

Dear Rising 8th grader,

May 1st, 2024

You are invited to join our 2024-2025 Confirmation Class! Confirmation is a spiritual journey on which you will learn more about who God is, God's purpose and mission for you and the church, and what it means to be a Presbyterian follower of Jesus. It's a safe space for you to have doubts, ask questions and wrestle with what faith means. This journey will culminate in an invitation for you to affirm your faith and become a full active member of Unity Presbyterian Church.

We have an incredible team of folks who will guide our conversations and share their wisdom with us. Rev. Dr. Matt Rich, Rev. Molly Spangler, and Liz Corsig, (our new Director of Youth Ministry), will be your confirmation class leaders. Each confirmand also will have an adult mentor to share this journey with them.

Most of your activities will take place during the Sunday School hour (10:00-10:45 AM). We generally meet in classroom M107 in the youth wing. Please come ready, awake, and on time. Occasionally, there will be other events for you to participate in, including visits to other churches, mission activities, and a retreat we will all attend together.

Your mentor will meet with you at least twice a month, talk with you about what you are learning in class, encourage you through the confirmation process and stand with you when you share your faith with the Session at the Confirmation Banquet. On the enclosed registration form, please provide at least three suggestions of an adult you think would be a good mentor for you. Please let us know if you need suggestions. The mentor should be an adult who has been a member of Unity for at least a year, who is not related to you and who is not a member of the church staff. We will contact the people you suggest on your behalf. **(Please don't contact them yourself.)** The mentor plays a vital role in the confirmation experience; please trust that in making the assignments of mentors we will have your best interests in mind. We want every confirmand to feel comfortable with their mentor and enjoy this part of the process.

So, what is there to do now? Complete and return the attached form and mark your calendars with these **important dates!**

- **Sunday, June 9th:** Deadline for returning confirmation registration form.
- **Sunday, August 25th: (12:15PM- 1:15PM)** Confirmation Kickoff Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.
- **The Weekend of September 27th – 29th:** Confirmation Retreat Weekend – Location TBD
- **Monday, March 31st, 2025:** Confirmation Banquet, 6 PM in Fellowship Hall
- **Sunday, April 6th, 2025:** Confirmation Sunday during 11 AM service.

***Please complete the enclosed confirmation registration, and return to Rev. Molly Spangler no later than Sunday, June 9th. You can submit forms via email or by dropping them off at the church office.**

Please reach out if you have any questions, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone in August!

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Matt Rich
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Confirmation Registration

Return to Molly Spangler by Sunday, June 9th, 2024. mspangler@unityfortmill.org

I will / will not be joining the Confirmation Class of 2024-2025.
(please circle one)

Youth's **FULL** name: _____

What would you like to be called? _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Other Contact Number: _____

Birth Date: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Youth's E-mail: _____

Parents' E-mail: _____

Were you baptized: Yes No If so, date of baptism: _____

Church: _____ City, State: _____

School You Attend: _____

Hobbies: _____

My 3 Preferences for a Mentor Would Be:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Can you attend the Confirmation Retreat the weekend of September 27th-29th?

Yes

No