

December 2021

Your youth is invited to participate in Confirmation at Trinity UMC beginning in January 2022 and culminating with Confirmation in worship when we observe All Saints Day on October 30, 2022. Confirmation is an opportunity for them to claim their faith in Jesus Christ and explore what it means to be a member of The United Methodist Church. We believe that youth in 7th grade and up are old enough to accept responsibility for their own faith journey. Their faith becomes their own, personal relationship with Jesus.

Making the decision to follow Christ is a big one. The decision to follow Christ should not be made just because their friends are doing it, or because parents/guardians want their children to be confirmed. It is a decision that should be made between the youth and God. We know that youth do not have all the information that is necessary to make this big decision. Confirmation classes are designed to answer their questions and provide a safe setting for youth to explore their relationship with God.

Youth who have been baptized should use Confirmation as an opportunity to claim and profess their own faith. Youth who have not been baptized have the opportunity to be baptized as a part of the Confirmation process.

Included in this packet is a Confirmation Registration form, a list of important dates, a more detailed explanation of what Confirmation is, and what areas our curriculum will cover. As always, I want to thank you for sharing your youth with me! If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

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2022 Confirmation Registration Form

Class will be on Sundays from 12-1:30 pm.

Name (as it should appear on Confirmation Certificate) _____

Birthdate ____/____/____

T-shirt Size _____

Baptized? _____ Yes _____ No

Approximate Date ____/____/____

If your youth is not baptized, they will be baptized as part of Confirmation.

Parent's/Guardian's Name(s) _____

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number _____

Relation to Student _____

Parent/Guardian Email _____

Relation to Student _____

Student Phone Number _____

Please return to Carly by January 2, 2022.

2022 Confirmation Schedule

Class will be on Sundays from 12-1:30 pm.

December 5, 2021	Parent Meeting at 1:30 pm	
January 9	Student Orientation	What is Confirmation?
January 16	Class 1	Living and Loving Together
January 23	Class 2	Your Faith Journey
January 30	Class 3	The Faith of Jesus
February 6	Class 4	The Early Church & The Reformation
February 13	Class 5	Wesley and the Methodists
February 20	Class 6	The Growth of Methodism
February 27	Class 7	The Local Church
March 6	Class 8	The United Methodist Connection
March 13	Class 9	Worship and Song
March 20	Class 10	Communion
March 27	Class 11	Accepting Grace
April 1-3	Youth Retreat in Junction City - no Sunday Confirmation Class	
April 10	Class 12	A Loving Church
April 17	Easter Sunday - no Confirmation Class	
April 24	Class 13	So Now What?
May 1	Class 14	Faith and Trust
May 8	Class 15	Experiencing God
May 15	Class 16	The Bible
May 22	Class 17	The Holy Trinity
May 27-28	Spring Confirmation Retreat	Who is God, Prayer, Imago Dei

We will not meet for Confirmation during the Summer. Information on Confirmation camp will be available in the early Spring.

September 11	Fall Session Kick-Off	Sin and Grace
September 18	Class 18	Who is Jesus?
September 25	Class 19	What is Salvation?
October 2	Class 20	The Holy Spirit
October 9	Class 21	Life After Death?
October 16	Class 22	The Creeds
October 23	Class 23	A Faith to Decide & Confirm
October 28-29	Summative Retreat and Confirmation Rehearsal	
October 30	Confirmation Sunday!	

What Exactly is Confirmation?

Some of you may be wondering what in the world we mean when we say confirmation. Confirmation is both when we commit ourselves to discipleship and when the Holy Spirit strengthens us to live as faithful disciples.

One question we get is, *Do I have to be baptized in order to be confirmed?* The answer is yes, you must be baptized before you are confirmed. Here is the good news: If you are not baptized, Confirmation also provides the opportunity for you to be baptized! Confirmation classes will prepare you for both baptism and Confirmation. And, you can be baptized the same day you are confirmed!

Confirmation classes prepare us for the journey of Christian discipleship. As we are strengthened with teachings about the Church and God, we learn how to live as faithful disciples. Please contact Carly if you have any questions or concerns. Confirmation is a big decision, but it does not have to be overwhelming.

In order to provide confirmands with extra support, each student will be paired with a mentor from the congregation. Mentors are there to guide confirmands, pray for them, and help with any questions the students have. They will also stand with the confirmands on Confirmation Sunday as they are confirmed into the United Methodist Church.