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Faith Youth Calendar

Aug 20 - First Day of School (BV)

Aug 24 - Leadership Training

Aug 27 - Meet the new Youth Director event

Sep 7 - Kick Off Sunday (High School)

Sep 10 - First 5/8 Youth Group

Oct 10/12 - 7-8th Grade Retreat @ Inspiration Hills

Nov 7/9 - High School Camp Connection @ Inspiration Hills

Nov 23 - Thanksgiving Service

Dec 17 - 5/8 Youth Group Christmas Party

Dec 21 - High School Youth Group Christmas Party

Jan 7 - Leadership Training

Feb 1 - 1st Mexico Training

Feb 13/15 - 4-6th Grade Winter Retreat @ Inspiration Hills

Feb 18 - Ash Wednesday Service

March 1 - 2nd Mexico Training

April 12 - 3rd Mexico Training

May 10 - End of School Party (High School)

May 13 - End of School Party (5/8)

May 21 - Last Day of School (BV)

June 13/20 - Mexico Trip

Confirmation dates on the back

Gag Night

- High School Youth Group

- 5/8 Youth Group

- No School

Parties or Services that youth are encouraged to attend



CONFIRMATION2026 DETAILS

The structure and function of Confirmation is designed to help young people know WHAT WE BELIEVE, WHY WE BELIEVE IT, and to be able to DEFEND IT. Classes will explore aspects of the Bible, the Apostles' Creed, the Westminster Confession, and the Lord's Prayer.

Jan 11: Expectations Parent and student meeting

Jan 18: Creeds & Confessions

Jan 25: The Bible Feb 1: God Is Feb 8: Jesus Christ

Feb 15: The Trinity & Holy Spirit

Feb 22: Salvation
Mar 1: The Church
Mar 8: The Sacraments
Mar 15: Forgiveness of Sins
Mar 22: Heaven and Hell

Mar 29th Palm Sunday, April 5th Easter, NO Class

Apr 12: Membership

Apr 17-19: THE RETREAT – Becoming a Disciple

-A disciple spends time in the Word
-A disciple spends time in prayer
-A disciple spends time in fellowship
-A disciple spends time giving

-My statement of faith

Apr 26: Confirmation Sunday

2 Meetings can be missed - Retreat is mandatory

Registration

You can sign up on the Church Center App, our website, or by contacting the church office. 605-582-6788, office@faithunitedepc.org, www.faithunitedepc.org.

WHO

Any High School Student

WHERE

Youth Center

WHEN

Sundays II am-12

DATES

Jan 11, 18, 25 Feb 1, 8, 15, 22 March 1, 8, 15, 22 April 12

RETREAT

April 17-19

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

April 26

IS CONFIRMATION FOR YOU?

WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

Confirmation is simply about confirming publicly personal faith in Jesus Christ. When we affirm our faith publicly, we confirm our membership with the Church (capital "C"). This is what is called the Church Universal, the Body of Believers, or the People of God. When infant baptism is practiced in a local church, it is important to provide an opportunity for what was done on behalf of the child to be owned and claimed by the young person when they are ready to profess their own faith journey. Confirmation class explores what we believe as Christians and why we believe it. Upon completion, it allows a young person to publicly declare their faith and claim the baptismal yows that were done on their behalf as their own.

WHAT AGES OR GRADES ARE TIED TO CONFIRMATION?

Instead of tying it to a specific grade, our Confirmation is open to any high school student. The age of a person's faith journey is not universally experienced at the same time. By opening it up to any high school student, we wanted to encourage young people to take Confirmation when they are ready to "own" their faith and declare it publicly. This ties Confirmation to a faith journey rather than age or grade.

CONFIRMATION, BAPTISM, MEMBERSHIP, OR JUST FOR FUN!

The voluntary emphasis of this commitment makes it adaptable to any student who is ready to declare their faith publicly, be baptized, step into church membership, or grow in their knowledge of what they believe. Many of our young people are from different denominational backgrounds, and some have not been baptized as infants. Therefore, if a young person takes this class and has not been baptized, this experience prepares them to declare their faith through baptism publicly. At the end of the program, students can choose the next step for themselves: Confirmation, Baptism, Membership, or Just For Fun!

WHAT IS THE COMMITMENT LEVEL?

Due to the condensed nature of the programming, each class will have important information that builds upon each previous class. To miss a handful of weeks will leave big gaps in the understanding of critical doctrines and theological concepts. If a couple of classes need to be missed, there will be make-up assignments that will need to be done in order to stay on track with the whole group. The Confirmation Retreat is mandatory because it is designed to be a spiritual experience that ties the whole program into a weekend of preparing a personal faith statement.