

Dear 4th and 5th Grade Confirmation Students, Parents, and Mentors,

Thank you for your continued commitment to developing your faith through Confirmation! Our 4 classes for upper elementary school youth this year will be held via Zoom, beginning on Wednesday, October 28. We will focus primarily on the Church Seasons and Order of Worship.

With this year being so different from previous years, Confirmation will look a little different as well. Mentors are strongly encouraged to attend each of the 5 classes to support and learn alongside their students. If a Mentor is unable to make a particular week, parents are then encouraged to attend to support their student.

The Zoom classes on **Wednesday evenings will begin at 6:30pm**, and last about 45-60 minutes. The students will be encouraged to participate in some small projects/assignments outside of the class time. Here are the dates of this year's classes:

October 28

November 4

November 11

November 18

We normally encourage all 4th-6th grade Students (especially 4th grade) to attend **Bible Late Night**. We are looking into potential options for holding a Bible Late Night event on Friday, October 23. We will provide you with updates as we get closer to that date. Also, all 4th grade students will be provided with a Bible before classes begin. We will let you know how to receive these Bibles and about a blessing for them in worship as we get closer to that date as well.

Please note that due to our extended model of Confirmation at Mt. Zion, we only hold 5 periods of instruction per year for each year of elementary school. Because there are only 4 Wednesday class meetings per year, it is important that you make every effort to attend and participate in these classes. These efforts show that you prioritize faith education and formation for your family.

For 4th grade students that do not yet have a Mentor, please contact Pastor Carolyn by September 30 with the names of three people in the congregation who you would be interested in having as your Mentor. Please do not ask these people directly if they would like to be your Mentor - many adults in the congregation are already serving as Mentors, so we will match you with one of your 3 choices. If you have any questions about Mentors, please contact Pr. Carolyn.

For 5th grade students that would normally receive First Communion this year - we will update you with a plan for First Communion as the time comes this spring.

Thank you for your understanding and continued flexibility as we navigate this challenging season together. The commitment you are making to your child's faith formation will support them well through this season and beyond.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to reach out any time at pastor@mtzionhudson.com or 715-386-5409. I look forward to seeing you all on October 28!

Peace be with you,
Pastor Carolyn Staats