



January 29, 2023

Dear Students and Parents,

Baylake United Methodist Church would like to invite you to enroll in Confirmation 2023. *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 three-month process beginning February 19<sup>th</sup> and ending on May 28<sup>th</sup>. We will have an orientation Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School time (10:00-10:50 AM) in the youth room to go over the process and events. During Confirmation Students will 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 three-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 at 10:00 AM during the Sunday school time in the youth room. We plan to begin Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and continue each Sunday through May 28<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Clark Cundiff, Jonathan Pollard and other current Youth Sunday School teachers from our church 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.

2023 Confirmation Schedule

Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM, Information and Orientation Session for Youth, Parents, Mentors and Prayer Partners held in the youth room.

Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, present commitment cards during worship and begin weekly meetings.

We will not meet Easter Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup> and the Sunday after April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> Bowling with confirmands and mentors at 4 PM.

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, May 21, 12:00 PM Confirmation Rehearsal for Confirmands, Parents and Mentors

Sunday, May 28, 11:00 AM Confirmation Service (Memorial Day weekend, Subject to change)

Please bring the enclosed registration form to the church office or with you to Sunday School on the 19<sup>th</sup> or scan and email to [ccundiff@baylakeumc.org](mailto:ccundiff@baylakeumc.org) & or [jpollard@baylakeumc.org](mailto:jpollard@baylakeumc.org) . We look forward to seeing you and your parents at the Confirmation Orientation Session on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM in the youth room. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Clark Cundiff at 757-464-2423 or [ccundiff@baylakeumc.org](mailto:ccundiff@baylakeumc.org) and Jonathan at 757-971-9951 or [jpollard@baylakeumc.org](mailto:jpollard@baylakeumc.org).

Love in Christ,

*Clark Cundiff*

Pastor Baylake United Methodist Church

*Jonathan Pollard*

Director of Family Ministries

## 2023 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):

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Youth e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies/Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have You Been Baptized? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended Persons to be your mentor: \_\_\_\_\_

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(males for males, females for females)

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