

Dear Parents and Confirmands:

An especially important time in your young person's life has now arrived! Challenging and different times still are making adjustments necessary for some, but we definitely wanted to have a Confirmation experience for our young people! This year we are having a confirmation day apart on Saturday March 11th from 9 a.m. until noon. This year's theme will be: "FAITH THAT LASTS A LIFETIME" We will meet in the classroom behind the balcony. We truly hope you will make every effort to be a part of this important time. Confirmation is the time in which young people receive instruction in the faith and make the decision to commit their lives to Christ and also become full members of the church. Please take the time to respond to this letter as soon as possible.

**FAITH THAT LASTS A LIFETIME : CONFIRMATION 2023
BRIDGEPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

I. MARCH 11th (SATURDAY): CONFIRMATION DAY APART: 9 a.m.-Noon

This will be a day of instruction and spiritual growth in a retreat setting at the church for the confirmation class. Nathan Price, Ken Ramsey and Ben Randolph will lead the sessions. **This is the primary day of confirmation and we urge you to make arrangements now to prioritize this time together. (Formerly this extended over 4-6 weeks of meeting so make this a priority as we are working with a lot of scheduling and other circumstances)**

PLEASE MAIL THE ENCLOSED RESPONSE CARD ASAP OR TEXT NATHAN (304-625-1910) OR BEN (304-629-9893)

II. SUNDAY EVENING YOUTH AND LENTEN SERVICES

As a vital part of the confirmation experience, we urge our young people to attend our youth experiences and Lenten services. Our Lenten Spiritual Growth Sunday evening services will be on March 19th and 26th from 7:00-7:30 p.m. Please plan to attend with your family. This year the evenings will be themed: "PRAYER: PURPOSE, POWER, and PRESENCE"

III. SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP

As a third component, we want to encourage your youth to connect with Sunday school and be a regular worshipper of the Lord. We have wonderful teachers of our youth each Sunday and they do an excellent job. Encourage your child to connect with Sunday school especially during this Lenten season. This is a huge part of learning to develop an active and regular pattern of growing in the faith. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday and there are many worship services to choose from.

We plan to receive the confirmands as full members of the church on Palm Sunday, April 2ND at the 10:45 a.m. worship service. Mostly we do this at the 10:45 service but if you need to attend one of the other services to be received into membership, we will work with you.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Ken Ramsey