



2021 Confirmation Class

Parents,

I am writing with info on our 2021 Confirmation Class for which your son(s) and/or daughter(s) should now be eligible.

What is Confirmation Class: Confirmation is a weekly class for teenagers who are interested in exploring their faith, preparing themselves to make a profession of faith, making their faith their own, and learning more about being an active member of the church. Students of the Confirmation class will attend classes February through May, and are expected to participate in various student ministry events/meetings.

Who is eligible for Confirmation: To be confirmed in May of 2021, you must currently be in at least the 7th grade. We know there are many students who are currently in 8th or 9th grade who were not able to participate in Confirmation class in previous years. If this describes you, you are more than welcome to participate this year.

I am excited for the new Confirmation class of 2021! Each year allows me to meet a new group of unique, amazing students. The intent of this letter is to give you a little more information so you will know what to expect for the upcoming Confirmation program and all that it entails.

As you read the "Requirement" section, please keep in mind the intention behind it. The hope for students is that they will grow to desire a relationship with Jesus and that our pastors and student ministry leadership team might provide avenues to nurture their faith. In that, many times it's hard to try new things without a little push – so that is part of our reasoning behind asking them to be involved in our Student Ministries during the year, and we hope and pray that they will continue to be a part of the Student Ministries after they complete the Confirmation program and move on to further years of middle and high school.

Dates:

Normally, we have in-person Confirmation classes on Tuesday evenings. However, due to the current Covid-19 precautions/restrictions, we are going to be offering this year's Confirmation class in an online format. We will meet every other week via Zoom for the lesson and discussion. On the weeks we are not meeting via Zoom, students will watch a pre-recorded lesson and complete the required work on their own/at their own pace. This means that on the weeks we do not meet via Zoom, the Tuesday class time is not applicable.

✚ Confirmation classes will be held on:

- February 9 (Zoom)

- February 16
 - February 23 (Zoom)
 - March 2
 - March 9 (Zoom)
 - March 16
 - March 23 (Zoom)
 - **March 30 – There will be no Confirmation class this week because of the mandatory viewing of the virtual Holy Thursday Service.**
 - April 6 (Zoom)
 - April 13
 - April 20 (Zoom)
 - April 27
 - May 4
 - May 11 (Zoom)
 - May 18
 - May 25 (Zoom)
- ✚ The Zoom Confirmation classes (see dates above) will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:15-7:00 pm.
 - ✚ The non-Zoom Confirmation classes can be completed anytime that week.
 - ✚ For the Zoom Confirmation classes, students are expected to be on time and stay for the entirety of the class.
 - ✚ If your student needs to miss a scheduled Zoom class, please let me know ahead of time.
 - ✚ Students will be confirmed on **Sunday, May 30, 2021**. The Confirmation ceremony usually takes place in the Traditional Service.
 - ✚ Students are expected to watch the Holy Thursday Service on April 1, 2021.
 - The time will be announced at a later date. This will take the place of Confirmation class that week.

Requirements:

- ✚ Beginning after signing up for Confirmation class, students will be expected to attend Elevation each week. Elevation is our weekly youth group program.
 - Currently, we are not meeting in person due to Covid-19 restrictions/precautions, but that may change very soon.
 - When we do have in-person Elevation, we meet at the church is from 4:00-5:15 pm
- ✚ Attending Elevation helps your student(s) to get to know the rest of our youth group and leaders, and to grow in their faith and relationships with God.

- ✚ For each week of Confirmation class, students will be asked to read one chapter from one of the Gospels. A reading schedule will be provided in their folders (see “Course Materials” section below).
- ✚ Students will also be expected to memorize the following throughout the course:
 - John 3:16
 - Proverbs 3:5-6
 - The Apostle’s Creed
 - The Lord’s Prayer

Course Materials:

Along with their student folders, upon entering Confirmation class, each student will receive a Bible and devotional book, which will help to communicate Biblical truths into their everyday lives.

- ✚ Course materials will need to be picked up prior to the class start date. I will email everyone once all of the materials are in and put together.

If your student(s) are intending to be confirmed in May of 2021, please complete the enclosed response form and return it to me **no later than Monday, February 1st**. You can choose to send the form in the mail, but know that the USPS is currently very backed up and there is a delay on things arriving on time. A better, quicker option is to fill out the below form and send it back to me via email (email address listed below). Receiving these forms by February 1st will enable us to have an accurate mailing list for the class and will help us determine how many Bibles and devotional books we need to order.

If you have any questions concerning anything mentioned in this letter, please contact me at the church: 267-245-7874, or email: PGeorgulis@doylestownumc.com

Thank you and I look forward to leading your student(s) on this journey!

Forever Serving HIM,

Paul Georgulis
Pastor of Student Ministries

Confirmation Registration Form

Full Name: (first, middle, last): _____

Gender: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade in School: _____

School Currently Attending: _____

Baptized: Yes ____ No ____

If "Yes", name of Church and denomination: _____

If "yes", when? _____

Hobbies/Sports Played/School Concerts/etc...:

Other Siblings in grades 7-12 (list names and ages):

Parent/Guardian Info:

Father: _____ Mother: _____ Guardian: _____

Email Addresses: _____

Street Address: _____

Phone Number(s) - Cell: _____

Work: _____

Home: _____

Any additional information that Pastor Paul should know about the student and family
(attach additional sheet if needed):

