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Dear Student!

Something new and exciting awaits you this year! Our church believes at this point in your life you are ready to examine your relationship with God and study our Christian heritage. Confirmation is where this journey continues for you!

Confirmation is an opportunity to spend time studying our faith and Methodist history. It is also a season for you to grow in your Christian journey and understanding of what it means to follow Jesus. Confirmation class leads up to confirming the vows made at your baptism and joining as a full member of Fishers United Methodist Church.

Confirmation will begin on Friday, January 21, 2022 with a dinner for you, your family and mentor. The confirmation students and mentors will stay after the banquet for an overnight retreat ending Saturday afternoon. This is a great time to get to know one another and to start learning together.

During this Confirmation journey, you will build a special relationship with a mentor. A mentor is someone from our church that you and your parents choose to go through Confirmation alongside you. This person should be someone that you admire and that you see has a strong faith in God. Think about the adults in our church that you really respect—think of past Sunday school teachers, VBS shepherds, Upward coaches, or someone in one of your parents' small groups. Because you and your mentor will spend a good amount of time together, it is best if you and your parents be the ones to choose a mentor. When you ask someone you would like to ask to be your mentor, *share the schedule and ask that they prayerfully consider this commitment*. Please understand that some adults you ask may not be able to commit to this class because of other obligations. We are a vital and active congregation with many committed members; there are plenty of great mentors around! Students, this is the beginning of you taking ownership in your faith. You need to be the one to ask a mentor to join you on the journey—although surely your parents will be of support!

Since Confirmation is such an important time, we ask that students (and families) make a real commitment. *It is expected that you will attend all of the Sunday school classes, afternoon classes, special activities and the retreat*. Confirmation encompasses Sunday school at 9:45, class on Sunday evenings at 5:30-7:30 and several special events. Sunday morning worship is part of this commitment as well. We want for students to experience Sunday morning worship and Sunday school weekly. Please review the schedule before committing to this discipleship ministry.

We know this is a big commitment and an even bigger step of faith. Please spend some time in prayer before deciding about your participation. *We ask that you make a commitment no later than December 15, 2021 by signing up online—see the Confirmation link on the church website*. If you have any other questions or concerns about Confirmation, please contact Liz Simmonds at the church (lsimmonds@fishersumc.org or 317.849.1805). We hope to hear from you soon!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Liz'.

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