

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE & STRUCTURE

2024-2025

One of the great traditions in the Church is Confirmation for youth students. This marks a time of great spiritual growth and a coming of age where students are asked to profess their faith in Jesus Christ as they become members of the church.

What is Confirmation?

Confirmation Class is the next step in a youth's faith formation journey. During Confirmation, we learn some foundational things of what we believe, what it means to be a Christian, what it means to be a Methodist, and what it means to be a member of Apex UMC. Confirmation is the beginning of youth taking ownership for their own faith, rather than following the faith of their parents. When a youth graduates from our ministry we want them to be able to articulate what they believe, and why they believe it. Confirmation provides a valuable space for youth to begin to wrestle with some big questions including, what do I believe? Will you have all the answers after Confirmation? No, faith is a lifelong journey, but we do hope you will have some of the tools needed for the next phase of your faith development.

What are Confirmation Mentors?

Confirmation Mentors are trusted adults in your students life who will attend a large portion of the Confirmation class with your Confirmand. Confirmation mentors walk alongside your student during this Confirmation process to ask big questions, discover the stories of faith, and help them as they take this step in their journey of faith. Your child's mentor could be you, the parent, or it could be another trusted adult (21+) in the life of your child - small group leader, grandparent, family friend, youth leader, etc. We highly encourage this to be a decision that your child makes and personally asks their potential mentor - parent or another trusted adult. As you help your child think of, reach out, and ask their Confirmation Mentor, make sure to find out if they can be there in-person on the mentor days listed below in the schedule. If you are having trouble finding a mentor and are unable to be your child's mentor as a parent, please contact Tanner Johnson at tanner.johnson@apexumc.org for help.

What grades is Confirmation available for?

Confirmation is open for all 8th-12th graders seeking to take the next step in their faith journey.

When is Confirmation?

Confirmation will take place on selected Sundays from October 13 to February 9 at 11:00am in the CLC. There will be several breaks around Christmas and other Holidays.

Schedule & Different Types of Days

Here is the Schedule for Confirmation this upcoming school year! Please recognize that there are different types of days: Everyone Days, Mentor Days, and Activity Days

Everyone Days - Students, Parents, and Mentors (if not a parent) are required to attend

Mentor Days - Students & Mentors are required to attend

Activity Days - Students only

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION October 13: CLC - 11:00am (Everyone Day)

SESSION 1: WE ARE THE CHURCH October 20: CLC - 11:00am (Mentor Day)

SESSION 2: THE BIBLE November 3: CLC - 11:00am (Activity Day)

SESSION 3: THE HOLY TRINITY November 17: CLC - 11:00am (Mentor Day)

SESSION 4: CHURCH HISTORY November 24: CLC - 11:00am (Mentor Day)

SESSION 5: JESUS CHRIST December 8: CLC - 11:00am (Activity Day)

Break for Christmas

SESSION 6: WORSHIP January 5: CLC - 11:00am (Everyone Day)

SESSION 7: SPIRITUAL HABITS January 12: CLC - 11:00am (Activity Day)

SESSION 8: VOWS February 2: CLC - 11:00am (Mentor Day)

SESSION 9: MISSION February 9: CLC - 11:00am (Mentor Day)

CONFIRMATION RETREAT February 21 & 22 (with Parents for parts of retreat)

* more details to come following registration close

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY: March 2 - 9:35 am Contemporary & 11:00 am Traditional

Parents & Confirmation

We know and believe that no one has a greater influence on a youth's spiritual development than their parents. That is why for this important mile marker in a youth's spiritual journey we have parents as an integral part of the Confirmation process. This year, we will have 3 separate sessions (October 15, January 7th, and during parts of the retreat on in February 23 & 24) where we want parents to join their child & their mentor during the session. If you all as a family decide for the parent to be the mentor, then you will be asked to attend every session with your child - except for Activity Days.

Cost

There is no cost for Confirmation this year!

What if my students need to miss a week?

We understand life happens and you may not be able to make it every week. If you need to miss a week we ask that you let us know in advance and then have you and your mentor make up the session with our Confirmation Staff.