



Confirmation 2018 Parent Handout

I. Purpose

- **To help this Confirmation class confirm their faith in God.**
 - We are focused on guiding and instructing our Confirmands on the vows they are making in order to become professing members of the United Methodist Church.

II. Goals

- To have each Confirmand rejoice in God's freedom and power, and confess Jesus Christ as their Savior.
- To have each Confirmand grow deeper in their faith walk and desire to be active in the Youth Group and the Athens First United Methodist Church body.
- To have each Confirmation family grow deeper in their faith journey together and be renewed in their desire to serve Athens First UMC with their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service and their witness.

III. Leadership

- **Josh Miles is directing the Confirmation 2018 experience**
- **Confirmation Mentor Team**
 - Team of adults serving as shepherds for the Confirmands during the Confirmation process
 - And beyond as Grade Level Sponsors

IV. Sunday Night Confirmation Sessions

- **Eight total sessions from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**
 - Starting September 9 & ending November 4
- **On Sunday evenings, Encounter runs from 5:45-7:30 p.m.**
- **Here's how this time frame will work for the Confirmands**
 - Wesleyan Youth Choir concludes at 5:45 p.m.
 - Confirmands will eat with entire Youth Group, then participate in worship and the message for the evening with the Youth Group
 - Dinner, worship and the message will take us to 6:30
 - After the message, the Confirmands will go up to Hancock Hall for the evening sessions

- Confirmands will be dismissed from the youth room at 7:30 after the entire youth group joins hands for prayer and the benediction

V. Key Dates

- **August 5: Promotion Sunday**
 - Sunday School in August a time of intentional group-building amongst the grades, including Confirmation
 - Fellowship. Group-building Games. Breakout Sessions
 - Focus on welcoming these youth into the life of our youth program and developing relationships with the older youth
- **August 24-26: Confirmation Retreat**
 - Camp Glisson Retreat Center in Dahlonega, Ga.
 - A time for Confirmation Class team-building, reflection, worship, and establishing deeper roots in the community of faith
- **September 9: Session 1**
 - John Wesley and the United Methodist Church
 - Acolyte/Worship Component led by Janis Maxwell included in this session
- **September 16: Session 2**
 - Renounce, Reject, Repent
- **September 23: Session 3**
 - Accept
- **September 30: Session 4**
 - Confess
- **October 7: Session 5**
 - I Believe (The Creeds)
- **October 14: Session 6**
 - Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness
- **October 28: Session 7**
 - Going Forth
- **November 4: Session 8**
 - Dress Rehearsal with parent(s) in the Sanctuary for Confirmation Sunday
- **November 8: Confirmation Banquet**
 - Celebration banquet in Hancock Hall with Confirmands and their families
- **November 11: Confirmation Sunday**
 - Worship, Baptism, and Confirmation in the Athens First UMC sanctuary

VI. Fees

Fees Per-Person

Camp Glisson	
Lodging & Meals	\$ 125.00
Camp Glisson Low	
Elements Course	\$ 15.00
Confirmation	
Supplies	\$ 8.00
T-Shirt	\$ 12.00
Bible	\$ 20.00
Total Per-Person	
Charge:	\$ 180.00