



—The Church of the Open Door—

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

724 E. South River Street, Appleton, WI 54915

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Hello Parents of future Confirmands!

We're extending this invitation for your child to join us in the 2019-2020 Confirmation Class - **Way To Live** at First Congregational! I hope you're excited for this fall and our Confirmation experience; truly this will be an enriching time with many opportunities for you and your child to grow in your relationships and faith.

An important part of Confirmation is the Mentor relationship. The Mentor should be a baptized Christian, not necessarily a member of our church or denomination, but supportive of the Confirmand becoming a member of our church. Preferably the Mentor should be someone from outside your family, but parents and extended family can serve as Mentors as well. You (Parents and Confirmands) are responsible for finding a candidate, and then notifying me of your choice. I'm able to help locate a Mentor if you are unable to do so.

Our first gathering will be October 2nd for Parents, Confirmands, **and Mentors**. Note that on October 20th we have a Day Retreat. Attendance at this event is critical for "taking the plunge" for the year- but it's for Confirmands only! In the meantime, I look forward to our time together and the memories we will share.

Enclosed you will find:

1. Two copies of the 2019-2020 Confirmation calendar: one for you and one for your possible Mentor.
2. A response postcard with your choice of Confirmation Mentor.
3. All pertinent registration materials. Please return all forms with the registration fee of \$150 (check made out to First Congregational Church with Confirmation/Student's name in the Memo line) to the church office. The fee covers both the Fall Day Retreat to Door County, and the Winter Retreat to Chicago. Full or partial Scholarships are available, talk to Pastor Nick.

DEADLINE FOR ALL REGISTRATION MATERIALS, PAYMENT, AND LOCATING MENTORS: SEPTEMBER 15th!

In Christ,

Pastor Nick Hatch