

What's Expected?

For Parents

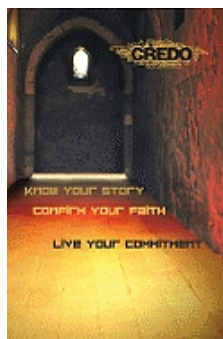


Parents play a central role in the Confirmation process at Glen Mar Church. Parent involvement has proved invaluable for purposes of bonding with their youth and being present to watch firsthand as their children begin to reach a very important milestone in faith. With these things in mind, we expect parents to meet the following requirements:

1. Attend a minimum of 4 of the class sessions with your youth throughout the year.
2. Encourage, support and foster the completion of your youth's confirmation assignments outside of class.
3. During the course of the class complete the TalkPoints workbook with your child.
4. Attend the class in place of your child if he/she is unavailable for a specific Sunday.
5. Participate in **outside church visits** and **service project** weekends.
6. Participate with your youth in an individual service project.
7. Attend Orientation Session and stole making with a Friend-in-Faith during Final Retreat.
8. Attend Dinner on Friday, May 25th and participate in the Service of Confirmation on Sunday, May 27th.
9. Cover Confirmation cost of \$130/youth.

What a parent has said about Confirmation:

"It was a wonderful experience. I look forward to doing it again in two years."



For Youth

We believe that to consider a life commitment to Jesus Christ, receive adequate preparation for Church membership, and be a real part of the class, each youth needs to meet the following expectations:

1. Attend the opening Orientation Session and the 3 retreats.
2. **Attend the weekly class sessions.** Excused absences include illness and possibly other situations discussed with the Confirmation Lead Team.
3. Participate in the Friend-in-Faith Shindig on Saturday, October 15, from 3:30-5pm.

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4. Attend the Confirmation Dinner, Friday, May 25th, and Service of Confirmation on Sunday, May 27th.
5. Be actively involved in each of the three ministry segments of the parish — Worship, Discipleship, and Caring & Mission.
 - Participate in one individual service project with your Friend-in-Faith.
 - Participate in one individual service project with your parent(s). Suggestions will be given to you.
 - Participate once in the year-long class outreach to Christian Services of Howard County.
 - Participate in the service project weekend (Feb. 24-25).
 - Complete weekly journaling assignments and memorizations.
 - Relate to a Friend-in-Faith beginning in September 2011 and throughout the Confirmation process.
 - Participate in the outside church visits.
 - Attend a minimum of 15 worship services and 15 youth groups sessions. Worship in another congregation is acceptable.

What youth have said were the best things about Confirmation:

- "I like my stole. It's very, very cool."*
- "I loved the retreat because I got closer to the other youth and to God."*
- "I enjoyed meeting new youth because I have more friends at church now."*
- "The best thing was my Friend-In-Faith."*
- I enjoyed talking to another Christian who was older than me."*
- "The variety of speakers made the classes very interesting."*



For Friends-in-Faith



In an effort to provide opportunities for youth/adult interaction in the Confirmation process, each student will establish a relationship with an adult member of Glen Mar, **other than a parent or relative of a current Confirmation Student.** This person will serve as a guide, coach, mentor, advisor and friend. With these things in mind, the Friend-in-Faith will:

1. Contact the youth once a week to talk about class progress.
2. Attend a Friend-in-Faith Orientation Session on Sunday, September 18th at 3pm.
3. Pray regularly for the youth.
4. During the course of the class, complete the TalkPoints workbook with the youth.
5. Participate in the Friend-in-Faith Shindig on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 3:30-5pm.
6. Invite the youth to a special outing.
7. Attend a minimum of 4 class sessions with the youth throughout the year.
8. Be available to fill-in for parent(s) should a situation arise and the parent cannot attend.
9. Participate with the youth in an individual service project.
10. Participate in stole-making with parents.
11. Attend the Confirmation Dinner on Friday, May 25th and Service of Confirmation on Sunday, May 27th.
12. Review the memorizations with the confirmand in the Memory Book.

What a Friend-in-Faith has said about Confirmation:

"It was wicked fun!"

PARENTS' NOTE: Ensure attendance at every class. If an absence is unavoidable, you will be expected to attend in your child's place or arrange for the Friend-in-Faith to attend.

