

Welcome to Confirmation!

What a tremendous joy it is for me, on behalf of Centenary United Methodist Church, to be sending you this Confirmation brochure! What you are holding in your hands is an invitation that will change your life! You have reached the age (7th grade) when you journey through Confirmation. We would like to invite you to participate in this year's class and have been praying for YOU that you will plan to be a part of this exciting adventure.

Confirmation by definition is **faith formation**. Forming one's faith is an ongoing journey throughout life... our hope is that through the Confirmation process you will be given the opportunity, tools, support, and inspiration you will need to build your faith on a firm foundation (Matthew 7:24-25).

Starting on January 4th, 2012 we will meet together each Wednesday night from 6:00pm—7:30pm to learn about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the spiritual life, and how they each form us and cause us to change the way we live in faith. You won't go through this class alone, you will each pick a Shepherd (an adult spiritual guide from our church) who will *walk beside you in faith*. There will be several field trips and two retreats to help us along this process as well. The hope is that through these experiences, you will come to encounter Jesus in a very real way.

Please take time to look over this invitation, talk it over with your parents, and pray about Confirmation. I hope that you will plan to be a part of this class so that you can continue on this journey of faith and know just how much God loves you.

Living in His Grace, *Tammy Clark*,
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*"..... to equip his
people for works of
service, so that
the body of Christ
may be built up
until we all reach
unity in the faith
and the knowledge
of the Son of God
and become
mature, attaining
to the whole
measure of the
fullness of Christ."*

*Ephesians
4: 12 & 13*

**January 4th-
May 20th, 2012**

An invitation to 7th graders
to journey through
faith formation!

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Each class will begin at 6pm with dinner provided by Confirmation Parents in room 405 (We will pass a sign up sheet around at the Parents Orientation. Each parent is asked to take a turn providing dinner). The cost is \$3 per person (which will go toward reimbursement of the dinner provider). After dinner we will have games and community building at 6:15pm and then class (in room 401). Confirmation class will be over by 7:30pm unless otherwise noted. Please mark your calendars now with the following dates:

December:

14th: 7:00p.m. Parents ONLY Orientation

January:

4th: 6:00p.m. CONFIRMATION BEGINS!

5th: 7:00p.m. Shepherds ONLY Orientation

11th: SHEPHERD NIGHT ~ Getting Acquainted

18th: GOD & JESUS CHRIST

20th-21st: Retreat ~ COMMUNION & BAPTISM at Camp Hanes

25th: HOLY SPIRIT

February:

1st: THE STORY

8th: THE CHURCH & JOHN WESLEY

15th: SHEPHERD NIGHT ~ Visit the Jewish Synagogue

22nd: WORSHIP/ attend Ash Wednesday Service

29th: STUFF & FOOD

March:

7th: BODIES

14th: CREATION & JUSTICE

21st: CREATIVITY & WORK

28th: PLAY - SHEPHERD NIGHT - bowling

April:

4th: NO CLASS DUE TO SPRING BREAK

11th: TIME & CHOICES

18th: GRIEVING

25th: SHEPHERD NIGHT ~ FUNERAL HOME

May:

2nd: TRUTH & FORGIVENESS

4th & 5th: Retreat & Pilgrimage * PRAYER & PRACTICE at Blowing Rock Conference Center

9th, 10th & 11th: CONFIRMATION INTERVIEWS

16th: Confirmation Dinner and Rehearsal

20th: 11 am Confirmation service with a reception to follow in the Auditorium

What is the cost?

We try to keep the cost of Confirmation to a minimum, but we do ask that you help offset the overall cost by paying for the following:

✝ Meals	\$54.00
✝ "Way to Live" book	\$14.00
✝ Retreats (Camp Hanes & Blowing Rock)	\$90.00

(As always, if for any reason your family can not afford these costs, a church scholarship will be provided. See Tammy about this.)

A word about Shepherds

Shepherds are people who simply 'walk along side' or accompany the Confirmand in their journey of faith formation. Shepherds are companions and friends during the Confirmation experience and beyond. Each Confirmand is expected to find their own Shepherd. This person should be someone who you admire, know, and trust. We ask that they be a member of Centenary United Methodist Church and are actively worshiping and growing in their own faith. Your Shepherd will meet with you once a week outside of class to work on your journal together, attend Shepherd night's, attend the retreats, stand with you at your Confirmation and commit to being your *friend in faith* for the next 5 years. Really pray about who you might ask and then ask them soon!

2012 Confirmation Registration

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Birthday _____

Phone number _____ Cell _____

Parents names _____

Brothers/Sisters names _____

What is the best way to contact you?

Have you been baptized? _____

If so, when & where? _____

Shepherds name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

Cell _____

Email _____

Birthday _____

**** Please FULLY COMPLETE this form and**

return it to:

Centenary United Methodist Church's
Youth Ministry office by December 15th,
2011 with a check for \$68.00 (to cover
book and meals).

****Please contact:**

Tammy Clark, Director, Ministries to Youth
and their Families at 397-1337 or by
email at tclark@centenary-ws.org with
any questions or concerns you may have.

**We are looking forward to this year's
Confirmation Class with Great excitement!**