



NOW HIRING

**DIRECTOR OF
STUDENT MINISTRY**

Responsibilities include:
Discipleship, Community Building,
Outreach, Leadership Development,
Partnership in Family Ministries, and
Church Staff Leadership.

APPLY TO: CKERLEY@STSTEPHENSCHURCH.NET



St. Stephen's Anglican Church is looking for a dynamic, outgoing leader with a vision and passion for gospel-centered ministry to students in our community. We seek a Student Minister who thrives in engaging students in fun and relational ministry, guiding them to grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus Christ. We are located in the heart of the village of Sewickley, presenting an amazing opportunity to become a hub of student activity after school and on the weekends – even outside of “regular” church events. The visionary candidate for this role will see all that is possible and bring their gifts and experience to intentionally impact our community for Christ. Because of this, the ideal candidate will have proven experience growing a student ministry, including the development of a strong lay ministry team and a track record of forging strong community partnerships.

ABOUT ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

St. Stephen's was founded in the 1860s and has been a central part of Sewickley and the Ohio River Valley ever since. Over the past 50 years, St. Stephen's has been known as a center for biblical preaching and teaching within the Anglican Communion. This has resulted in a commitment to growing mature disciples of Jesus Christ of all ages. Our Sanctuary was built in the 1890s and provides a worshipful atmosphere for our traditional services. Grace Commons was added in the early 2000s and houses our contemporary services as well as large group gatherings and studies.



ABOUT OUR STUDENT MINISTRY

We are making an intentional investment in creating and sustaining a flourishing Student Ministry at St. Stephen's. One example of this commitment is Henning House, the 10,000 sq. ft. Student Ministry Center. The building includes a large first floor gathering space and kitchen, plenty of classrooms, and a large worship area on the third floor which has an excellent sound system and video capabilities. Our new Student Minister will shape this space and its impact on the community as part of a re-imagining of our student ministry strategy and outcomes. Beyond the physical structure, our Rector (Sr. Pastor) has a vision to see students in our area build strong relationships with Jesus Christ and one another through many different avenues, experiences, and opportunities. He understands that a strong Student Ministry not only impacts the church but has the potential to change a community through the proclamation of the gospel. He also understands that all students are not at the same place spiritually, and that a thriving ministry to students occurs when students are reached and connected, regardless of where they are in their faith journey. The elements of creating an inviting space and delivering activities and events that engage students wherever they are in their walk are core to this role. To support these efforts, our new Student Minister will arrive to a fantastic foundation of a committed lay leadership team and strong parental support to aid them in taking our ministries to students forward.



HENNING HOUSE

STUDENT MINISTRY CENTER

FACILITIES

A 10,000sq ft space ready to be shaped!



- **FIRST FLOOR GATHERING SPACE WITH KITCHEN**
- **THIRD FLOOR WORSHIP AREA WITH SOUND SYSTEM & VIDEO CAPABILITIES**

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ABOUT STUDENT MINISTRY IN SEWICKLEY

Sewickley is often referred to as “Mayberry” or “the Bubble.” Though a suburb of Pittsburgh, Sewickley has a small-town feel where people often walk around the village and greet their neighbors. This is true for students, especially those in middle school. Quaker Valley Middle School is located just a few blocks from downtown and St. Stephen’s. As a result, students leave school and hang out with friends in coffee shops or the YMCA before heading home later in the afternoon. With Henning House located right in the center of town, there is untold potential to reach both Middle and High School students after school through informal, relational ministry. This opportunity also includes a challenge in that St. Stephen’s attracts families from all over the Ohio River Valley. Our Student Ministry population comes from several different public and private schools. Thus, the influence of St. Stephen’s and our student ministry has a regional reach. The creation of a strong hub from which to start in the village, and the consideration for how the needs of regional students will also be met as the ministry grows, is an integral consideration for the new Student Minister as they shape the program.

WHY STUDENT MINISTRY IN SEWICKLEY NOW?

