



Confirmation 2022

“Seek first the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously...” Matt 6:33 (NLT). As a church family, we are here to partner with you as you raise your youth to seek first God’s Kingdom. One of the most vital ways we do that is through Confirmation. Confirmation is an opportunity for youth to dig deep and learn what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and part of the United Methodist Church. It is an amazing experience. Youth are often surprised by how much they discover about God and themselves. They also find that they enjoy Confirmation and have fun! At the end of the Confirmation classes youth are presented with the opportunity to decide to confirm their Christian faith and either be baptized or confirm baptismal vows given on their behalf as infants.

Confirmation is open to any 8th-12th grader who has not yet been confirmed. Enclosed you will find more information about the Confirmation schedule, as well as information about choosing a mentor for the program. It is requested that youth sign up by January 15, 2023. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at jbush@trinityumc.net or visit www.trinityumc.net/students for more information or to register.

Faithfully,

Jenna Bush | DIRECTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES

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WHAT IS A CONFIRMATION MENTOR?

As part of the Confirmation process, the Confirmands participate in a program of sharing their faith journey with a “Mentor.” A “Mentor” or “Faith Friend,” is a Christian adult that the Confirmand feels comfortable with and can share their journey of faith with through Bible study, outings and time spent together.

The Mentor may be an aunt, uncle, neighbor or any other adult. The Mentor does not have to be a member of Trinity UMC. Parents should not be the mentor of their own child, as mentors are meant to allow the youth to develop other figures of faith in their lives. However, parents are encouraged to be participating in discussions of faith with their Confirmand.

PURPOSE

We desire for our youth to have faith that “sticks”. The Fuller Youth Institute research shows that youth need 5 or more adult faith mentors in their lives to give them the best chance at having a faith that sticks. Though parents still maintain the number one influence in their child’s life, it is crucial that youth have other adults in their lives who model faith, support them in hardship and are willing to talk about the things that matter in life.

REQUIREMENTS

Someone who is continually growing in their relationship with Jesus Christ and active in their faith.

TIME COMMITMENT

Minimum of 8 guided discussions, approximately 1 hour per session. Additional time spent with the Confirmand is desired and encouraged.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Pray for the Confirmand’s spiritual growth
- Attend Confirmation Luncheon Rehearsal & the Confirmation Worship Service
- Serving as an adult during Confirmation class welcomed but not required.

Need help finding a mentor?

Contact Jenna Bush jbush@trinityumc.net



As we strive to encourage our youth and have them make informed decisions when it comes to their faith, we have a mandatory 80% attendance rate in order to participate in Confirmation.

1/8> Confirmation Interest Meeting 10:00am | In the Parlor Confirmation Packet. Explanation of mentors. Review Expectations and schedule.

1/22 > Confirmation Kick-off. Noon -1:30 pm | Session 1: The Story of God & Holy Trinity

2/4> Confirmation Late Night Session w Bowling at Uptown Alley | 7:00-11:00 pm Session 2: Relationship: Broken & Israel: God's Chosen People

2/26> Confirmation Session 3. Noon- 1:30 pm The Promise of Resurrection and What's Yet to Come?

> March Retreat. Date coming soon! We are told it's either the first or second Saturday in March, stay tuned! Session 4: Jesus God with us, Grace, Restored Relationship

3/19 > Confirmation Session. Noon- 1:30 pm | Session 5: What is the Church? Who is Trinity UMC?

4/14> Confirmation Rehearsal & Celebration Dinner for youth, families and mentors at 6:45pm-8pm

4/16 > Confirmation Day at Worship Service of Confirmand's choice