

UPUMC CONFIRMATION

here's what's happening.

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CONFIRMATION 2011-2012

UPUMC's Confirmation Program

Confirmation at UPUMC is a time where our youth learn the fundamental beliefs and origins of Christianity. We address through activities and lessons concepts as clear and fundamental as God's grace and love to far more complex subjects like the atonement, the sacraments and the creeds. We discuss the various Christian denominations as well as other faiths and belief systems with the focused intent of preparing our youth to make their own statement of faith.

Sunday Schedule

- September 11 - Methodism
- September 18 - Methodism
- September 25 - Methodism
- October 2 - Methodism
- October 9 - Creed: Can it be proven that God exists?
- October 16 - Creed: How can God be three-in-one?
- October 23 - Creed: Does God still create stuff today?
- **October 23 - Lunch with Friend in Faith @ all church lunch.**
- October 30 - Creed: Am I really supposed to believe Mary was a virgin?
- November 6 - Creed: Why did Jesus go to hell?
- November 13 - Creed: Is the Holy Spirit a person, or wind, or what?
- November 20 - Discipleship: Why should I follow Jesus? Can't I just say I believe in him?
- **November 20 - Breakfast with Friend in Faith @ all church breakfast.**
- November 27 - No Confirmation Class (Thanksgiving Break)
- December 4 - No Confirmation Class (Christmas in Song & Story)
- December 11 - Discipleship: Why should I pray when God doesn't answer all my prayers?

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- *December 11 - Dinner with Friend in Faith @ all church dinner after Lessons & Carols*
- December 18 - Discipleship: Why should I pray the Lord's Prayer when it feels like I'm just going through the motions?
- December 25 - No Confirmation Class (Christmas break)
- January 1- No Confirmation Class (New Year's Day)
- January 8 - Confirmation Retreat (Location TBD) Discipleship: Can someone lose their salvation? Discipleship - Can I be a Christian without going to church? & other activities (TBD)
- January 15 - Preparation and Rehearsal for Confirmation Ceremony
- *January 22 - Confirmation Sunday in the 11:00 service, followed by a lunch for the families and mentors.*
- *February 19 - Confirmation Celebration with the Bishop of the North Texas Conference.*

FRIEND IN FAITH

Each Confirmation student will choose a friend in faith to walk along with them through this formative time. Friends in faith tend to be adults or older youth, preferably not their own parent(s), with whom the Confirmand has a relationship.

We hope that each Confirmand will be able to meet with their friend in faith at least once a month to discuss what they're learning, what's been going on in their life, questions that they have about God and Christianity, and to spend time in prayer. Our calendar includes three church-wide meals at which we will have a couple tables designated for Confirmands and their friends in faith. Youth mission activities are also great opportunities to spend time with friends in faith.

If you are new to UPUMC or would like some help finding a friend in faith, feel free to contact Rachel & Neil.

WORSHIPPING TOGETHER

We all know that worship is important. During this formative Confirmation time, we want to build cohesiveness amongst our Confirmands, their teachers and the larger church by worshipping together each Sunday in The Bridge service. We hope that through those shared experiences, the Confirmands will have and feel comfortable to ask more questions. There will also be opportunities for them to serve as ushers, greeters and so forth.

We know that many families worship in the Traditional Services and, by no means, do we want to discourage worshipping together as a family. We also recognize that many of our Confirmands participate in the Children's Choirs and do, therefore, participate in the Traditional Service on occasion. We just want to make sure that all our kids are getting the full experience of Sunday School and worship on Sunday.