



Confirmation is a time of focused attention to the practices that allow one to grow lifelong connections with Christ and the church. Confirmation refers to the decision a person makes to respond to God's grace with intentional commitment, publicly reaffirming his or her baptismal vows before the congregation. Confirmands learn about the meaning of Christian faith; the history and teachings of the United Methodist Church; the importance of spiritual practices; and an explanation of the baptismal and membership vows they will be professing.

LUMY offers an intentional 14-week experience and holds Confirmation twice a year. This experience will go over questions, such as: "Is the Bible True?"; "Can I be a Christian without going to church?"; "How can God be "three-in-one?"; "Why did Jesus get baptized?"; and "Is believing in Jesus really the only way to get to heaven?" At the end of the experience teens will have the opportunity to join the church in membership; however you can be confirmed without becoming a member.

#### Semester Details:

- **Thursdays:** Meet January 18 – April 26, 2018
- **Thursdays Off:** March 29 (Spring Break)
- **Saturdays and Sundays as assigned.**
- **Confirmation Graduation Ceremony:** To be determined
- **Time:** 7:00-8:30P, Rush Creek Campus, Room A1
- **Cost:** \$60 per student
- **Age:** Teens in 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade

#### STUDENT EXPECTATIONS:

- **Only two excused absences allowed.** If you know that you will have to miss class more than two times during the semester, please consider going through Confirmation at a later date.
  - Excused absences are activities that you know of in advance and include but are not limited to the following: playing in sports games, band and choir competitions, other extracurricular activities, family vacations, etc.
  - Family emergencies and illnesses do not count against your two absences.
- **Attend two service projects and two experience days with the Confirmation Class.** Service projects will typically be on a Saturday morning or afternoon, and the experience days will typically be on Sunday mornings. If Saturdays and Sundays do not work, we can arrange something else. Parents are more than welcome to attend these events with their students.
- **Attend a church service every week either on Sunday morning or Sunday night youth service throughout the duration of confirmation.**
- **Read the Book of Luke over the course of the class.**
- **Complete a weekly exercise outside of the group.** There will be one or two short exercises that coincide with the session just completed to be done before the next class. These will help to further solidify the concepts and help to set an example of pursuing a relationship with Christ and the Church outside of the church walls.
- **Parents are encouraged to attend our first meeting on Thursday, January 18** to go over expectations, ask any questions they may have, and to meet the mentors.