

# Confirmation

*Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them,  
so that everyone may see your progress. -1 Timothy 4:15*

## **2019 Confirmation Class Requirements**

### **Worship Attendance- Beginning September 9**

For the duration of the school year, potential confirmands will be expected to attend worship 3 out of every 4 weeks, at any Sunday morning worship service.

-To be counted as present during worship, sign the clipboard located at each worship service.

#### ***What if my family is out of town on a Sunday morning?***

If you attend worship at another church while on vacation, either bring the bulletin from that worship service or picture message Neal (203-241-4051) with a pic of you and the pastor for attendance credit.

### **Small Group Participation- Beginning September 9**

For the duration of the school year, potential confirmands will be expected to participate in a small group 3 out of every 4 weeks.

-SPARK (youth group) – Sunday evenings, 6:00 PM

-Bible Study – Wednesday afternoons, 5:00 PM

-Choir and Orchestra – Thursday evenings, 7:00 PM

- “3 out of 4 weeks” must be maintained to be eligible to continue in the program.
- Plan accordingly for school vacations.

### **Kick-Off Informational Meeting – October 4**

The meeting is required for all potential confirmands and at least one parent.

-Meet at the Carriage House at 7:00-8:00 PM.

### **Weekly Classes**

Classes meet on Thursday afternoons, 4:30-6:00 PM, in the Carriage House.

-Be on time. There is a full 90 minutes of material to cover each week. A class that is delayed in starting will dismiss late.

October 18, 25

February 7, 21, 28

November 1, 8, 15, 29

March 7, 14, 21, 28

December 8, 13, 20

April 4, 11

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

May 2, 9, 16

#### ***What if I have to miss a class?***

Confirmands are allowed a maximum of three class misses. If you must miss a class:

1. Call or TXT Neal’s mobile phone at 203-241-4051 before the class begins. That way the class isn’t waiting for you.
  2. Read the chapter, look up all the Scripture references, and write out the answers to all the questions.
  3. Come 30 minutes early the following week to go over the missed material.
- A fourth class miss means the potential confirmand is withdrawing him/herself from the program.

#### ***What if it is snowing?***

Please familiarize yourself with our weather cancellation policy. (please see the reverse page)

### **Mandatory Retreat Weekend - April 26-28, 2019**

The retreat is a required event for all confirmands. The cost for meals, lodging, and materials will be \$145 per person, and registration will be held separately. (If this fee presents a burden, we can extend you a scholarship.)

-Friday, April 26, through Sunday, April 28, 2019.

### **Bishop Bickerton's Confirmation Rally - May 11**

Our Bishop desires to meet with all Confirmands in the Conference. Our class will attend the rally on May 11, at the Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church. We will meet at 8:30 and should expect to be home by 3:30.

-The event is free but required.

-It will count the same as a weekly class attendance.

### **Pictures for the Bulletin and Newsletter**

Each Confirmand will need to provide a current picture and a baby picture for the Confirmation Sunday bulletin.

-Pictures will be collected via a Google Drive folder. Instructions will be sent closer to the deadline.

### **Rehearsal**

All confirmands will meet in the sanctuary on Saturday, May 18, at 10 AM - Noon, for rehearsal.

### **Confirmation Sunday**

Confirmation Sunday is May 19, 2019.

### **Weather Cancellation Policy**

1. We do not automatically follow the school district's cancellation decisions. Even if school is cancelled for the day, if weather and road conditions improve, we will likely hold our event.
2. A decision will be made at least 90 minutes prior to the start time of the event.
3. Should we decide to cancel the event, we will announce via TXT messages, Email notifications, and website updates.
4. If the road conditions are questionable or if the weather is likely to worsen during the scheduled meeting time, please check your phone, Email, or the website before leaving your home. Please do not call asking about the meeting, as the text messages, website, and Email will tell you everything you need to know.

### **Our Bulk Text Messaging System**

At Jesse Lee Youth, we use a bulk text messaging system to enhance communications to our members and their parents. As we collect cell phone numbers via our medical release and other registration forms, they are automatically added to the bulk texting system. Parents and members can opt out of receiving text messages by replying STOP to any message they receive.

If you are not receiving our text messages but would like to, please let us know.

### **Annual Medical Release Form**

A satisfactorily-completed, printed, and signed Annual Medical Release Form is required to be on file for everyone participating in the Confirmation Journey. Release forms can be found on our website.