



St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Ithaca, New York is an inclusive, progressive congregation seeking to be a compassionate community, led and transformed by the Spirit. We hold as our core values: seeking to become the Beloved Community, connecting with and through the Spirit, acts of compassion, and standing up for justice. St. Paul's UMC envisions ministry with children that is integrated into the life of the community: worship, fellowship, service, and spiritual development. We envision ministry that is interactive, empowering, and collaborative. Our children and families are integral members in a community that seeks to embody Jesus' deep compassion which transforms lives and the world.

- Are you a creative and caring educator with a passion for supporting the next generation of Christians?
- Do you enjoy planning, leading, and evaluating children's ministries with the help of congregational volunteers and other paid church staff?
- Would be interested in playing a key role in reinvigorating children's ministries at a landmark church in Ithaca's Fall Creek neighborhood?

If so, St. Paul's United Methodist Church is seeking a Children's Ministries Coordinator to provide vision and leadership for children's ministries for young St. Paulians up to sixth grade. This is a great opportunity for someone seeking part-time work with children and families in a compassionate, faith-based organization that values interactive, empowering, and collaborative ministry.

For infants and toddlers, you will work with parents and childcare staff to learn about their childcare needs and oversee dedicated early childcare volunteers. For older children (ages three through sixth grade), you will coordinate the Children's Christian education program, including age-appropriate activities such as Sunday school, acolyte training, and summer educational ministries with help from the pastoral staff, Children's Choir Director, and volunteers.

This role requires:

- The ability to complete the United Methodist Church's <u>Safe Sanctuaries</u> training to reduce the risk of abuse to children, youth, and vulnerable adults.
- A history of participation and involvement in church dealing with a faith-based approach in interacting with youth and children.
- Demonstrated strong written and verbal and communication skills.
- A valid NYS Driver's license and acceptable driving record.
- An Associate or Bachelor's Degree is preferred.

Hours and wages:

This is a 15 hour/week position paying \$18.00/hour and includes paid time off and pro-rated benefits. The nature of the position requires as much evening and weekend work as needed to meet the responsibilities of the ministry.

To apply, please send to pastor@stpaulsithaca.org:

- A cover letter stating why you are applying and how you would enhance the ministry of St. Paul's Church,
- Your current resume, and
- Contact information for three references (professional and character).