

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION MEETING (in person & via Zoom, Sept. 1, 2021 - 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 as back up; with at least one of the sessions recorded for private YouTube access) On nights when there is a dual class, e.g, Nov. 17, we will have a 45 minute session. The Zoom codes for the year will be 820-5246-0253 & 930376.

7 th Grade – 1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays, except underlined dates		8 th Grade – 2 nd & 4 th Wednesdays, except underlined dates	
Sept. 15	Feb. 2 & 16	Sept. 22	Feb. 9 & 23
Oct. 6 & 20	Mar. <u>9</u> & 16	Oct. 13 & 27	Mar. <u>9</u> & 23
Nov. 3 & <u>17</u>	April <u>6</u> & 20	Nov. 10 & <u>17</u>	April <u>6</u> & 27
Dec. 1		Dec. 8	May <u>4</u> (Mandatory Confirmation rehearsal with an adult)
Jan. 5 & 19		Jan. 12 & 26	

Kids & Adults End-of-the-Year Lunch??? - Sunday, April 24, 12 noon

ISSUES AND IDEAS WE’LL COVER IN THE ORIENTATION

1. Responsibilities
 - a. Attendance in person (or Zoom as back up) at Wednesday classes-100% or make up (how help that happen?)
 - i. Can switch between 7th & 8th when you know of a conflict
 - ii. Mask requirements for in person (all the way in & all the way out to car) + CDC guidelines
 - iii. 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 (with online options, in-person or outdoor/drive-in)
 - 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/ mailing/ 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 7th graders who only 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 = 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. 8th Grade Confirmation worship dates will be during an 11:00 worship service on May 15, 2022, and May 22, 2022, you will pick closer to the date
 - 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 for more information.
 - p. What to study this year: fill in or from the website pdf & scan/ email or mail it in by Sept. 8
 - q. Create a prayer form (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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