

Volunteer Role Description

Usher

UUCPA Mission Statement:

We gather,
our different paths entwined,
to deepen our spiritual lives:
nourishing connection,
learning from each other,
caring for each other,
tending to our world.

Goals of this position:

To help create a welcoming environment for both new and returning attendees at UUCPA.

Time requirements (frequency, total time, term, etc.):

9:45 - 11:45 am, 1 Sunday per month. Flexibility is helpful because ushers fill in for each other when one is unavailable, and on fifth Sundays. You can also be on the roster as a substitute rather than on a monthly basis.

Reports to:

Amy Zucker Morgenster, Parish Minister

Responsibilities:

To assist members of the congregation and visitors in wayfinding. One usher is near the Fireside Room to guide them to the check-in, while the other is by the front doors of the Main Hall. Distribute the Orders of Service and the occasional supplies requested for the service (usually pencils, paper), set out hymnals needed for services and store them after the services have ended for the day. If you anticipate being unable to make your scheduled time, find a replacement from among the other ushers. A request also goes out to the ushers for two to four people to serve at the Christmas Eve service.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

No experience necessary—in fact, this is a good role for a newcomer (we'll pair you with an experienced usher until you're comfortable with the job). Must be able to say hello, answer basic questions such as what time the service starts, where to sit, where to check in for Children and Youth Religious Education. You may be asked (infrequently) if another person has arrived. It's useful to be aware of who the speaker and guest musician are, as you get asked about them. Friendliness and initiative in finding answers to questions. Must be 12 years old or older.

You don't have to be an extravert! Many introverts find that ushering gives them a structured way to say hello, and no pressure to come up with small talk.

Benefits:

Meeting people; helping the services progress; receiving people's appreciation.

If you are interested in this volunteer position, contact:
Amy Morgenstern, Parish Minister, parishmin@uucpa.org