

## Notes about Participation:

### Confirmation

Your daughter/son is growing up. Not long ago, you made all of her or his decisions. Now she or he is asking the most important questions in her or his life:

- ❖ Who is God?
- ❖ What is my relationship to Jesus Christ?
- ❖ How does God fit into my life?
- ❖ What does it mean to live as a Christian?
- ❖ Who am I?

Our hope is that during the confirmation experience, the students will find answers that will lead them into Christian discipleship. We believe that commitment to God in Jesus Christ and willingness to follow where God leads will be the single greatest source of joy in your daughter's or son's life.

### Parents Passage Group

. . . for parents of confirmands:

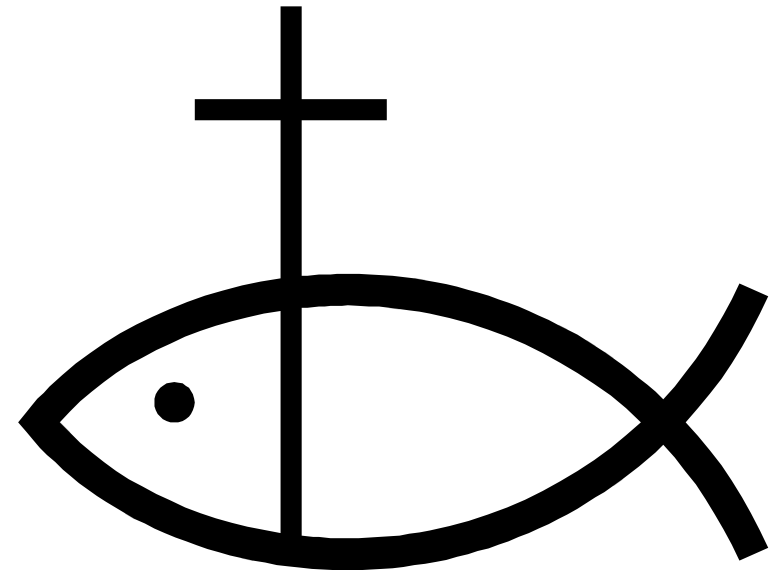
- ❖ to get to know one another better.
- ❖ to support your children through the confirmation process.
- ❖ be reminded of and explore more deeply many of the basics of the Christian faith.

The *Parents Passage Group* will meet 4-6 times throughout the coming year. These times are listed on the schedule inside this brochure. We hope that your faithful participation in Parents Passage will be the beginning of a smooth transition in your relationship as your child moves from childhood into adolescence.

### In Summary . . .

Every session or service project (*whether it is Confirmation or Parents Passage*) is designed and scheduled with a specific purpose. Try to be creative and flexible in your scheduling of family time and activities to ensure that you all are full participants in the confirmation experience. This will assure the highest quality experience.

# 2009-2010 Confirmation Program



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## The 2009-2010 Confirmation Schedule

<b>March 7-8</b>	Confirmation Winter Retreat Hurt Center at Johnston Woods
✓ <b>March 8</b>	<i>Parents Passage</i> session in S.S. and also a short session following lunch at Johnston Woods
<b>March 15 - May</b>	Sunday School Classes on " <i>Way of the Child</i> " and " <i>Claim the Name</i> " - <i>Our Commu- nity of Faith AND Our History and Heritage</i>
✓ <b>April 19</b>	<i>Parents Passage</i> session in S.S
<b>April 19</b>	"Over 80 Banquet" ( <i>help serve</i> )
<b>April 26</b>	Crack the Code - Open the Bible Vault at Unity Center (12 noon - 3:00pm)
<b>May 3</b>	Children's Day - involvement in leading worship at both morning worship services
<b>June-August</b>	Summer Sunday School <i>"Exploring Prayers, Presence, Gifts and Service"</i> and <i>"This I Believe" Project</i>
<b>May 31-June 5</b>	Vacation Bible School - <i>"Camp E.D.G.E" Experience and Discover God Everywhere</i>
<b>July 5-9</b>	Wonders in the Woods <i>Confirmation Camp</i>
<b>August</b>	Children's and Youth Back to Sunday School Rallies
<b>August 27</b>	Dinner - Confirmands and Mentors meet
<b>September 25-27</b>	Confirmation Fall Retreat at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina
✓ <b>September 27</b>	<i>Parents Passage</i> session in S.S.

<b>Sept 6-Jan. 24</b>	Sunday School Classes on " <i>Claim the Name</i> " - <i>Our Life Together and Our Beliefs</i>
✓ <b>November 1</b>	<i>Parents Passage</i> session in S.S.
<b>November 8 or 15</b>	Visits to older members and shut-ins with mentors
<b>January 10, 17, 24</b>	Sunday School Classes on " <i>Claim the Name</i> " - <i>Our Response and Our Decision and <u>Sunday evening classes/consultations</u></i>
✓ <b>January 3</b>	<i>Parents Passage</i> session in S.S.
<b>January 15-16</b>	Final Retreat at Johnston Woods
<b>January 31</b>	Confirmation Sunday with Banquet following 10:45 worship service
<b>February</b>	Incorporation into youth Sunday School and UMYF program

Our primary curriculum resource for the confirmation program will be "**Claim the Name.**" This resource is from the United Methodist Publishing House in Nashville. The study focuses on two key areas-developing a relationship with Jesus Christ and living as a Christian in the United Methodist tradition.

During Sunday school in the summer months, the students will participate in "**Exploring Prayers, Presence, Gifts and Service.**" Utilizing a variety of activities and experiences, including a special project entitled "This I Believe," the students will explore the ways we live our faith as members of the body of Christ and as members of a local church.

The primary theme throughout confirmation is discipleship, being Christian on purpose. If you have any questions or concerns or would like more information during this confirmation process, please feel free to call either Mary Ketchersid, Program Director or Andy Ferguson, Senior Pastor at the church.