

## **Goals of Confirmation:**

The underlying goals of Confirmation is to prepare confirmands (if they choose) to take the confirmation vows and to live lives of Christian discipleship. More specifically, Confirmation aims to:

- Teach confirmands the story of their faith, as contained in the Old and New Testaments and in the history and traditions of Christianity and the United Methodist Church.
- Give confirmands a basic understanding of Christian theology, including the doctrine of the Trinity, creation, sin, and grace.
- Teach confirmands the traditions and doctrinal emphases that make United Methodism unique.
- Foster relationships between confirmands and Christian adults in the congregation who can set an example of how to live as a mature Christian.
- Give confirmands an understanding of the importance of Christian education as a lifelong endeavor, and help confirmands develop a habit of participant in Christian education.
- Give confirmands an understanding of Christian worship as practiced in the The United Methodist Church (as well as other types of churches, religions, and denominations) and why worship is an essential part of Christian discipleship.
- Challenge confirmands to serve God and others through the life and ministry of the congregation.
- Give confirmands an opportunity to go on retreats, withdrawing from their normal routine and drawing closer to God and their fellow Christians.
- Teach confirmands about the vows they will have an opportunity to take and the commitments that one makes when one says yes to those vows.