

KENT UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

2009-2010 CONFIRMATION EXPECTATIONS

For All Class Gatherings (9:30-10:20 a.m.)

Bring Bible (provided).

Bring *Words for The Journey: Letters to our Teenagers About Life and Faith* (provided).

Bring notebook and pen.

Complete assigned readings and prepare for assigned discussion topics.

Participate in class discussions.

27 Sunday worship and class gatherings: 3 points each, 69 points minimal required

Interfaith opportunities: 20 points required.

- October, Thursday 15th (tentative) Diwali (Hindu festival of lights) Dinner & Party in Hiram 5:30-8:30 p.m. (10 pts)
- January 29th 6:30-9:30 Temple Israel (10 pts)
- March 20th 5:30pm-8:30 Kent Community Dinner @ Islamic Center (10 pts)
We may also or alternatively have an opportunity to attend a worship service there...

Service/field trip opportunities: 5 points each, 20 points required

- October 4th St. Francis Day, Hiram Farm (organic farm serving Autistic adults) leaving from Kent UCC at 2:00 and returning at 5:30 p.m.
- November 5th Portage Clothing Center, leaving Kent UCC at 5:45 & returning @ 8:15pm.
- December 13th, Fair Trade presentation and sale at Kent UCC 8:30-10:30am
- January 31st, 5th Sunday at Miller Ave. Christian Church with UYF, time TBA
- February 14th, "Have a Heart" Sunday, collecting and loading donated food items to be transported to Kent Social Services directly following the 11:30 service.
- March (Date TBA), Tour of UCC headquarters in Cleveland

Additional church leadership and participation (all required)

November 29th, Advent vespers and Advent workshop 4:00-7:00 p.m..

January 31st, Congregational meeting directly following the 10:30 morning service.

April 1st, Maundy Thursday dinner and worship, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

April 18th, Confirmation class leads both the 8:30 and 10:30 Sunday morning worship services.

April 25th, Kent UCC annual meeting directly following the 10:30 morning service

May 25th, Confirmation class dinner with church leaders, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

May 30th, 10:30 Worship includes Rite of Confirmation (9:45 a.m. meet for pictures & instructions).

Prepare a personal Statement of Faith to be shared at confirmation dinner May 25th, (required)

Note to Parents:

Parents are invited to attend confirmation classes on the dates they provide snacks. Parents are specifically asked to be "on call" for these dates to serve as a second adult facilitator for class as the need occurs. Parents will be notified in advance if their help for a particular date is needed.

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2009-2010 CONFIRMATION CALENDAR

Sunday, September 13, 2009 Snack: Foreman-Dettis
10:30 a.m. worship, 9:30 a.m. discussion & activities
Topic: God
Assignment: WFTJ: Introduction and Chapter 1. Be prepared to tell a story that reveals how you perceive or experience God. Bring scripture lesson to share on this topic.

Sunday, September 20, 2009 Snack: Herring
10:30 a.m. worship, 9:30 a.m. discussion & activities
Topic: Jesus and the Holy Spirit
Assignment: WFTJ: Chapters 2 & 3. Be prepared to tell your favorite story about Jesus in the bible and what it means to you. Bring scripture lesson to share on this topic.

Sunday, September 27, 2009 Snack: McWilliams-Woods
10:30 a.m. worship, 9:30 a.m. discussion & activities
Topic: Faith and Doubt
Assignment: WFTJ: Chapters 4 & 5. Be prepared to talk about a time you experienced doubt, and a time you had faith in something important. Bring scripture lesson to share on this topic.

Sunday, October 4, 2009 Snack: Silver
10:30 a.m. worship, 9:30 a.m. discussion & activities
No Class
3:00 p.m. leave from Kent UCC to serve at Organic Farm. Return by 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 11, 2009 Snack: Foreman-Dettis
10:30 a.m. worship, 9:30 a.m. discussion & activities
Topic: Hinduism and Buddhism with guest speaker
Assignment: WFTJ: Chapter 37 & Hand-out. Be prepared to talk about a time you encountered someone from another faith, or experienced another faith tradition other than Christianity. Bring scripture lesson to share on this topic.

Thursday, October 15th, 2009
5:30-8:30 p.m., leave Kent UCC for Hiram for Hindu Diwali Festival

Saturday, October 17th, 2009
All Church Retreat

Sunday, October 18, 2009 Snack: Herring
10:30 a.m. worship, 9:30 a.m. discussion & activities
Topic: The Church and the Church Year
Assignment: WFTJ: Chapters 9 & 11: Be prepared to discuss one thing you really like about this Church and a favorite memory of a Church holiday other than Christmas and not Thanksgiving. Bring scripture lesson to share on this topic.

