## Community Mennonite Church Harrisonburg, Virginia

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## **Director of Children's Faith Formation**

The focus of this position is the nurture of faith formation for children from pre-school through eighth grade. The work includes support for Sunday school teachers, leading monthly youth group activities, supporting a weekly kids' club ministry, leadership of annual vacation Bible school, welcoming new families to the church's children's ministries, including children in worship, reflecting with pastors and parents on children's faith formation outside of church, and developing proposals to enhance the children's ministry. This is a part-time position (20 hours/week) and will begin on or about January 1, 2020.

## Qualifications

- Strong and growing Christian faith
- Experience working with children and in ministry
- Undergraduate degree in ministry or a related field
- Willingness to pursue continuing education related to children's faith formation as requested by supervising pastor

## **Primary Responsibilities**

- Participation in Youth Commission as leader of either Jr. MYF (grades 6–8) or Venture Club (grades 3–5)
- Staff support to Worship Commission related to inclusion of children of all ages in worship
- Active participation in Kids' Club leadership, including teaching Bible stories (Wednesday evening program)
- Welcoming and orienting new families to the children's ministries of Community Mennonite Church
- Coordination of church recess (Sunday mornings)
- With pastors, facilitate opportunities for parents to reflect on children's faith formation within the congregation and at home
- Active support for Sunday School teachers--availability on Sunday mornings, and participation/leadership during the SS gathering time (weekly, September-mid-June)
- Leadership and coordination of annual Bible School (one summer weekend)
- Leadership and coordination of 12-year old retreat (one winter weekend)
- Regular review of existing ministries and development of creative proposals to enhance CMC children's ministry. We're open to new ideas such as a children's musical, Christmas program, revamping our Sunday School format, etc.

This position is not focused on high school age youth. This position does not include teaching Sunday School. This position is supervised by the lead pastor.

**To Apply**: You can apply by submitting a letter regarding your interest in the position along with your résumé and at least three references. Your application can be mailed to or dropped off for Chair of Personnel Committee, Community Mennonite Church, 70 S. High Street, Harrisonburg, VA, 22801. Or you can email your information to councilvicechair@cmcva.org.