

CONFIRMATION ACTIVITY LIST

Each young person seeking confirmation is required to do the following activities:

- Turn in four written reports concerning the sermons and worship experiences at CPC during the course of the class.
- Write a prayer (We work on this in class).
- Read scripture twice in worship (Fall and Winter/Spring).
- Attend Fall Lock-in
- Attend Presbytery of the James Confirmation Retreat
- Attend Spring Lock-in
- Participate in the two Confirmation Mission Projects (CCHASM Thanksgiving Baskets and CARITAS).
- Lead Children's Church twice with Covenant Partner (Fall and Winter/Spring)
- Attend a Session meeting (Coord by CMT)
- Assist in writing Class Corporate Faith Statement

Each Seeker must complete 6 of the 10 following activities.

- Attend a Baptism.
- Engage a peer in conversation about faith.
- Help during a work day at CPC.
- Attend a Wedding.
- Attend a Funeral.
- Assist during Day of the Child

THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE DONE WITH EITHER A PARENT OR COVENANT PARTNER:

- Help in the nursery at CPC.
- Visit a shut-in.
- Visit someone in the hospital.
- Make a plate of cookies/brownies, etc. for a congregational care person.
 - Prepare and Serve Lunch to Richmond Habitat For Humanity
 - Serve Meal at Freedom House (with CPC)
 - Serve Cookies/sit and talk to Residents of nursing home, etc.
 - Read a book with Covenant Partner and discuss.
 - See a movie with Covenant Partner and discuss.

Being a Christian is FUN!

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?

Write a prayer

We will work on prayer in class and then read these prayers in class.

Lead a prayer in Class , Lead a prayer in Worship

The Seeker will participate praying at the opening or closing of confirmation class. It may be requested that they read a prayer in a worship service. You may also when visiting someone in the hospital or at home, you could pray aloud with them before going into a visit. 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 dates to be scheduled to read in 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 Partners to help the Seeker with this practice.

Help in the Nursery at CPC

Check with the Director of Christian Learning 748-4636 (extension 5) 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 Seeker when doing this activity.

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?

Help with Extended Session during the 11AM Worship Service

Call Director of Christian Learning 748-4636 (extension 5) and volunteer to help with Extended Session during the 11AM Worship Service. You can talk about the Extended Session as a way we fulfill our baptism vows, how we take care of each other as family.

Visit a shut-in

Check with the minister or Linn Coghill 748-4636 to get 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 or Linn Coghill 748-4636 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 Linn Coghill or the minister or the Deacon's Care Person as to who could receive the cookies; make the visit, spend a little time if possible with the person, having a visit much like visiting a shut-in/homebound.

Attend a Session meeting – With your Covenant Partner (Date TBA). This will be coordinated by the Confirmation Ministry Team. We will let the Pastor know you're going to be there so you can be introduced. 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?

Attend a committee meeting at CPC – Check dates and times with church office.

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 Your Seeker 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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A checklist is provided to assist you!