



2023 Confirmation Class

Parents,

I am writing with info on our 2023 Confirmation program for which your son(s) and/or daughter(s) should now be eligible.

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.

What is Confirmation: 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 in the Confirmation program will attend classes from 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 2023, 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 in previous years. If this describes your son(s) and/or daughter(s), they are more than welcome to participate this year.

Dates:

We will be meeting in person, but there will also be a few online classes that consist of watching a video lesson that can be completed whenever is best for your student that week.

✚ Confirmation Class will meet in The Upper Room on Thursday evenings from 6:15-7:15 pm on the following dates:

- February 16
- February 23
- March 2
- **March 9 (Online)**
- March 16
- March 23
- **March 30 (Online)**
- **April 6 – There will be no Confirmation class this day because of the mandatory attendance at the Holy Thursday Service (see “Holy Thursday Service” below).**

- April 13
- April 20
- April 27
- **May 4 (Online)**
- May 11
- May 18

- ✚ If your student needs to miss a class, please let me know ahead of time.
- ✚ Students will be confirmed on **Sunday, May 21, 2023**. The Confirmation ceremony usually takes place in the Liturgical Worship Service (10:10 am).
- ✚ There will be two special events in which Confirmation students are expected to participate:
 - **Church Work Day:** Church Work Day: A Saturday in March. This date hasn't been scheduled yet. When it is, I will let you know.
 - **Holy Thursday Service:** Students are expected to attend the Holy Thursday Service on April 6, 2023.
 - This will take the place of Confirmation class that week.

Requirements:

As you read this 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.

- ✚ Beginning after signing up for Confirmation class, students will be expected to attend Elevation each week.
 - Elevation is our weekly youth group program and is for all students in grades 7-12.
 - Elevation meets from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Worship & Youth Center
 - Attending Elevation helps students to get to know the rest of our youth group and leaders, and to grow in their faith and relationship with God.

Note: If Sunday evenings do not work for you/your student(s), please let me know and we can discuss other options.

- ✚ 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 folders that will be handed out at the first class.
- ✚ 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.

If your student(s) are intending to be confirmed in May of 2023, please complete the enclosed response form and return it to me **no later than Thursday, February 2nd**. You can choose to send the form in the mail, hand it in to me at church, or fill it out and send it back to me via email (email address listed below). Receiving these forms by February 2nd will help me to determine how many Bibles and devotional books are needed, and will allow me enough time to order/receive them.

If you have any questions concerning anything regarding this year's Confirmation program, 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
Assistant Pastor & 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 name(s) and age(s)):

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
(continue on back of page if needed):

