



STUDENT

LEADERSHIP

2020-2021

Dear Potential Student Leader,

We are so excited that you are interested in joining this student leadership opportunity!

You may have heard people call students, “the next generation” or the “future of the church,” we believe that you are an essential part of the body of Christ right now! Whether you’re 11 or 111, if you are a believer in Christ, you have been called to serve God and serve other people. We believe God has called all of us into a life characterized by selflessness, love, and humility. In this leadership opportunity we want to equip and empower students who feel the call to lead other individuals with Christ-like attitude to be the church now.

You are loved by our God who has gifted you with awesome and unique qualities and experiences. We believe that each and every child of God is called to use those gifts to serve and glorify Him. We want you to understand that serving God in any way is not about earning anything more from God—you can’t. Grace is completely free because of Christ. Joining Student Leadership Team isn’t about earning anything, but about having a desire to serve and love others using the experiences and qualities God has given you.

Student leadership is not a social club or an elite group for “popular” students. We aren’t looking for students who are motivated by reputation, rewards, recognition, or power. Instead, we invite students who have a strong desire to help others love and be loved to glorify God. We want students who are motivated by their love of Christ, love for others, and love for His church.

>>> **Mark 10:45** *For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many. (NLT)*

We want to train, develop, and disciple student leaders so that they are equipped to better serve their church, schools, and communities. We want to see JUMC Youth students grow and discover their gifts and abilities so that they can use them to glorify God. We want JUMC Youth to be a place where students are encouraged to not only cast a vision, but to execute it as well, believing in the truth that they are empowered by the Holy Spirit and supported by the family of Christ around them.

Eric Justice, Director of Youth

Please carefully read the following material with prayer and careful consideration to see if the Student Leadership program is something God is leading you to join. Again, we are so excited to have you considering becoming part of this team. You are loved!

We strongly believe that God is doing an incredible work in our area and we believe that the building up of young leaders is crucial to accomplish what He is doing.

We want to be a community of people who serve together, who seek God together, and who pray together for God to show us what He wants to do in us and through us.

We want to disciple you, and we are hoping you will allow us to do that.

*>>> **1 Timothy 4: 12, 16** Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity...Keep a close watch on how you live and on your teaching. Stay true to what is right for the sake of your own salvation and the salvation of those who hear you. (NLT)*

IF YOU BECOME A STUDENT LEADER, YOU COMMIT TO:

- **Attend mandatory Retreat at the end of July/early August.**
- Consistently diving into God's Word and letting the Holy Spirit transform you.
- Attending Student Leadership meetings (typically once a month unless decided otherwise)
- Leading: Games, Devotions, Elevate Worship, Help plan Retreats, etc. (when asked)
- Attending JUMC worship services consistently (at least twice a month) unless otherwise arranged
- Reaching out to students who are new to our church
- Being an example that other students look up too. (Christ-like)
- Praying for JUMC Youth, the schools around us, Pickens County, yourself, your family, ect.
- Understanding that you are held to a higher standard and remaining open to correction/accountability from leaders regarding your actions, words, and social media usage
- Discovering your spiritual gifts and using them in an area that is not specific to youth.

Please acknowledge that you understand and will abide by these expectations:

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

OUR MISSION

The Mission of Jasper United Methodist Church:

To faithfully worship the Lord our God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit to proclaim by word and deed the good news of Jesus Christ, and to equip God's people to do the work of the ministry.

The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church:

¶ 162 D. “*Rights of Young People*—Our society is characterized by a large population of young people who frequently find full participation in society difficult. Therefore, we urge development of policies that encourage inclusion of young people in decision making processes and that eliminate discrimination and exploitation...”

FIVE FAITH SKILLS EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD HAVE:

1. **Navigate the Bible:** This is all about getting students more comfortable with God's Word. We want them to find their way through the Bible, learn the basics, and begin to read it regularly.
2. **Personalize Scripture:** This skill is about taking what you have learned in God's word and learning to make it a part of your everyday life through memorization and application.
3. **Dialogue with God:** This skill is about helping students develop a healthy and consistent prayer life. We want to help them become comfortable talking with God both in public and private.
4. **Share your Story:** This skill is about helping students learn to talk about God and what He has done in their lives in a way that is authentic and reflective of God's grace and redemption.
5. **Worship with Your Life:** This skill is about helping students develop a life lived in worship to God, and to understand worship is way bigger than the music we sing at church.

Complete this application and make sure you give the references to one of your parents and an adult (not related) connected to JUMC or another religious organization. Attached to this packet is an envelope to give to your reference so they can return it sealed, to you. Once you have completed everything, please put this application and both of your references in a second envelope provided. Give it to Eric, place it in his mailbox, or slide it under his office door. Do not hand your application and references in separately. Please turn in your application on or before September 15th and schedule an interview with Eric.

Name: _____ Cell #: (____) - _____ - _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Birthday: ____/____/____

Address: _____

Instagram: @_____ Twitter:@_____

Parents' Name: _____ Parents' #'S: (____) - _____ - _____

How long have you been attending Jasper UMC?

Is Jasper UMC your home church? Y N

Do you regularly attend another Church? If so, which one?

Have you been confirmed? Y N

Why do you want to be on the Elevate Student Leadership Team?

Are you involved in Extracurricular activities? If yes, please write what they are, days/times they usually occur.

What are some of your strengths & weakness?

If someone asked you, "What is the gospel?", what would you say? How has the Gospel impacted you personally?

Describe what you think it means to be a Servant Leader?

Who has been the most influential person in your life and why?

What is one way that you would like to grow as a person/leader in the next year? How would being part of this leadership team enable you to do this?

REFERENCE – OTHER ADULT

_____ IS APPLYING TO BECOME A STUDENT LEADER AT JASPER UMC.

1. Describe your relationship to/with this person:

2. How long have you known this Student?

3. How would you rate his/her ability in the following areas?
(1 being poor & 5 being great)

- Involvement in peer relationships: _____
- Involvement in adult relationships: _____
- Teachable spirit/open to corrections: _____
- Following through with commitments: _____
- Honesty and Integrity in conduct: _____
- Ability to be a team player: _____
- Emotional maturity: _____
- Spiritual maturity: _____
- Work ethic: _____

4. What are the students' strengths and weaknesses?
(We ask so that we can work with them on these areas)

5. Any concerns regarding the student being a spiritual leader in this Youth Ministry?

Name: _____ Phone #: (____) - _____ - _____

Email: _____ Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Reference—Parent

_____ is applying to become a student leader at Jasper UMC.

1. How would you rate his/her ability in the following areas?
(1 being poor & 5 being great)

- Involvement in peer relationships: _____
- Involvement in adult relationships: _____
- Teachable spirit/open to corrections: _____
- Following through with commitments: _____
- Honesty and Integrity in conduct: _____
- Ability to be a team player: _____
- Emotional maturity: _____
- Spiritual maturity: _____
- Work ethic: _____

2. What are the students' strengths and weaknesses?
(We ask so that we can work with them on these areas)

3. Any concerns regarding your son/daughter being a spiritual leader in this Youth Ministry?

Name: _____ Phone #: (____) - _____ - _____

Email: _____ Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____