

May, 2018

Dear Parents of Oak Grove United Methodist Church Eighth Graders & Older Youth,

Believe it or not, we are beginning to plan for Confirmation 2018-2019! We know some of you may be planning family travel and activities so we wanted to get the Confirmation 2018-2019 dates to you ASAP.

Confirmation is an important "journey" in your child's faith development. We are doing things a little differently this year. Please put the confirmation dates on your calendar so that your family can support your youth in this important time of growing in the Christian faith. While we ask all eighth graders and older youth who have not been through the Confirmation process to fully participate in Confirmation, the Confirmands decide for themselves at the end of the process if they are ready to make a public profession of faith and join Oak Grove United Methodist Church.

Please mark your calendars now for the Confirmation Retreat at Camp Glisson that is scheduled for Friday, January 18 - Sunday, January 20, 2019. The retreat is mandatory, so please block off that weekend now.

The deadline for your paperwork and the \$175 payment is Sunday, July 8. The quicker you get your paperwork in the better chance you will get the Friend in Faith requested. You may drop off your forms and check at the Church Office; or pay and submit form online, (included in the link below) or mail them to the church at:

Oak Grove UMC
Attn.: Shannon Higgins
1722 Oak Grove Road
Decatur, GA 30033

An important note about the Friend in Faith request: if you do not have anyone specific in mind to request for your child's Friend in Faith, please just list a few things about your child (personality traits, interests, etc.) so that we may find the best match for him/her.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for clarification or questions regarding the Confirmation process. We are grateful to get to be a part of this important time in your child's faith development.

Thanks,

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