

Confirmand Activity Checklist
Return to Confirmation Class by April 15, 2012.

Confirmand: _____

Covenant Partner: _____

| Activities and Projects | Date Performed or Submitted |
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| Mandatory Activities | |
| 1. Attend "Lunch with the Minister-Discuss the sermon" Dates TBA | |
| 2. Write a prayer (in class) | |
| 3. Read Scripture at least twice during worship (Fall & Winter/Spring) | |
| 4. CCHASM Thanksgiving Basket (purchase groceries to fill a bag with Covenant partner) | |
| 5. CARITAS (Confirmation Class prepares meal and serves) | |
| 6. Attend Fall Mini Retreat | |
| 7. Attend Presbytery of the James Confirmation Retreat | |
| 8. Attend Session Meeting with Covenant Partner (TBA by Confirmation Team) | |
| 9. Assist in writing Class Corporate Faith Statement | |
| Complete 6 of the 11 following activities with your Covenant Partner: | |
| 1. Attend a Baptism | |
| 2. Engage a peer in conversation about faith. | |
| 3. Help during a work day at CPC | |
| 4. Attend a wedding | |
| 5. Attend a funeral | |
| 6. Assist during Day of the Child or Fantabulous First Friday | |
| 7. Help in the nursery at CPC | |
| 8. Visit a shut-in | |
| 9. Visit someone in the hospital | |
| 10. Make a plate of cookies/brownies etc. for a congregational care person | |
| 11. Help Usher during Church Service | |
| 12. Help lead Children's Time during Church Service | |
| Optional activities you may complete: | |
| Serve meal at Freedom House (with CPC) | |
| Attend a Committee Meeting with your Covenant Partner | |
| Serve cookies, talk to residents of nursing home, etc. | |
| Read a book with Covenant Partner and discuss | |
| See a movie with Covenant Partner and discuss | |
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Confirmands signature: _____

My Confirmand has completed the activities/projects above:

Parent

Covenant Partner

Confirmand Activity Checklist Explanations

Worship Experience

You are invited to have lunch with the pastors to discuss various sermon topics. We want you to receive the most out of Scripture, and God's Word through our pastors.

Write a prayer

We will write and read prayers during class time. When visiting someone in the hospital or at home, you could pray aloud with them. Talk with them about your own prayer life, even how you feel about praying aloud. It's ok to admit that this is not the easiest thing to do for many people, but that God is not an English teacher and doesn't grade us – just wants to hear us!

Read Scripture in Worship

We will coordinate the scheduled dates for reading during either of the worship services. It is important to practice reading the scripture chosen by the minister at the lectern and microphone before doing so in the worship service. We ask the Covenant Partner to help the Confirmand with practice. The confirmand generally leaves class early to rehearse.

CCHASM Thanksgiving Basket Project

As a Confirmation Class and Covenant Partners, we assist the Mission Committee in the donation of food items for those less fortunate, so that they feel the warmth of our church family.

Serve a Meal to our CARITAS Guests

One evening while the CARITAS guests are staying at CPC, we prepare a dinner and bag lunch. We eat, talk and have a time of fellowship with our guests.

Attend the Fall mini-retreat

This session is an evening of relationship and team building, reflection, writing the Class Corporate Faith Statement and other activities.

Attend the Presbytery of the James Confirmation Retreat

A weekend of learning and growing with confirmands from other churches found in our Presbytery. A time of learning about God, Jesus Christ and how he works in your life. Held at Camp Hanover, a beautiful nature area with a conference hall, and cabins.

Attend a Session meeting

With your Covenant Partner, (Date TBA). This will be coordinated by the Confirmation Ministry Team. You will be introduced to the Session by your Covenant Partner. Discussion: What happened at the meeting? How do you get to be an Elder? How do they help us be a better church? What are the Elders responsible for?

Write the Corporate Faith Statement

As a Confirmation Class, you will write the "Affirmation of Faith" for your Confirmation Service in May.

Attend a Baptism

Check with the office 748-4636 as to when a baptism is scheduled. Talk about a Baptism: Read the Directory of Worship section in the Book of Order (can get from minister). What happens in the Baptism? What do the questions mean? Why does the congregation get asked a question? How does Baptism show that we are a family of faith? Why baptize babies?

Engage a peer in conversation about faith

Suggestions for starting: Are there times you feel closer to God? Far away from God? If Jesus were here, what questions would you ask Jesus? What questions would Jesus ask you? Is it hard to be a Christian?

Help on Work Day at CPC

Check with the office for the date scheduled 748-4636; talk about the importance of maintaining our facilities, how we work together, how this is part of our commitment to give of time to the church, a matter of stewardship.

Attend a Wedding

If the wedding is at CPC, talk with the minister to find out what he does for pre-marital counseling so you can talk about this with your Seeker. Discussion: Why get married in a church? What seemed to be the most important part of the service (vows, rings, etc.)

Attend a Funeral

Discussion: maybe they've never had someone close to them die, so it can be hard for your Seeker to understand the feelings; but if they have, you need to be sensitive to their feelings (fears, anger, guilt, confusion); in the Presbyterian Church, we call a funeral a "witness to the resurrection", why?

Assist During Day of the Child or Fabulous First Fridays

Contact the Children's Ministry Team for more information. They may need assistance in set-up, preparation, or run events.

Help in the Nursery at CPC

Check with the Director of Christian Learning 748-4636 to schedule a Sunday to help in the nursery. You can talk about the nursery as a way we fulfill our baptism vows, how we take care of each other as a family. Requires either the parent or Covenant Partner (recommended) be with the Confirmand when completing this activity.

Visit a shut-in

Check with the minister or Deacon's Congregational Care Committee for the name of a shut-in/homebound. You can schedule the visit. Let the person know why you are visiting. Discussion: talk about how church is different than when they were growing up, talk about the Seeker's own experience at CPC and school; find out where they grew up, how life is different than when they grew up. You could close the visit with prayer, a time for you and/or the Seeker to pray aloud.

Visit someone in the hospital

Check with the office to find out if someone is in the hospital who can receive visitors. When you visit you don't need to stay long; tell them why you're there; find out about them, how they're feeling, when they might go home; this would be a time to have a prayer, also.

Make a plate of cookies/brownies for a congregational care person

Check with the minister or the Deacon's Congregational Care Committee as to who could receive the cookies; make the visit, spend a little time with the person, having a visit much like visiting a shut-in/homebound.

Help Usher During a Worship Service

This can be done with your parents or Covenant Partner. Contact Worship Committee.

Lead Children's time during the Worship Service

Call Chair of Christian Education for scheduling and if you have any questions. You can talk about the Time for Children as a way we fulfill our baptism vows, how we take care of each other as family

Serve a Meal at Freedom House with Chester Presbyterian Church

Quarterly, on a Saturday evening, generally from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Church members go to Freedom House in Richmond and serve a meal to the homeless of the area. As with CARITAS, the participants in Freedom House are unable to afford housing or find employment, and have strict rules to follow.

Attend a committee meeting at CPC – Check dates and times with church office or your Covenant Partner.

Talk to the chairman of a committee about your attending. Discussion: What happened at the meeting? How do you get to be on a committee? How does this committee help us be a better church? What is this committee responsible for?

Read a book/Attend a movie with Covenant Partner and discuss

Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings, The Notebook, Biographies, Books of common interest, Movies appropriate for age – Discuss the themes of the book/movie – good vs. evil, making decisions, overcoming hardships, character traits (courage, loyalty, honesty, friendship, etc.) What does this book/movie tell us about being Christian?

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact the Confirmation Ministry Team

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