

# CONFIRMATION

## A MILESTONE IN YOUR FAITH

### **WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?**

Confirmation is a small group program for students to study the beliefs of the United Methodist Church as well as what it means to be a Christian. Confirmation classes are offered each year for students who are ready to take personal responsibility for the vows made on their behalf at their baptism and also for those who have not yet been baptized. Upon completion of Confirmation, students are given the opportunity to proclaim their personal commitment to follow Christ and join the community of Virginia Beach UMC.

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR CONFIRMATION?**

Confirmation is open to all students in grades 6-12 who feel ready to explore this step of faith towards membership in the church.

### **WHEN WILL CLASSES BE HELD?**

Confirmation classes will be offered with both an in-person and virtual option. In-person classes will be held on Sunday mornings from 11:00 am-Noon in the Youth Space. Virtual classes will be held on Zoom on Sunday evenings from 7:30-8:30 pm. Classes begin on Sunday, March 14. There will be one in-person retreat for all Confirmands held at Virginia Beach UMC. This is not an overnight retreat, but does span Friday night and Saturday, April 16-17.

### **WHO WILL BE LEADING CONFIRMATION?**

The program will be led by Pam Bentley, Director of Youth Ministry, with assistance from the Youth Leadership Team and Confirmation Mentors.

### **IS THERE A COST FOR CONFIRMATION?**

There is no cost for Confirmation. All program materials are covered by the church.

### **WHAT HAPPENS IF WE HAVE A CONFLICT WITH THE SCHEDULE?**

With our condensed schedule, attendance at all Confirmation classes, the Confirmation retreat, and mentor meetings are essential. If your student is unable to meet the requirements, your student may not be able to be confirmed. If you anticipate a conflict with your student's schedule, please contact Pam Bentley, Director of Youth Ministry, at [pbentley@vbumc.org](mailto:pbentley@vbumc.org) as soon as possible.

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| <b>Sunday, February 21</b>                       | <b>Confirmation Information Meeting</b><br>7:30 pm on Zoom<br>Parents and students are invited to attend together. |
| <b>Sunday, March 14</b>                          | <b>Intro to Confirmation for students</b><br>11:00 am in the Youth Space OR 7:30 pm on Zoom                        |
| <b>Sunday, March 21</b>                          | <b>Confirmation Class 1</b><br>11:00 am Youth Space OR 7:30 pm Zoom  |
| <b>Sunday, March 28</b>                          | <b>No Class / Independent Study for Holy Week</b>  |
| <b>Sunday, April 4</b>                           | <b>No Class – EASTER SUNDAY</b>  |
| <b>Sunday, April 11</b>                          | <b>Confirmation Class 2</b><br>11:00 am Youth Space OR 7:30 pm Zoom  |
| <b>Friday, April 16 -<br/>Saturday, April 17</b> | <b>Confirmation retreat @ Virginia Beach UMC</b><br>5-9 pm Friday AND 8 am - 4 pm Saturday, NOT overnight          |
| <b>Sunday, April 18</b>                          | <b>Confirmation Class 3</b><br>11:00 am Youth Space OR 7:30 pm Zoom  |
| <b>Sunday, April 25</b>                          | <b>Confirmation Class 4</b><br>11:00 am Youth Space OR 7:30 pm Zoom  |
| <b>Sunday, May 2</b>                             | <b>Confirmation Sunday</b>   |