



Plan Now for Confirmation 2010!

Hi There FUMC Youth Parent!

If your child has *not* gone through Confirmation and is a 7th-12th grader, please make plans now to be a part of **Confirmation 2010!**

What is Confirmation? Confirmation is rite of passage—a focused spiritual time for deepening a young person's childhood faith towards a more adult faith and for receiving a blessing from their spiritual community, the Church. It's a time for growing closer to God, learning Christian practices, learning basic theology and discovering how these things can make following Christ a life-long joy.

What are the Topics Covered? Each week, we learn about a different Christian spiritual practice and how it can help us go deeper with Christ in our everyday living. We also learn basic theology behind each practice. Here are the practices we will cover: **Pray Daily, Worship Weekly, Read the Bible, Give and Receive in Christian Friendships, Serve Others** and **Give Freely**.

What is a "Friend In Faith"? The Confirmand and parents are asked to find an adult "Friend in Faith" for the Confirmand. This is an adult who is a member of the congregation that the Confirmand respects – a person who the Confirmand hopes s/he will be like one day as an adult Christian. The Friend in Faith **will experience the Kick-Off event (January 25) and then a couple of the Monday classes together with their Confirmand** (FIF's choice) and be encouraged to talk on the phone or get together one or more times with their Confirmand throughout the Confirmation process. It is my hope that a bond develops between these persons that will last through high school if not for a lifetime. **Parents:** I encourage you to help your student to develop a relationship with this adult, especially at the front end, by having them to your house for dinner or some other relaxed time with your family. Tell your Friend In Faith that I will explain more of the details of what they will be doing at the Confirmation Kick-Off on February 2nd.

When Will We Gather? We will gather on **Monday evenings, 6-7:30pm**, in The Zone, **January 25th—April 19th**. We will also have a Confirmation Retreat and of course, Confirmation Sunday. Here are dates for your calendar now.

January

25th: Confirmation Kick-Off (All Parents, Confirmands and Friends In Faith)

February

1st: Session #1 (Pray Daily)

8th: Session #2 (Worship Weekly)

(15th: No Confirmation this week—Presidents' Day Weekend)

22nd: Session #3 (Read the Bible, Part 1)

March

1st: Session #4 (Read the Bible, Part 2)

(8th: No Confirmation this week — Todd gone to Clergy Meeting with Bishop)

15th: Session #5 (Christian Friendships)

(22nd: No Confirmation this week—Spring Break)

29th: Session #6 (Serve Others)

April

(5th: No Confirmation this week — Easter Monday, Church Closed)

9-10th: Confirmation Retreat at John Wesley Ranch (5pm Friday—1pm Saturday)

12th: Session #7 (Give Freely)

19th: Session #8 (Make Up Day for those who missed a session)

25th: Confirmation Sunday, 11am Worship (All Parents, Confirmands, Friends In Faith)

10:30am: Meet in Sanctuary for detailed instructions & seating.

11:00am: Confirmation ceremony happens after Sermon

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions (todds@fumc-cs.org or 884-2502)!

In Christ's Grip,

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