

# You've Been Drafted!

Have you heard of the NFL draft at which college football players are selected to be part of NFL teams? **Well YOU have been selected to take part in the 2020 Church Intern Draft!** Here is what you need to know:

## **What: Church Intern Program**

Church Interns are those 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders who want to continue to use and grow their God given gifts in service to their church and community. They agree to meet monthly as a group and find ways to provide ministry hours which go to pay future college or technical school costs. Some interns have accumulated up to \$6,000 for tuition!

## **When: Sunday, September 20 and Wednesday, September 30**

Because of the pandemic we will be doing some things differently this year. Our first gathering will be Sunday, September 20 after outdoor worship. We will check in, get an overview of what a church intern is and then pack college packs (confirmands are still sending out college packs to our college freshman, but with a stressful fall we are sending a small pack to all our college kids—this is what you will pack!). Then on Wednesday, September 30 at 6pm, hopefully on the church lawn, we will meet for our first meeting (generally we meet once a month).

## **Who: Eligibility**

Any 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grader for the 2020-21 school year who is part of First Congregational Church is welcome to participate.

## **Next: What do I need to do next?**

Again, because of the pandemic we have had to make some adjustments. On the back of this letter are some of the ministry areas with which you can help. We will work with your gifts and schedules to help you find places to serve. The first thing you need to do is fill out the enclosed registration form and get it back to me via mail, email ([chris@firstchurchrf.org](mailto:chris@firstchurchrf.org)), text (715-441-2497) or drop it at the church office. Next, make sure you are there on Sept 20 and 30! You will also be scheduling a brief 20 minute, one-on-one interview with our Youth Minister, JaNae Westrich. An online signup sheet for that will be sent out soon.

## **Questions?**

Please talk to Pastor Chris, Pastor Stacy or JaNae with any questions.

I can't emphasize enough how much we want you to be part of our Church Intern Program!

Looking forward to seeing all of you!

Pastor Chris

## Opportunities for Church Interns (Pandemic Edition)

Monthly meeting – We will gather each month, likely online for our church intern gatherings

Committees -- We have small groups (committees) who work to do much of the work at church. They meet monthly and do specific tasks. Interns can join a group and work with one of them.

Christian Education—work with Stacy and her team in Sunday School, Confirmation, Wednesday School (when it resumes), worship bags, VBS

Deacons – act as an usher or greeter on Sunday, serve communion

Music – Work with Jamie Mills to help plan and oversee music events

Trustees – Oversees the church building and finances. Learn about budgets.

Fall/Spring Clean Up – Work outside the church in the fall/spring to clean up the church grounds

Music—contact Jamie Mills

Singing—join a small group 4 people max, to provide Sunday music

Bells—There are three bell groups this year (advanced, intern and new bell players)

Other Music—Play an instrument? Contact Jamie to set up a time to talk and see how you can contribute

Music Intern—Jamie needs someone to help organize and update a database of bell and choir music. If you have good computer skills this could be a good opportunity

Sunday School Bags – Sunday school will move to an at home version this fall and Stacy will need a small, consistent group to help assembling bags

Thanksgiving Meal – We will be doing this big meal to go style so we will need runners, cashiers and help in the kitchen (small numbers, distancing and masks)

Web/Video team – If you have or would like to learn tech skills we need:

Video Team—people to be trained to do the live stream and sound system

Web Team – people to help work on and update the website

Wednesday Meals – We will serve to go meals each Wednesday night starting in October. We need interns to help run food in and out to cars 4:45pm to 6:15pm each Wednesday starting in October.

Worship – Starting Rally Day, September 13, you can get intern credit for watching the worship service and completing the worship reflection sheet (must be turned in for one hour credit per week)

All of these will be detailed at our Sunday, September 20 gathering and in your one on one interview with our Youth Minister, JaNae Westrich.