

## Confirmation 2016 Notes for Annual Meeting:

### Schedule: **Class Dates:**

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| 1. I Believe: Living the Creed            | 1. February 7  |
| 2. Teaching: Fellowship, Bread, & Prayers | 2. February 14 |
| 3. Resist, Repent, Return                 | 3. February 21 |
| 4. By Word and Example                    | 4. February 28 |
| 5. Seek and Serve                         | 5. March 6     |
| 6. Into the World in Witness              | 6. March 13    |

**March 20<sup>th</sup> & April 3 are “rain” dates**

Our confirmation program is entitled “I Will with God’s Help” and is the same one Pastor Judith used during her time with us to help instruct and prepare everyone for their day of confirmation. This is the day our mature youth will voluntarily choose to affirm promises that were made to God on their behalf on the day of their baptism. The Apostles’ Creed will guide us step by step in our understanding along with various parts of the Book of Common Prayer and the Holy Bible as well.

*Classes will begin on February 7<sup>th</sup> and continue for 6 weeks ending March 13. (There are 2 ‘snow dates’, 3/20 and 4/3, if we need them). Our class of 11 students from St. Andrew’s and 3 from St. John’s will meet for 2 hours each scheduled Sunday from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the St. Andrews undercroft.*

*Car-pooling might be an option for parents since there are so many young people attending classes. Everyone will receive a ‘contact’ list. Please look it over carefully for accuracy and contact me with any corrections that need to be made. Also, contact my home phone and leave a message if anyone is going to be absent. A make up arrangement should be made if a student will miss a class.*

*The 2 adults from St. Andrew’s who are preparing to be received into the Episcopal faith on the day of confirmation with the youth will need to coordinate instruction time with Deacon Rocky. You will be receiving ‘Adult’ Program Journals for your personal use.*

*Mentors are asked to take turns providing a light snack and beverage for all 14 students for all 6 weeks. A sign up sheet will be provided on the bulletin board in the Narthex for your use.*

*Also, Mentors are required to meet with their confirmand at least 4 times during this journey to confirmation in order to support their student’s studies and walk in faith. Each mentor will receive a program Mentor’s Guide along with a Mentor’s Guidelines handout to help them.*

*Each confirmand will receive a ‘Youth’ Program Journal for their personal use, a List of Requirements specifying what each confirmand must complete prior to the day of confirmation, and other handouts from time to time. One such handout will be an instruction sheet for the purpose of preparing a time line of their faith journey from birth until now. This handout includes a list of names of some long term members of our churches. So, a confirmand may be calling you to ask for an ‘interview’ at which time he or she will ask about what you know about the history of St. Andrew’s or St. John’s and how you were affected by events. Please remain comfortable with whatever aspects of your faith journey that you choose to share. The object is for them to realize that time enables growth and change for all of us in different ways throughout time and to see that God works in us and through us.*

*So, you can see that because of OUR baptismal vows to support our baptized, you are needed at this time to show that support. Please help these fine young people in any way you can during their special journey to confirmation. One way you can do that is take the bulletin insert each week and pray on the names listed on the insert. Another way may be to write notes of encouragement and pin them on the bulletin board in the hall in the undercroft for the students to share each Sunday. At the very least, remember them, as well as their mentors, parents and instructors, in your thoughts and prayers.*