

## **Announcement - Job Opening**

The First United Methodist Church of Palatine is a well-established but evolving church in the Northwest Suburbs of Chicago. The church is seeking a Director of Youth Ministry. This person will relate to middle and high school youth, church leadership and members. Christian education for our youth plays a key role in the mission of the church. Our goal is to provide and promote Christian principles for youth in our community. The Director of Youth Ministry will report directly to the Pastor but work with other church staff, leadership and church families. We are looking for someone to bring a high level of energy and creativity to our programs.

Interested parties please forward your resume and cover letter to: [sprcsearch@gmail.com](mailto:sprcsearch@gmail.com)  
or mail to:

First United Methodist Church of Palatine  
Attn: SPRC Search Team  
123 N Plum Grove Rd  
Palatine, IL 60067

This search will remain open until filled.

### **Qualifications:**

1. A commitment to Christ and a calling to Youth Ministry
2. Bachelor's degree, education or experience consistent with Youth Ministry and or seminary training preferred
3. Exhibits strong oral and written communication skills, including active listening
4. Requires passing a background check

### **Job Description/Responsibilities:**

- Reports to Senior Pastor and Staff Parish Relations Committee
- This person must display a strong personal relationship with Jesus Christ and strive to nurture the same in each young person.
- Have the desire to grow in one's faith and abilities.
- Demonstrated knowledge of current youth culture and trends. Must have an adequate understanding of adolescent development.
- The ability to relate to a wide variety of youth—each with his/her own unique personality.
- Develop relationships with high school students, both at church and in their everyday life (school, sporting events, recitals, movies, etc.).
- Communicate with parents, providing them with support and resources so that the youth ministry is seen as a partnership in raising children.
- Be a vital leader in the church that enhances the worship, outreach, and fellowship of each young person attending.
- Self-starter who is highly motivated and passionate for planning and executing the future of FUMC's youth ministry.
- Provide oversight of programming for all youth events specifically youth group and confirmation.
- Serve as the primary teacher and communicator for the youth ministry.
- Ensure the ministry's activities and curriculum are highly relevant to youth and their social environment.
- Work approximately 20 hours per week.

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