

POSITION: DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY 8.29.23
MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. 29464

GENERAL SUMMARY OF THE POSITION: The *Director of Youth Ministry's* primary focus will be the youth of MPPC who are in grades 6-12. A secondary emphasis will be on MPPC's college-age young people.

We believe successful youth ministry includes ministry not only with the young people, but ministry with and to the families of MPPC's youth. They are a "total package." It will be imperative for the *Director of Youth Ministry* to develop a relationship with and to parents of young people, both those actively engaged in the ministry of the church and those listed on the roster but who are not actively attending. We believe these relationships will foster a supportive ministry for the families, and especially for the youth of MPPC.

The *Director of Youth Ministry* will work with the DCE as part of Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church's Christian Education Team to plan, coordinate and implement a comprehensive youth ministry for middle school and high school young people. It will be important for the *Director of Youth Ministry* to connect with the youth and their families in an authentic way and in support of Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church's Youth Ministry Mission Statement.

YOUTH MINISTRY MISSION STATEMENT:

- Equipping youth for a personal and lifetime journey of faith in Jesus Christ.
- Providing a safe place for youth to be themselves.
- Building community to become connected with one another.
- Being mission oriented with the church, community, and the world.

REPORTS TO: Director of Christian Education

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Authentic and relatable to youth
- Ability to nurture youth's spiritual growth
- Organizational skills and willingness to work collaboratively with MPPC staff toward a shared vision
- Passion for youth and ability to connect with them where they are in the day-to-day context
- Effective communication and active listening skills
- Exercises leadership, yet empowers youth to share their voices and gifts
- Capability to reignite and re-energize the youth
- Working knowledge of and experience in all forms of social media and electronic marketing platforms helpful

CORE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Develop, lead, and maintain a wholistic program for 6th through 12th grade youth of the congregation and their families that encourages young people in their faith and connects and engages them into the total life of the Church
- Work collegially with other staff in creating a "seamless" ministry to two distinct, yet supportive, youth ministries
- Recruit, empower, and support parents and volunteers to lead and facilitate youth programs and activities that are part of the youth ministry of MPPC
- Collaborate with Christian education team, pastors, Church Ministry leaders and MPPC staff as appropriate
- Plan and coordinate a ministry that enables discipleship

- Create a safe and inclusive space for youth
- Provide opportunities for youth to engage in the church's ministry and mission
- Guide and engage PT Youth Interns in all aspects of youth ministry
- Teach the confirmation class and provide biblically based and theologically informed guidance to students, parents, and ministry volunteers
- Connect with young people post-high school into his or her college years, offering opportunities for faith development and connecting when young people are in the area, i.e., College Montreat Conference, summer Bible study or get together.
- Attend Christian Education Sessional Committee meetings

SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION:

- Spiritually mature and a personal commitment to Jesus Christ
- Understands the reformed tradition of the PCUSA
- Commitment to the missional life of MPPC

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENT:

- Bachelor's degree required
- Preferred two years minimum experience working with youth
- Ordained and non-ordained individuals considered, although this is a non-installed position.

Please submit your resume via email to dwiard@mppc.net.