

We look forward to beginning the confirmation process on August 27 at our 10 a.m. Confirmation Commissioning. Below is a preview of the confirmation requirements and our schedule. Registration is required.

Requirements:

- Attend class.
- Meet with your mentor 3 times
- Attend worship 10 times
- Volunteer with or at church for three hours
- Write a faith statement
- Have a final faith statement meeting with Katie Lancaster or Sarah Champlin after Spring Break.

What are the worship requirements?

- Worship should be attended in person (yes, I know, we have a online worship service... come in person please)
- Christmas and Easter are both required. If you are out of town, please find a local worship service to attend.
- It is preferred that you attend at least one “special” worship service this year (Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday).
- Weddings and funerals are common worship events in our lives. If you attend a wedding or funeral this year, that may be counted among your required worship services (even if it is not at Kenilworth Union)
- We would like you to attend worship at a church other than Kenilworth Union once. This can be done independently or on one of our worship field trips that will be organized in the winter.
- **Please keep a record of which days you attended worship (and note if they were at Kenilworth Union or elsewhere) and turn in that record at the same time as your faith statement after spring break.**

Why mentors? And what are some mentor meeting ideas?

- The basic idea behind confirmation mentors is that as a person of faith, and as a young person, you want to build a “team of 5” adults from church who know you and who you know fairly well: well enough that you can say hi to each other and they can catch up with you about life when you see each other at church and in the community. Research shows that people who have a strong “team of 5” find church and faith to be

more meaningful and grounding: faith is not something we do alone. We try to help you build your “team of 5” by asking you to formally have a mentor in confirmation.

- The most simple plan to get to know your mentor would be for you to meet three times doing these three things: (1) volunteer at Kenilworth Union with your mentor at least once (2) have your mentor attend class with you at least once and (3) meet with your mentor for conversation at least once as you are writing/before you turn in your faith statement.
- Invite your mentor to class: Mentors are always welcome to join us for class. Their wisdom and experience as Christians is valuable to the entire group, and sitting alongside them during class gives you a chance to hear from each other about important issues in a guided conversation.
- Volunteer with your mentor: serving alongside you mentor is a great way to get to know them better and to together experience our Christian commitment to love and serve our neighbors.
- Attend worship with your mentor: some of us grow up sitting in worship with only our immediate family. There is something special about setting up a time to sit with your mentor, to sing alongside them, to react to the sermon together, and to be together in prayer.
- Special Outings: Go to Homers or Starbucks together. Go to a Bears game together. Invite your mentor to hear you play in the high school choir, orchestra or band, or have them come to your next theater performance. Whatever you can do connect beyond church in the community will help you see how everyday Christians participate in the world.
- **Please keep a record of which days you met with your mentor (and note if they were at Kenilworth Union or elsewhere) and turn in that record at the same time as your faith statement after spring break.**

How do I get involved with volunteering at Kenilworth Union?

- Volunteering must be WITH/AT Kenilworth Union Church, volunteering you do with school/scouts/sports, etc. does not count.
- Regular weekly volunteer opportunities:
 - Sunday School: contact Greta Connor gconnor@kuc.org
 - Wednesday Youth Groups:
 - Faith234 (4-5 p.m.): contact Greta Connor gconnor@kuc.org
 - Middle School Youth Group (5-6 p.m.): contact Christine Hides chides@kuc.org

- Junior High Youth Group (6:30-8 p.m.): contact Squire Prince sprince@kuc.org
- Ushers/Greeters during worship: contact Karen Gaynor kgaynor@kuc.org and Jim Fritz jfritz243@gmail.com
- Leading spoken part of worship service: Katie Lancaster klancaster@kuc.org or Christine Hides chides@kuc.org
- Youth Choir: contact Lisa Bond lbond@kuc.org
- Local Outreach Opportunities: [contact outreach liaison directly found in the directory linked here.](#)
- Squire Prince will schedule additional upcoming opportunities sprince@kuc.org
- **Please keep a record of which days you volunteered (and note if they were at Kenilworth Union or with Kenilworth Union off site) and turn in that record at the same time as your faith statement after spring break.**

Schedule 2023-2024

Date	Time	Event	Location <i>Lesson</i>
August 27, 2023	9:45 a.m.	Confirmation Commissioning	Sanctuary, Kenilworth Union <i>Blessing the Year</i>
September 10, 2023	9:45 a.m.	Parent and Student Orientation	Basement <i>Moses: Sacred Grounding</i>
September 17, 2023	9:45 a.m.	Class #1 (and Homecoming Sun.)	Centennial Room <i>Talking About God</i>
September 24, 2023		Class #2	Centennial Room <i>Look for the Helpers</i>
October 1, 2023		Class #3	Centennial Room <i>Miracles and Metaphors</i>
October 8, 2023		Class #4	Centennial Room <i>Psalms of Lament</i>
October 15, 2023	No Class		
October 22, 2023	No Bev Kirk	Class #5	Centennial Room <i>Prayer</i>
October 29, 2023		Class #6	Centennial Room <i>Eco-Awe</i>
November 5, 2023	No Class		
November 12, 2023	9:00-Noon with breakfast	Class #7	Centennial Room <i>Faith Statement Writing Workshop</i>
November 19, 2023		Class #8	Centennial Room <i>Messy Manger</i>
Attend Christmas Eve Worship			

			Volunteer and Worship Field Trips TBD in the winter/early spring
Attend Easter Sunday Worship			
May 5, 2024		Class #9	Centennial Room <i>Easter: New Life</i>
May 12, 2025	9:30-11:00	Confirmation Sunday	Sanctuary <i>Confirming Your Faith</i>

**Classroom attendance: We understand that life gets in the way. If you need to miss more than two classes, please talk to Katie Lancaster about make up requirements in order to continue in confirmation. Thanks.*