## **FALL 2018 Confirmation Calendar**

Confirmands are welcome to all youth group activities before the first Confirmation session on September 9; starting August 6 with Promotion Sunday. This includes <u>First Word</u> (August 5), <u>Encounter</u> (starting August 12), and <u>Engage</u> (starting August 15).

## 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

- o 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

- o John Wesley and the United Methodist Church
  - Acolyte/Worship Component led by Janis Maxwell included in this session
- September 16: Session 2
  - o Renounce, Reject, Repent
- September 23: Session 3
  - Accept
- September 30: Session 4
  - o Confess
- October 7: Session 5
  - o I Believe (The Creeds)
- October 14: Session 6
  - o Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness
- October 28: Session 7
  - Going Forth
- November 4: Session 8
  - o 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