



Sigourney United Methodist Church

Christian Education Chairperson

Spiritual Gifts:

- servanthood, teaching, exhortation (encouragement), leadership, wisdom, knowledge, faith, discernment, administration, helping, and shepherding

Experience and Skills:

- This leader must have passion for learning and helping others learn and grow in knowledge and in faith; this includes basic understanding of how people learn and basic understanding of teaching skills.
- Useful skills are ability to listen to and communicate with people of all ages; interest in a wide range of educational experiences; ability to work with teachers, small group leaders, facilitators and others involved in Christian nurture; and skills for researching educational issues and developing programs and events.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Maintain a healthy and growing spiritual life and lead others to do the same.
- Oversee learning and teaching experiences for the congregation so that people of all ages grow in their understanding of the gospel and become better equipped for daily living as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.
- Lead the congregation to understand the importance of lifelong growth and learning as Christian disciples.
- Work collaboratively with the Sunday School Superintendent, Friendship Company Director and UMYF Leader, to ensure the implementation of a comprehensive Christian education for children and youth in preschool-12th grade.
- Work collaboratively with the Sunday School Superintendent and the Friendship Company Director to recruit Sunday School Teachers/Helpers, Vacation Bible School Director/Helpers, Program Directors, Friendship Company Leaders/Helpers and UMYF Leaders.
- Approve and screen all Sunday School Teachers/Helpers, Vacation Bible School Director/Helpers, Program Directors, Friendship Company Leaders/Helpers and UMYF Leaders and ensure that the Child Protection Policies are followed.
- Work collaboratively with the Spiritual Life Chairperson and the small group leaders, to ensure the implementation of a comprehensive Christian education for the adults in the congregation.
- Manage the annual Christian Education budget for Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and Special Events.
- Approve all purchases of curriculum and materials prior to purchase.
- Collaborate with the pastor and other leaders so that educational program goals and plans enhance the overall goals of the congregation.
- Provide training opportunities for Sunday School Teachers/Helpers, Vacation Bible School Director/Helpers, Program Directors, Friendship Company Leaders/Helpers and UMYF Leaders in the Child Protection Policy and other areas as needed.
- Chair the Christian Education Committee, appoint members to the committee and lead all meetings.

Adopted by the Sigourney UMC Church Council 4-20-2016.