

Ashland UCC OWL Teaching Staff Bios

Autumn Doshier is a mother of two beautiful boys who continually remind her to be wonder filled and enthusiastic about this journey through life. Autumn works as a Community Outreach and Sexuality Education Specialist with youth from elementary age through young adulthood throughout the Rogue Valley. Autumn also works as a Doula and Childbirth Educator through Asante Ashland Community Hospital. After attending a training for OWL, Autumn fell in love with the curriculum and has facilitated OWL at the UCC for middle school and high school levels, as well as developed OWL programming within the greater community. She feels honored to facilitate programming that allows for honest and open discussions with youth to develop tools and strategies that foster respect, responsibility, and confidence in their rights for sexual health and wellbeing. When not teaching or at a birth, Autumn enjoys reading, hiking, playing outside with her family, and watching good stand up comedy.



Bob Jessop, a UCC Ashland member for seven years, is happily retired from a 35 year career in teaching at the elementary and middle school levels. A double grandpa now, he continues his life-long caring for youth and their development. Bob appreciates the honesty, openness and secure environment offered in the OWL program, believing good facts give growing minds stability in our crazy world.

Rev. Christina Kukuk is a mother of two elementary-aged children who seeks to honor every body in our God-talk and spiritual communities. While her relationship with the Bible has changed since her childhood in a more conservative tradition, she's still passionately committed to the Creator's pronouncement that the world and its beautifully diverse creatures were made "Good, very good!" Ordained in the United Church of Christ in 2005, she has been the Senior Minister at Ashland UCC since 2016. She especially enjoys facilitating the K-1 and 4-6 OWL summer camp.





Joanna Niemann is a grandma. She believes that children have fuller happier lives when they have age appropriate knowledge about theirs and others' amazing bodies, and when they are given practices to say clearly what is safe and agreeable to them and what is not. She was trained in 2013 and has been part of teams teaching K - 3 and Middle School.

Christopher Sohl has been a member of the UCC church since 2011. In 2012 he was trained to facilitate Our Whole Lives and immediately fell in love with the program. Chris has facilitated the OWL for elementary youth, middle school and high school youth as well as adults. He has worked with youth in a number of settings for the past 18 years. He is currently a student and seeking ordination in the United Church of Christ. He enjoys being outside, hiking, climbing, rafting and working with bees.



Rev. Paula Sohl is the Associate Minister at the church and has been teaching OWL since 2011. She is ordained in the United Church of Christ and values being a sexuality educator as an important part of her ministry. She loves that young OWL students are excited and empowered to learn about their bodies and their voices and their choices. They make a powerful difference in the communities they inhabit.