Sunday, October 25, 2009 Snack: McWilliams-Woods

10:30 a.m. worship, 9:30 a.m. discussion & activities

Topic: Prayer and Communion

Assignment: Chapters 12 & 15: Come prepared to discuss how you understand prayer and communion. What do they mean to you and your faith? Bring scripture lesson to share on this topic.

All Saints Day, Sunday, November 1, 2009 Snack: Silver

10:30 a.m. worship, 9:30 a.m. discussion & activities

Topic: Life after Death and Suffering

Assignment: WFTJ: Chapters 36 & 6: Come prepared to discuss your belief in life after death, and a time you have experienced or witnessed suffering and how it affected you. Bring scripture lesson to share on this topic.

Thursday, November 5, 2008

5:45 p.m., leave from UCC to work at Clothing Center. Return by 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, November 8, 2009 Snack: Foreman-Dettis

10:30 a.m. worship, 9:30 a.m. discussion & activities

Topic: Baptism and Confirmation

Assignment: Chapters 14 & 16: Come prepared to discuss what the difference between baptism and confirmation? And how do you understand both of these as part of your faith? Bring scripture lesson to share on this topic.

Sunday, November 15, 2009

10:30 a.m. worship or Federated Christian Church (departing 9:20a.m., returning 12:00 p.m.).

No Confirmation class or assignment this day

Sunday, November 22, 2009 Snack: McWilliams-Woods

10:30 a.m. worship, 9:30 a.m. discussion & activities

Topic: Sin and Grace

Assignment: Chapters 7 & 8: Come prepared to discuss a time you have experienced "sin" (however you think of sin), and a time you have experienced grace (however you think of grace). Bring scripture lesson to share on this topic.

10:30 a.m. worship, 9:30 a.m. discussion & activities

Sunday, November 29, 2009 (First Day of Advent) Snack: Herring

10:30 a.m. worship, 9:30 a.m. Confirmation class time will be devoted to preparing to lead the Advent Vespers service later this afternoon.

4:00 p.m. Confirmation class leads Advent Vespers service (required)

4:30 p.m. Advent workshop

6:00 p.m. Advent fellowship dinner

Sunday, December 6, 2009 Snack: Silver

10:30 a.m. worship, 9:30 a.m. discussion & activities

Topic: The Bible

Assignment: Chapters 17 & 18: Come prepared to share your favorite story in the bible, and a story that doesn't make sense to you, or that you really don't like. Bring scripture lesson to share on this topic.

- Sunday, December 13, 2009 Snack: Foreman-Dettis
 8:30-10:30am Fair Trade presentation and sale in Van Meter Hall
 10:30 a.m. worship, 9:30 a.m. discussion & activities
Topic: Vocation and ministry
Assignment: Chapters 21 & 24: Come prepared to discuss what vocation has God, or might you think God, could call you to? What is one time you have witnessed ministry? Why? Bring scripture lesson to share on this topic.
- Sunday, December 20, 2009
 8:30 or 10:30 a.m. worship. No Confirmation class or assignment this day.
- Sunday, December 27, 2009
 8:30 or 10:30 a.m. worship. No Confirmation class or assignment this day.
- Sunday, January 3, 2010 Snack: Silver
 10:30 a.m. worship, 9:30 a.m. discussion & activities
Topic: Family and Friends
Assignment: Chapters 25-26: Come prepared to discuss a favorite story about your friends, and one about your family. Bring scripture lesson to share on this topic.
- Sunday, January 10, 2010 Snack: Foreman-Dettis
 10:30 a.m. worship, 9:30 a.m. discussion & activities
Topic: Sexuality and Gender
Assignment: Chapters 34 & 35: Come prepared to discuss what the words gender and sexuality mean to you? Bring scripture lesson to share on this topic.
- MLK Weekend Sunday, January 17, 2010
 8:30 or 10:30 a.m. worship. No Confirmation class or assignment this day.
- Sunday, January 24, 2010 Snack: McWilliams-Woods
 10:30 a.m. worship, 9:30 a.m. discussion & activities
Topic: Race and the Church
Assignment: Chapter 31: Come prepared to discuss a time you have noticed the issue of race in your community or school. Bring scripture lesson to share on this topic.
- Friday, January 29, 2010
 6:30 p.m., leave UCC for Sabbath service at Temple Israel. Return by 9:30 p.m.
- Sunday, January 31, 2010
 10:30 worship, 9:30 a.m. congregational meeting (required)
 4:00 p.m. Leave Kent to serve at 5th Sunday at Miller Ave. Christian Church with UYF.
 Return by 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday, February 7, 2010 Snack: Silver
 10:30 a.m. worship, 9:30 a.m. discussion & activities
Topic: Judaism with guest speaker
Assignment: hand-out:TBA: Come prepared to ask three questions about Judaism.

