

## Confirmation Schedule 2021/22

### Parent/Youth Orientation and Acolyte Training

*September 1 6:00-8:00 pm*

*Youth Center*

Parents and youth together will learn about the program and expectations. Halfway through, youth will go to Acolyte Training and parents will gather for a Meet and Greet.

### Fellowship Event at Defy

*September 19 7:00-9:00 pm*

*Off-Site at Defy*

Confirmands will join with the rest of the youth for this fellowship event. More details coming soon.

### Bible Essentials

*September 29 6:15-7:30*

*Youth Center*

Confirmands will join Middle School Meet-Up to learn about how the Bible came to be, how to read it, and what we believe about it.

### Middle School Retreat

*October 1-3 (Friday night to Sunday early afternoon)*

*Off-Site*

Youth will learn about the Trinity and the Holy Spirit. This activity is essential for bonding and forming connections that will endure past Confirmation. More details coming soon.

### Missions

*October 13 6:15-7:30 pm*

*Youth Center*

Confirmands will join Middle School Meet-Up to learn about the theology of missions, the church's mission focus, and complete a mission project.

### Meet the Staff and Apostle's Creed

*Fellowship Hall*

*November 17 5:00-7:30 pm*

Confirmands and families will eat the Thanksgiving Dinner with the staff of Manchester UMC. At 6:15, youth and families will split:

- Youth will join Middle School Meet-Up for a discussion over the Apostle's Creed.
- Parents will gather for fellowship.

### **Faith Exploration Weekend**

*January 21-22 (Friday night – Saturday evening)*

*Church and off-site*

Confirmands will visit the United Hebrew Congregation, the Cathedral Basilica, the Islamic Foundation, get a tour of Manchester UMC, and learn about the United Methodist Church history, structure, and Social Principles. This overnight will also include time at the City Museum and discussion time where we compare and contrast the different religions.

### **Middle School Lazer Tag Lock-In**

*February 11-12 8:00 pm – 9:00 am*

*Church and The Edge*

Confirmands will join with the rest of the middle school youth for this beloved Manchester Youth annual tradition.

### **Ash Wednesday**

*March 2 6:30-8:00 pm (time may change)*

*Sanctuary and Youth Center*

Youth and families attend the Ash Wednesday worship service together. After the service, youth and families will split for separate discussions.

### **Baptism Day**

*March 13*

*1:00pm – 8:00 pm*

*Youth Center and The Pointe*

Youth will learn and discuss the Sacraments (one of which is baptism) and Vows (vows where they confirm their baptism) before heading off to The Pointe for a pool party and the baptism of any Confirmands who are not baptized.

All parents are invited to the pool from 6:30 to 8:00. They will watch the service until 7:00 and then meet for a parent gathering until 8:00.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*March 30*

*6:15-7:30 pm*

*Youth Center*

Confirmands will join other youth at Middle School Meet-Up to learn about The Lord's Prayer.

## **Decision Day**

*April 3*

*1:00-8:00 pm*

*Youth Center*

Youth will learn that God is an active person in their lives who desires relationship. They will hear from other teens who have leaned on God to help them survive and recover from addiction. They will also work on their Statement of Faith and discern, with help from Beth and their leaders, if they are ready to take the step of Confirmation.

## **Senior Recognition and Leader Appreciation**

*April 24*

*4:00-6:00 pm*

*Youth Center*

Confirmands will join with the rest of the youth to recognize Seniors, appreciate their leaders, and say goodbye to each other.

## **Confirmation Ceremony**

*May 1*

*Church*

More details TBA.

## **At Your Own Pace**

Confirmands are expected to participate in the following programs before Confirmation Day on May 1. They can choose any days that work for them. Parents will need to verify these were completed. This requirement serves the purpose of helping youth find the program they can plug into once Confirmation is completed. While the minimum is listed, the more they can get there, the more they will connect and get a feel for the best fit.

- Attend 5 Modern Worship services
- Attend 5 Sunday Squads
- Attend 2 Middle School Meet-Ups (in addition to the required ones)
- Acolyte as scheduled (will likely equate to around 5 times in a year, depending on the number of Confirmands)

Purple events mark where parents are part of the programming. Parents are not required but are strongly encouraged to attend.