

Welcome to Confirmation!

Starting the journey:

Opening Prayer: *“Dear God, You are so amazing. We thank You God for bringing us here to learn more about You over these next 10 weeks. Please help us to be open to learn what You want us to learn. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”*

Review the class basics/requirements/schedule:

Confirmation Homework: The goal of homework is to get in the habit of spending daily quiet time with the Lord. Students: do a little of your homework each night. Don’t limit what God can reveal to you by only giving Him one day that you are spending time with Him and the material.

Your homework will be different each week, but it can include:

1. Reflecting on the lesson and journaling about it.
2. Reflect on and memorize a Bible verse. Post it in a visible place to remind you and review often.

Life Verse: A life-verse is a verse or passage in the Bible that is significant to you. It may define your life, give you inspiration or direction, be something that you hang onto as you face difficult circumstances, or it could even be the passage of scripture that brought you to a belief in Jesus Christ. It is our hope that if students do not already have a life-verse, that they find one during Confirmation.
3. Read, reflect on and memorize the Apostles’ Creed. Each week we will be reciting the Apostles’ Creed in our large group time. The word “creed” is derived from the Latin word “credo”, which means “I believe.” We will be learning this creed as part of our stance as Christians as to what we believe. By the end of the 10 weeks, you will have it memorized and be able to recite it as part of your Confirmation Ceremony.
4. Listen to some Christian music or video:
Music: K-Love—klove.com; Radio U—88.7FM; The River—104.9FM
Video: rezlifekc.blip.tv.
5. Talk to your parents about what you learned.
6. Do Family Homework assignments.
7. Do some kind of Community Service or Mission Work.

Documentation of homework completion: Each of you will have a homework log that you will turn into your instructor.

Confirmation Requirements:

1. Attend all Confirmation sessions. You will need to bring your Bible, your student book, journal and something with which to write with. Weekly attendance is critical since important information is shared with you in every class. **Only two excused absences are allowed.** If you miss a session, you are required to review the notes online at fusionmeansmerge.com
2. Participate in one Reynoldsburg United Methodist student activity each week. Take part in AT LEAST one other Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church student program (Small Group, Sunday School, Coffee House, any new programs started by Pastor Tim). We want you to get “plugged into” the church so that after Confirmation is over, you remain connected.
3. Attend worship service each weekend (service times: 6pm Saturday, 8:00am, 9:15am, and 11:00am Sunday). Once you complete Confirmation and become an adult member of the church, weekly worship attendance is expected unless you are sick or out of town. We learn about Worship and learn to Worship by worshipping.
4. Give to the weekly offering at Confirmation as you are able. The offering will provide food for families in need at Wednesday night meals at church without charge. You will bring your offering each week to Confirmation.
5. Attend the Confirmation social event. This is an important activity to allow small group members to get to know each other and to build unity as a group.
6. Participate in a Confirmation service mission project. This is an opportunity to allow you to be the hands and feet of Christ. We will have a choice of two group service days: 1) Wednesday, March 10 at The Shepherd’s Place free clothing store (1729 Brice Rd. in Reynoldsburg) from 4 to 6pm; and 2) Saturday, March 20 (Time TBA) at the church where the youth will unload the Angel Food truck and help distribute boxes.
7. Attend Mandatory Confirmation lesson on Sunday, May 16, 2010. You will not be confirmed if you miss this.
8. Attend Mandatory Confirmation ceremony at your one of the four weekend services (service times: 6pm Saturday, 8:00am, 9:15am, and 11:00am Sunday). At the end of the Confirmation sessions, you will have the opportunity to publicly confess your faith in God, confirm the vows of your baptism, and become an “adult” member of the church.
9. You must be Baptized. Contact Kellie Kisor at kkisor@rumc.org or 614-866-5864, extension 110 if it needs to be arranged.

Homework

Scripture Memory:

Each week, students will select from a list of Scripture passages to memorize a verse that speaks to their heart. This week's verses are:

1. *"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."* (Psalm 46:1)
2. *"Teacher which is the greatest commandment in the law?" Jesus replied, "To love the Lord your God with all your heart with all your soul and with all your mind."* (Matthew 22:36-37)
3. *"For we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."* (Romans 8:28)

Journaling:

Students will read Genesis 1:1-28; 2:2-7 and answer the following questions in their journal:

1. *Name a few things that God created. Why did God create people? Why do you think God said, "It is good?"*
2. *Sometimes things are hard to believe unless we see them. What things in your life do you believe in?*
3. *Read Matthew 13:31-32. This is the Parable of the Mustard seed. What do you think this Parable says about your faith?*
4. *In what areas do you hope that your faith grows during the next 10 weeks?*

The Journey Continues Next Week: Lesson 2—God and the Old Testament

*In preparation for next week's lesson: **read pages 18 & 19 (in the Student Lesson Guide)—The Attributes of God.***

Family Homework:

History is a big part of our Christian Traditions. As a family share some of the following to help learn more about your history.

1. What is your family heritage?
2. **Parents:** Share your favorite childhood memory.
3. **Parents:** Share with your student when you first heard about God. Who shared this with you?
4. **Parents:** Share with your student a couple of things you hope they gain from their Journey.
5. **Students:** Share with your parents what things you hope to learn in the next 10 weeks of this journey.