Confirmation at First United Methodist

Confirmation is an experience for 6th graders of First United Methodist Church. It is roughly a nine-month process beginning in late August and ending in early May. It consists of many different elements designed to increase knowledge of the United Methodist and Christian faiths as well as provide opportunities to experience God on a spiritual level. Below are listed the requirements for Confirmation:

**Registration and Orientation**

All students entering the Confirmation process must complete the Confirmation Registration Card and return it to the Erin Webb or Kayla Carico by *Thursday, July 25th, 2019.*

The Orientation Session for 6th Graders and parents will begin at 10:00AM in Room 304 on *Sunday, July 28th.*  All class members and at least one parent must attend this meeting.

**Confirmation Retreats**

The Confirmation Retreat will be held at *Camp Wesley Woods in Townsend, Friday-Saturday,*

*August 2-3, 2019*. There are two 1-Day Retreats. *T*he 1-Day Retreats will be at the church immediately after school until approximately 5:00PM (Transportation provided if needed). Attendance for the entirety of all three retreats is required for a Confirmation Certificate.

**Faith Buddies**

A Faith Buddy is an adult mentor chosen by the Confirmand. Buddies must be members of this or another United Methodist Church. It should be someone with whom the Confirmand is comfortable sharing some faith issues, who is not a parent or sibling. Faith Buddies will meet together at least six times to go over the student’s journal and the Mentor’s Confirmation Guide. Faith Buddy check in sheets are available on the Confirmation Website and are required for a Confirmation Certificate.

**Sunday School**

Confirmation Class will meet every week beginning *August4th, 2019*. The curriculum is *Credo, a United Methodist publication*. The teachers will be Rev. Mark Flynn, Rev. Chris Black, Rev. Jenny Caughman, Erin Webb, Kayla Carico, Seth O’Kegley, and Susan Whitney. Other guest speakers will be invited to speak along the way as well. 75% attendance in Sunday School is required for a Confirmation Certificate.

**Communication**

The most up to date information will be on the Confirmation Web page at www.fumcor.org. This page is updated regularly. There will also be a Constant Contact newsletter set up using the email address(es) provided on the Confirmation Registration Card. If other addresses need to be added, please contact Erin Webb or Kayla Carico. Constant Contact newsletters will be sent periodically to alert you of upcoming events or schedule changes. *To join the Texting Service, text @wesley18 to 81010.*

**Worship Visitation**

We will visit two congregations as part of our Confirmation experience. You will receive detailed information on these visits closer to the time. If you cannot attend with the class, you’ll need to attend with your family or Faith Buddy at another time. These can also be made up with other Christian worship experiences approved by Erin Webb or Kayla Carico. We will be visiting a Jewish Synagogue and St. Stephens Episcopal Church. Other visits will be added when confirmed.

**Reflection Papers**

Class members will need to complete a Reflection Paper after each of our Worship Visitation experiences. Reflection papers are 1-page fill-in-the-blank sheets where you can record your thoughts and feelings about your experience. Papers are available on the website should be turned in to Erin Webb or Kayla Carico within a week of your visitation. Completion of all papers is a requirement for a Confirmation Certificate.

**Worship Attendance**

Worship attendance at any one of the three services at our church should be 75% (roughly three times per month). Class members are encouraged to sing in the Children’s Choir, serve as acolytes, readers, or in other capacities in any worship service.

**Pastoral Meetings**

Each Confirmand will have an individual meeting with a pastor during the weeks prior to Confirmation Sunday. This will be an opportunity for the Confirmand to discuss any issues he or she might have. It will also be an opportunity for the pastor to talk to the Confirmand about joining the church.

**Confirmation Dinner**

There will be a church-wide dinner to honor the Confirmation class when classes end in the spring. Although the dinner is free for class members, their families and Faith Buddies, reservations are required. At the dinner, class members will receive a Bible and, for those who have completed all of the class requirements, a Confirmation Certificate of Completion.

**Confirmation Sunday**

All Confirmands who have completed the requirements above and who believe they are ready will have the opportunity to join the church on *Confirmation Sunday – Date TBA.* The Class will participate in service at both 8:45 and 11:00AM so plan to be present all morning.

First United Methodist Church

Confirmation 2019-2020

Registration Card

***Student Information***

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(Full Name as you would like it to appear on your Confirmation Certificate and Bible)

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Has youth been baptized? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

If yes, please list church, City, State and date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Faith Buddy Information***

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***Parent Information***

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Parent #2 Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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*Office Use*

\_\_\_\_ Orientation

\_\_\_\_ Retreat

\_\_\_\_ Prayer retreat

\_\_\_\_ My Calling Retreat

Reflection Papers

\_\_\_\_ Jewish Synagogue

\_\_\_\_ St. Stephens Episcopal

Faith Buddy Check-ins

\_\_\_\_ September

\_\_\_\_ October

\_\_\_\_ November

\_\_\_\_ January

\_\_\_\_ February

\_\_\_\_ March

\_\_\_\_ Pastoral Visit (Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_ Sunday school Attendance

\_\_\_\_ Worship Attendance