

## Director of Youth Programming

### CHURCH:

Central United Methodist Church (CUMC) is located in the heart of Radford and is a Community church with a membership of 475, of which approximately 200 are actively involved in the church community.

### QUALIFICATIONS & SKILLS:

A Master's Degree in Christian Ministries or a related field and experience is preferred; however, an individual with a Bachelor's Degree and significant experience working with youth programming will be seriously considered.

#### Essential qualities and skills:

- A strong and living faith commitment to Our Lord Jesus Christ and a desire and ability to share and "bring alive" the Word of God to our youth;
- An understanding of and commitment to the doctrines and teachings of the United Methodist Church;
- Relational and leadership skills for cultivating and working with volunteers and being part of a team ministry;
- Creativity, vision, and an awareness and understanding of the issues and challenges of children and youth;
- Administrative, organizational, and time management skills;
- A desire to continue to grow professionally and personally and;
- The ability to work within the constraints of a budget.

### PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

#### Director of Youth Programming

Through creative and innovative program planning, the Director of Youth Programming develops, coordinates, and actively participates in building the youth programs and ministries of the church.

The Director of Youth Ministries is the "hands-on" coordinator for:

- Youth fellowship and ministries, including "United Methodist Youth Fellowship Program, and Bible study groups and;
- District and regional conferences and assemblies such as Resurrection and the Appalachian Service Project.

The Director of Youth Ministries understands the issues, needs, and challenges of the youth of the church and, in that capacity, is available to:

- Counsel youth and/or their parents in conjunction with the pastor;
- Serve as an advocate and “voice” for the youth in educational program planning and training initiatives within the church;
- Encourage the support and involvement of the church membership in youth programs by encouraging and training volunteers, and holding regular planning sessions for volunteers and parents of the youth, and;
- Foster the development of new programs.

### **Educational Program Coordination**

In the capacity of Educational Program Coordinator, the director:

- Supports and assists in other educational programs and ministries within the church;
- Provides leadership and vision in the evaluation and development of educational programs, and;
- Performs any other duties assigned by the senior pastor or the SPPR Committee.

### **SUPERVISION AND SUPPORT**

The Director of Youth Ministries works closely with the pastor and educational leaders of the church to support the mission and vision of Central United Methodist Church. The Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Committee provides encouragement, support, evaluation, and guidance for the director as the pastor provides day-to-day supervision and support.

