

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Rev. Tom Zimmerman, Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. James Tuttle, Minister of Faith Formation
Jeanette Brenner, Director of Congregational Care
Trish Farrell, Director of Youth & Family Ministries
Kaylee Klepaczyk, Director of Children & Family Ministries
Linda Klepaczyk, Director of Worship Celebrations
Pilar Graden, Administrative Assistant
Michelle Grill, Financial Secretary

Confirmation Parents & Students,

As 2020 as thrown us curveballs, we keep trying to adjust and take the next right step. As we look at the fall, we have come up with a plan for our Confirmation classes for September and October. All of this is tentative, of course, and we will adjust as needed going forward.

Year One/Incoming 7th graders:

Due to the small class size and the limitations on meeting in person regularly, we have decided to wait on offering a class this year. Our intention is to offer the Confirmation class next fall combined with the grade below. We encourage students to participate in all youth events and The Underground to stay involved in the meantime.

Year Two/8th graders:

There were 2 lessons that were missed in the spring due to shut down. These lessons will be made up in the Spring of 2021 prior to Confirmation Sunday. Students are responsible throughout this school year to continue initial Year Two expectations on their own: Underground attendance, monthly worship and notes, and regular service. Church organized service opportunities and trips will continue when possible. Please attend the update meeting for more details.

Brief Update Meeting (parents & students): Sunday, September 20th 6:00pm in-person, outdoors, bring a chair

9th graders:

The majority of what students were unable to complete in the spring was focused around their faith statements and the Confirmation Sunday worship. Students are asked to participate in the 2 classes below and at home projects to complete this work.

Faith Statements: Sunday, September 20th 10:20-11:30am In-person, outdoors, bring a chair & notepad. (students)

Worship Planning: Sunday, October 11th 10:20-12:20pm In-person, outdoors, bring a chair & faith statements. (students)

Confirmation Sunday: Sunday, October 25th (details TBD but it will be separate from the 9:00am service)

If families are not comfortable with in-person, please reach out to me and we will design an appropriate option. Thank you for your patience and understanding in these unprecedented times. We want to serve your family in the safest way possible.

Faithfully serving,

Trish Farrell
Director of Youth & Family Ministries
trish@fumc-saline.org
413-822-6840 cell