

2024-2025

# Confirmation

Invitation

**Join us for orientation on Sunday, September 22, 2024 at 9:15am-10:15am in the Youth Room (Room 15, basement)**

Each student (confirmand) & at least one parent/guardian must attend this session in order to be a part of the class. If there is a conflict, please contact Pastor Kayli. Confirmation is for students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or higher.

**TO SIGN UP:** Please complete and return all forms **BY AUGUST 27 and include a check for \$50 (to "Union UCC")**. You can either mail these items back, scan and email them to me (pastorkayli@unionucc.org) or return them to the church.

**DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:** After September 22 Orientation, Confirmation class will meet beginning **October 6, 2024 at 9:15am-10:15am in the Youth Room (Room 15, basement)**

Confirmands and families are expected to attend worship (80% of the Sundays we have class) as well as various other church events during the year. You will get a detailed schedule of assignments, field trips, retreats, and Sundays off at the orientation.

**(REQUIRED) DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR (dates subject to change):**

**September 22– Orientation for student & parent(s)**

**November 16- Fall Retreat (All Day @ Church)**

**February 15, 2025—Winter Retreat (Lead worship February 16, 2025 both services)**

**May 4, 2024- Confirmation Day @ 10:30 worship**

**GOOGLE CLASSROOM:** As part of staying in touch with technology, we will be using Google Classroom for turning in of weekly assignments. It will also be used to for copies of important hand-outs and paper work. In order for this to work efficiently, each student will need to have a google account. This makes access to the classroom much easier for both the student as well as the teaching team.

**HOLY BIBLE:** You will **NEED one for class. We use a version called New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**. If your child needs a Bible, you can purchase one at the orientation session. The cost is \$15 (to "Union UCC"). You can use any contemporary version of the Bible you may have at home as long as it contains the Old and New Testament and it is NOT the King James Version. At the orientation you will receive all other materials you will need.

**GOD GUIDES:** You will also need one of these too. A God-Guide is someone who is willing to walk with a confirmand through the confirmation year by sharing support, guidance, experience, friendship, and faith. **God-Guides must be an adult member of Union UCC (NO exceptions to this due to our Safe Child Policy) and a non-relative to their confirmand.** God-Guides need to be willing to come to God-Guide sessions with their confirmand (Sunday mornings 9:15-10:15), attend a committee and consistory meeting with their confirmand, and assist us in overseeing the completion of all other assignments. God-Guides will be required to complete the same safe child requirements as well as parents who are assisting with additional events. Confirmands should start thinking about someone to be their God-Guide now. If you need help finding a God-Guide, let me know.

PLEASE SEE OTHER SIDE FOR IMPORTANT INFO! →

In addition to the information form (enclosed) and check (\$50) all parents/adult sponsors need to complete the following forms:

**FILL OUT THESE FORMS/RETURN WITH INFO FORM/MONEY (Enclosed)**

\_\_\_ **1. Transportation Permission Form (yellow paper)** This gives your child permission to travel in someone else's car (for all church events including Confirmation).

\_\_\_ **2. Vehicle Authorization Form (blue paper)** This is for adults who will transport your child or other students

**At least 1 parent/guardian must complete the paperwork below so that we have it on hand.**

**You will be asked to help as drivers, chaperones, and helpers at our events (especially the November retreat and the February retreat).**

**This paper work is REQUIRED for all adults who work with children at our church.**

**Go to: <http://www.unionucc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/VolunteerLetter2019.pdf>**

\_\_\_ 1.) Complete a criminal record check. <https://epatch.state.pa.us>

\_\_\_ 2.) Complete a child abuse history check. <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS>

These forms can be completed online in the privacy of your home. Documents will be issued to you and we ask you to submit copies for your file.

\_\_\_ 3.) **\*\*A fingerprint record check. This item is NOT required if you have lived in Pennsylvania for the last 10 years.**

\_\_\_ 4.) Read the Frequently Asked Questions document. This will help you understand if, how, and when child abuse must be reported. For more detailed information go to <http://keepkidssafe.pa.gov>

**A tutorial for all of these forms can be found at: [http://www.unionucc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/vol\\_process\\_nofees-tutorial.pdf](http://www.unionucc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/vol_process_nofees-tutorial.pdf)**

**COPIES OF THESE FORMS SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO PASTOR KAYLI NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 29. If you have completed these items for your job or other places of volunteering, please provide us with copies.**

**Check list of items to be returned by August 28 to Pastor Kayli:**

\_\_\_ Information Form (Enclosed)

\_\_\_ \$50 Check made to "Union UCC"

\_\_\_ Transportation Permission Form

\_\_\_ Vehicle Authorization Form

**No Later than September 29th — Copies of your online certificates for:**

\_\_\_ PA Criminal Check

\_\_\_ Pa Child Abuse History Check

***If you have questions, please feel free to contact me. If you have friends interested in joining the class or our church, please contact Pastor Kayli.***

***SEPTEMBER 22, 2024 IS THE LAST DAY TO JOIN THE CLASS***

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