CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Madrid, IA

Confirmation Camp, October, 2009

CLASS SESSIONS

We will meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays from 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM. We will be using a number of different resouces throughout the year to teach the class including games, art, movies and music. Participation in all of this is expected. Please let Pastor Linda know in advance if you cannot attend a class session. There will be little or no homework but lots of encouragement to continue to study and think about confirmation and what it means each and every day. Please bring your bibles to class every week along with a pencil or pen.

WORSHIP

Worship is the heart of the life of the church, and essential for faith development. Confirmands are expected to worship regularly on Sunday mornings and to actively participate in worship. There are also several opportunities to assist in the worship experience: assisting with the sound system, ushering, serving as liturgist, providing special music, participation in Youth Sunday, Advent candle lighting, etc.

Seth!

YOUTH SUNDAY

On February 21st the Confirmation class will be responsible for leading most of the service.

VISITS TO OTHER CHURCHES

After the first of the year, the class will visit several other religious worship services. Plans are to visit an African-American church, a Jewish Synagogue, an Islamic mosque, the Hindu temple, an Assemblies of God church, and a Roman Catholic Churh. Parents will be needed to help drive.

SERVICE PROJECTS

Service is an essential part of the life of a Christian. As such, each student will have the opportunity to participate three different service projects during the confirmation process; one project must be something within our church community, another project will be within the community of Madrid and the third project must be something beyond the local church and community.

MENTORS

Each student will be assigned a mentor during the fall. Mentors will meet with the students to answer questions about their faith, provide a positive adult, Christian role model, assist them with their service projects and lead them through developing their Statements of Faith.

FAITH STATEMENT

Each student will write a summary of your faith and personal beliefs where they answer these questions: What do you believe about God? What do you believe about Jesus? What is the importance of the church? What gifts do you want to use as a member of the church? What life experience best illustrates your faith (that is, tell your story).

Michaela!

FUN, FELLOWSHIP, LEARNING

Ellie!

Truen!

Drew!

Confirmands participate in a variety of activities -- camp, leading in worship, class, experiential learning, service projects, and art and music projects.

TEEN ATTITUDE!!

Ben!

Kesia!

Expectations: What do I have to do?

- Participate faithfully in ALL Confirmation events. If you know you need to miss a class or event, please contact Pastor Linda in advance. at 515.520.2583 or pastorlinda.hanson@gmail.com
- Be respectful of the other students, the teachers and the church.
- Work with your mentor to write your own Statement of Faith.
- Participate in at least three service projects

GOALS: WHY DO WE DO THIS?

The goals of confirmation are to help each student:

- Come to an understanding of his or her own faith
- Develop a real awareness of how a strong faith in God is applicable to much of what they are facing today as teens
- Become knowledgeable about basic biblical stories and the elements of the worship service
- Know more about church history, the UCC and the congregation
- Feel a part of the life of this church by connecting with other members and by sharing his or her own gifts
- Become prepared to make ethical decisions informed by his or her own faith

Nick!

(PROPOSED)CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE 2010

Subject to Change at a moments notice!

Plans for the Year!!!

DATE	TIME	SUBJECT	MENTORS
January 3, Sunday	9:00-10:15	Sunday School	
January 10, Sunday	9:00-10:15	The Bible Movie Clip: Fellowship of the Ring	
January 17, Sunday	9:00-10:15	Sunday School	
January 24, Sunday	9:00-10:15	Confirmation: Worship Planning	
January 24, Sunday	Leave Madrid 4:00 Doors open 5:00 Concert 6:00	Winter Jam Christian Rock Concert	YOUTH GROUP Cost $10
January 31, Sunday	9:00-10:15	Confirmation: The Bible, Part II	
February 6-7, Saturday-Sunday	12:00 Saturday- 8:00 Sunday	Trip to Trinity UCC in Chicago. Overnight at Ottawa UCC. No Sunday School	Parents needed to drive. Mentors welcome and all youth also invited.
February 14, Sunday	9:00-10:15	Confirmation: Mission/Service Movie Clip: Pay it Forward	Mentors invited. Plan church and community mission projects and dates.
February 17, Wednesday	7:00 pm	Participate in Ash Wednesday Service	Come with your mentors
February 21, Sunday	9:00-10:15	Sunday School	
February 21, Sunday	10:30-11:30 Worship	YOUTH SUNDAY -- Class leads worship!	Come with your mentors
February 21, Sunday	12:30-5:30 Ski	Skiing at Seven Oaks	YOUTH GROUP Cost $30 lift tickets Ski rental $18 Snowboard rental $20 Pizza $5
February 28, Sunday	5:30-7:00 Pizza	Confirmation: Who is God?	
March 7, Sunday	9:00-10:15	Sunday School	
March 14, Sunday	9:00-10:15	Confirmation: Baptism/Communion Movie Clip: Chocolat	
March 19-20, Friday-Saturday	Friday 5:00-Saturday 4:00	Lock-in at the Church: Spirituality	YOUTH GROUP invited Mentors invited Saturday morning

SCHEDULE, CONT...

Can we really STAND this much fun!?

March 21	9:00-10:15	Sunday School	
March 27	Meet Madrid 6:00 pm Service 8:00 pm	Visit Ames Jewish Synagogue	
March 28	9:00-10:15	Confirmation: Who is Jesus?	
April 1	Maundy Thursday	Participate in Maundy Thursday Worship	Come with your mentors
April 4	EASTER	Sunrise Service, Youth Breakfast, Regular Service NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	Come with your mentors
April 11	9:00-10:15	Confirmation: Music and Its Messages	
April 18	9:00-10:15	Sunday School	
April 18	12:30-4:30	Poverty Simulation Event	YOUTH GROUP
April 25	9:00-10:15	Confirmation: Peacemaking	
May 2	9:00-10:15	Sunday School	
May 9	9:00-10:15	Confirmation: Drugs, Sex, Alcohol and Peer Pressure	
May 15	1:00-4:00	Visit to Hindu Temple	YOUTH GROUP and mentors invited
May 16	9:00-10:15	Sunday School	
May 23	9:00-10:15	Confirmation: What is the Holy Spirit?	
May 23	5:00-8:00	Pizza, popcorn, games and movie night at Pastor Linda's house	YOUTH GROUP
June 10-12	Youth Leadership Conference and Iowa Conference Annual Meeting, Grinnell, IA		
July 14-16	"Agape: God's Love for Us All" Regional Youth Event in Parkville, MO		All youth invited. Cost is $200, with Conference and Association paying 1/3 each.
August TBA	Work Trip to Butler County for flood recovery		ALL youth invited.

STILL MORE SCHEDULE

Will the fun never END!!??

Wait until you see what we're doing now!

Fall Classes

- Salvation, Heaven and Hell. Movie Clip: When Dreams May Come
- Discipleship. Movie Clip: Bonhoffer
- History of Christianity and the UCC
- History of St. Paul's UCC
- The Statement of Faith
- YOUR Statement of Faiths

Youth Group Plans

- Halloween Party / Haunted House
- Bowling
- Bonfire/Hayride / Weiner Roast
- Movie Night, Popcorn and Pizza at the Church
- Campout
- Fall Lock-in at the Church

SAVE THE DATE:

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 21 DURING MORNING WORSHIP, 10:30 AM