



First United Methodist Church  
- *Richardson* -

# Confirmation Information Booklet 2024-25

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# ***What is Confirmation?***

The word “confirmation’ literally means “to make firm.” Confirmation seeks to make firm that which has gone before. It is closely linked to (and dependent on) what has taken place in the individual’s life already, including God’s grace, the sacrament of baptism, the Christian nurture provided by the parents and the home, and the Christian nurture provided by the faith community.

## ***What is the Confirmation class or program?***

The purpose of a confirmation class or program is to prepare the person to respond to God’s grace and to take up the responsibilities of Christian discipleship. This preparation is not just information, but formational. The class will cover what it means to be a Christian, what we believe as a church, how we are to live our lives, what our church history and heritage are and more! Our church believes seventh graders are old enough to contribute to the life of our congregation and to live out their faith in the world.

## ***What is the Confirmation Worship Service?***

The purpose of the confirmation service is to give the person the opportunity to *respond to God’s call to discipleship* and to *publicly respond and profess the faith*.

## ***Do you have to be baptized to be confirmed?***

Yes, because you are a Christian disciple first and then a member of a church. If the student has not yet been baptized and plans to be confirmed, the student may be baptized during any church service. Infant dedication is not the same as the sacrament of baptism. Baptism must have been administered in a congregation recognizing that it is the act of God through the grace of Jesus Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit. Please contact Claire O’Neil in the church office, [coneil@fumcr.com](mailto:coneil@fumcr.com) or 972-996-0122, to discuss and schedule. The confirmation curriculum will cover the topic of baptism in the spring and our church offers baptism classes led by ministers each month. We also offer an Easter Eve baptismal service that your student may participate in.

# Confirmation Curriculum

## “Collaborate”

### Old Testament

Canon, Hebrew Bible, Genesis

### New Testament

Jesus, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Paul & Early Church

### Methodist History & Doctrine

John Wesley, Growth of Methodist, Quadrilateral, Grace, Perfection, Prayer, Free Will & the omnipresence of God, Salvation, Baptism, Worship/Service, Holy Communion

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## Confirmation Expectations:

- **Regular attendance at Sunday morning Confirmation classes** at 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. (we understand special holidays, blended families, athletics and scouts, but appreciate knowing your student's situations)
- **Regular attendance in Sunday morning worship** (make sure your student registers their worship attendance each Sunday.)
- **Participating in Worship at least once in Modern or Traditional Service** (this could be as a greeter, serving communion, reading the Scripture, leading the Lord's Prayer or Apostle's Creed in either – opportunities will be communicated throughout the year)
- **Participation** in special events (such as the worship leadership, retreat events, service projects, and visits to other churches.)
- **Six hours of mission/volunteer time** with some of those hours volunteering within the church. (see options and suggestions)
- **Memorization** of traditional creeds, liturgy, and Bible passages. (see memorization list)

As you can imagine, Confirmation requires commitment on the part of the parent as well as the young person; this process is designed to help young people prepare for the important decision of Christian discipleship and professing membership. At Confirmation Worship each sixth grader will have the opportunity to profess his or her personal decision; participation in Confirmation classes does not imply that one must be confirmed. Such a decision is quite personal, aided by thoughtful prayer and conversation with parent(s).

***If you have questions or would like more information, please contact a member of the Family Ministry team.***

# Confirmation Important Dates

## August

- 4 Ohana to welcome 7<sup>th</sup> grade class, 9:45-1pm
- 9-11 Really Living Retreat
- 18 Journey Youth Choir Kick-Off
- 25 UMYF Kick Off- Icecreamapalooza, 5:30-7:30

## September

- 8 Confirmation Sunday School Begins

## October

- 13-14 Jr High Mystery Trip

### **\*MANDATORY DATES\***

#### **Confirmation Worship Rehearsal:**

Sunday April 23, 6:30-8:30pm

#### **Confirmation Worship Service & Membership Recognition:**

Sunday, April 27, 5:00 pm

Please also refer to our website at [www.fumcr.com/confirmation](http://www.fumcr.com/confirmation)

# Confirmation Memory Work

*Committing Scriptures and other resources to memory is a way to internalize the wonderful promises of God. The list is not long, and the items should be familiar to those who have attended church regularly. Students will review in class throughout the year.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen. **Know by: October 20**

## **The Apostles Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. **Know by: November 17**

## **Doxology 98**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen. **Know by: Jan. 26**

## **The Books of the Old / New Testaments**

Please be able to identify whether a book is from the Old or New Testament. **Know by: Feb. 9**

## **United Methodist Youth Fellowship Benediction (Numbers 6: 24-26)**

May the Lord Bless you and keep you, May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen. **This will be learned in class.**

# Confirmands in Worship

We would like for the Confirmands to participate in a worship service at least once this year. These are all ways in which a Confirmand can be a part of worship service, either as needed or on a regular basis. Confirmands can participate in either Traditional or Modern services.