- Sunday, February 14, 2010 Snack: Foreman-Dettis
 10:30 a.m. worship, 9:30 a.m. discussion & activities
Topic: Social Justice and Wealth
Assignment: Chapter 32: Come prepared to discuss how you think Jesus would like us to live? What are three particular things that Jesus tells us to do in regards to social justice? Bring a scripture lesson to share on this topic.
 “Have a Heart” Sunday (donations to Kent Social Services)
- Sunday, February 21, 2010 Snack: McWilliams-Woods
 10:30 a.m. worship, 9:30 a.m. discussion & activities
Topic: Islam with guest speaker
Assignment: Hand-out TBA: Come prepared to ask three questions about Islam.
 10:30 a.m. worship, 9:30 a.m. discussion & activities
- Sunday, February 28, 2010 Snack: Herring
 10:30 a.m. worship, 9:30 a.m. discussion & activities
Topic: What does it mean to be a Christian?
Assignment: Chapters 38-39: Come prepared to discuss what it means for you to call yourself a Christian and share rough drafts of statements of faith.
- Sunday, March 7, 2010 Snack: Silver
 10:30 a.m. worship, 9:30 a.m. discussion & activities
Topic: Worship and Music
Assignment: Chapters 10 & 13: Come prepared to talk about what is your favorite part of Sunday worship, and what would Sunday worship be like if you were in charge?
- Sunday, March 14, 2010 Snack: Snack: Foreman-Dettis
 10:30 a.m. worship, 9:30 a.m. discussion & activities
Confirmation class time will be devoted to preparing to lead worship services on Sunday, April 18, and reviewing statements of faith
- Sunday, March 21, 2010 Snack: Herring
 10:30 a.m. worship, 9:30 a.m. Confirmation class time will be devoted to preparing to lead worship services on Sunday, April 18, and reviewing statements of faith.
- Palm Sunday, March 28, 2010
 8:30 or 10:30 a.m. worship. No Confirmation class or assignment this day.
- Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2009
Dinner and worship, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in Van Meter Hall
- Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010
 8:30 or 10:30 a.m. worship. No Confirmation class or assignment this day.
- Sunday, April 11, 2010. Snack: Foreman-Dettis
 10:30 a.m. worship, 9:30 a.m. Confirmation class time will be devoted rehearsing for worship services on Sunday, April 18.
- Sunday, April 18, 2009 (*Integrity of Creation Sunday*)
 8:30 or 10:30 a.m. worship. Confirmation class leads both worship services.

Sunday, April 25, 2010

8:30 or 10:30 a.m. worship. No Confirmation class or assignment this day.

9:30 a.m., UCC Annual Meeting (attendance required)

Sunday, May 2, 2010 Snack: Silver

10:30 a.m. worship, 9:30 a.m. discussion & activities

Topic: Sex & Marriage

Assignment: Chapters: 29 & 30: Come prepared to discuss how sex (not just sexual intercourse, but all types of physical expression of caring (like hugging, kissing, etc...), is part of our romantic relationships with those we love and/or care about; and how do you understand the meaning of marriage? Bring a scripture lesson to share on this topic.

*6:00 p.m. UYF welcome party for Confirmands at Church

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9, 2010

8:30 or 10:30 a.m. worship. No Confirmation class or assignment this day.

Sunday, May 16, 2010 Snack: Herring

10:30 a.m. worship, 9:30 a.m. discussion & activities

Topic: Sex, Marriage and Abortion

Assignment: Chapter: 33: Come prepared to discuss your feelings on the topic of abortion. There are no right or wrong answers in our discussion of this topic. Bring a scripture lesson to share on this topic.

Sunday, May 23, 2010 Snack: McWilliams-Woods

10:30 a.m. worship, 9:30 a.m. discussion & activities

Topic: The Apostle Paul and Miracles

Assignment: Chapters 19 & 20: Come prepared to tell one story of Paul from the Bible, and one modern miracle (however you define it). Bring a scripture lesson to share on this topic.

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

5:30 p.m., Confirmation Dinner, Van Meter Hall (attendance required)

Trinity and Education Sunday, May 30, 2010

10:30 a.m. Worship includes the Rite of Confirmation (9:45 a.m. meet for pictures & instructions).