

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION MEETING Sept. 14, 2022 - 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). 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	
Oct. 5 & 19	Feb. 1	Oct. 12 & 26	Feb. 8
Nov. 2 & <u>16</u>	Mar. 1, 15, & <u>29</u>	Nov. 9 & <u>16</u>	Mar. 8, 22, & <u>29</u>
Dec. 7	April <u>19</u>	Dec. 14	April 26
Jan. 18	May 3	Jan. 25	May <u>10</u> (Mandatory Confirmation rehearsal with an adult)

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 do we make that happen?)
 - i. You may switch between 7th & 8th when you know of a conflict
 - ii. Absences & make-up work & your folder/packet (take home/bring)
- b. <http://www.peacenewlenox.org/ministries/youth-ministry/78th-grade-youth-group>
 - i. Sermon notes, calendar, registration forms
- c. Weekly worship-50% of the time is the minimum expected with online options or in person.
 - 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) Like ACOLYTING!

- i. Anything you do to help others counts. Examples: rake an elderly person's yard; bake something for a neighbor or someone in need; send/bring cards to a nursing home; etc.
- f. Reporting: each quarter we will send you a record of the number of sermon notes via post.
- g. Complete assigned "booklet pages" during class time - will be included in the agenda each session.
- h. Attend Antioch weekend on March 3-5, 2023

2. General information

- a. Options for those who want more learning, including memorization
- b. Bibles: bring them/have them handy, & who needs one?
- c. Parking lot methods to avoid running over people!
- d. Snow days = will be all Zoom in case of lousy weather
- e. Inviting others
- f. Fill out a registration form - on the website or before you leave
- g. Mental Health Crisis Hot Line take/get a card- 988 IS THE NEW NUMBER FOR CHICAGO AREA
- h. Youth Group participation
- i. 8th Grade Confirmation worship dates will be during an 11:00 worship service on May 21, 2023, and May 28, 2023, you will pick closer to the date
- j. Special needs? Let me know
- k. 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.)
- l. Can we take your picture?
- m. Bullying issues in general (and absolutely not here!) Bystander issues for us. See stopbullying.gov for more information.
- n. What to study this year: fill in or from the website pdf & scan/email or mail it in by Sept. 21
- o. 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 and parent volunteering (encourage your youth when there is something)
- c. Wednesday night volunteers

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

CLOSING PRAYERS

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