Schedule

Orientation (Q & A/Group Building)

Sunday, Aug. 28, 2010, 11:00am, Youth Lounge

Lesson#	Date	Time
Retreat/1	Fri-Sat, Sep. 9-10	8pm-3:30pm
2A	Sun, Sept. 11	9:30am
2B	Sun, Sept. 18	9:30am
3A	Sun, Sept. 25	9:30am
3B	Sun, Oct. 2	9:30am
4A	Sun, Oct. 9	9:30am

Confirmation & Friend-in-Faith Shindig

Youth Lounge Sat, Oct. 15 3:30-5:00pm

4B	Sun, Oct. 16	9:30am
5A	Sun, Oct. 30	9:30am
5B	Sun, Nov. 6	9:30am

Field trip - Church Visit

Jewish Synagogue Fri, Nov. 11 7:15-10:15pm

6A, B	Sun, Nov. 13	9:30am
7A	Sun, Nov. 20	9:30am
7B	Sun, Dec. 4	9:30am

Field trip - Church Visit

Catholic Church Sat, Dec. 10 4:00-6:00pm

8A	Sun, Dec. 11	9:30am
8B	Sun, Dec. 18	9:30am
9A	Sun, Jan. 8	9:30am
9B	Sun, Jan. 15	9:30am
10A	Sun, Jan. 22	9:30am
Retreat	Sat, Jan. 28	9am-2pm
10B	Sun, Jan. 29	9:30am
11A	Sun, Feb. 5	9:30am
11B	Sun, Feb. 12	9:30am
12A	Sun, Feb. 19	9:30am

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, Feb. 21 5:30-7pm

Class Service Project

Friday - Saturday, Feb. 24-25 TBA

12B	Sun, Feb. 26	9:30am
13A	Sun, Mar. 4	9:30am
13B	Sun, Mar. 11	9:30am

Field trip - Church Visit

Episcopal Church Sun, Mar. 18 8:30am-11am

14A	Sun, Mar. 18	11:00am
14B	Sun, Mar. 25	9:30am
15A	Sun, Apr. 15	9am

Field trip - Church Visit

UMC Church Sun, Apr. 15 10am-12:15pm

15B	Sun, Apr. 22	9:30am
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Confirmation Retreat

16A/B	Friday, Apr. 27 - Sunday, Apr. 29
17A/B	Summit Lake Camp — Emmitsburg, MD

18A	Sun, May 6	9:30am
18B	Sun, May 20	9:30am

Confirmation Dinner & Rehearsal

Fri, May 25 6:30pm

Service of Confirmation

Sun, May 27 4:00pm

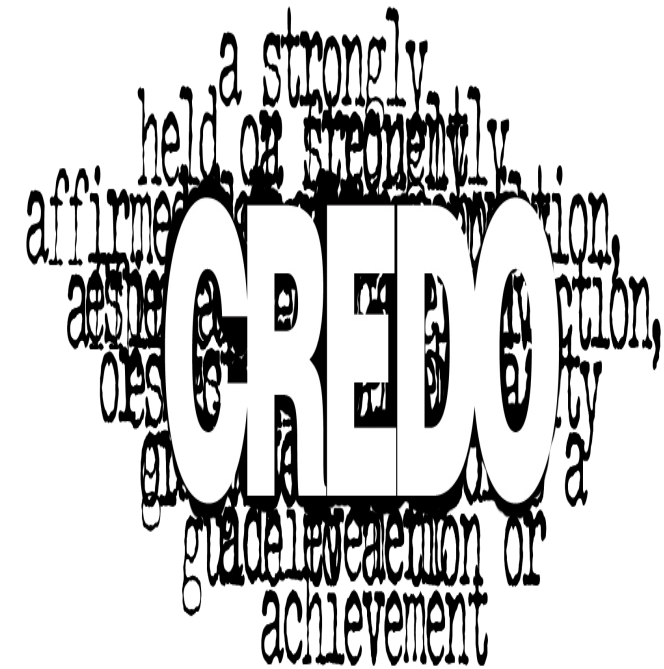
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Goals for the Journey

1. To present the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
2. To help lead youth to make a commitment to Jesus Christ and the Church.
3. Provide opportunities for the youth to know their story, confirm their faith, and live their commitment.
4. To understand how service and mission play an important part in Christian living
5. To present Christian Church history including experiences in other denominations/faiths for comparison with United Methodism.
6. To present doctrines of The United Methodist Church and to learn about the history of Glen Mar United Methodist Church.
7. To explain the meaning of our sacraments: Communion and Baptism.
8. To build a Confirmation Community and to integrate the youth into other ministries of Glen Mar Church.

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