

RETREAT

Confirmation also includes an incredible weekend retreat to Lake Junaluska, North Carolina (which is the premiere retreat center for the entire United Methodist Church). It is a beautiful place with lots of area attractions, like the "World Methodist Council Museum." The retreat will be April 13-15, 2018 (departure: 4pm; return: 3pm).

2017 Confirmation Retreat Photos:



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FIRST-CENTENARY STUDENT MINISTRY

Confirmation

18 CLASSES
Beginning
February 4th
& Ending
May 20th

**Special Retreat
April 13-15, 2018**

INTRO.

Confirmation is a special tradition in the United Methodist Church. Like baptism, it is a milestone event in the lives of our youth. It is a time to begin a journey of faith that nurtures and challenges preteens to think about the nature of God, the life of Christ, His calling, and our response. It is also a time to begin learning the beliefs, theology, and traditions specific to the United Methodist Church.

There are a total of 18 classes which are offered annually to youth, 6th grade and above. Each student receives a free "First-Century Study Bible" at the beginning of Confirmation. These are expensive Bibles but worth our investment because they will last our students well into adulthood.



CLASSES / SESSIONS:

(All classes meet at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in Room #136 unless otherwise indicated.)

1. **Introduction** will tell us about the journey ahead and who will be going on that journey with us.

(Sunday, February 4, 2018)

2. **Creation** looks at God the Father and Creator, the implications of our being created in God's image, and the implications of all things being God's handiwork.

(Sunday, February 11, 2018)

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

(Sunday, February 11, 2018)

3. **Sin** explores how God's good Creation was tainted by sin and brokenness and how sin is present in the world today.

(Sunday, February 18, 2018)

4. **Redemption** looks at God the Son and Redeemer and how God is always doing the work of redeeming a broken world.

(Sunday, February 25, 2018)

5. **Holy Spirit** looks at God the Holy Spirit and Sustainer and the movement of the Holy Spirit through Scripture and the history of the church and into our lives today.

(Sunday, March 4, 2018)

6. **Church** tells the story of Christ's body, the church, and discusses what it means to be part of the universal church, The

United Methodist Church, and a local congregation.

(Sunday, March 11, 2018)

7. **New Creation** looks at how individuals and all of creation are and will be made new in Christ.

(Sunday, March 18, 2018)

8. **Way of Discipleship** looks to devotion, worship, compassion, and justice as a road map for Christian living.

(Sunday, March 25, 2018)

9. **Way of Salvation** explores the way of salvation in the United Methodist tradition- prevenient grace, justifying grace, and sanctifying grace.

(Sunday, April 1, 2018)

10. **Wesleyan Quadrilateral** introduces the four Wesleyan tools of discernment, as identified by Albert Outler- Scripture, tradition, experience, and reason.

(Sunday, April 8, 2018)

11. **Sacraments** takes a close look at Baptism and Holy Communion.

(During Retreat - April 13-15, 2018)

12. **Renounce, Reject, Repent:** Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? (During retreat)

13. **Accept:** Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil,

injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

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14. **Confess:** Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

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15. **Living a Holy Life** explores holiness, sanctification, and Christian perfection.

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16. **Worship** discusses the who, why, how, where, and with whom of worship.

(Sunday, April 22, 2018)

17. **I Believe (The Creeds)** focuses on the Apostles' Creed and assorted other statements of faith.

(Sunday, April 29, 2018)

18. **P.P.G.S.W.:** As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

(Sunday, May 6, 2018)

Make Up Day (Sunday, May 13, 2018)

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

(Sunday, May 20, 2018)