

Frequently Asked Questions

What is confirmation?

Confirmation is more than just a series of classes. Confirmation is not an end unto itself. It is the continuation of one's faith journey and the beginning of one's covenant relationship with the church. Confirmands must be fully engaged in the life of the church through worship, service, small groups, and involvement in other ministries. They should emerge from their confirmation experience prepared to lead a life of Christian discipleship.

Is it a requirement for parents to be members of FUMC, McKinney in order for their child to participate?

No. All are welcome! In April, the students will be given the opportunity to join the church. At that time, families who have not yet joined will be extended that same invitation.

What happens at the confirmation service on April 28, 2012?

Your children will plan and lead this very meaningful service of worship. During the service, some students will be baptized and all students (if they choose to do so) will affirm their faith through the confirmation vows and will take the vows of church membership. Parents and prayer partners will stand with their children as they are confirmed. Friends and other family members are welcome to attend the service and reception which will follow.

My child has not been baptized. Will he/she need to be baptized before confirmation and when will that happen?

Yes. You may choose to schedule a baptism during a Sunday morning worship service or your child may be baptized at the confirmation service on April 28. Special arrangements will need to be made for students who choose to be baptized by immersion.

If my child was baptized as an infant or was baptized in another church or denomination, will he/she need to be baptized again.

No. The United Methodist Church honors and accepts all forms of baptism.

Why do we need to attend the retreats? Is financial assistance available?

Retreats offer experiences that cannot be duplicated in class sessions. At retreats, we can get away from distractions and focus on God's presence in our lives. At both the fall retreat at Sky Ranch and the spring in-town retreat, many important lessons will be covered and stronger relationships will be built through group building activities and social time. Contact Chris or Shona to make arrangements for financial assistance. We don't want money to prohibit anyone from attending.

What if my child misses a class session?

Make up lessons will be offered once per month, most likely on a Sunday afternoon. More details will be communicated at orientation in August.

What are prayer partners?

Prayer partners are adult members of the congregation who commit to praying for and supporting your child throughout this process and beyond. Some group activities will be planned for confirmands and prayer partners. We request that prayer partners not be parents of students in the confirmation class or FUMC staff members.

What if we don't know anyone to ask to be our child's prayer partner?

We will help you find one.

What are some ways that parents can get involved?

This ministry takes the hearts, hands, and feet of many! Please fill out the Leadership Team Volunteer Form or talk to Shona about how you would like to serve. In addition, we invite you to join the Sunday school class designed specifically for confirmation parents, called the Credo class. The curriculum will follow that which your children will be studying. The class will meet each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. beginning August 21. Location TBD.



Student Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

School Attends: _____

Student's Contact Email: _____

Parent Information

Parent 1 Name: _____

Contact Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent 2 Name: _____

Contact Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

