DCE.
- Result #7:** Through regular strategizing with the DCE, children and/or parents are connecting with the Christian Education programs.
- Result #8:** The PYC schedule is coordinated with the DCE and other volunteers and provides maximum consistency.
- Result #9:** PYC Sponsors are regular participants in the weekly worship service at First United Presbyterian.
- Result #10:** PYC Sponsors are adhering to the Safe Church policy of First United Presbyterian.
- Result #11:** While at an event, the focus has been entirely on the students. Side conversations with leaders, have taken place after the night is over or at another time.
- Result #12:** By attending PYC meetings and events involving PYCers, friendships have been built with children and their parents.
- Result #13:** Children or parents have been greeted by name in the hall at First United.
- Result #14:** PYC Sponsors participate in the fellowship time each week.

Team Composition (number): 2-3 volunteers

Time Commitment:

- 3.5 hours on Wednesday evenings (5:00-8:15 pm)
- At least monthly contact with students outside of PYC could include:
 - Attending Fall Lock-in and Mystery Day
 - Attending student events (games, meets, concerts, ceremonies) as time allows
 - Celebrating important times in a student's life by sending a card, a text, a voicemail, etc.
 - Other creative means of building friendships with the children and their parents have been sought.

Total weekly commitment: approximately 4-5 hours depending on leadership role for a meeting

Special Talents and Skills Preferred: Any of the following: Arts/Crafts, Drawing, Public Speaking, Sports

Spiritual Gifts: Any of the following: Administration, Helps, Exhortation, Mercy, Teaching, Hospitality

Support and Accountability: Director of Christian Education, Christian Education Committee

Resources and Training Provided: Resources from our Director of Christian Education assist in this ministry. Sponsors for PYC receive special training to insure safety and standards of care for our children. Training for volunteers is provided by our Director of Christian Education.

Requirement: Active member of FUPC, at least 6 months; willingness to undergo a background check

Thank you for considering this important ministry.