

NEXT GENERATION  
MINISTRIES  
VOLUNTEER  
APPLICATION  
PACKET

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PLEASE NOTE: ALL INFORMATION  
SHARED WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL

# Opportunities to Serve

*Ypsilanti Free Methodist Church Kid's Ministries seeks to equip and empower volunteer staff who desire to serve children ages birth thru grade 5.*

*We have the opportunities to serve in the following five areas: Nursery, Sunday morning staff and support staff, Wednesday Family Connections Team, VBS, and Birthday Card Enthusiast. In all things we strive for excellence believing that excellence honors God and inspires others, and value flexibility within our team.*

## Nursery

*We strive to provide a safe and caring environment for our children (birth thru age 2). Beginning at this age, we strive to expose them to the person and love of Jesus Christ. This is more than just baby-sitting.*

- Commitment of at least once per month during the 9am service or 11am service
- Certified in CPR training provided by church at the church (\*desired),
- Pray over and for babies
- Talk to them about today's lesson
- Provide a safe and caring environment
- Page parents in the event of a child who cannot be comforted or in case of emergencies
- Working with kids requires completion of volunteer application and a background check; must pass background check authorization

## Sunday Morning Staff and Support Staff

*Our Sunday Morning experience for kids (preschool thru grade 5) is to provide them with an interactive teaching to expose them to the person and love of Jesus Christ.*

- Commitment to the ministry season during the 9am service or 11am service
- Must arrive 15 minutes before start time
- Certified in CPR training provided by church at the church (\*desired)
- Be prepared for week's lesson in advance with curriculum that is provided by the ministry to provide an excellent experience for the kids
- Lead or Support point staff person Sunday morning teaching to kids
- Assist those kids who have special needs \*Buddy System
- Find a substitute if needed
- Provide a safe and caring environment
- Working with kids requires completion of a volunteer application and a background check; must pass background check authorization

## Wednesday Family Connections Team

*Our desire for Family Connections is to expose families (kids and parents) to Jesus Christ, and to position parents as the spiritual leaders of their homes. This happens through an interactive night of worship and teaching. Parents are also resourced to lead in their homes that compliment the Wednesday and Sunday teachings.*

- Commitment to ministry season during Wednesday Nights
- Must be a team player
- Experience in Drama or performing arts a plus, or willingness to learn
- Be prepared for week's lesson in advance to provide an excellent experience for kids and their parents
- Set up/Tear Down
- Technical Support (must be part of the Tech/Media Team), set up week's program in advance on the media end of things
- Accountable to Family Connections team leader
- Working with kids requires completion of a volunteer application and a background check; must pass background check authorization

## Vacation Bible School

*Individuals are needed for this week long experience in the areas of Registration Station Leaders, and Crew Leaders*

- Commitment for a week (weeknights) during the summer
- Must be a team player
- Provide a safe and fun environment for kids
- Commit to help prepare which begins a couple months in advance, including decorating and setup prior to event
- Help promote outside of church life
- Provide an excellent experience for kids and parents
- Accountable to VBS Director
- Working with kids requires a background check; must pass background check authorization

## Birthday Card Enthusiast

*This person must love to write birthday cards. We have a lot of kids in our ministry and cards must be sent monthly.*

- Commitment to write birthday cards to children (birth thru grade 5) from September to August
- Must enjoy writing encouraging messages to children (messages must be appropriate)
- Accountable to Next Gen. Pastor

## Ypsilanti Free Methodist Church Student Ministries

# Opportunities to Serve

*Ypsilanti Free Methodist Church Student Ministries seeks to equip and empower volunteer staff who desire to serve junior high and/or senior high students. We have the opportunities to serve in the following five areas: Worship Arts, Teaching/Leadership, Administration, Hospitality and Prayer*

### Worship Arts

- Musicians
- Worship Leaders
- Sound/Lighting (tech support)
- Creative Elements
- Drama
- Stage and Room Layout
- Planning Team

### Prayer

- Prayer Partner
- Prayer Coordinator

### Teaching/Leadership

- Discipleship Team Leader
- Mentor
- Special Event Leader
- "Big Group" Teacher
- Planning Team
- POTheads (Parent Of Teens) Leader
- Sunday School Teacher

### Administration

- Service Project Coordinator
- Fundraising Coordinator
- Social Netorker
- Web Liason
- Parent Liason
- College Preparation Coordinator

### Hospitality

- Welcome/Info. Table Greeter
- Memory Archivist
- Snack Bar Host

## Worship Arts

Within our Student Ministries, we value using forms of art in our worship, whether it's through music or drama or any other creative outlet. Worship can take many forms and we believe in helping our students grasp an understanding of this through different sensory experiences. If you are passionate about the artistic side of things—music, drama, design, lights, sound, creating different atmospheres and visual aids, etc.—we'd love to have you involved in the worship arts part of our ministry!

