

# Confirmation 2018

## What is Confirmation?

Confirmation literally means "to make firm." In the Christian Faith, Confirmation is the time and place where we acknowledge that you have reached the age when you can begin to assume responsibility for your own faith. Confirmation means to "make firm or solid" that which our parents have done for us earlier.

1. Confirmation is the continuation of one's faith journey (a journey begun at baptism) and the beginning of one's covenant relationship with the church – not an end unto itself.
2. Confirmation is more than just a series of classes. Confirmands must be fully engaged in the life of the church through worship, service, small groups, and involvement in other ministries.
3. Confirmands should emerge from their confirmation experience prepared for the life of Christian discipleship.

## Requirements

We recognize that the calendar and requirements for confirmation are rigorous. We believe this process is worthy of attention, effort, and commitment. If it is imperative that a student misses a class (illness, etc.) a make-up lesson will be available with a written assignment to be turned in the following class. We encourage parent participation with any make-up lessons.

## Components of the Confirmation Process

### 8 Confirmation Classes

Students must participate in these 8 weekly classes on Tuesday evenings from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., January 16 to March 6. Each class covers a specific theme and lesson specific topics. As fun as weekly classes are, they are only part of Confirmation. Each week confirmands will have a homework assignment that will need to be completed to prepare for the next class. Class teachers will include Kurt Borden, *Associate Pastor*, Steve Brooks, *Senior Pastor*, and Mara Dolan, *Director of Children's Ministry*.

### Confirmation Retreat

Friday, February 9 - Sunday, February 11 we will travel to Lone Tree Ranch (North of Ruidoso) for a once in a lifetime experience. This retreat is an expected part of the Confirmation experience, and we will cover important lessons while we are there.

### Service Project

Service to others is an important part of a faithful life. There will be a service component, and each confirmand is encouraged to participate. The service project is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 3.

### Worship

We have two expectations of worship participation:

- a. Student participating in Confirmation, should be attending worship weekly.
- b. Students should choose one aspect of worship leadership to participate in between January and March. They can be an usher, greeter, acolyte, etc. Please contact Mara Dolan to schedule.

## Confirmation 2018 Calendar

Date	Time	Topic/Event
January 16	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Lesson 1
January 23	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Lesson 2
January 30	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Lesson 3
February 6	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Lesson 4
February 9-11	TBD	Retreat
February 13	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Lesson 5
February 20	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Lesson 6
February 27	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Lesson 7
March 3	TBD	Mission Project
March 6	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Lesson 8
March 19 - April 5	TBD	Final Exams... by appointment
April 7	TBD	Baptism Service and Confirmation Dinner
April 8	10:45 a.m.	Confirmation Sunday

## Confirmation 2018 Covenant

Confirmation is a time to lead our youth toward a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of their lives, an understanding of the Christian faith, and an appreciation of the privileges and obligations of baptism and full church membership. During this season, youth will explore the history of the Church, learn what United Methodists believe, study Scripture, practice prayer, and begin and/or enrich their spiritual journeys. As well, they will attend a once in a lifetime in weekend retreat, a service project, be mentored by a Faith Partner, and meet a lot of new friends!

Because of the significance of Confirmation and all of the program's many elements, we will not allow more than two non-made-up absences from Confirmation lessons. We recognize that the calendar and requirements for confirmation are rigorous. We believe this process is worthy of attention, effort, and commitment. If it is imperative that a student misses a class (illness, etc.) a make-up lesson will be available with a written assignment to be turned in the following class. We encourage parent participation with any make-up lessons. Please be patient with us as we navigate this new opportunity and develop procedures and schedules.

Because a relationship with Christ and His Church is a commitment, Confirmation needs to be a commitment. As with anything else, a commitment to Confirmation demands regular time and attention. While this may initially seem daunting to your child/family, this commitment is highly beneficial in the long run! In the future, your child will have few, if any, opportunities like Confirmation where he/she can learn the "nuts and bolts" of Christianity, talk about religion and the Church, and freely ask questions. We want our youth to take full advantage of the Confirmation experience, which offers all of this and more. We believe that relationships are an important aspect of Christian faith, and a commitment to Confirmation is also a commitment to the class your student is a part of – their fellow students and teachers.

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*I understand and honor the covenant to be present and participate in all 8 Confirmation classes, the Confirmation Retreat, and service project as I commit to learn, grow, and develop as a disciple of Jesus Christ.*

Confirmand Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmand Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)' Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Confirmation 2018 Confirmand Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade\* \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

(\*Please note: Confirmation is for 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above.)

Confirmand E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names (Mom) \_\_\_\_\_

(Dad) \_\_\_\_\_

Mom's Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Dad's cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' E-mail (Mom) \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' E-mail (Dad) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been baptized? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, where and approximate date? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you want your name to appear on your confirmation certificate?

Please print clearly the way you want it on the certificate.

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We ask that all Confirmands order a T-shirt for the retreat and service project. Parents may also order T-shirts. Please indicate your size(s) below and attach a check for \$15 for each T-shirt.

Child Large	Adult Small	Adult Medium	Adult Large	Adult X-Large	Adult XX-Large	Adult XXX-Large

Do you have any questions about the course? If so, what are they?

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