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What is Confirmation?

The word “confirmation’ literally means “to make firm.” Confirmation seeks to make firm that which has gone before. It is closely linked to (and dependent on) what has taken place in the individual’s life already, including God’s grace, the sacrament of baptism, the Christian nurture provided by the parents and the home, and the Christian nurture provided by the faith community.

What is the Confirmation class or program?

The purpose of a confirmation class or program is to prepare the person to respond to God’s grace and to take up the responsibilities of Christian discipleship. This preparation is not just information, but formational. The class will cover what it means to be a Christian, what we believe as a church, how we are to live our lives, what our church history and heritage are and more! Our church believes seventh graders are old enough to contribute to the life of our congregation and to live out their faith in the world.

What is the Confirmation Worship Service?

The purpose of the confirmation service is to give the person the opportunity to *respond to God’s call to discipleship* and to *publicly respond and profess the faith*.

Do you have to be baptized to be confirmed?

Yes, because you are a Christian disciple first and then a member of a church. If the student has not yet been baptized and plans to be confirmed, the student may be baptized during any church service. Infant dedication is not the same as the sacrament of baptism. Baptism must have been administered in a congregation recognizing that it is the act of God through the grace of Jesus Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit. Please contact Claire O’Neil in the church office, coneil@fumcr.com or 972-996-0122, to discuss and schedule. The confirmation curriculum will cover the topic of baptism in the spring and our church offers baptism classes led by ministers each month. We also offer an Easter Eve baptismal service that your student may participate in.

Confirmation Curriculum

“Collaborate”

Old Testament

Canon, Hebrew Bible, Genesis

New Testament

Jesus, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Paul & Early Church

Methodist History & Doctrine

John Wesley, Growth of Methodist, Quadrilateral, Grace, Perfection, Prayer, Free Will & the omnipresence of God, Salvation, Baptism, Worship/Service, Holy Communion

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Confirmation Expectations:

- **Regular attendance at Sunday morning Confirmation classes** at 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. (we understand special holidays, blended families, athletics and scouts, but appreciate knowing your student's situations)
- **Regular attendance in Sunday morning worship** (make sure your student registers their worship attendance each Sunday.)
- **Participating in Worship at least once in Modern or Traditional Service** (this could be as a greeter, serving communion, reading the Scripture, leading the Lord's Prayer or Apostle's Creed in either – opportunities will be communicated throughout the year)
- **Participation** in special events (such as the worship leadership, retreat events, service projects, and visits to other churches.)
- **Six hours of mission/volunteer time** with some of those hours volunteering within the church. (see options and suggestions)
- **Memorization** of traditional creeds, liturgy, and Bible passages. (see memorization list)

As you can imagine, Confirmation requires commitment on the part of the parent as well as the young person; this process is designed to help young people prepare for the important decision of Christian discipleship and professing membership. At Confirmation Worship each sixth grader will have the opportunity to profess his or her personal decision; participation in Confirmation classes does not imply that one must be confirmed. Such a decision is quite personal, aided by thoughtful prayer and conversation with parent(s).

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact a member of the Family Ministry team.

Confirmation Important Dates

August

- 6 7th grade Sunday School begins at 9:45
UMYF begins, weekly 5:15-7:00pm in BFLC
- 20 Journey Youth Choir Kick-Off Skating Party, 2:30-4:30
- 25-27 Really Living Retreat

September

- 10 Confirmation Sunday School Begins
- 22 Confirmation Fall Retreat, 6:15-9:30pm

February

- 9-10 Confirmation Mission Retreat, Time TBD

MANDATORY DATES

Confirmation Worship Rehearsal:

Sunday April 14, 12:15-2 pm

Confirmation Worship Service:

Saturday, April 20, 4:00 pm

Confirmation Membership Recognition:

Sunday, April 21 at 11:00 pm in both Traditional and Modern Worship Services

Please also refer to our website at www.fumcr.com/confirmation

Confirmation Memory Work

Committing Scriptures and other resources to memory is a way to internalize the wonderful promises of God. The list is not long, and the items should be familiar to those who have attended church regularly. Students will review in class throughout the year.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen. **Know by: October 15**

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. **Know by: November 19**

Doxology 98

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen. **Know by: Jan. 21**

The Books of the Old / New Testaments

Please be able to identify whether a book is from the Old or New Testament. **Know by: Feb. 25**

United Methodist Youth Fellowship Benediction (Numbers 6: 24-26)

May the Lord Bless you and keep you, May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen. **This will be learned in class.**

Confirmands in Worship

We would like for the Confirmands to participate in a worship service at least once this year. These are all ways in which a Confirmand can be a part of worship service, either as needed or on a regular basis. Confirmands can participate in either Traditional or Modern services.

Worship Participant: Traditional or Modern

Throughout the year of Confirmation, our kids will be asked to participate in the worship service either in traditional or modern. They may be asked to volunteer to lead the Lord's Prayer, the Apostle's Creed, read the Scripture, serve Communion, or other things as needed. Opportunities will be published as the year progresses.

Greeters

The goal is simple.....make people feel welcome at our church! You will be paired with an adult to welcome worshippers to morning services. It's important that you smile, look people in the eye, give them a firm handshake, and say "Good Morning!" Keep in mind that as a greeter, you help our guests form their first impression of grace and are a reflection of our church. Contact Rohini Drake, rdrake@fumcr.com, for more information.

Journey Youth Choir

Journey Youth Choir is made up of 7th through 12th graders and rehearses on Sundays from 4:00-5:15 p.m. The choir occasionally sings in various worship services, but most often is the lead choir for the 8:45 service in the Sanctuary. If you are interested, please contact Caitlin Molechat, caitlin@fumcr.com. You can register at fumcr.com/music_youth

Bells of Bronze: Youth Handbells

This youth bell choir rehearses on Sundays from 3:00-3:45 in the Orr Music Suite. If you are interested, please contact Kim O'Neil, koneil@fumcr.com. You can register at fumcr.com/music_youth

Church and Community Volunteer Ideas

Confirmation 2023-24

Church:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Service hours</u>
Fall Family FunFest	October 22, 2023	2
Advent Workshop, 2-4pm	November 26, 2023	2
Ash Wednesday Service	February 14, 2024	1
Lenten Journey	TBD	1
Easter Egg Hunt	March 23, 2024	
Maundy Thursday	March 28, 2024	1
Good Friday	March 29, 2024	1
Church Visits	TBD	2
Greeter Assistant w/ Adult	Contact Rohini Drake	.5
Usher Assistant w/ Adult	Contact Cheryl Bishop	.5
Youth Choir/Bells	Kick Off August 20	1

Community:

- Make treats for someone on the CARE list or a church staff person - 1 hour
Contact Natalie Nenovich
- Visit a member of the church in Nursing Care - 1 hour
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- Random Acts of Kindness: Do something nice for someone and don't let them know (but you have to tell us all about it!) 30 minutes to 1 hour awarded depending on the act.
- School: Honor Society, or other special committees in school that work for the benefit and welfare of the student body and staff. This task must last the entire school year. 1 hour
- Pet sit or babysit for family or neighbor without taking compensation of any kind. 30 minutes to 1 hr. will be awarded depending on the act.
- Help a neighbor: Take newspaper to front porch OR help set out trash/re-cycling on a consistent basis without taking compensation of any kind. 30 minutes to 1 hour awarded depending on the act.

