



To: Parents and students interested in the Confirmation Program.

We are having an informational meeting for those interested in the Confirmation Program at CUMC on **SUNDAY, AUGUST 27th @ 9:45AM in the Youth Room**. We will discuss how confirmation works as well as the requirements we have for the students. The following is a summary of what we will discuss and how confirmation works at CUMC.

Confirmation: Confirmation provides the opportunity for our students to either publicly be baptized for the first time or affirm the baptismal vows taken by their parents at the students birth. Confirmation begins your ninth grade year and ends when requirements are met. Confirmation includes church & youth group participation, confirmation class, and specific event participation.

Parent's Class: At least one parent is **required** to attend a one hour session class taught by Pastor Steve to ready parents for their role in their kid's Confirmation experience — **Sept. 11th or 18th at 7 PM** in the Youth Room.

Church Participation: We expect students desiring to be confirmed to attend Sunday morning worship and Wednesday night youth group. We believe in the necessity of Christians understanding what it means to be a part of the 'body of Christ'.

Confirmation Class: We expect students desiring to be confirmed to attend confirmation class, with the intention of completing Bible studies, readings, and assignments. We feel that in order to confirm a person's faith in Christ, they have to know who Christ is. Confirmation class provides accountability with the goal of education and relationship. The confirmation class will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:35AM.

Confirmation Retreat: Students desiring to be confirmed are **required** to attend a three day retreat, (**May 29th, 30th, & 31st**) to study the vows they will be taking at their confirmation. **If a student does not attend the retreat they will not be confirmed.** We feel that extended periods of time in an environment with other students seeking God has the potential for life-changing impact. (*We also **strongly encourage** students to participate in the events, camps, and retreats throughout the year. These events are excellent opportunities for students to grow in their faith.)

Getting Confirmed:

- Completion of requirements as listed above.
- Indication of readiness to be confirmed to Pastor Jesse.
- Sharing their faith story/testimony with a group of 2-3 staff.
- Talking their vows of Confirmation in a Sunday worship service.

Our first Confirmation class will be **September 10th @ 9:35** in the Youth Room. If you would like your child to begin Confirmation, just have them come to this class. At the class, they will receive the materials that they will need for Confirmation. If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Jesse