

CONFIRMATION 2024

JANUARY 11-MARCH 3

2024 CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Dear Confirmation Parents,

Steve, Ty, and I are excited to begin Confirmation on Thursday, January 11, 2024! This packet contains a lot of information. Please be sure and read each page for important information.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

- Confirmation classes are **January 11 – February 29** from **5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** Please drop your confirmand off promptly at 5:30 p.m. in the gym. Confirmation students will be meeting in the gym and the youth basement.
- There is an **important parents' component** of Confirmation. This allows the parents to learn alongside their Confirmation students and develop a relationship with the other Confirmation parents. After dropping off their child in the gym, parents should go to the Atrium where they will have dinner (provided at no cost). After dinner, the parents will meet with Pastor Steve in Room 107 from 6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. Parents can meet up with their student near the portico entrance at 7:30 p.m.
- Childcare is available in the ARK (no age limit) for younger siblings beginning at 5:30 p.m. Dinner is also provided for siblings. Please email or text me at maradolan@firstmethodistmidland.com or 432-634-8659 if you will be needing childcare.
- Dinner will be served each Thursday at approximately 6:00 p.m. Students and mentors will eat in the basement, parents will eat in the Atrium, and Ollie and her staff will feed siblings in the ARK. The menu is below. *Salad, cookies, fruit, and Lemonade/Tea will also be served each week.*

Dinner Menu

January 11 – Chick-fil-a

January 18 – Pizza

January 25 – Rosa's

February 1 – Fazoli's

February 8 – Golden Chick

February 15 – Pizza

February 22 – Subway

February 29 – Chick-fil-a

WHAT CONFIRMATION CLASS WILL LOOK LIKE EACH WEEK

Time	Room	Activity
5:30 – 6:00	Gym	Group games and activities (confirmands, teachers, & mentors only)
5:30 – 5:45	Atrium	Parents meet in the Atrium until dinner.
6:00 – 6:30	Basement	Confirmands, mentors, and teachers will eat dinner.
5:45 – 6:15	Atrium	Parents will eat dinner in the Atrium.
6:30 – 7:30	Basement	Confirmands meet with Ty.
6:15 – 7:15	Room 107	Parents meet with Steve.

CONFIRMATION 2024 SCHEDULE

We meet a total of 10 times – 8 Thursday classes, Confirmation retreat, and **Confirmation Sunday** during the 11:00 a.m. service on March 3. Our weekly classes are from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the gym & basement. The dates for our **Thursday Classes** are as follows: January 11, 18, & 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29.

January 11, 2024	Week 1
January 18, 2024	Week 2
January 25, 2024	Week 3
January 26-28, 2024	Retreat at Lone Tree Ranch, Capitan, NM
February 1, 2024	Week 4
February 8, 2024	Week 5
February 15, 2024	Week 6
February 22, 2024	Week 7
February 29, 2024	Week 8 Final Class (exit interview, and recite the Apostles' Creed)
March 3, 2024	Confirmation Sunday during the 11:00 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary and lunch reception to follow

CONFIRMATION RETREAT INFORMATION

Our **Confirmation Retreat is January 26-28** at Lone Tree Ranch in Capitan, New Mexico. This retreat is an important part of the Confirmation experience, and we will cover important lessons while we are there. We will leave Friday, January 26 at 6:00 p.m. Please arrive by 5:30 p.m. We will feed your child dinner on the bus. We will also have snacks and water for them during the trip up to camp. We will be leaving Lone Tree at 9:00 a.m. MT on Sunday morning. We will be back in Midland around 3:00 p.m. We will be sending messages through GroupMe (see below) to keep everyone informed of our progress. Detailed information can be found in the Confirmation Retreat Packet.

CONFIRMATION CHECKLIST

- ☐ Return all camp forms to Mara Dolan at the **January 18** parents' class.
- ☐ Return camp letters to Mara Dolan at the **January 18** parents' class. Instructions for letters are in the Confirmation Retreat Packet.
- ☐ Place all medications for the retreat with instructions in a Ziplock bag.
- ☐ Notify friends and family of Confirmation Sunday on March 3, 2024 at the 11:00 service.
- ☐ Notify Mara Dolan how many people will be attending the lunch after the service. Text or email – 432-634-8659 or maradolan@firstmethoditmidland.com

COMMUNICATION

I will be communicating with parents during Confirmation through GroupMe. If you haven't been added, please scan the QR Code.



My cell phone is 432-634-8659. Also, please visit the Confirmation page on the church website at: firstmethodistmidland.com/confirmation for more information. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday, January 11, 2024!

Blessings,

Mara Dolan, *Children's Ministries Director*