

## Meet the Staff



**Audrey (she/her)**

Nursery/Preschool  
Coordinator

Audrey is exceptional at meeting littles at Southmin with a kind, calm, and encouraging presence. She grew up at Southmin, and she continues to be a valuable part of our thriving community.



**Abby (she/her)**

Children's Ministry Director

Abby is new to the Portland area, and she enjoys working with two very special groups of people: kids and seniors! She is excited to Infuse Social Emotional Learning with the Bible-based "Joyful Paths" curriculum published by Progressive Christianity.



**Jenn (she/her)**

Youth Ministry Director  
Youth & Children's  
Music Coordinator

Jenn has been singing, playing the piano, and doing ministry since she was a child. Her favorite parts of serving at Southmin are directing the Children Handbells, empowering kids and teens to share their musical gifts during Worship Services, and creating intergenerational Community Service projects. Her two kids are 8 and 10, and they love to ride bikes and go on water adventures with Mommy.



### Contacts

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### Brightwheel

New with us?  
Please register.  
We utilize Brightwheel for  
Check-In and Check-out  
of children programs.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD  
[www.southmin.org](http://www.southmin.org)

### More Information

Trauma-informed  
Attentive to Neurodivergent Needs  
First Aid & CPR Trained

Professional experience providing  
instruction and emotional support  
in Public School settings



## Children & Youth Ministries



Learning,  
Loving,  
Serving,  
Growing



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## Monthly Reading to Balsam

Kids take turns reading to Balsam, a puppy training to be an Emotional Support Dog.

## Children Sunday School

Preschool–5th Grade  
10:15 am Sundays in Rm 8

1. Songs
2. Opener
3. Lesson adapted from "Joyful Path"  
Curriculum by Progressive Christianity
4. Story
5. Activity/Snack

## Acolytes

- 1st–5<sup>th</sup> Grades
- Assigned 1–2 times per month
- **Call Time** is 9:40am in the Kids Office to put on a robe
- 10am Light the candles in front of the Sanctuary with a partner



## Music

### Voices of Joy

### Sing with us!

Jenn & Gabi partner to launch the new Children & Youth Choir!

- **Rehearsals** are certain Sundays, 11:15–11:40am in the Choir Rm
  - Oct. 12, 19, Nov. 2, and more TBA
- **Performances**
  - Oct. 26 & Nov. 23, 10am (Call Time 9:15am in Sanctuary)
  - Dec. 13 Southmin Christmas Concert 3pm (Call time 1pm in Sanctuary)
  - Dec. 14 Joint Christmas Concert (Details TBA)

## Children Handbells

### Join us!

- Babies–8th grade
- **Performances** once a quarter
- **Rehearsals** are on the same day as the performance
- **Call Time** is 9:20am in the Sanctuary.
- No experience is necessary! Join rehearsal the day of the performance, and we'd be thrilled to have you join us.

## Youth Band

### Recruiting!

**Electric drums? Electric bass guitar?**

We are thrilled to have youth play guitar, violin and piano. We will develop songs to share at Sunday Worship!



## Youth



## Monthly Social Events

Laser Tag, Bowling, Beach Retreats, Wings & Waves Water Park, Hiking, Live Clue Game

## Youth Sunday School

6th–12<sup>th</sup> graders  
10:15 am in Youth Lounge (Rm 3)

1. Treats
2. Opening Question
3. Bible Lesson (based on curriculum by PCUSA)
4. Hang Time in the Youth Music/Rec Room (Rm 4)

## Our Whole Lives (OWL) Program

Research–based curriculum originally created by the UCC denomination

- Age-appropriate
- Students learn about Boundaries, Consent, Sexual Identity, Gender Identity, Sex Positivity
- Inclusive/Affirming of LGBTQIA+
- Parent Educational Sessions 1/month after church

## Monthly Community Service

Bethlehem House of Bread Food Pantry, Northwest Children's Outreach, Hands on Portland

## Yearly Mission Trips

(Local, Domestic, International)