

Thank you for choosing Pleasant Valley to help work with your child through Confirmation. Confirmation is a time of growth and learning in which “children” of the church become “adults.” In Confirmation, we study the important elements of this faith we share: The Lord’s Prayer, the Creed, and the 10 Commandments. We talk about prayer and work to develop daily spiritual practices. We study the Bible, and dive more deeply into the stories of the Old and New Testaments.

At the end of these two years, these young adults will not have completed something, so much as started on a life-long journey to intentionally grow in faith and love of God in Christ Jesus and all God’s people.

I firmly believe that the most important part of confirmation is not simply memorizing a bunch of facts, but is actually about **relationships**. Over the course of these years, we hope you will develop closer and deeper relationships with each other, with the pastor, and with the other trusted adults of this congregation.

To do that, first and foremost, **you must be here**. That is the number one expectation; to be present for worship each Sunday at 9am and confirmation after.

The second expectation is **worship notes**. Twice a month I would like you to turn in worship notes that are located in the narthex. Fill it out, or have a family member or friend help you fill it out, and turn it in to me. I will be keeping track of how many you do and will let you know if you are falling behind.

Third, **spiritual practices at home**. As we move through each unit, you will be asked to do some practice together with your family. This may be daily prayer, reciting together the 10 Commandments, reciting together the Creed, and other things. You will be asked to talk about how this is going each week that we meet for Confirmation.

The first Sunday of the month, Pr. JonPaul has Church Council. That does not mean you do not have confirmation. **Pr. JonPaul will be giving you an assignment to do in conversation with other adults in the congregation, during fellowship time after worship**. However, you will be done early and are welcome to leave as soon as you are done with that day’s assignment. Leave them on Pr. JonPaul’s desk to discuss the next week.

There are some events throughout the year in our congregation that we expect you to participate in

- Fall Bazaar
- Christmas Program
- Lenten Soup suppers
- Easter Breakfast

We would also like you to go to Bible Camp over the Summer, whatever program best fits you, at Luther Park. Here at Pleasant Valley, we pay at least 50% of the cost. If families have trouble with the other half, we will work with you to ensure nobody is kept from going for financial reasons. Please let Pr. JonPaul know and we will make sure all our youth get the opportunity to go to camp.

Thank you. I look forward to this journey of faith with you and your family. May it be a blessing to you, as well.

Pr. JonPaul