

Director of The Wesley Foundation at Penn State

At St. Paul's UMC and Wesley Foundation

St. Paul's United Methodist Church and Wesley Foundation is looking for a full time (12 months a year) Director of the Wesley Foundation at Penn State. St. Paul's UMC and Wesley Foundation (SPUMCWF) is a vibrant place of ministry in downtown State College, directly across the street from The Penn State University's University Park Campus. Our unique, church-based campus ministry is diverse and exciting, with an incredible level of engagement with students, due to the success of our Abba Java Coffeehouse, which welcomes at least 800 students into its doors each week! This ministry, aided by paid interns, and staffed by a part time manager and many volunteers, is the "front door" of our Wesley Foundation, which also includes Bible Studies, mission trips, social justice efforts, and much more.

The Director of the Wesley Foundation at Penn State reports to the Senior Pastor of SPUMCWF and the Wesley Leadership Team, and leads a ministry that supports the vision and mission of SPUMCWF (see attached), as well as the vision and mission of The Wesley Foundation at Penn State (see attached). This is done by attending to the following responsibilities in three main areas: Foundation Director, St. Paul's staff, and University outreach/liason.

1. Foundation Director Responsibilities

- Provide spiritual care, support, and counsel, as well as advocate for students at St. Paul's UMC and Wesley Foundation and Penn State University, University Park Campus
- Provide regular spaces and programs for spiritual growth for college students (Bible studies, small groups, worship, retreats, mission trips, events, etc.)
- Lead vision and day to day ministry of the Wesley Foundation with support of Wesley Leadership Team, Student leadership, Church leadership, and church staff
- Work and lead Wesley Leadership Team (WLT) in conjunction with WLT chair
- Oversee campus ministry finances including planning and execution of operating budgets, grants, fundraising, etc.
- Plan and execute campus ministry communications and reports (to students, university, congregation, and conference)
- Communicate and work as requested/needed with District, Conference, and national Campus Ministry staff on behalf of Wesley Foundation at PSU
- Supervise and manage campus ministry staff student-interns and leaders
- Engage in ongoing continuing education relevant to the ministry
- Cast and execute vision and mission of Abba Java coffeehouse, including relationship building with students attending Abba Java, and planning programs to support and enhance Abba Java's effectiveness
- Supervise Coffeehouse Manager and Assistant Manager
- Support volunteers (training, support, care, etc.) in conjunction with Coffeehouse Manager and Assistant Manager
- Oversee coffeehouse budget and inventory in conjunction with Coffeehouse Manager

2. St. Paul's UMC Staff Responsibilities

- Attend staff meetings and other church meetings as requested
- Preach and lead worship as requested by pastoral staff
- Advocate for Wesley, Wesley facilities, and students' needs and stories within the congregation
- Support other areas of the church and church staff as requested and needed
- Work with Church Council, Finance, and Trustees etc. on behalf of the Wesley Foundation

3. Penn State University Outreach/Liaison Responsibilities

- Attend Affiliate Staff meetings/trainings on campus

- Support campus initiatives and be Wesley PSU's voice and face on campus
- Collaborate with other campus ministers on shared events, advocacy for religious life on campus, supporting students and student groups, etc.
- Participate in inter-faith, interdenominational and community events

4. Other duties as assigned by Senior Pastor or Church Leadership

Minimum Requirements:

- A servant leader who feels called specifically to ministry with a diverse community of college students, and who possesses a progressive theology, gifts for relationship building, organizational leadership, pastoral care, and student discipleship
- A bachelor's degree
- Ministry experience working with students and/or young adults
- Proper clearances

Preferences:

- Wesleyan theological education/training
- A successful track record of leading a college-level ministry
- Availability to begin by August 1

Compensation: depends on experience. Benefits package includes health insurance, UMC pension, and continuing education.

To Apply: Submit a resume with cover letter describing your call to campus ministry, your interest in this position specifically, and your current position and salary to Steve Falke, Wesley Leadership Team chair at stevfalke51@gmail.com

Our Mission at St. Paul's United Methodist Church and Wesley Foundation

is to form faithful followers of Jesus Christ for the transformation of State College and the world.

Our Vision

is to be followers of Jesus who are meeting others, making real relationships, and moving into new expressions of love and service.

Our Understanding

of a faithful follower of Jesus is one who strives to:

be **MET** by God in every encounter, exchange and enterprise

be **MADE** into a follower of Jesus, through the discipleship pathway (daily personal devotions, passionate weekly worship, participation in Bible study and other small group classes, etc.)

be **MOVED** by the Holy Spirit towards love in every situation

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MEET others by extending radical hospitality and sharing one's faith story.

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MAKE real relationships with others without agenda or condition.

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MOVE into consistent, highly relational acts of love and service and generously giving beyond tithing one's money and time.



The Mission of the Wesley Foundation at Penn State is to offer Jesus Christ to the Penn State community, to train and equip disciples, and to serve in mission

The Vision at Abba Java Coffeehouse is:

Be Fed...Be Known...Be Loved...Welcome Home.

Be Fed: We are community centered around The Table. We live out our call to physically, spiritually, intellectually, and socially feed others with the blessings God has abundantly showered on us. We work to be good stewards of the resources we have, to care for the earth and the community around us, and to be a place that all Penn State students feel safe and welcome at our table.

Jesus said to them, "You give them something to eat." ([Luke 9:13](#))

Be Known: We are a community that serves the Penn State –University Park Student Community of 47,000 students. We are community that cares to know "the real and full you". We care about walking with students as they discover who God calls them to be. We provide places and space to be known by God and to get to know others. We work to know each other's names, stories, and calls. We rejoice with you when you rejoice and weep with you when you weep. We are a beautiful and diverse community, made up of imperfect people, who are called to be together in this time and place. Whether you stay an hour for a cup of coffee or stick around for years you are welcome here.

Jesus said "I am the Good Shepherd and I know My sheep." ([John 10:14](#))

Be Loved: We are community that is called to love like Jesus. We believe nothing can separate us from the love of God. We believe love can bring justice, transform communities and people, and can teach us about who God is. We believe we are loved. We believe we are called to love others.

Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to [love one another](#). By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." ([John 13:34-35](#))

Welcome Home: We are a community who feels called to be "a home away from home" for Penn State Students. We drink coffee, we eat, we serve, we pray, we worship, we laugh, we study, we play, we doubt and wonder-we strive to live life together well and to do all the good we can because of all the good God has done for us.