



What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is a school year long (September to March) process involving youth, parents, youth staff, and clergy. **Our confirmation program is for students in grades 7th and 8th.** It is a special time in the life of a student when they learn about and experience the Christian faith and what we believe as Methodists. They will learn about the Sacraments, grace, free will, and how to continue growing as a committed disciple of Jesus Christ. This is also a time for students to reflect on what they have been taught growing up and to be able to respond to being confirmed in the church and professing faith in Jesus Christ. Students will have the chance to learn about and respond to the gift of salvation.

Confirmation is a School Year Long Program

Confirmation is more than just a Sunday morning class. We will have our own kickoff event, sessions, possible field trips, and special activities. Take a deep breath and get ready to plant yourself in a year full of adventure and spiritual growth.

Begin Confirmation with an Awesome Retreat

This year's confirmation will begin with a one day event in the Lower Room at our church from 10am-3pm. It will feature three lessons, games, group activities, and connecting with some of our awesome confirmation coaches who will help shepherd your student in the years to come.

Our Formal Class Session Will Begin in the Fall

After the confirmation retreat, our formal class sessions will begin on September 12. These class sessions will be led by youth staff, confirmation coaches, and clergy. Our class will meet most Sundays from September through March in the Lower Room youth area and classrooms from 10:10am - 11:00am.

What Are The Attendance Requirements?

Confirmation is a comprehensive combination of a retreat, classes, and events for confirmands and their parents. It is intended that all participants be involved in the whole range of their respective activities. The dates on the calendar below in **YELLOW** are the dates that, if missed, must be made up at the scheduled "Review/Make Up Session" times. They are also the dates that apply to the "no more than 3" rule. Remember, what we are doing in confirmation is very important and we do not want anyone to miss more than three lessons because of how vital they are to what we are discussing.

Mark Your Calendar for These Important Dates

Everything in confirmation is important, but a few events are very special. Please be sure to place these dates on your calendar:

Confirmation Event - Lower Room, MFUMC - 10:00am - 3:00pm - September 11, 2021

Confirmation Banquet - March 5, 2021 - 4:30pm - 6:30pm - Family Life Hall

Confirmation Sunday - March 6, 2021 - 9:00am & 11:15am - Sanctuary

As a Parent, How Can I Get Involved?

The confirmation process is a family one, involving parents in several ways. Confirmation is very important, a sacred step in the life of your child. One that requires your support and participation. We would love your prayers, presence in church, and your witness to your student by continuing the discussion at home. Also we hope that you, if you have not, would find a place here at Marietta First United Methodist Church where you can grow, find community, and worship. There are other ways you can help serve in Fusion Youth as well. Please reach out to us via email (mfumcfusion@gmail.com) if you would like to get even more connected to the program.

2021-2022 Tentative Confirmation Syllabus

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lesson</u>	<u>Additional Details</u>
9/5/2021	Normal Sunday School	Labor Day Weekend
9/11/2021	John Wesley Part 1 & Part 2 & the Growth of Methodist	Confirmation Event at Church (10am-3pm) in the Lower Room
9/12/2021	The Quadrilateral	
9/19/2021	Review/Make Up Session	
9/26/2021	Normal Sunday School	Fall Break
10/3/2021	Grace	
10/10/2021	Perfection	
10/17/2021	Prayer	
10/24/2021	Free Will and The Omnipresence of God	
10/31/2021	Salvation	
11/7/2021	Holy Communion	
11/14/2021	Review/Make Up Session	
11/21/2021	Normal Sunday School	Thanksgiving Break
11/28/2021	Normal Sunday School	First Sunday of Advent
12/5/2021	Review/Make Up Session	Second Sunday of Advent
12/12/2021	Normal Sunday School	Third Sunday of Advent
12/19/2021	Normal Sunday School	Christmas Break/Fourth Sunday of Advent
12/26/2021	Normal Sunday School	Christmas Break
1/2/2022	Normal Sunday School	New Year's Weekend
1/9/2022	Worship/Service	
1/16/2022	Review/Make Up Session	MLK Jr. Weekend
1/23/2022	The General Rules	
1/30/2022	The Global Methodist Church	
2/6/2022	No Sunday School	Discovery Weekend
2/13/2022	Baptism and Confirmation	

2/20/2022	Review/Make Up Session	Mid-Winter Break
2/27/2022	Covenant Membership Vows	
3/5/2022	Confirmation Banquet & Rehearsal	
3/6/2022	Confirmation Sunday	

2021 - 2022 Confirmation Covenant

Christian Education

Just like in school, study is important. In this life we never stop learning, we are always students. Our faith development never stops either. We know that studying God's word gives us everything we need to know to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Our first commitment is to develop a habit to have daily time alone with God. This time includes solitude, reading Scripture, reflecting on God's word, and prayer. As confirmands, we vow to have regular time alone with God, attend Sunday morning confirmation classes, retreats, and Sunday night Fusion Worship.

Showing Up

Jesus had a small group. Jesus mentored the Apostles, who mentored disciples, and on and on until we get to today. This is how we share the faith—human to human, life to life. This is called discipleship. If we have not started this yet, we do in confirmation by showing up and focusing to hear what God has in store for us. We do this by engaging in worship, acts of service together, and working through a call to discipleship. Participating and showing up to the scheduled activities are very important in getting a full confirmation experience. These activities are vital to understand the importance of what we believe as Christians and as Methodists.

Worship

Worship is vital, both corporate and private worship. In corporate worship we were able to grow in community not only with God but with each other. This is done when we are faithfully present on Sunday mornings, at Fusion Worship, and at Sunday School. We believe that private worship is where we, individually, commune with God. This is done in various ways but often times it incorporates us being alone, in prayer, and reading the Scriptures. Some people do this as they go on a hike on a quiet trail while others find their time at the end of the day. There are multiple ways to do this, but it is important that we are doing something.

Service

We believe that there is no such thing as personal holiness unless we have social holiness too. That means we are servants doing work inside and outside the church. We are Christians at Marietta First United Methodist Church, but we believe that the entire planet is our parish. Inside the church we support our ministries in missions—like Fusion Worship, acolyting, and Youth Choir. Outside the church we serve on mission teams and do things in our school, neighborhoods, and communities.

Today before God and my fellow confirmands and leaders, I pledge to follow-through on these promises and the commitment I make to Marietta First United Methodist Church. I pledge my loyalty to my congregation and my heart to Jesus Christ.

Parent's Name: _____ Date: _____

Confirmand's Name: _____ Date: _____