

# Welcome!

What a tremendous joy it is for me, on behalf of Centenary United Methodist Church, to be sending you this invitation to Confirmation! What you are holding in your hands is an opportunity that will change your life! You have reached the age (7th grade) when you journey through Confirmation. We would like to invite you to be a part of the upcoming class of 2024 and have been praying that YOU will plan to be a part of this exciting adventure.

Confirmation by definition is faith formation, one part of a life-long journey. We have designed this Confirmation Ministry to give you the opportunity, tools, support, and inspiration you will need to build your faith on a firm foundation (Matthew 7:24-25).

Starting on January 3, 2024, we will meet each Wednesday night from 6:00pm–7:30pm to learn about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the spiritual life, and how they form us and cause us to change the way we live our lives. You won't go through this class alone— you will each pick a Shepherd (an adult spiritual companion from our church) who will walk beside you in faith. There will be several field trips and two retreats to help us along this process as well. We hope that through these experiences, you will come to encounter Jesus in a very real way.

Please take time to look over this invitation, talk it over with your parents, and pray about this invitation to Confirmation. I hope that you will plan to be a part of this class so that you can continue this journey of faith and know just how much God loves you.

Living in His Grace,



Tammy Pollock  
Director of Youth Ministries

# Be*lie*ve

*God the Father  
Jesus Christ  
Holy Spirit*

#### YOUTH MINISTRY MISSION

*To love youth on behalf of Jesus in hopes  
of loving them to Jesus.*

#### OUR VISION

*To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the  
transformation of the world.*

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## CENTENARY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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# 2024

## CONFIRMATION

Centenary United Methodist Church  
January 3 - May 19, 2024

CONFIRMATION  
A JOURNEY THROUGH FAITH FORMATION  
**Be*lie*ve**  
*God the Father • Jesus Christ • Holy Spirit*

An invitation to 7th graders to  
journey through faith formation!

*“Everyone then who hears these words  
of mine and acts on them will be like a  
wise man who built his house on rock.  
The rain fell, the floods came, and the  
winds blew and beat on that house, but  
it did not fall, because it had been  
founded on rock.”*

— Matthew 4:24-25

# 2024 Confirmation Schedule

Each class will begin with dinner in the Youth Commons on the 4th Floor of the Central Building at 6:00pm. Confirmation will end at 7:30pm unless otherwise noted. Parents are asked to provide dinner and can find a SignUp Genius link at registration.

## DECEMBER

- 6 6:00pm Confirmation Parents Orientation (@ youth commons)

## JANUARY

Each class will begin with dinner in the Youth Commons on the 4th Floor of the Central Building at 6:00pm, community building at 6:15pm in the Middle school Youth Room/Youth Commons, and class will begin at 6:30pm. Confirmation will end at 7:30pm unless otherwise noted.

- 3 Confirmation Student Orientation
- 4 Confirmation Shepherd Orientation
- 10 SHEPHERD NIGHT — Get Acquainted
- 17 Apostles Creed: God the Father & Jesus Christ His Only Son
- 19-20 Camp Hanes Retreat: Baptism & Communion
- 24 Apostles Creed: The Holy Spirit
- 31 The Story

## FEBRUARY

- 7 John Wesley & the Church
- 14 SHEPHERD NIGHT — Stuff & Ash Wednesday Service
- 21 Worship
- 28 Creation & Bodies

## MARCH

- 6 SHEPHERD NIGHT — Jewish Temple with Rabbi
- 13 Creativity & Work
- 20 Time & Choices
- 27 SHEPHERD NIGHT — Play - Bowling

## APRIL

- 3 NO CONFIRMATION HOLY WEEK & SPRING BREAK
- 10 Forgiveness & Justice
- 17 Grieving
- 24 SHEPHERD NIGHT — Funeral Home visit

## MAY

- 1 Truth & Prayer & Practice
- 3 & 4 Blowing Rock Conference Retreat: Pilgrimage
- 7 - 9 Confirmation Interviews
- 15 Confirmation Rehearsal & Dinner
- 19 Confirmation Service & Reception

## A Word About Shepherds

Shepherds are people who simply 'walk along side' or accompany the Confirmand in their journey of faith formation. Shepherds are companions during the Confirmation experience and beyond. **Each Confirmand is expected to find his/her own Shepherd.** This person MUST be an adult (over 21 years old) who you admire, know, and trust. We ask that they be a member of Centenary United Methodist Church and are actively worshiping and growing in their own faith. Your Shepherd will meet with you once a month outside of class to work on your journal together, attend Shepherd nights, attend the retreats (see schedule for Shepherd nights and retreat dates), stand with you at your Confirmation, and commit to being your friend in faith over the next 5 years and beyond. Earnestly pray about who you might ask, as it is a very important decision, and then ask them soon! Cost for Shepherds is \$125.00.

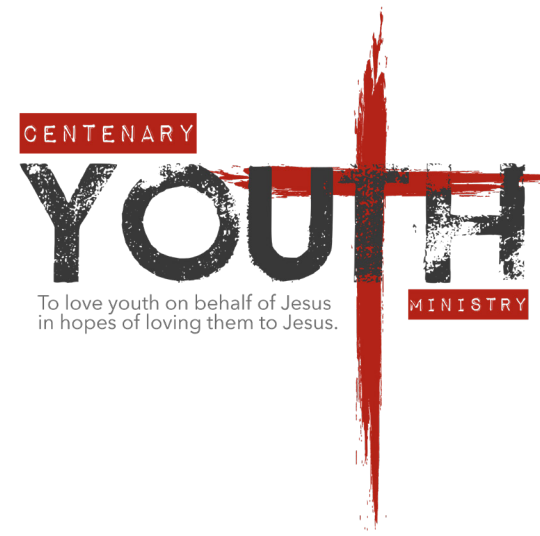
## What Is the Cost?

We try to keep the cost of Confirmation to a minimum, but we do ask that you help offset the overall cost by paying for the following:

*You may either pay the total cost up front or wait and pay for each individual item.*

Meals	\$70.00
Way to Live Book	\$30.00
Co-Lab-Orate Methodist Student Bible	\$30.00
Retreats (Camp Hanes, \$75 & Blowing Rock, \$75. Due at time of retreat.)	\$150.00
	\$280.00

(As always, if for any reason your family cannot afford these costs, a church scholarship will be provided.)



## 2024 CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Scan the QR code below to register or go to <https://bit.ly/3nfm8at>.



For questions or to learn more please contact:

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We are looking forward to this year's Confirmation Class with great excitement!