

November 21, 2019

Dear 8th Grader or older and Parents,

Baylake United Methodist Church would like to invite you to enroll in Confirmation 2020. *Confirmation* means "with firmness." In Confirmation we seek *to make firm* a young person's commitment to Jesus Christ. Much has gone on in a young person's life to prepare him or her for this time of exploration and commitment; the love and instruction from parents and grandparents, participation in Sunday School, possibly the sacrament of baptism and definitely God's prevenient grace working in a young person's life.

Confirmation at Baylake United Methodist Church is a four-month process beginning January 5th and ending on April 19th. During Confirmation young persons 8th grade or older have an opportunity to explore dimensions of their faith, their relationship with God and their commitment to the church. At the end of this process, these young people are given the opportunity in worship to publicly profess their faith and make a commitment to the United Methodist Church.

There are three dimensions to our Confirmation process:

- 1) Study and discussions with an adult mentor
- 2) Weekly group sessions with all the youth who are participating in Confirmation
- 3) Special Events

1) Study and Discussion with an Adult Mentor

A mentor is an adult friend in the faith. He or she will journey alongside the Confirmand through this four-month process. The Confirmand will meet six times with his or her mentor. The meeting times are flexible. The times and dates are set by the Confirmand and the mentor. Study materials and discussion starters are provided. Males are partnered with males and females with females.

Participants are asked to suggest the names of adult members of our church whom he or she would like to be his or her mentor. Please indicate recommended names on the registration form. Please do not ask the person directly. Often adults are requested by more than one young person.

2) Weekly Group Sessions

Each Sunday all youth participating in Confirmation will meet 3 PM to 4:30 PM in the youth room. We plan to begin Sunday, January 5th, and continue each Sunday through April 19th. Please review the schedule below because there are two Sunday's we will not meet. Abbie Koke, Rev. Clark Cundiff and other current Youth Leaders will lead the weekly sessions. These sessions provide an opportunity for young people to share their insights and discoveries with one another.

3) Special Events

We are planning several events to include attending worship at a synagogue and mass at a Catholic Church. Some of these events involve parents and youth while others involve youth and mentors. Special event dates will be determined and communicated.

Attendance Requirements

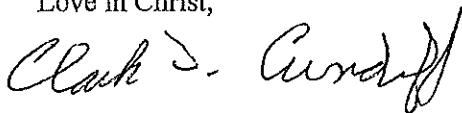
Confirmation is an opportunity for youth to explore the most important relationship of their lives, their relationship with the Lord. In order for youth to get the most of this experience, it is important that he or she be present at most events and sessions.

2020 Confirmation Schedule

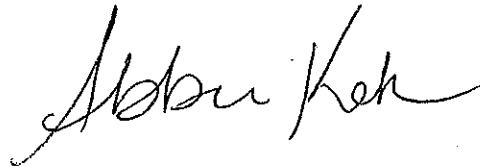
- Sunday, January 5th: Present commitment cards during worship and begin weekly meetings.
- Sunday, January 19, 3 PM to 4:30 PM: Bowling with Confirmands and Mentors
- Visit Worship Service of another faith for Confirmands and Mentors dates to be determined
- Service Project for Confirmand and Parents scheduled at your convenience
- Sunday, March 8th, No Group Meeting
- Sunday, March 29th, 4:30 PM to 6 PM: Agape Meal for Confirmands by Mentors and Parents
- Sunday, April 5th, 4:30PM -5 PM: Closing Communion and Confirmation Rehearsal for Confirmands, Parents and Mentors
- Sunday, April 12th, EASTER; No Group Meeting
- Sunday, April 19th, 9 AM and 11:00 AM: Confirmation Service!

Please bring the enclosed registration form to the church office, with you to Sunday School, Youth Group on Wednesdays, or scan and email to ccundiff@baylakeumc.org AND akoke@baylakeumc.org on or before December 22nd. We look forward to seeing you and your parents at the commencement of Confirmation! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Clark Cundiff at 757-464-2423 or ccundiff@baylakeumc.org and Abbie Koke at 804-832-3474 or akoke@baylakeumc.org.

Love in Christ,



Clark Cundiff
Pastor Baylake United Methodist Church



Abbie Koke
Director of Student Ministries

2020 Confirmation Registration

Name (You Wish to be called): _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Parent Cell: _____ Youth Cell: _____

Birth Date: _____

Parents Name (As you desire them to be listed in the bulletin):

Youth e-mail: _____

Parent e-mail: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

Hobbies/Interests: _____

Have You Been Baptized? _____ When? _____

Recommended Persons to be your mentor: _____

(males for males, females for females)

(List several possible persons. Your first choice is sometimes not available)