2027 CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Dear Confirmation Parents,

Steve, Kc, and I are excited to begin Confirmation on Thursday, January 7, 2027! This packet contains a lot of information. **Please be sure and read each page for important information.**

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

- Confirmation classes are **January 7 – February 25** 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 Mara Dolan at maradolan@firstmethodistmidland.com or text 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.

Dinner Menu

January 7 – Chick-fil-a

January 14 – Pizza

January 21 – Firehouse Subs

January 28 – Fazoli's

February 4 – Market Street Catering

February 11 – Bush's Chicken

February 18 – Smalls Sliders

February 25 – Barbeque

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 Kc.
6:15 – 7:15	Room 107	Parents meet with Steve.

CONFIRMATION 2026 SCHEDULE

We meet a total of 10 times – 8 Thursday classes, Confirmation retreat, and **Confirmation Sunday** during the 11:00 a.m. service on February 28. 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 7, 14, 21, & 28 February 4, 11, 18, & 25

January 7, 2027	Week 1
January 14, 2027	Week 2
January 15-17, 2027	Retreat at Lone Tree Ranch, Capitan, NM
January 21, 2027	Week 3
January 28, 2027	Week 4
February 4, 2027	Week 5
February 11, 2027	Week 6
February 18, 2027	Week 7
February 25, 2027	Week 8
February 28, 2027	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 15-17** 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 15 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 inthe Confirmation Retreat Packet.

CONFIRMATION CHECKLIST

- ☐ Return all camp forms to Mara Dolan at the **January 14** parents' class.
- ☐ Return camp letters to Mara Dolan at the **January 14** 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 February 28, 2027 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@firstmethodistmidland.com

COMMUNICATION

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

https://groupme.com/join_group/118536435/v5wsPJ1p

Please contact Mara Dolan if you have any questions. Also, please visit the Confirmation page on the church website at: firstmethodistmidland.com/confirmation for more information. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday, January 7, 2025!

Blessings,

Mara Dolan, *Children's Ministry Director*