

Director of Children and Youth Ministries Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church

Job Description: The Director of Children and Youth Ministries is responsible for initiating maintaining and improving ministries with the children and youth at First UMC. The Director plans, promotes, implements, and coordinates an engaging ministry that nurtures the spiritual growth of children and youth as disciples of Jesus Christ and leads to greater faith maturity and commitment to Christ's church.

Position Duties:

The Director of Children and Youth Ministries will

- Recruit, train, and empower a team of adult volunteers.
- Communicate with youth, parents, the Christian Education Committee, and the larger church regarding upcoming events and activities.
- Attend weekly staff meetings.
- Help care for and maintain program spaces.
- Participate in training and educational opportunities.
- Submit and manage yearly budgets and oversee expenditures.
- Become familiar with the teachings of the United Methodist Church.
- Network with other ministry leaders in the community, district and conference.
- Other duties assigned by the Senior Pastor.

With youth, the Director will

- Help the youth develop and enhance their personal relationships with Christ and with each other.
- Develop and design a youth-centered program including weekly meetings, fundraisers, mission projects, and special summer events.
- Teach and assist in confirmation classes.
- Be attentive to the needs and concerns of teenagers and structure programs to address those issues in a Christian context.
- Develop leadership skills within the youth by enabling them to plan and conduct some of their own activities as appropriate.
- Help integrate the youth into the broader life of the church, including worship, Sunday School, church service projects, summer camps, etc.
- Encourage participation in district and conference youth activities.

For children, infant-6th grade, the Director will

- Vision, plan, and organize Sunday school.
- Recruit, train, and evaluate Sunday School teachers.
- Evaluate and purchase curriculum related resources and supplies.
- Coordinate the annual Vacation Bible school program.
- Hire, train, support, supervise, and evaluate nursery staff.
- Coordinate with worship team on acolytes and children's activities bags.

Desired Qualifications: The Director will have a strong Christian faith, an understanding of the Bible and a commitment to Jesus Christ and the United Methodist Church. An understanding of the developmental needs and abilities of children and youth is also necessary. The director should also be approachable, enthusiastic, creative, reliable, self-directed, well-organized, flexible, and a good-listener. The director should also have excellent skills in leadership, communication (both oral and written), time management, and teamwork. Preference will be given to individuals who have a Bachelor's degree and previous ministry leadership experience.