Friend in Faith for Confirmation

What is a friend in faith?
A friend in faith is an individual chosen by a confirmand, to be their spiritual supporter through this journey of confirmation. This is someone who is older and typically of the same gender. He or she is someone the confirmand respects and believes to be a spiritual mentor to them. Examples are, aunts, uncles, coaches, college friends, older siblings out of High School, small group leaders, pastors, etc. Really anyone who the student chooses that will agree to support them spiritually through the 6 week process.

What is expected of the Friend in Faith?
A friend in faith will need to understand the commitment they are making to the student! This commitment includes:

1. A commitment of praying for the student in the 6 week period, and beyond if they would! And encouraging them in their studies clarifying any questions they may ask.

2. Sending two letters of encouragement to the student, letting them know the importance of understanding what they are learning, and that they are being prayed for.

3. Giving a small gift to the student on confirmation Sunday to commemorate this rite of passage in faith. Ex: A bible, or bible marker, an inexpensive cross bracelet, a devotional book...something with a spiritual representation of the day.

4. You are expected to do a 1 to several hour mission project with your student at some point in the 6 weeks. Volunteering and serving together.

5. Share your testimony (appropriately of course) with the student of how you came to faith and the joy of being a believer. This can be powerful and you may even ask them if they have had that experience yet? If not, by all means witness to them.

6. Attend the Friend faith luncheon scheduled for February 8th, 12:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall at St. James UMC. You will sit with your confirmand and get to know them better, and determine your mission project.
7. Attend, if possible, the Sunday morning confirmation ceremony in the 9:45 worship service at St. James UMC on March 8th. Show up at 9 am and you’ll follow the Family through the ceremony practice and stand with your student, when they are presented before the congregation in the service, in support of your FIF.

Thank you for being a friend in faith, and encouraging the faith journey of this student! We pray the friendship will be a lasting one for years to come.