

Director of Children and Family Ministries

Job Title: Director of Children and Family Ministries

Location: Middlebrook Pike United Methodist Church

Hours: Full-Time – 40 hours/week

Reports to: Lead Pastor

Job Summary:

Middlebrook Pike United Methodist Church is seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic individual to serve as the Director of Children and Family Ministries. This role is pivotal in leading and overseeing all aspects of our ministry to children and families, nurturing their spiritual growth, and fostering an inclusive, welcoming environment.

Key Responsibilities:

- **Program Development:** Plan, develop, and implement a comprehensive ministry program for children from birth through 5th grade, including Sunday school, children's worship, and special events.
- **Family Engagement:** Create and promote programs and activities that engage families in their faith journey, fostering a strong sense of community.
- **Teaching and Spreading the Gospel:** Support MPUMC in teaching and spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ, along with traditional Wesleyan and United Methodist doctrine, to children and families. Select teaching materials that align with these teachings and the seasons of the church calendar (e.g., Christmas, Easter, Pentecost). Additionally, recruit and support teachers for the various children's Sunday School classes, while organizing and supporting outreach ministries to children and families in the surrounding community.
- **Leadership:** Recruit, train, and supervise volunteers and staff involved in children's and family ministries.
- **Curriculum Management:** Select and implement age-appropriate curricula for all children's programs, ensuring alignment with United Methodist teachings and values.

- **Pastoral Care:** Provide care and support to children and their families, building strong relationships and offering spiritual guidance and encouragement.
- **Safety and Compliance:** Ensure all children's ministry activities adhere to church policies and procedures, including maintaining a safe environment and conducting background checks for volunteers and staff.
- **Collaboration:** Work closely with other church staff and ministry leaders to integrate children and family ministries into the overall life and mission of the church.
- **Communication:** Maintain clear and regular communication with parents, volunteers, and the congregation regarding children's ministry activities and events.
- **Resource Management:** Manage the budget for children and family ministries, ensuring effective use of resources and materials.
- **Outreach:** Develop and implement strategies to reach new families and integrate them into the church community.
- **Children's Enrichment Program Oversight:** Offer guidance and oversight to the director of our Children's Enrichment Program, ensuring alignment with the church's mission and values.
- **Other Duties As Assigned:** Perform other duties as assigned by the Lead Pastor to support the overall mission and ministry of Middlebrook Pike United Methodist Church.

Qualifications:

- **Education:** Bachelor's degree in Christian Education, Child Development, Theology, or a related field preferred.
- **Experience:** Proven experience in children's ministry, Christian education, or a related field; experience in a United Methodist Church setting is a plus.
- **Skills:**
 - Strong organizational and leadership skills.

- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work collaboratively with church staff, volunteers, and families.
- Creativity in developing engaging and meaningful programs for children and families.
- **Personal Attributes:**
 - A strong Christian faith and commitment to the mission and values of Middlebrook Pike United Methodist Church.
 - A passion for working with children and families.
 - A positive and nurturing attitude, with the ability to inspire and encourage others.

Compensation:

Competitive salary commensurate with experience and qualifications, including benefits.

Application Process:

Interested candidates should submit a resume, cover letter, and a list of references to jobs@middlebrookpike.com. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

About Middlebrook Pike United Methodist Church:

Middlebrook Pike United Methodist Church is a vibrant and welcoming community dedicated to worship, spiritual growth, and service. Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Join us in nurturing the faith of our children and supporting our families in their spiritual journey.