St. Stephen's welcomed a new Rector in August 2019. Under his leadership, the strong foundation and health of the church serves as a launching point for a new chapter of ministry. The opportunity to join a thriving congregation that considers the future from a place of stability and health is an amazing one! As part of the next chapter at St. Stephen's, a greater emphasis on growing our children, family, and student ministries is happening. This role is intentionally crafted to meet the opportunities in front of us. The heart of our church lies in our children and youth, and the families to which they belong. We want to serve them well and give them a biblically-based, enduring relationship with Christ that carries them into adulthood with faithfulness. We are looking for a Student Minister capable of catching the vision of not only delivering spiritual formation and biblical teaching, but also in creating a "place to be" for students throughout Sewickley and beyond.



POSITION DESCRIPTION

TITLE: Director of Student Ministries

REPORTS TO: Rector

POSITION SUMMARY: The Director of Student Ministry (DSM) leads a staff and lay ministry team that guides Middle School and High School students to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and one another. This position is both highly relational and highly administrative. The DSM will model what a mature relationship with Christ is like as they lead large group student gatherings, small groups, and have individual contacts with students. The DSM also casts vision and provides leadership for a growing, transformative ministry that reaches beyond St. Stephen's to impact students and their families in our community.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

DISCIPLESHIP: The primary role of the Director of Student Ministry is to facilitate the spiritual formation of students in Middle School and High School. This will happen by providing discipleship opportunities in large and small group contexts. The DSM will be familiar with best practices in Student Ministry and implement these strategies at St. Stephen's. Because discipleship is a task primarily given to Christian families, the DSM will also help equip parents in their role of discipleship with their children.

COMMUNITY BUILDING: A component of discipleship and life in the church is living in community with our brothers and sisters in Christ. The Director of Student Ministry will build strong relationships with students, lay ministers, and their families. The DSM will also facilitate opportunities for community building amongst students through fun events, retreats, service opportunities, etc.

OUTREACH: The Director of Student Ministry should also be looking beyond the students and families of St. Stephen's to those in the broader community in the hope of engaging them with the grace and love of Jesus Christ. Events mentioned above should be designed in part as a front door to the ministry, providing opportunities for non-St. Stephen's students to get to know our students and ministers, with the ultimate goal of introducing them to Jesus Christ himself.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: St. Stephen's is a church committed to developing leaders. Therefore, the Director of Student Ministry will raise up and equip lay leaders who are called and gifted to work with students. The DSM will also help students identify their own spiritual gifts and find ways to put them into practice within Student Ministry as well as the larger church.

PARTNERSHIP IN FAMILY MINISTRIES: The Director of Student Ministry will serve as a partner to other staff in Family Ministries (primarily the Children's Ministry staff) by participating in parish-wide initiatives such as Summer Celebration, Conversations in Community, etc. The DSM will also help initiate new programs to equip family discipleship as well as participation of children, students, and families in the worship and mission of the church.

CHURCH STAFF LEADERSHIP: As a Director-level staff member, the Director of Student Ministry will be looked upon as a leader on church staff and in the parish at large. Therefore, the DSM will be expected to maintain a professional manner, providing excellent communication and timely adherence to other departments' requests and deadlines. Attendance at weekly staff gatherings and the annual staff retreat is also required.

QUALIFICATIONS

- A growing relationship with Jesus Christ that is evidenced by the fruit of the Spirit.
- A desire to serve Christ and his church through humble leadership and pastoral care.
- A specific and defined call to Student Ministry.
- Three to five years of experience leading a growing student ministry.
- Gifts of teaching, leadership, and a love for students and their families.
- Bachelor's degree. Ministry or other theological field preferred.

HOW TO APPLY:

If you are interested in this role, please reach out to Clint Kerley, St. Stephen's Rector, at ckerley@ststephenschurch.net with the following information:

- A 1-page summary of why you believe you are a fit for this role, highlighting how your qualifications meet what we have outlined in this brochure.
- A 1-page summary of your faith journey.
- Your resume.
- 3 References who can share more with us about you.

