

All 7th and 8th grade youth are able to enroll in Confirmation and make payment online, or print the forms from our website: www.graceofav.org, under the tab, *Gather > Youth > Confirmation*.

Grace Confirmation is open to all 7th and 8th graders, meeting weekly September through May. All 7th and 8th graders (2015-16 school year) need to register for confirmation classes. The registration fee is \$50 per student, with a maximum of \$100 per family. If registration fees pose a financial hardship, mark it on the form and the fee will be covered by scholarship money.

Confirmation students and families are encouraged to attend the 5:45 p.m. worship service. Following the service, confirmation meets 6:45-8 p.m., beginning with a large-group gathering, followed by a grade-level instruction, and concluding with small-group discussion time. (It is our intent that students and guides remain together as a class for the two-year program.)

General Registration Information:

We do accept registrations throughout the year. However, in order to have adequate time during the summer months to assign the new sixth graders to classes and recruit enough guides, we ask that you help us expedite that process by **submitting your registrations by Sun., June 26, 2016**. Confirmation will begin with orientation on Wed., Sept. 14, at 6:45 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Christian education at Grace is a partnership between home and church. All parents are required to help in some way to make our program a success. Please review and select your areas of involvement from those choices listed in the parent ministry portion of the registration form. Prayerfully consider how YOU will help during this next school year.

Communications:

Since all communications are sent to you through email, please be sure that the church office has your preferred household email address that you check on a regular basis, whether that is home or work. Please notify the church office if your phone number or email address changes throughout the year.

Church Use of Photographs:

On occasion, the church may use group photographs of children/youth in the monthly newsletter, website or as part of a display in the atrium. Children/youth are not identified by name. If you have concerns about photographs possibly being used in this way, please contact Paula Ewald or Lois Williams at 952-432-7273, ext. 107 or Julie Vagle at 952-432-7273, ext. 105.

Safe Child Policy:

Our "safe church" procedures policy includes screening volunteers who work directly with youth, requiring written applications of everyone. Formal background checks will be required of confirmation guides/parents who chaperone overnight retreats, and those who drive youth to events.

Contact our Youth Director Julie Vagle at 952-432-7273, ext. 105 or j.vagle@graceofav.org with any questions.