Jess joined our staff in 2025 and serves as our part-time Director of Youth Ministries. Jess provides administrative, programmatic, and spiritual leadership in Christian Education for youth (grades 6-12), their friends, and their families.

Jess is originally from the Ozarks and moved to Manhattan in 2016 after completing a degree in Public Health and Social Justice at Saint Louis University and a Masters degree in College Student Development at Western Illinois University. Jess worked at K-State for several years within their housing department providing leadership, social justice education, and conflict mediation to students and staff. Jess and her husband Mike have one kiddo and a feisty cat who Jess delights in getting to stay home with and chase around (to be clear, she doesn't chase the cat).

Jess believes deeply that justice work is spiritual work and has spent much of her time amplifying the voices of the marginalized and serving causes that protect the most vulnerable. She believes in community and the good that comes from it and that young people are at the heart of community.

In her free time Jess enjoys board games, park walks with her family, and British panel television shows.