

August 2018

Dear Confirmation Families,

Welcome to the year your *Confirmation Journey* begins! Enclosed please find important information regarding you *and* your confirmation-aged (eighth grade) child. Confirmation is an exciting time in a young person's life and critical in terms of spiritual growth. Family participation and support is essential. At Grace United Methodist Church, we recognize the family as a unit in this important time of a child's life. So, with this writing we are asking for your support, help, and commitment as we begin this journey together.

Know that, while we provide you much information in this mailing, you will receive more during our **Orientation on Sunday, September 16, at 9:30**. At this class, you will receive your Confirmation Packet and have an opportunity to ask/answer questions. Prior to that orientation, Confirmation parents and students will gather on **September 9 in Room 231** at 9:30 for a **Meet and Greet** with Pastor Daniel Cochran. Please visit the following links and help your child register for Confirmation and complete the Confirmation Information form.

<https://peopleofgrace.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/81/responses/new> (registration)

[mailto:https://peopleofgrace.ccbchurch.com/form\\_detail.php?form\\_id=45](mailto:https://peopleofgrace.ccbchurch.com/form_detail.php?form_id=45)

Adults who will be volunteering with us (and we hope all of you will at one time or another) must register via our online adult volunteer form at: <https://peopleofgrace.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/82/responses/new>

Our first Confirmation project and opportunity to serve will be on **Friday, September 14** when we gather as a class for a **Confirmation Evening of Service**.

Because we are starting so quickly, and with a kick-off evening of service, we need your help in getting the paperwork and fees for the class turned in quickly. **Please return these enclosed forms and the fee NO LATER THAN Sunday, August 26 to the church office to the attention of Gaye Lynn. On-line registration forms are required by that date as well.** As indicated on the form, please contact Pastor Daniel or Gaye Lynn for assistance with the class fee.

**Confirmation classes begin on Sunday, September 9, 2018 in Room 231 as mentioned. Moving forward, classes for parents are held the second and third Sundays in Room 232.** The confirmation curriculum asks our young people to consider what it means to be Christian: what it means to be in a community of faith, what we believe as Christians (and as United Methodists), and what it looks like to live a life of discipleship. Our class for you, confirmation parents will continue throughout the year covering various topics including but not limited to, your child's curriculum, teen/parenting issues, and some history of United Methodism and our own Grace church. This class will include time for small group discussion and support. It is our hope that by next April, you and your family will say, "something feels different," something changed in your spiritual life and in your faith, and you feel a sense of belonging after having experienced this spiritual journey together.

Let us all pray for this class and its leaders as we embark on this journey together. We know that above all we rely on the Holy Spirit, to be at work in ways we can *and cannot see*, to stir the hearts of young people called to claim the name "Christian" for themselves.

Sincerely,  
Rev. Dr. Daniel Cochran  
Associate Pastor

Ms. Gaye Lynn Loufek,  
Confirmation Coordinator

# Confirmation Orientation

## R.S.V.P.

\_\_\_\_\_ *Will be participating in Confirmation in the 2018-2019 class.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Will NOT be participating in Confirmation in the 2018-2019 class.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Will be attending the **Confirmation Evening of Service** Friday, September 14, 2018 (4:00-9:30 p.m.).*

\_\_\_\_\_ ***Cannot** attend the Confirmation Evening of Service but will participate in the Confirmation Program at Grace United Methodist Church.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Will attend the Confirmation Parent/Student Orientation on Sunday, September 16, 2018, 9:30-10:30 in Room 231.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *We understand the Confirmation Fee of \$100.00 covers the cost of Student/Parent Curriculum Materials, confirmation robe rental, Confirmation Lock-up Supplies, and the fee for the **Confirmation Weekend of Decision Retreat on March 9-10, 2018** and is due at Orientation on Sunday, September 9, 2018. Scholarships are available if needed. Please inquire with Pastor Daniel or Gaye Lynn.*

**Parent Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mentor's Name** (if you know who it is) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to the church office no later than Sunday, August 26, 2018**

**If you already have contacted a mentor, please feel free to invite them and include their attendance on this form.**

Grace United Methodist Church  
2018-2019 Confirmation Class  
Registration Form for Students

Name

Address

Phone (H)

Parent Cell

Family E-Mail

Birthday

Parent/Guardian name/s

Brothers or Sisters? How Old? (How do you get along with them?)

Mentor? (each confirmation student is required to have a mentor)

Have you been baptized? (If so, find out where and when...date)

What School do you attend?

What High School WILL you attend?

Name of friend(s) or people you know in this Confirmation class?

What do you like?

What bugs you?

Favorite Food?

(over)

Favorite Movie?

Special gifts for worship leadership (music, dance, reading, praying organizing)?

If Jesus walked into the room, what would you want to ask Him?

Do you have a favorite Bible story/verse? (If so, what is it?)

If Jesus walked into the room, what would you tell Him you've been up to lately (do you think He'd like your answer)?

What do you hope people say about you behind your back?

Why are you participating in confirmation this year?

Get to know you stuff: where were you born, how long have you been part of Grace Church?

--Thanks!  
We look forward to getting to know you!  
Pastor Daniel & Gaye Lynn

Please return this registration form on or before Sunday, August 26, 2018.

