

BUMC Confirmation Mentoring Guidelines

What is a Mentor?

- A mentor is an adult Christian who is a parent, spiritual friend and/or advisor to one or more of our confirmands.
- A mentor is a mature Christian who is willing and able to talk to a youth about the mentor's experience of God.
- A mentor models the living of the Christian life for the confirmand. Ideally, when a confirmand has a question about what a Christian would do in any given set of circumstances, he or she ought to be able to look at the life of his or her mentor and see the answer.

Mentor Basics:

- Praying continually for your confirmand
- Helping your confirmand make the transition from a being a child to a young adult member of our congregation; supporting your confirmand's present involvement and encouraging future, increasing involvement in worship, study and prayer.
- Relating to your confirmand in a caring, responsible way.
- Helping your confirmand apply the lessons taught in confirmation class to their lives.
- Sharing with your confirmand your own spiritual journey.
- Helping your confirmand discover the talents God has given them. ☐ Being a good friend and listener.
- ***Meetings should be arranged by youth and mentor, approved by a parent and held in a public place, church, library, or restaurant.***

What are the confirmands studying in class?

- ☐ Methodist Confirmation Studies
- Bible Stories and how they relate to their lives
- Communion
- Advent
- What is the Bible? Why is it Important?
- Prayer
- Outreach
- Grace
- Rule of Life

How often should I meet with my confirmand?

There are 8 'Routes' in your mentoring books. Meet as often as you'd like to complete the book by the end of April.

Important Mentor Dates:

- Sept. 22 – Mentor Breakfast, 9:00 AM
- Nov. 17 – Mentor Breakfast, 9:00 AM
- Dec. 15 – Offsite Service Project

- Spring Calendar will be available in November including 2 additional Mentor Breakfasts and 2 additional Church Visits

What are other ways I can connect with my confirmand?

- Who God is for you?
- What is prayer? Why do we pray?
- The uniqueness of Christianity in relation to other religions?
- What your confirmand is studying in class and their understanding of it?
- Last week's sermon
- What is their favorite (least favorite) part of confirmation?
- What are they confused about? What would they like to know more about? □ What is the best way to get started?
- Be supportive of confirmation process
- Get Acquainted—spend time together, getting to know one another
- Explore mutual interests (sports, music, etc.)
- Talk about your families (parents, brothers, sisters, etc.)
- Talk about your church background
- Read and discuss a story about Jesus together
- Talk about what confirmation means
- Other Activities

Not all meetings need to be discussions. You may want to spend time together on one or more of the following activities:

- Involve the confirmand in your own church activity—ushering, altar guild, coffee hour, choir
- Attend a church activity together, a special worship service
- Participate in outreach activities together
- Attend church fellowship events together
- Attend a relevant concert, movie or sports event together
- Attend a different church together
- Participate in an additional outreach activity together

HAVE FUN!!!

Thank you for being part of our Mentor/Confirmand Program. May God bless your efforts to initiate and develop a relationship with your confirmand.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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