

# CONFIRMATION OVERVIEW

## St. Peter's United Methodist Church

### Student Ministries

### 2012-13

#### What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is a 9 month program. It is a special time when students will learn and experience the Christian faith. Students will learn about God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and how to be a committed disciple of Christ.

#### Confirmation Program

Confirmation is much more than classroom instruction. It is a comprehensive youth program that includes retreats, socials, visits, mission projects, and special worship services. Many of these components are reflected in the class curriculum. We debrief our visits to the Jewish synagogue, the Roman Catholic Church, and an African-American congregation of the United Methodist Church during our morning sessions.

#### Confirmation Dates

**Confirmation class begins Sunday, August 26, 2012.** Our class will continue to meet every Sunday morning through May 5, 2013. The class will be held at 9:45 a.m. Each week will include a large group session and small group time where students can get closer to others and process what they have learned in a more intimate setting. Confirmation class will culminate on Sunday, May 19, 2013 during a Confirmation Worship Service. After students are confirmed they will transition into the Student Ministry on Sunday mornings. Our class session meets on Sunday morning for two reasons. First, our maximum attendance is on Sunday morning. Second, we have made Confirmation class our sixth grade Sunday school.

#### Small Groups

Small groups are essential for our confirmation program. Our sessions are divided into small groups of 6 to 8 students and 1 to 2 adult table leaders.

#### Expectations

The Confirmation program is a comprehensive package of classes and events. It is important that participants be involved in activities and events, not just Sunday morning classes. There are planned retreats, mid-week groups and social gatherings.

We require a **75% physical attendance** to Confirmation class and **100%** of all lessons completed. If a class has to be missed, confirmands will have 2 options for making up their absence.

Option 1: Students will have the opportunity to make-up missed classes by attending a monthly session held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month. *Attending a makeup session will count towards their "physical attendance" requirement whereas completing lessons at home (option 2) will not.*

Option 2: Missed lessons can be obtained from [www.stpstudentministries.org](http://www.stpstudentministries.org). Make-up lessons are required **within 3 weeks of the missed class.**

In addition to a physical presence, students are expected to bring a bible (bibles are included in confirmation fee) every Sunday. We feel this will enhance the class for every student.

There will also be a class offering taken every Sunday. During the year, the confirmation class will decide together how to spend their offering. Students will be expected to memorize the following **by December 2012:**

- The Lord's Prayer
- The Apostles Creed

Students are also expected to read the 4 Gospels by December 2012.

#### Cost

There is a \$175.00 Confirmation fee that covers the cost for the spring retreat, a bible and journal for each student, a confirmation T-Shirt,

curriculum and expenses for Confirmation events. Partial and Full scholarships are available.

### Worship

It is expected that families who are in the Confirmation program make Worship a holy habit. Worship is an integral part of the Confirmation process.

Students learn about Worship from their parents and the congregation.

### Rooted

Students are encouraged to attend Rooted on Wednesdays throughout the year. This is a midweek gathering for 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students that helps them learn and grow in their faith while building lasting friendships with others.

### Important Dates

Confirmation has many special events so plan ahead and mark your calendar of these dates:

### **Get to Know You Pizza Party**

*Wesley Student Center*

September 9, 2012

### **Visit Jewish Service**

Friday, September 28, 2012

### **Movie Night**

Sunday, October 21, 2012

### **Visit Roman Catholic Church**

Sunday, November 12, 2012

### **Covenant Glen United Methodist Church Visit**

*Sunday, January 27, 2013*

### ***Gaga Ball/Outside Games***

*Sunday, March 3, 2012*

### **Confirmation Spring Retreat**

Saturday, April 27, 2013 –

Sunday, April 28, 2013

Camp Cho-Yeh

Livingston, TX

### **Confirmation Service**

May 19, 2013

*(Details to be Determined)*