

WELCOME EDEN CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2022!

CONFIRM

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verb, establish the truth or correctness of something

What is Confirmation?

You were probably too young to even remember this, but on the day you were Baptized your parents made promises to God on your behalf. They promised God to raise you in the church, to teach you about Jesus, and to encourage your faith. They did this for you, because you were too young to make such promises to God yourself. But now you have grown up and are old enough to make those promises to God, with your own voice and as your own decision. Confirmation itself is the special day in the spring when you will come forward during the worship service and confirm those promises. Confirmation Class is all of the learning and preparing we'll do together leading up to that day. Confirmation at Eden is open to youth in 6th-8th grade. **The Rite of Confirmation will take place in worship on Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022.** Remember to tell your family to save-the-date!

How do we prepare for Confirmation?

Confirmation is a rite of passage in our faith tradition. Ask your parents and grandparents about confirmation, and they will surely tell you stories of their time as Confirmands. It's an important time in your faith development and as such, there are certain goals of Confirmation Class. This year we hope to see you grow in your faith by increasing your Biblical literacy, by pondering big/important questions (such as, why are there so many different kinds of churches?), and by understanding the joys and responsibilities of church membership. You see, once you are Confirmed, you are considered an official member of the church. You'll be able to vote in congregational meetings and represent our church in the wider UCC world.

Are there any assignments?

We will have 3 Confirmation assignments this year:

Faith Interview: Meet Your Mentor - Due October 24, 2021

Who God is calling me to be? - Due January 10, 2022

Confirmation Project - Due April 8, 2022

How often will we meet?

Every month we will meet twice for class and once more for a field trip. Our classes will be held on Zoom on certain Monday Nights from 6:30-7:45pm. We will also get together once a month for a field trip, usually to worship with a neighboring faith community. If you are unable to attend a class session, you can watch the recorded Zoom session. If you are unable to attend a field trip, you are encouraged to reach out to someone who went and learn from their experience.

What are Confirmation Mentors?

It's a tradition in Confirmation to be partnered with a Confirmation Mentor. A Confirmation Mentor is a member of the church that you will get to know this year through our group activities. On the day of Confirmation, they will have the privilege of introducing you in front of the church. This is someone who will share their experiences in faith with you and will pray for you throughout the year. Confirmation Mentors, along with Confirmation families are welcome to attend any field trip.

Is there anything special for us to do in church?

The whole church is excited you are in confirmation! Young people in church reminds us our faith has a future. YOU are the future of Eden UCC. Maybe someday you'll be our Church Council President or Captain of the Dartball team?! Seeing you engage in worship on Sunday mornings brings everyone joy! Confirmands are encouraged to engage in worship in various ways, such as signing up to be the liturgist, serving as an usher, or sharing their musical talent.

Do we have to come to church every Sunday?

Because Confirmation is an important time of spiritual growth, we encourage you to get in the habit of coming to church often. After all, church is like everything else in life - the more you put into it, the more you will get out of it. However, even very faithful people miss church sometimes! And God still loves them just the same! If you aren't able to attend in person or via zoom on Sunday morning, remember you can always watch our worship recording later in the week. On some Sundays, Pastor Kelly will send out a group prompt about worship for you to respond too. Feel free to respond whenever you watch worship or you may always engage in another way, such as asking a question.