

Barrington United Methodist Church
Job Posting-Director of Youth Ministries

Barrington United Methodist Church believes that our children are the future hope in engaging the world in positive, loving and Christ-centered ways. If you love children as much as we do and enjoy working with a creative and supportive ministry team, we want to hear from you!

Our position of Director of Youth Ministry collaborates with our staff to inspire youth in grades six through twelve to a life of faith and service. The Director nurtures a community of mutual support, working with the youth and adults to foster a Christ-centered fellowship focused on weekly small group activity including Sunday mornings, service opportunities including mission trips (with plenty of adult support!), and meaningful retreats that inspire youth to grow in their faith and friendships.

Our Youth Director will be a strong leader in forming programs that support our church mission and in developing volunteer adult leaders to support these programs, including integrating our youth into the life of our church as participants in committees, mission activities, and regular Sunday services. The Youth Director promotes and develops healthy, nurturing, mentoring relationships between adults and youth and creates through the church a safe space for youth to gather, play, work, study and explore their faith and their lives without being judged and in an atmosphere of support and love.

If you have a strong Christian faith and enjoy working with youth-read on!

Responsibilities:

The BUMC Youth Director works with staff and ministry areas to meet the needs and encourage the spiritual growth of youth and their families. To meet these needs and guide this growth, the Youth Director major responsibilities include:

- Works and partners with the Director of Children's Ministries to ensure that programming is in alignment and provides a cohesive, cradle to college program.
- Develops, implements, and oversees Sunday morning programming for youth in 6th through 12th grades.
- Selects, develops and/or writes curriculum for youth that is age appropriate and in alignment with United Methodist theology and the BUMC Discipleship Pathway (once developed).
- Assists the Associate Pastor in implementing and overseeing confirmation classes for 7th and/or 8th grade students that teach the basic beliefs of the Christian faith, United Methodist theology and the responsibilities that come with a profession of faith and church membership.
- Develops, implements, and oversees youth group events and activities that provide opportunities for youth to connect with God and others, to build fellowship and relationship and to learn what it means to love Jesus and follow his example of loving others.
- Works with the Director of Children's Ministries to develop and implement programming for tweens that bridges the division between children and youth and promotes a culture of attendance outside of Sunday mornings.
- Coordinates, develops, and implements youth mission trips that provide immersion experiences for youth outside their normal context and that create opportunities for youth to learn teamwork and purpose and connect to Christ's call to love and serve all people.
- Promotes youth involvement in the worship life of the church, including connecting youth with opportunities to serve as a part of worship and encouraging youth to attend worship services.
- Connects with youth outside regularly scheduled events to provide encouragement and support and help students explore ways that faith shapes and impacts their daily lives.

- Reaches out to youth both in the church and in the larger community seeking to develop personal relationships that provide opportunities for teaching and inspiring youth to serve Jesus Christ and their neighbors.
- Effectively invites, engages, and manages volunteers, equipping them to serve in ways that merge their passions, skills and strengths with the needs of the church.
- Provides ministry, program, and curriculum support to multi-site partner churches, seeking opportunities to integrate multi-site youth programming where appropriate.
- Initiates Safe Sanctuaries training and background checks for Youth Ministry volunteers

Qualities: The BUMC Youth Director exhibits the following personal qualities:

- Love for youth and families
- Outgoing and friendly nature
- Sense of humor
- Tenaciousness
- Ability to relate to preteens, teens and adults
- Collaborative team player and team builder
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Creative problem solver
- Flexible and able to adjust to changing schedules and priorities
- Good communication and prioritization skills
- Familiarity with social media platforms and communication media

Education and skills:

- Bachelor's Degree
- Previous experience in youth ministry preferred
- Able to pass a thorough background check
- Computer skills and proficiency with social media and Microsoft Office
- Seminary studies a plus

Hours: 16-30 negotiable

Salary: Negotiable

To apply for the position, please email your resume to pgordon@barringtonumc.com