### Musicians

Our musicians participate in worship band and/or perform special music. This would involve rehearsal time and performance on Wednesday evenings.

*Commitment level: high, once a month (rotate with other musicians)*

### Sound/Lighting

#### Technical Support

These volunteers will assist in our weekly program by running light effects, sound board, and media presentations. Training will be made available. This would involve coming in before our program on Wednesday evening and going over the plan with other leaders, then executing technical aspects during the program.

*Commitment level: minimum, once a month (rotate with other volunteers)*

### Drama

This volunteer position would include participating in or directing drama in weekly gatherings or special events. This would involve rehearsal time and performance on Wednesday evenings..

*Commitment level: high, Enrollment- Open*

### Worship Leaders

This volunteer would lead students in our time of worship. This position would involve rehearsal time during the week and participation on Wednesday evenings.

*Commitment level: high, once a month (rotate with other worship leaders)*

### Creative Elements

These volunteers would assist program by creating and/or leading elements that add value to the students' experience. These elements could include things such as art in worship or building a special set. We leave this category open to the creative mind!

*Commitment level: Once a month*

## Prayer

We believe that our ministry rises and falls on prayer. James 5:15 says that prayer is powerful and effective. Within our ministry, we believe that prayer is an essential part of everything that we do. If you are passionate about the power that prayer can have in our students' lives, then we would love to have you involved in praying for our ministry!

### Prayer Coordinator

Organize and lead prayer partners - stay in communication with them about ongoing needs and prayer requests.

*Commitment level: Ongoing commitment, but flexible times*

### Prayer Partner

These volunteers would commit to pray for our Student Ministries regularly. They would also respond to special prayer needs as they come up. They would be in constant prayer for both students and leaders.

*Commitment level: minimum, Ongoing commitment, but flexible times*

## Teaching/Leadership

Within our Student Ministries, we want students to understand that the Bible is not an ancient document with no relevance to their life today, but something that is living and active. It is our goal for our students to understand their role in God's story and how it is also their own story. We want to communicate this through engaging storytelling

We are also committed to spending quality time with students, investing in them on a deeper level. This will take various forms through discussion times during our regular meetings, one-on-one mentoring, and our social events.

If you are passionate about investing in students on a deeper level through storytelling, discussion, mentoring, or social events, we'd love to have you involved in the teaching and leadership part of our ministry!

### Small Group Leader

This volunteer would facilitate discussion time during our weekly program. The leader would encourage participation and honest sharing. Remember that each student in the group has unique insight and perspective to offer to the group!

*Commitment Level: high, Ongoing throughout Ministry Season*

### Mentor

Each student within our ministry needs someone who is investing time and energy into them. They need to be heard, known, and loved. Our mentors would spend one-on-one time with our students, listening to them and walking through life with them.

*Commitment Level: high, 2x/month for the ministry season*

### Small Group Leader Substitute

This volunteer falls under the same description of the Dteam Leader, however they are available on an as needed basis to fill in for the regular leader.

*Commitment Level: medium, Open*

### "Big Group" Teacher

Within our weekly program, we will have an element of story, where we walk through the Bible with our students, helping them see themselves within that story. Our teacher would work with others in our teaching team and share the Scriptures, communicate the Gospel, and relate relevant experiences during our program.

*Commitment Level: high, 7-8 times per ministry season, or more as desired*

### Sunday School Teacher

This volunteer will work with and develop a team to facilitate a deeper understanding of God's Word for our young people. It will be their responsibility for coming up with teaching materials, but resources are made available as much as possible.

*Commitment Level: high, ongoing throughout ministry season*

### POTheads (Parents of Teens) Leader

We believe that most of the spiritual modeling happens in the home. This volunteer will work with and develop a team, and to help parents be up to date with the latest in youth culture and to empower them to be their child's spiritual leader.

*Commitment Level: medium, once a month or as determined by need of the group*

## Teaching/Leadership Continued..

### Social Events

#### Coordinator

Our social events are an important part of our ministry. Throughout the year we have various special events that allow our students to congregate and have some fun and that allows them to invite their friends.

We understand how intimidating it can be for a first-time visitor to set foot in a brand new place, so we create opportunities for students to invite friends.

*Commitment Level: high, at the end of each message series and various other times throughout the ministry season*

### Service Project

#### Coordinator

We want our students to fully understand the idea of serving other and being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. Our goal is to have regularly scheduled service projects within our community— some would be students only, some would be students and parents side by side. This coordinator would work with a team to organize missional projects to serve those in need. They will also coordinate students to serve in church-wide projects such as Trading Places, ect.

*Commitment Level: minimum, 1 time per semester or as desired*  
*Enrollment: Open*

## Administration

Details, details, details! There is a constant amount of things going on within our ministry, which means a constant demand for coordination and carrying out different events. If you have administrative gifts and love coordinating events and projects and seeing them carried out, we would love to have you serve on the administrative side of our ministry!

