



Central to DeRidder, Centered in Christ
Our Mission is to Grow and Serve in Christ

Dear

My name is Rev. Laraine Waughtal and I am the pastor at FUMC, DeRidder, La. We are a growing and thriving congregation that has people of all ages in our congregation. DeRidder is the parish seat and we have a number of military families as a part of our congregation who serve at Fort Johnson.

We are searching for an on-line student who has a desire to be in ministry in DeRidder, LA through being a license local pastor, student pastor, Deacon or even the desire to be commissioned and ordained. This position is multi-faceted. Primarily, the position is Children, Youth and Family Ministry with the opportunities to preach, make pastoral/hospital ministry and to learn about committees and the work of the church if your calling is for ordained ministry. The hours are just under $\frac{3}{4}$ time – allowing time for studies and school.

Like many churches, we continue to regrow our worship post-covid which is over 100. This church thrives in outreach and missions and family ministries. We have an active Children's Church (anywhere from six to twenty kids depending on the weekend) on three out of four Sundays a month. Our children help lead in worship by being acolytes and leading the Lord's prayer each week. Our children are also active in Sunday School and Wednesday night supper and activities. We have a pre-school that has 84 students and an after-school program in the 20's with plenty of room for growth. Our Nursery on Sunday has anywhere from 3-6 children. We also host and work monthly with an active homeschool program. Our main campus has the original sanctuary, which is now a Fellowship Hall, classrooms, the pre-school, full size gym, playground, the office and the main sanctuary. Across the street is our youth building with a very large storage building, 24 passenger bus, 15 passenger van and large parking lot. Our secondary campus is only a half-mile away which also has a large building that is multi-use, and a two story education building on over an acre of land.

The Louisiana Conference has a very active camp program with a number of our kids going to summer camp.

If you are interested in applying, please send your resume to revlaraine@fumcderidder.org Our website is www.fumcderidder.org and our Facebook page is DeRidder First United Methodist Church.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Rev. Laraine Waughtal

Job Description

Director of Children's, Youth & Family Ministries

With opportunities in preachings, pastoral care and other ministries.

Hours: 29 per week

Responsibilities:

- Have a passion for ministry in serving Christ and teach others the love of Christ.
- Provide discipleship ministries for children, youth and family ministries.
- Foster Biblical and Spiritual Development with our Children, Youth and Families
- Develop and implement Biblically based programs and have volunteers to help with Wednesday Evening activities.
- Provide outreach ministries in the community.
- Recruiting, training, and implementing volunteers for all aspects of these ministries.
- Become a Safe Sanctuary Trainer to train staff and volunteers.
- Oversee hiring and work of our nursery/children employees.
- Have once a week programs with our Methodist Children's Learning Center pre-K program.
- Have once a week programs for our after-school ministry program.
- Have once a month program with our Home School Program.
- Oversee volunteers and teach children and youth for Sunday School and Children's Church.
- Recruit and teach our weekly acolyte's and the child who leads the Lord's Prayer for worship.
- Recruit and encourage our children to go to Church summer camp.
- Lead and recruit volunteers for VBS for the community and the pre-school.
- Ability to connect and build meaningful relationships with the kids and their families.
- Communicates weekly with parents and children; writes a monthly newsletter article; publishes events on our Facebook page, website and other social media.
- Be able to pass a criminal background and driving test.
- Flexible and able to work under pressure.
- Very good verbal and written communication skills.
- Team player with other staff, volunteers and church members.
- Flexible hours.
- And all other assigned duties by the pastor.

Reports to: Senior Pastor