

Dear Parents and 8th and 9th Graders,

Parents, we wish to invite your sons and daughters to participate in this year's Confirmation Program here at Saugatuck Church. This invitation is extended to students entering grades 8 and 9 in preparation for a complete transition to an 8th grade Confirmation Program next year.

The Confirmation process is a time of exploration, instruction, and peer relationship development. The advance planning for this year's program has been rigorous and exciting! Many positive changes have been made to assure that sessions are informational, interactive, and will build community for our students.

Confirmation celebrates the acceptance of God's claim on our life, our decision to participate in the life of the church, and our willingness to participate in God's work around the world. Our students will be working in pairs with devoted mentors, will enjoy team-taught classes, and will work on missions projects both as a class, and individually with their mentors. This year's class will participate in retreats both locally and out of town to have the devoted time to explore their faith based ideas.

Weekly meetings will be held on Sundays at 6-7:30 accommodating school schedules and will include sharing a meal together.

SAVE THE DATE!! Our confirmation kick off barbeque will be held on September 19th from 5-7pm. This will be co-hosted by the Boards of Deacons and Christian Education and held at the home of Lisa and Mark Gray.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

- Does your student have an idea who they would like to ask to be their mentor? They have a choice! (Please note, mentor choices are church members who are not related to you.)
- Kick off retreat will be held on Sunday, October 17th from 8:00-1pm. We will meet at the Saugatuck Church parking lot--destination TBD.
- Spring Weekend retreat will be held on March 4-6, 2011
- Confirmation Sunday will be June 5, 2011

Please put these dates on your family calendar!

BARBEQUE KICK OFF INVITATIONS WILL FOLLOW!!

Blessed are we!

Rev. Howie, Abby P., Lisa G., Betty M., and Stephanie M.