### Fundraising

#### Coordinator

When it comes to the financial end of our ministry, we rely heavily on fundraising. These funds help us offer scholarships and support our students financially for mission trips, retreats, events, etc. This coordinator will work with a team to help create and plan fundraising projects.

*Commitment Level: coordinator-high*  
*Team member –minimum, Open*

### Parent Liason

When it comes to communicating with parents, you can never err on the side of overcommunicating! This position is for someone with excellent communication skills and wisdom to help the youth pastor and staff when decisions are being made and how that could affect families and parents. This person also acts as the youth pastor's 'double'. They are to also be 'in the know' about things and should be able to answer questions regarding the Student Ministry to parents.

*Commitment Level: high, Ongoing throughout Ministry Season*

### Social Networker

In today's world, communication is through texting, facebook, email, etc. This person will help ensure that the Student Ministry portion of the church website is up to date, will post regularly on the Student Ministries facebook page and email any other important information.

*Commitment Level: minimum, Ongoing throughout Ministry Season*

### Student Accounts Keeper

Money, money, money! This person must work well and be trustworthy with numbers, specifically dollars. They will work closely with the Fundraising Coordinator and will keep an up to date spreadsheet of student's accounts.

*Commitment Level: high, Ongoing throughout Ministry Season*

# Hospitality

One of the key parts of our ministry is the environment that is created. If a student does not feel welcomed, there will be a struggle to keep them connected. Therefore, the initial contact that they have is very important to us! We want each student to feel like they are noticed and welcomed and included from the very beginning. During our program, too, we want students to feel engaged and included. If you have the gift of hospitality or simply are passionate about helping every student feel welcomed and accepted, we would love to have you as a part of our ministry's hospitality team!

## Greeter/ Welcome Table

The first time someone steps inside our room, we want them to feel welcomed! This volunteer would welcome student to our program and help guide new students through the Welcome/Info. Table, how to get registered and find out ore about what is currently happening within the ministry.

This volunteer will also be responsible for making copies of all guest connect cards and distributing them to the appropriate Dteam Leader where the guest went.

*Commitment Level: minimum, Once per month on Wednesday nights  
Enrollment– Open*

## Memory Archivist

A picture is worth a thousand words, right? Within our ministry, photos and videos are a very important part of what we do. Not only can they help us look back on past highlights, but they also help us look forward and communicate with studenst about upcoming events.

This volunteer would take pictures or video of weekly program or special events. They would work directly with our Social Events Coordinator and Social Net-worker.

Video editing skills a plus, but not required.

*Commitment Level: minimum,  
Enrollement– Open*

## Snack Maker

Throughout the year, as we have social events and game nights, it is always nice to have something for our students to snack on.

This volunteer would be responsible for baking or buying a snack for a particular event and will work directly with our Social Events Coordinator.

*Commitment Level: minimum  
Enrollment– Open*

## Event Driver

We're always going places! If you are a responsible adult (+21) have a valid driver's license and can pass a criminal background check, we'd love to have you as part of our ministry!

This volunteer would be responsible for driving students during an event.

*Commitment Level: minimum  
Enrollment– Open*

*Please Note: For those positions which require more direct,contact, high commitment with students we require a Volunteer Application (available on the table beneath the sm baord) and Clearance of a Criminal Background Check.*

NEXT GENERATION MINISTRIES VOLUNTEER APPLICATION  
**\*For Adults**

**General Information:**

name: \_\_\_\_\_ today's  
date: \_\_\_\_\_

address:  
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date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
phone: \_\_\_\_\_

occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ phone  
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employer:  
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**Work Status:**

part time: \_\_\_\_\_ full time \_\_\_\_\_

**Education:**

highest year completed:  
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degree: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO



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how would you describe your spiritual journey right now?

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what accountability do you currently have in your spiritual journey? (parent, mentor, close friend/relative)

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What do you do when you have a conflict with someone? how do you handle confrontation?

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The information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I, the undersigned, give my authorization to Ypsilanti Free Methodist Church Next Generation Ministries or its representatives to release any and all records of information relating and working with minors. Ypsilanti Free Methodist Church Next Generation Ministries may contact my references and appropriate government agencies as deemed necessary in order to verify my suitability as a youth worker. I understand that the personal information in this application will be held confidential by the professional church staff.

signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

References:

Name	phone	relationship

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Background Check Authorization

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden (or other alias) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Race: White \_\_\_\_\_ African American \_\_\_\_\_

Asian or Pacific Islander \_\_\_\_\_

American Indian or Alaskan Native \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License Number (include State):

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The information given in this release form is correct to the best of my knowledge. I, the undersigned, give my authorization to Ypsilanti Free Methodist Church to use the above information to check with local, state, and government agencies as necessary to verify my suitability as a volunteer staff person. I understand that the information contained in this document and obtained through other agencies will be held confidential by the pastoral staff.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_