## **Confirmation Evening of Service**

- Who: Confirmation Students (8<sup>th</sup> graders)**  
**What: An Evening of Service in our  
community**  
**When: Friday, September 14, 2018**  
**Time: 4:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**

**Please arrive at Grace no later than 4:00 p.m. and come to Fellowship Hall via the lower parking lot. We will leave immediately for our first serving opportunity, have dinner at Culver's, and then serve at our next site. Pick-up from the evening will be at Feed My Starving Children at 555 Exchange Court, Aurora, IL at 9:30 p.m.**

### **What to Bring:**

**Sweatshirt (optional), refillable water bottle, closed toe shoes**

### **What NOT to Bring:**

**Valuables, weapons, illegal substances  
Electronics of ANY KIND! This includes phones!**

**Confirmation  
Evening of Service  
Permission Slip**

\_\_\_\_\_ has permission to attend the  
**Grace UMC Confirmation Evening of Service on Friday,  
September 14, 2018, 4:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. I am aware  
that my child will travel by personal/volunteer vehicle  
during the event. In case of an emergency I may be  
reached at \_\_\_\_\_ during the Evening of  
Service.**

**Dietary concerns for my child**\_\_\_\_\_.

**I am available to chaperone & drive:** \_\_\_\_\_Y \_\_\_\_\_N

**and can be reached at (email)**\_\_\_\_\_ **or**  
**(text)**\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Parent Signature**

**\*\*\*Pick-up from the evening will be from Feed My  
Starving Children at 555 Exchange Court, Aurora, IL.\*\*\***

## **For Your Planner**

### **G.Y.M. Dates to Remember**

#### **September:**

- 2    Worship Sunday**
- 9    Confirmation Meet & Greet with Pastor Daniel**  
(joint class for Parents & Confirmands)
- 9    Rally Day/Blessing of the Backpacks**
- 12   Wednesday Night G.Y.M. begins**
- 14   Confirmation Evening of Service**
- 16   Confirmation Orientation** (joint class for  
Parents & Confirmands)
- 28   Confirmation Field Trip (Congregation Beth  
Shalom)**

#### **October:**

- 7    Worship Sunday**
- 7    Blessing of the Pets**
- 10   Harvest Home (NO G.Y.M.)** (Svc. Opportunity)
- 13   Tentative Confirmation Field Trip** (St. Margaret  
Mary)
- 14   Children's Sabbath Youth Participate** (more info  
to come)
- 14   CROP Walk**
- 20   Faith in Action Day of Service**
- 21   Naperville 1/2 Marathon** (Service Opportunity)
- 24   First Wacky Wednesday**
- 28   Fall Festival**

#### **November:**

- 4    Worship Sunday**
- 10   Confirmation Lock-up**
- 18   Noisy Offering Sunday** (bring your change)
- 23   Thanksgiving Eve** (NO G.Y.M.)
- 28   Wacky Wednesday**

## **December:**

- 2 Worship Sunday**
- 2 Advent Wreath Making/Children's Musical**
- 5 G.Y.M. Off-site** (more info to come)
- 12 G.Y.M. Holiday Break Begins**
- 24 Christmas Eve Services**
- 25 Happy Birthday, Jesus!**

\*No Sunday School on 12/23 OR 12/30. Worship as a family!

## **January:**

- 1 Happy New Year!**
- 6 Worship Sunday**
- 6 Confirmation Robe Measurements DUE!**
- 9 G.Y.M. Resumes**
- 13 Field Trip: DuPage AME**  
(Confirmation/Sr. High)

## **February:**

- 2 Tentative Field Trip to Islamic Center of Naperville**
- 3 Worship Sunday/Soup-er Bowl of Caring**  
Wear your Favorite Jersey!
- 16/17 Feed the Need Mobile Pack Weekend**
- 17 Youth Summer Missions Kick-off Meeting**  
7:00 p.m.
- 20 Wacky Wednesday**
- 24 Rough Draft Project Due** (Confirmation)
- 24 Confirmation Parent Assignment Due** (Ssshhh!  
It's a Surprise!)
- 27 Pre-Lent Teaching Night** (more info to come)



### **March:**

- 3**    **Worship Sunday**
- 6**    **Ash Wednesday (services at 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.)**
- 6**    **No G.Y.M.**
- 10/11** **Weekend of Decision (Confirmation Only)**
- 17**    **Project Presentations (Confirmation)**
- 17**    **Youth Summer Missions Meeting (SxS & H@H)**
- 21**    **Wacky Wednesday**
- 26**    **Spring Break Begins: No G.Y.M. this week!**

### **April:**

- 6**    **Confirmation Rehearsal (9:00-10:30)**
- 7**    **Confirmation Sunday (11:00 worship)**
- 21**    **Easter Sunday**
- 24**    **Wacky Wednesday (Last G.Y.M. for Spring!)**
- 28**    **Naperville Women's ½ Marathon (Worship Info TBA)**
- 28**    **Youth Summer Missions Meeting (Holy Smokes Tickets DUE!) 7:00 p.m.**

### **May:**

- 5**    **HOLY SMOKES fundraiser!**
- 6**    **Worship Sunday**
- 10**    **Children's Musical (also on 5/12)**
- 12**    **Mother's Day (Worship with & celebrate Mom!)**
- 19**    **Senior Celebration**

### **June:**

- 2**    **Worship Sunday**
- 2**    **Suds on Sunday Fundraiser**
- 2**    **Side x Side Meeting (Mandatory)**
- 8**    **Side x Side (through 6/16)**
- 23**    **Side x Side Slide Show**
- 24-28** **VBS**

**July:**

**7 Worship Sunday**

**7 Hope @ Home Commissioning & Meeting**

**9 Hope @ Home Begins (through 7/11)**

**17 Summer OPEN G.Y.M.**

**24 Summer OPEN G.Y.M.**

**31 Summer OPEN G.Y.M.**

\*Confirmation Field Trip dates not listed were not available prior to printing. Dates will be given as soon as possible.