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To the Parents & Guardians of Youth & Young Adult Candidates for Confirmation,

The middle school, high school, and young adult years are typically significant in terms of academic, physical, emotional, and spiritual growth. To support the spiritual growth of our young people at Monroe UMC, we will offer Confirmation Class in 2025 for those youth ages 12-17 and young adults 18 and over. We are pleased to invite, encourage, and welcome your young person to the process of confirmation.

You and your youth or young adult 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 your young person 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 youth or young person 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 they relate well and can talk with freely. Mentors should be willing to attend most Confirmation sessions with their mentee.

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

Blessings of Christ for the New Year,

Pastor Jeff Motter

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