

****Now Hiring****

First United Methodist Church

200 Market St

Warren, Pa 16365

Job Title: Director of Student Ministries

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Position Overview: The Director of Student Ministries takes a lead role in all Christian education programming at FUMC. They are responsible for creating opportunities for our community to develop as spiritual beings in Christ. They should evaluate the strengths and needs of the students and formulate programming that will enrich their lives as Christians. This will be accomplished through both hands-on and advisor/directorial roles and will target all levels of students. Some programming includes: Sunday School, youth fellowship, Vacation Bible School, and after school activities. Adult (particularly young adult) education could also be included in this individual's responsibilities when needed, as well as, when possible, maintaining contact with students after high school graduation.

Essential Functions

- Helping to foster a strong faith in Jesus Christ, providing opportunities for study, discussion, prayer, fellowship, service, and creating and nurturing their understanding of the Holy Spirit.
- Coordinating Junior and Senior High weekly meetings and events.
- Staying in regular contact with students in off-site settings in the community by attending school functions (sports, concerts, plays, etc.), serving as a guest speaker for schools and civic organizations, counseling students on general matters of faith, growth and development, and during times of distress and crisis.
- Recruiting volunteers, as appropriate for various children and youth programming.
- Leading youth in mission and service both in the church and in the community.
- Maintaining regular office hours or be accessible in an equivalent manner.
- Attending worship services of Warren FUMC and find ways to be involved and to involve the youth in the church's worship service.
- Fostering inter-generational relationships.
- Communicating with families in a timely and effective manner.
- Attending church staff meetings.
- Maintaining contact with adult Sunday school and other study groups to assist as needed/desired.
- Reporting to the Nurture Committee and acting as a member of this body.
- Participating in community youth organizations such as Faith on Foot.
- Creating and organizing opportunities for youth to participate in outreach and missions.

Requirements

- A strong faith in Jesus Christ
- A Calling for education and working with youth
- A degree in Education, Youth Ministry, Counseling, or a comparable area is preferred. If no degree, 3 years of related experience will be required.
- Ability to use and communicate through social media and text messaging.
- At minimum basic word processing and computer skills.
- Must be able to obtain Act 33 and Act 34 clearances and FBI fingerprinting clearances.
- Must have a valid driver's license.
- Must be at least 23 years of age.
- Day-to-day oversight and supervision of this position will be through the senior pastor.

Other Skills/ Abilities

- A passion and energy for all age groups and levels of ability
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Creativity and innovation
- Flexible schedule that can align with available hours of our children and youth and their various activities
- Experience in counseling or social work may be beneficial
- Confident leadership skills
- Local resident or willing to relocate to the area.
- A basic understanding of the Wesleyan traditions of the Christian Faith

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***If Interested please send resume with cover letter, including three references to:

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