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Rev. Jeffrey A. Motter, Pastor

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Dear «First\_Name»,

On behalf of the people of Monroe United Methodist Church, we are glad you are part of our life together. You are at an important time in your life, when you can take more responsibility for yourself. This includes thinking about and claiming your Christian faith. Therefore, we pleased to invite, encourage, and welcome you to the process of confirmation.

You and your parents or guardians are invited to an **Information Session** on Sunday, January 12, 2025, at 12:15 pm in Atchley Hall (our fellowship hall/gym). We will offer a **free lunch** to everyone who attends. During this session, we will present an overview of the Confirmation class curriculum, schedule, and expectations. Please make every effort to participate in this session. After attending, you and parents or guardians will be able to discuss this opportunity and decide about their readiness and/or willingness to join the class. If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact me. Please RSVP at 513.539.7290 so we can have enough food and materials for the session; let us know how many are attending and if there are dietary requirements.

Also, please begin thinking and praying about who your parents or guardians about who you will ask to serve as a faith mentor during the class. Mentors should be active members in a Christian church (does not need to be United Methodist, though that can be helpful). This should be someone with whom you relate well and can talk with freely. Mentors should be willing to attend most Confirmation sessions with you.

At the conclusion of the Confirmation class, you may choose to be baptized (if you have not previously been baptized) and/or to confirm your faith in God through Jesus Christ as your own, which includes membership in the local church. Sometimes, participants decide they are not ready for this step and choose to wait. This is fine, as it is important for you to make your own decision about your personal faith.

Please contact me at Monroe UMC at 513.539.7290, on my cell at 419.302.8165, or [Pastor.MonroeUMC@hotmail.com](mailto:Pastor.MonroeUMC@hotmail.com) if you have any questions. You may also contact Gina Craft at 937.514.3793 or [gmatcraft@gmail.com](mailto:gmatcraft@gmail.com).

Blessings of Christ for the New Year,

Pastor Jeff Motter

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