

You're Invited

What a tremendous joy it is for me, on behalf of Centenary United Methodist Church, to be sending you this invitation to Confirmation! What you are holding in your hands is an opportunity that will change your life! You have reached the age (7th grade) when you journey through Confirmation. We would like to invite you to be a part of the upcoming class of 2026 and have been praying that YOU will plan to be a part of this exciting adventure.

Confirmation by definition is faith formation, one part of a life-long journey. We have designed this Confirmation Ministry to give you the opportunity, tools, support, and inspiration you will need to build your faith on a firm foundation (*Matthew 7:24-25*).

Starting on January 7, 2026, we will meet each Wednesday night from 6:00pm–7:30pm to learn about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the spiritual life, and how they form us and cause us to change the way we live our lives. You won't go through this class alone. You will each choose a Shepherd (*an adult spiritual companion from our church*) who will walk beside you in faith. There will also be several field trips and two retreats to guide us in our journey. We hope that through these experiences, you will come to encounter Jesus in a very real way.

Please take time to look over this invitation, talk it over with your parents, and pray about this invitation to Confirmation. I hope that you will plan to be a part of this class so that you can continue this journey of faith and know just how much God loves you.

Living in His Grace,



Tammy Pollock
Director of Youth Ministries



*God the Father
Jesus Christ
Holy Spirit*

YOUTH MINISTRY MISSION

*To love youth on behalf of Jesus
in hopes of loving them to Jesus.*

OUR VISION

*To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the
transformation of the world.*

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2026

CONFIRMATION

Centenary United Methodist Church

January 7 - May 17, 2026



**An invitation to 7th graders to
journey through faith formation!**

*"Everyone then who hears these words
of mine and acts on them will be like a
wise man who built his house on rock.
The rain fell, the floods came, and the
winds blew and beat on that house, but
it did not fall, because it had been
founded on rock."*

— Matthew 4:24-25

Confirmation Schedule

DECEMBER 2025

- **3** 6:00pm Confirmation Parents Orientation (Parents Only)
(@ youth commons)

JANUARY 2026

Each class will begin with dinner in the Youth Commons on the 4th Floor of the Central Building at 6:00pm, community building at 6:15pm in the Middle school Youth Room, and class will start at 6:30pm. Confirmation will end at 7:30pm unless otherwise noted.

- **7** Confirmation Student Orientation
- **8** Confirmation Shepherd Orientation
- **14 SHEPHERD NIGHT** — Get Acquainted: Life
- **21** Apostles' Creed 1: God the Father & Jesus Christ His Only Son
- **28** Apostles' Creed 2: The Holy Spirit
- **30-31** Camp Hanes Retreat: Baptism & Communion

FEBRUARY

- **4** The Story
- **11** Worship
- **18 SHEPHERD NIGHT** — Stuff, Food, & Ash Wednesday Service
- **25** The Church & John Wesley

MARCH

- **4 SHEPHERD NIGHT** — Jewish Temple with Rabbi
- **11** NO CONFIRMATION: DUE TO SPRING BREAK
- **18** Creation & Bodies
- **25 SHEPHERD NIGHT** — Play - Bowling

APRIL

- **1** Creativity & Work
- **8** Time & Choides
- **15** Grieving 1
- **22 SHEPHERD NIGHT** — Grieving 2: Funeral Home visit
@ Hayworth Miller Funeral Home
- **29** Forgiveness & Justice

MAY

- **1 & 2** Blowing Rock Conference Retreat:
SHEPHERD WEEKEND — Pilgrimage
- **5, 6 & 7** Confirmation Interviews
- **6** Truth, Prayer & Practice

MAY CONTINUED

- **13** Confirmation Rehearsal Dinner
- **17** Confirmation Service & Reception

A Word About Shepherds

Shepherds are people who simply 'walk along side' or accompany the Confirmand in their journey of faith formation. They are companions in faith during the Confirmation experience and beyond.

Each Confirmand is expected to find his/her own Shepherd. This person **MUST** be an adult (over 21 years old) who you admire, know, and trust. We ask that they be a member of Centenary United Methodist Church and actively worshiping and growing in their own faith. Your Shepherd will meet with you once a month outside of class to work on your journal together, attend Shepherd nights, attend the retreats (see schedule for Shepherd nights and retreat dates), stand with you at your Confirmation, and commit to being your companion in faith over the next 5 years and beyond. Earnestly pray about who you might ask, as it is a very important decision, and then ask them soon! Cost for Shepherds is \$240.00 (books, meals and retreats).

What Is the Cost?

We try to keep the cost of Confirmation to a minimum, but we do ask that you help offset the overall cost by paying for the following:

*(Deposit of \$160 to register,
collecting the retreat money at each retreat)*

Way to Live Book	\$20.00
Believe Journal	\$36.00
NIV Teen Study Student Bible	\$20.00
Meals	\$85.00
Retreats (Camp Hanes, \$80 & Blowing Rock, \$80. Due at time of retreat.)	\$160.00
	<u>\$320.00</u>

*(As always, if for any reason your family cannot afford these costs,
a church scholarship will be provided.)*



2026 CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Scan the QR code below to register.



For questions or to learn more
please contact:

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We are looking forward to this
year's Confirmation Class with
great excitement!