

Position Posting: **Minister for Youth and Families**

Glenelg United Methodist Church (GUMC) is currently seeking a Director for Youth and Families to ensure connection, engagement and Spiritual growth for Youth (grades 6-12) and for our families with elementary-age and younger children. While this position is centered around the younger members of our church congregation, the individual in this role, in partnership with the Pastor, Staff and Leadership will be focused on integrating Youth and families into the overall life and Spiritual growth of our congregation, as well as cultivating meaningful relationships with the youth in our community. Most of our programming happens locally, with some emphasis on sharing God's love and care with our neighbors near and far.

Our Children's program focuses on Christian Education for our youngest members and support of their families as they hope to integrate faith opportunities into their busy lives. We have weekly volunteer-led programming on Sunday mornings and routine events to foster family engagement and Spiritual development.

GUMC is a church with a lot of history in Howard County and the community of Glenelg, but is also successfully navigating the need to read and engage with current and future culture. Our collective theology is diverse, and we place a priority on collaboration, learning and focusing on our common beliefs as Christians called to live out our faith in an ever-changing and challenging culture. GUMC is a small church with mid-size engagement and ministries, looking for the right candidate to join our staff and help us continue to grow.

The ideal candidate will have a Bachelor's degree and relevant experience working with Youth and families, Missions or Christian Education in a faith-based setting. Formal training in ministry is not required, but the candidate should be creative, curious and outgoing, have a passion for sharing their faith and a willingness to grow in their knowledge and understanding. Also required is a basic knowledge and belief in Scripture, an understanding of or willingness to learn the Methodist/Wesleyan tradition and a desire to share with others how to apply faith principles to everyday life. Experience in Christian education and programming, event planning and group organization would be helpful.

The most successful candidate will also have experience in direct supervision and volunteer management, recruiting and nurturing youth and adult volunteers and equipping others, and a willingness to engage on social media, demonstrating a basic proficiency with computer skills and typical office applications.

While all qualifications are important, GUMC is more interested in the ability of a candidate to join what is happening in our church and facilitate future success. We want the right person who will connect to Youth, children and their families, be resourceful, work collaboratively with a team, and be welcoming to all persons, showing and sharing the love of Christ to all.

We are interested in working with the right person to create the appropriate fit and depending on the candidate's interests, experience and qualifications, the position has the potential of

being full time. If you feel that you are the right candidate for our opportunity, please forward a cover letter and resume to:

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