

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Main Street UMC Youth Ministry exists to empower all youth to seek God through worship and prayer, providing a Biblical foundation to transform lives into the image of Jesus Christ, as evidenced by loving and serving our neighbors

## VALUES

**Christ imitating:** Transforming our youth into the likeness of Christ

**Biblically Sound:** Valuing the Scriptures and what they direct us to do, relevant to the world in which we live

**Revolutionary:** Encouraging youth to be bold and courageous in their faith and daily lives

**Relational:** Fostering relationships with God, among youth, and across generations

**Compassionate:** Nurturing servant hearts by providing opportunities to minister to others

**Inclusive:** Welcoming and loving people as they are

**Authentic:** Being ourselves in a safe environment

**Fun:** Being creative and fun

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# CONFIRMATION JOURNEY

2012

Confirmation at Main Street UMC is a Fifteen-week long comprehensive program of education and spiritual formation for eighth - twelfth grade students.



**MAIN STREET**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*A Faith Community that Serves*

## CONFIRMATION 2012

During the confirmation journey students are instructed in the basics of the faith (our identity, our history and heritage, our practices, and our beliefs) and what it means to live the Christian life and be involved in the mission of the church in the world.

But behind the instruction of the class is the larger goal of spiritual formation and Christian discipleship. Our faith is not just about information. It is primarily about relationship - with God and with neighbor. Key to this is spiritual formation - being molded, shaped, or transformed into the image of Christ. This takes time and experiences.

To facilitate our relational and formational agenda, we will have retreats, mission opportunities in addition to our classes. It is expected that participants be involved in the whole range of activities, not just the classes.

At the end of the Confirmation Journey, class members have the opportunity to be confirmed as full professing members of the church. However, the decision to be confirmed is just that - a decision, a choice. It is not required. Confirmation classes will meet Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m.

Confirmation is lead by a team Main Street UMC Staff, parents and other adults from our church family.

MSUMC's Confirmation Journey uses a combination of large group presentation and small group discussion. Groups are lead by skilled and trained adults.

## CONFIRMATION TIMELINE

### January

15th - Orientation for Families (1:30 p.m.)  
20th-21st - Beginning Retreat  
25th - Class 1

### February

1st - Class 2  
8th - Class 3  
15TH - Class 4  
22nd - Class 5  
29th - Class 6

### March

7th - Class 7  
21st - Class 8  
28th - Class 9

### April

14th - Family Service Project\* & class 10  
20th - 21st - Closing Retreat  
29th - Confirmation Service 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

## SIGN ME UP!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

School attending \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature

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Student has been Baptized Y or N

*Detach and turn-in registration information to  
Main Street UMC office of Youth Ministry*