## **Worship Participant: Traditional or Modern**

Throughout the year of Confirmation, our kids will be asked to participate in the worship service either in traditional or modern. They may be asked to volunteer to lead the Lord's Prayer, the Apostle's Creed, read the Scripture, serve Communion, or other things as needed. Opportunities will be published as the year progresses.

## **Greeters**

The goal is simple.....make people feel welcome at our church! You will be paired with an adult to welcome worshippers to morning services. It's important that you smile, look people in the eye, give them a firm handshake, and say "Good Morning!" Keep in mind that as a greeter, you help our guests form their first impression of grace and are a reflection of our church. Contact Julie Dean [jdean@fumcr.com](mailto:jdean@fumcr.com), for more information.

## **Journey Youth Choir**

Journey Youth Choir is made up of 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders and rehearses on Sundays from 4:00-5:15 p.m. The choir occasionally sings in various worship services, but most often is the lead choir for the 8:45 service in the Sanctuary. If you are interested, please contact Caitlin Molechat, [caitlin@fumcr.com](mailto:caitlin@fumcr.com). You can register at [fumcr.com/music\\_youth](http://fumcr.com/music_youth)

## **Bells of Bronze: Youth Handbells**

This youth bell choir rehearses on Sundays from 3:00-3:45 in the Orr Music Suite. If you are interested, please contact Kim O'Neil, [koneil@fumcr.com](mailto:koneil@fumcr.com). You can register at [fumcr.com/music\\_youth](http://fumcr.com/music_youth)

# Church and Community Volunteer Ideas

## Confirmation 2024-25

### Church:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Service hours</u>
Fall Family FunFest	October 27, 2024	2
Advent Workshop, 2-4pm	December 1, 2024	2
Ash Wednesday Service	March 5, 2025	1
Lenten Journey	TBD	1
Easter Egg Hunt	April 13, 2025	
Maundy Thursday	April 17, 2025	1
Good Friday	April 18, 2025	1
Church Visits	TBD	2
Greeter Assistant w/ Adult	Contact Julie Dean	.5
Usher Assistant w/ Adult	Contact Julie Dean	.5
Youth Choir/Bells	Kick Off August 18	3

### Community:

- Make treats for someone on the CARE list or a church staff person - 1 hour  
*Contact Natalie Nenovich*
- Visit a member of the church in Nursing Care - 1 hour  
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- Random Acts of Kindness: Do something nice for someone and don't let them know (but you have to tell us all about it!) 30 minutes to 1 hour awarded depending on the act.
- School: Honor Society, or other special committees in school that work for the benefit and welfare of the student body and staff. This task must last the entire school year. 1 hour
- Pet sit or babysit for family or neighbor without taking compensation of any kind. 30 minutes to 1 hr. will be awarded depending on the act.
- Help a neighbor: Take newspaper to front porch OR help set out trash/re-cycling on a consistent basis without taking compensation of any kind. 30 minutes to 1 hour awarded depending on the act.





# **A Note to Parents/Grandparents...**

Family members are the number one faith influence in a child's life and are just as much Confirmation teachers as the teachers and the pastors. Confirmands are expected to be at their class and to events in a timely manner. Do not allow your Confirmand to miss Confirmation without good reason. Please make Confirmation a priority in your family's life this year. Confirmation is what you make it. If it is important to you, it will be important to your child.

## **Confirmation Connection Sunday School for Parents/Grandparents**

To all Parents/Grandparents of 7<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation students: Each year we usually have a Sunday School class that is just for parents/ grandparents of 7th grade Confirmation students. The purpose of this Sunday School class is to connect parents/grandparents of the current Confirmation class and receive exposure to the curriculum the students are learning. We hope you will join us in this opportunity to understand the Confirmation process, learn more about FUMCR, and discuss how to support and guide our 7th graders at this point in their faith journey. If you wish to be a part of this class, please email Kim at [kcurtis@fumcr.com](mailto:kcurtis@fumcr.com).

## **Weekly Emails to Keep You Up to Date**

Weekly emails will be sent to each Confirmand family, keeping you up to date on upcoming activities and expectations for the next week. These emails are very important to keep you informed and your Confirmand involved. If you would like to have this information sent to an email address other than what you listed on your registration, please update your email address with Kim Curtis at [kcurtis@fumcr.com](mailto:kcurtis@fumcr.com). The weekly emails will be sent from [kcurtis@fumcr.com](mailto:kcurtis@fumcr.com); to help prevent these emails from going to your spam folder, please add this address to your email contacts.



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