

Dear Student!

Something new and exciting awaits you this year! Our church believes at this point in your life you are ready to examine your relationship with God and study our Christian heritage. Confirmation is where this journey continues for you!

Confirmation is an opportunity to spend time studying our faith and Methodist history. It is also a season for you to grow in your Christian journey and understanding of what it means to follow Jesus. Confirmation class leads up to confirming the vows made at your baptism and joining as a full member of Fishers United Methodist Church.

Confirmation will begin on Friday, January 24, 2020 with a dinner for you, your family and mentor. The confirmation students and mentors will stay after the banquet for an overnight retreat ending Saturday afternoon. This is a great time to get to know one another and to start learning together.

During this Confirmation journey, you will build a special relationship with a mentor. A mentor is someone from our church that you and your parents choose to go through Confirmation alongside you. This person should be someone that you admire and that you see has a strong faith in God. Think about the adults in our church that you really respect—think of past Sunday school teachers, VBS shepherds, Upward coaches, or someone in your parent's Sunday school or Bible study class. Because you and your mentor will spend a good amount of time together, it is best if you and your parents be the ones to choose a mentor. When you ask someone you would like to ask to be your mentor, *give them the enclosed letter and schedule and ask that they prayerfully consider this commitment.* Please understand that some adults you ask may not be able to commit to this class because of other obligations. We are a vital and active congregation with many committed members; there are plenty of great mentors around! Students, this is the beginning of you taking ownership in your faith. You need to be the one to ask a mentor to join you on the journey—although surely your parents will be of support!

A schedule is enclosed. Since Confirmation is such an important time, we ask that students (and families) make a real commitment. *It is expected that you will attend all of the Sunday school classes, afternoon classes, special activities and the retreat.* Confirmation encompasses Sunday school at 9:45, class on Sunday evenings at 5:30-7:30 and several special events. Sunday morning worship is part of this commitment as well. We want for students to experience Sunday morning worship and Sunday school weekly.

Please check out the schedule and talk with your parents about joining Confirmation this year! It is a big commitment and an even bigger step of faith. Please spend some time in prayer before deciding about participating. *We ask that you make a commitment no later than December 29, 2019 by turning in the enclosed covenant with your mentor's name.* If you have any other questions or concerns about Confirmation, please contact Liz Simmonds at the church (lsimmonds@fishersumc.org or 317.849.1805). We hope to hear from you soon!

In Christ,

Liz Simmonds
Intermediate & Jr. High Student Ministries Director

Reverend Doctor Ben Greenbaum
Associate Pastor

Confirmation 2020



12.15.19	Turn in signup covenant	to the church office
1.24-25.20	Opening banquet & retreat	6:30pm - 3:00pm
1.26.20	Sunday School	9:45-10:45a
2.2.20	Attend worship with mentor	Service of your choice(8:30 or 11)
2.2.20	Sunday School	9:45-10:45a
2.9.20	Sunday School	9:45-10:45a
2.9.20	Afternoon class	5:30-7:30p
2.16.20	Attend worship with family	Service of your choice
2.23.20	Sunday School	9:45-10:45a
2.23.20	Afternoon class	5:30-7:30p
3.1.20	Sunday School	9:45-10:45a
3.1.20	Afternoon class	5:30-7:30p
3.8.20	Sunday School	9:45-10:45a
3.8.20	Afternoon class	5:30-7:30p
3.15.20	Sunday School	9:45-10:45a
3.15.20	Afternoon class	5:30-7:30p
3.22.20	Sunday School	9:45-10:45a
3.22.20	Afternoon class	5:30-7:30p
Sat 3.28.20	Day of Serving	9:30-3:30p
3.29.20	Sunday School	9:45-10:45a
4.5.20	Attend worship with family	Service of your choice
4.12.20	HAPPY EASTER! Attend worship	Service of your choice
4.19.20	Sunday School	9:45-10:45a
4.19.20	Afternoon class	5:30-7:30p
4.26.20	Sunday School	9:45-10:45a
4.26.20	Afternoon class	5:30-7:30p
Sat 5.2.20	Day with Jesus	9:30-3:30p
5.3.20	Confirmation Sunday	Service of your choice


CONFIRMATION 2020 COMMITMENT FORM

I, _____, am excited to be a part of Confirmation 2020! Please add me to the class. I understand that all aspects of the class are required. I will do what I can to prepare myself for this class and to make it a great experience.

Student signature

As the guardian(s) of _____, I/We will help to make confirmation a priority for our student and our family. We realize that confirmation is an important spiritual milestone and will help our student to make the most of the opportunity before him/her. I/We understand that all aspects of confirmation are required and will help our student be prepared and in attendance.

Parent(s) signature





Kevin McKinney, Pastor
Ben Greenbaum, Pastor

Dear Prospective Mentor,

A young person thinks very highly of you! You are receiving this letter because a confirmation student believes that you would be a great mentor for him/her as they journey through confirmation this year. As the confirmation leaders, we ask that you carefully and prayerfully consider this request.

We realize mentoring a young person is a big commitment. It can also be an incredibly rewarding experience! Confirmation is a time when spiritual concepts come alive for students and real commitments to follow Jesus are made. You received this letter because a young person believes that they have a lot to learn from you and want to share this important time in their life with you.

What does being a confirmation mentor entail? Being a mentor is a big responsibility. You are a friend, an encourager and a teacher to a young person as he/she goes through an important spiritual milestone. We ask several things of mentors. We ask that you are willing to share your faith journey, you be open and honest with your student and that you be a friend and encourager to your student. In addition, we ask that you commit to attend an opening dinner/retreat(1/24-25/20), Sunday evening classes(5:30-7:30), a day of serving (3/28), and an extra special Day with Jesus (5/2).

Please review the schedule for Confirmation 2020 and prayerfully consider if you are able to be a part of the journey. As part of our ongoing commitment to the safety of our children and youth, if you have not yet completed our Child Protection Training and background check, or it has been longer than two years, you will need to do so.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Liz Simmonds (lsimmonds@fishersumc.org). Thank you and may God continue to bless you as a Christian witness for the young people in our church family.

Blessings to you as you consider this ministry,

Liz Simmonds
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1.24-25.20	Opening Banquet & retreat	6:30p-3:00p
2.2.20	Attend worship with student	Any service
2.9.20	Afternoon class	5:30-7:30p
2.23.20	Afternoon class	5:30-7:30p
3.1.20	Afternoon class	5:30-7:30p
3.8.20	Afternoon class	5:30-7:30p
3.15.20	Afternoon class	5:30-7:30p
3.22.20	Afternoon class	5:30-7:30p
Sat 3.28.20	Day of Serving!	9:30a-3:30p
4.19.20	Afternoon class	5:30-7:30p
4.26.20	Afternoon class	5:30-7:30p
4.22.18	Afternoon class	5:30-7:30p
Sat 5.2.20	Day with Jesus!	9:30a-3:30p
5.3.18	Confirmation Sunday	Any service

Students will also participate in Sunday school at 9:45 and are encouraged to also attend a Sunday morning worship service at 8:30 or 11 am.