

# What's Expected

## For Parents

Parents play a central role in the Confirmation process at Glen Mar Church—this is not a drop-off program. We expect parents to meet the following requirements:

1. Attend a minimum of 4 of the class sessions with your child throughout the year.
2. Encourage, support and foster the completion of your child's confirmation assignments outside of class.
3. Talk with your child about the topics learned in class and discuss the questions in the **weekly email**, "Sticky Faith Conversation Starters."
4. Attend the class in place of your child if he/she is unavailable for a specific Sunday.
5. Participate in special activities.
6. Participate with your child in an individual service project.
7. Attend stole making with Friend-in-Faith during Spring Retreat (April 29).
8. Attend Dinner on Friday, May 18 and participate in the Service of Confirmation on Sunday, May 20.
9. Cover Confirmation cost of **\$150/youth**.

### A youth said:

*"I talked to my dad about a lot of spiritual things."*

### A parent said:

*"One of the best things about Confirmation is bonding with your child in faith."*

## For Youth

We believe that to consider a life commitment to Jesus Christ, receive adequate preparation for Church membership, and be a real part of the class, each youth needs to meet the following expectations:

1. **Attend the weekly class sessions.** Excused absences include illness and possibly other situations discussed with the Confirmation Lead Team.
2. Attend the three retreats.
3. Attend the Confirmation Dinner, Friday, May 18, and Service of Confirmation on Sunday, May 20

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# I Believe

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4. Be actively involved in Praising God, Growing as Disciples, and Serving the World.
  - Attend worship at least monthly (Glen Mar or other)
  - Assist with worship leadership one time during the year (lay reader, liturgist, usher, etc.)
  - Attend youth group or other church discipleship group at least 6 times
  - Complete assignments and memorizations.
  - Participate in one individual service project with your Friend-in-Faith.
  - Participate in one individual service project with your parent(s).
  - Participate in the class service project (March 10-11).
5. Relate to a Friend-in-Faith throughout the year.

What youth have said were the best things about Confirmation:

*"Confirmation Class helped me find God."*

*"I was able to increase my faith by learning about God."*

*"I enjoyed meeting new youth because I have more friends at church now."*

*"The best thing was my Friend-In-Faith -*

*I enjoyed talking to another Christian who was older than me."*

*"I loved having different people from around the church teach."*



## For Friends-in-Faith

In an effort to provide opportunities for youth/adult interaction in the Confirmation process, each student will establish a relationship with an adult member of Glen Mar, **other than a relative or parent of a current Confirmation Student**. This person will serve as a guide, coach, mentor, advisor and friend. With these things in mind, the Friend-in-Faith will:

1. Contact the youth once a week to talk about class progress.
2. Attend the Friend-in-Faith Orientation on Sunday, Oct. 8 at 3pm.
3. Attend Safe Sanctuaries training if not up to date.
4. Pray regularly for the youth.
5. Meet at least monthly to talk about faith.
6. Attend a minimum of 4 class sessions with the youth throughout the year.
7. Participate with the youth in an individual service project.
8. Participate in stole-making with parents.
9. Attend the Confirmation Dinner on Friday, May 18 and Service of Confirmation on Sunday, May 20

### A Friend-in-Faith said about Confirmation:

*"The best thing was getting to know my young friend. And it was fun!"*

# Schedule

**Orientation** for youth and parents  
 Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017, 7pm, Room 145 OR  
 Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017, 11am, Chapel

**Fall Retreat**  
 Patapsco St Pk Sat, Sep. 16 1pm-5pm

Lesson	Date	Time
Bible 1	Sun, Sept. 17	9:30am
Bible 2	Sun, Sept. 24	9:30am
Bible 3	Sun, Oct. 1	9:30am
Class Worship	Sun. Oct. 8	11am

**Friend-in-Faith Orientation**  
 Youth Lounge Sun, Oct. 8 3pm

Creed 1	Sun, Oct. 15	9:30am
Creed 2	Sun, Oct. 29	9:30am

**Friend-in-Faith Commissioning**  
 Sat. Oct. 28 and Sun. Oct. 29 at all services

Creed 3	Sun, Nov. 5	9:30am
Creed 4	Sun, Nov. 12	9:30am
Creed 5	Sun, Nov. 19	9:30am

Creed 6	Sun, Dec. 3	9:30am
Creed 7	Sun, Dec. 10	9:30am
Disc. 1	Sun, Dec. 17	9:30am

Disc. 2	Sun. Jan. 7	9:30am
Disc. 3	Sun, Jan. 15	9:30am
Disc. 4	Sun, Jan. 21	9:30am

**Winter Retreat**  
 Glen Mar UMC Sat, Jan. 27 1pm-5pm  
 Class Worship Sat. Jan. 27 5:00pm

Other Beliefs Sun, Feb. 4 9:30am

**Youth Weekend**  
 Feb. 10/11 Attend or participate in worship

Meth. 1	Sun, Feb. 18	9:30am
Meth. 2	Sun, Feb. 25	9:30am
Meth. 3	Sun, Mar. 4	9:30am

**Class Service Project**  
 Sat. Mar. 10 & Sun. Mar. 11

Meth. 4	Sun, Mar. 18	9:30am
Jesus 1	Sun, Mar. 25	9:30am

Jesus 2	Sun, Apr. 8	9:30am
Jesus 3	Sun, Apr. 15	9:30am
Church 1	Sun, Apr. 22	9:30am

**Spring Weekend Retreat**  
 Friday, Apr. 27 - Sunday, Apr. 28  
 Summit Lake Camp  
 Stole Making Sun. Apr. 29 12:15pm

Church 2	Sun, May 6	9:30am
Forward	Sun, May 13	9:30am

**Confirmation Dinner & Rehearsal**  
 Fri, May 18 6:30 pm

**Service of Confirmation**  
 Sun, May 20 4:00pm

**Attendance at every class is expected.  
 If you absolutely can't make it, send a  
 parent or your Friend in Faith to attend  
 for you and then fill you in.**

# Goals for the Journey

1. To present the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
2. To help lead youth to make a commitment to Jesus Christ and the Church.
3. To empower youth to explore their faith and ask questions about the Bible, Christian beliefs, Jesus, and discipleship.
4. To understand how service and mission play an important part in Christian living.
5. To present doctrines of The United Methodist Church.
6. To learn about the history of the United Methodist Church and Glen Mar United Methodist Church.
7. To explain the meaning of our sacraments: Communion and Baptism.
8. To build a Confirmation Community and to integrate the youth into the ministries of Glen Mar Church.

# Confirmation



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