

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION MEETING (in person & via Zoom, Sept. 2 & Sept. 9 - 7:00pm)

WELCOME & PRAYER

DESCRIPTION OF PURPOSES OF CONFIRMATION

- 1) Help young people draw closer to Christ
- 2) Assist in affirming their baptism
- 3) Provide experiences toward adult participation
- 4) Build relationships with other teens, adults & the pastor/deacon
- 5) Family ownership of confirmation and the faith

WHEN & WHERE WE MEET (tentatively; changes as needed based on health & safety)

: 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall and Zoom simultaneously (and hopefully at least one of the sessions recorded for private YouTube access) On nights when there is a dual class, e.g, Nov. 18, we will have 45 minute sessions with one session at 7:00 & the other at 8:00pm. The Zoom codes for the year will be 820-5246-0253 & 930376.

7 <sup>th</sup> Grade – 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, except underlined dates		8 <sup>th</sup> Grade – 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, except underlined dates	
Sept. 16	Feb. 3 & <u>24</u> = 7:00	Sept. 23	Feb. 10 & <u>24</u> = 8:00
Oct. 7 & 21	Mar. 3 & 17	Oct. 14 & 28	Mar. 10 & 24
Nov. 4 & <u>18</u> = 7:00	April <u>7</u> = 7:00 & 21	Nov. 11 & <u>18</u> = 8:00	April <u>7</u> = 8:00 & 14
Dec. 2 & <u>16</u> = 7:00		Dec. 9 & <u>16</u> = 8:00	May <u>5</u> (Mandatory Confirmation rehearsal with a parent/adult)
Jan. 6 & 20		Jan. 13 & 27	

**Kids & Adults End-of-the-Year Lunch???** - Sunday, April 25, 12 noon

ISSUES AND IDEAS WE’LL COVER IN THE ORIENTATION

1. Responsibilities
  - a. Attendance in person or Zoom at Wednesday classes-100% or make up (how help that happen?)
    - i. Can switch between 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> when you know of a conflict
    - ii. Mask requirements for in person (all the way in & all the way out to car) + one area of the room will be “Keep it on during class, too”
    - iii. Question: temperature checks?
    - iv. Absences & make-up work & your folder/packet (take home/bring)
  - b. <http://www.peacenewlenox.org/ministries/youth-ministry/78th-grade-youth-group>
  - c. Weekly worship-50% of the time is the minimum expected (in-person [outdoor or drive-in] or via Facebook)
    - i. Send or give sermon idea email/notes/website (something along the lines of “What did the sermon mean to you?” or “What was the sermon about?”)
    - ii. Include your name, date, which grade you are in
  - d. Sunday morning plans (helps with having a well-rounded program)
  - e. Service project(s) (4 hours for the year - log your hours)
    - i. Anything you do to help others counts
    - ii. Examples: rake an elderly person’s yard; bake something for a neighbor or someone in need; send/bring cards to a nursing home; etc.
    - iii. Reporting: each quarter will be helpful via email/mailling/website (pdf)
  - f. No kids & adults gatherings will be scheduled this year.

- g. Complete assigned “booklet pages” during class time - will be included in the agenda each session.
2. General information
- a. Options for those who want more learning, including memorization
  - b. Bibles: bring them/have them handy, plus how to get them to 7<sup>th</sup> graders who will be using the Zoom option
  - c. Babysitting sign up forms (scan/mail & return option) pdf
  - d. Parking lot methods to avoid running over people!
  - e. Snow days = undoubtedly will be all Zoom in case of lousy weather
  - f. Inviting others
  - g. Fill out a registration form - on the website - fill in or print & send in
  - h. Asset Building materials - on the website pdf
  - i. Yellow Ribbon materials - take/get a card on the website pdf
  - j. Youth Group participation - 100% up in the air!
  - k. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation worship dates will be during an 11:00 worship service on May 16, 2021, and May 23, 2021
  - l. No “Pizza before confirmation” unless we get the go ahead for all-back-together safely
  - m. Special needs? Let me know
  - n. Newsletters & bulletins (not list your name? Unless you say “don’t,” names and pictures *are not likely to, but might* show up on the Internet...not other information unless you have given it to us to put on there.)
  - o. Bullying issues in general (and absolutely not here!) Bystander issues for us. See [stopbullying.gov](http://stopbullying.gov) for more information.
  - p. What to study this year: fill in from the website pdf & scan/email or mail it in
  - q. Create a prayer (you’ll be assigned a Wed. later): see form on the website & return or fill in online.
3. Parent involvement
- a. Prayer partners
  - b. Youth group involvement- All on hold regarding help with any youth group events and volunteering (encourage your youth when there is something)
  - c. Wednesday night volunteers (not this year, as of now)

#### QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

#### CLOSING PRAYERS

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