

# 2015 Confirmation Information

**Mandatory Orientation** - For Parents and Youth - Sun., Jan. 4, 9:40 a.m., Youth Room

**Classes Schedule** - Sun., Jan. 11 - March 24, 9:40 - 10:40 a.m.

**Confirmation Graduation Ceremony** - Sun., April ? at the 9:40 a.m. service

**Class Location** - Youth room located on the second floor of the Administration building

**Confirmation Educational & Historical Retreat** - St. Simons, GA, Fri. - Sun., Feb. 20 - 22  
Parents are encouraged and welcomed to attend the retreat with their child.

**Cost** - The all inclusive price for Confirmation students is \$30.00 This includes lesson book, retreat lodging and food, admission to the Moore Museum, Fort Frederica, St. Simon's Light House, and dessert at Dairy Queen. For students not going on the retreat the cost is \$10. The money is due on Feb. 15 to secure retreat reservations!

**Scholarship funds are available**— Please don't let the cost prevent your child from participating in this important step in your child's spiritual journey.

## Confirmation Retreat

**Purpose:** This is an educational and historical tour of the Epworth-by-the-Sea Methodist Retreat Center in St. Simons, Georgia - [www.epworthbythesea.org](http://www.epworthbythesea.org)

**Departing:** Friday, February 20, 9:00 a.m. **Returning:** Sunday, February 22, 4:00 p.m.

**Lodging Cost:** \$170 for adults (based on 2 adults and 2 youth in a room) Price includes two nights lodging, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday, admission to Fort Frederica, St. Simon's Light House & dessert at Dairy Queen. Private Rooms: \$240 for adults (1 adult and 1 youth in a room). If you need financial help paying for the retreat, please contact Dwight at 321-284-7653.

**Lodging Reservations Deadline:** Sunday, February 1. For reservations after this date you will need to call the Epworth Retreat at 912-638-8688 and request lodging in the Turner Lodge. Individual room prices may be slightly higher.

**Other Cost:** Dinner, lunch & snacks on the way up and back : \$25.00

**What to Bring:** Casual clothing, overnight bag, jacket, Bible, spending money, and lesson book.

**Transportation:** Church bus or you may drive your own vehicle

**Distance:** 250 miles one way, travel time 4 hours

**Directions:** I-4 E to I-95 N to GA exit 29, right on US17, right on Torras Causeway, left on Sea Island Rd., Epworth-by-the-Sea is on the left



# Confirmation Questions

## 1. What is Confirmation?

- a. It's about helping your child to make the most important decision they will ever make in life, even more important than sports
- b. It is providing a foundation of faith upon which a child will base the rest of their life
- c. It is more than just joining the church. It's about choosing the promises made at baptism and embarking on a lifetime discipleship.
- d. It is helping children to joyfully claim the name faithful... claim the name Christian... and claim the name United Methodist

## 2. What role does the parent have in the confirmation process?

- a. Encouraging your child to study their lessons
- b. Making confirmation a priority in your child's life take classes seriously
- c. Attending a worship service with their child on Sunday morning

## 3. What is the purpose of having a Confirmation mentor?

One of the most important aspects of the Confirmation process is selecting a mentor for your child. This should be a mature Christian who will provide a supportive relationship during the Confirmation process. The mentor should be a friend and guide who is willing to help the student gain a greater understanding of what it means to accept Christ and become a church member.

## 3. What are the mentor expectations?

- a. Mentors must meet with their student each week during the last 20 mins. of the class and reinforce what is taught in the classroom
- b. Mentors must understand how important their relationship is with the student and must realize it is an honor to serve
- c. Mentors must attend the Sunday morning confirmation graduation ceremony

## 4. How do we know if your child is mature enough and ready to be confirmed?

- a. feedback from Sunday School teacher
- b. feedback from Children's director
- c. feedback from parents

## 5. What is the purpose of the Confirmation retreat?

- a. Educational: learning first hand of our United Methodist history in America
- b. Fellowship: students having a fun weekend with their parents

# Confirmation Class Schedule

Date	Lesson	Teacher/Facilitator
Jan. 4, 2015	<i>Let's Get Started</i> - Orientation class for parents and students	Dwight Oakes & Jeri-Lynne Severance
Jan. 11	<i>We are the Church:</i> Understanding the Different Meanings of "church"	Jeri-Lynne
Jan. 18	<i>Books of the Bible:</i> Learning the Importance of the Holy Scriptures	Jeri-Lynne
Jan. 25	<i>Worshipping God:</i> Doing What We're Created For	Jeri-Lynne
Feb. 1	<i>God the Son:</i> Understanding the Second Person of the Trinity	Jeri-Lynne
Feb. 8	<i>God the Holy Spirit:</i> Understanding the Third Person of the Trinity	Jeri-Lynne
Feb. 15	<i>The Church Celebrates:</i> The Sacraments of Baptism & Communion	Jeri-Lynne
Feb. 20 - 22 GA Retreat	Confirmation Retreat to St. Simons, GA Classes: <i>God's Church Grows</i> and <i>We Worship God</i>	Dwight & Jeri-Lynne
March 1	<i>God's Plan for our World:</i> What it Means to be a Christian	Jeri-Lynne
March 8	<i>Faithful Disciples:</i> Being a Loyal Active Member of the Body of Christ	Jeri-Lynne
March 15	<i>We Live the Christian Life:</i> Repenting of Sin	Jeri-Lynne
March 22	<i>Are You a Christian:</i> Accepting Jesus as Savior	Jeri-Lynne
March 29	Spring Break - no Confirmation class	Jeri-Lynne
April 6	Graduation Ceremony at the 9:40 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary	Pastor Wayne

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