

UNITED EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
East Avenue and Dillon Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21224

November 6, 1978

TO: Confirmation Classes, Parents and Council Members

FROM: Pastor Hengen

RE: Confirmation Class Schedule and Plans

Dear Friends:

Below find the schedule of classes and events for both the Confirmation Class of 1979 (II) and the Confirmation Class of 1980 (I). Please note carefully that there will be no classes on November 16 (II) and November 23 (I). This decision gives both classes a special Thanksgiving holiday. Note also that beginning in April, 1979 the Class of 1980 will meet every Thursday evening (6:30 p.m.) until Pentecost (June 3, 1979). That will enable that group to move ahead at a faster pace. The schedule is as follows for required attendance:

Class of 1979 (II)

November 16 - No class
November 30
December 14
December 28
January 11
January 25
February 8
February 22
March 8
March 22 - Robes and Picture
April 1 - Parents' Dinner at
5:30 p.m.
April 8 - Confirmation at 10:00
a.m.
April 11 - Last Supper Tableau
April 12 - Maundy Thursday Holy
Communion
April 15 - Easter Festival
Service

Class of 1980 (I)

November 23 - No class
December 7
December 21
January 4
January 18
February 1
February 15
March 1
March 15
March 29
April 5
April 8 - Class of 1979 Confirma-
tion
April 11 - Last Supper Tableau
April 12 - Maundy Thursday Holy
Communion
April 15 - Easter Festival Service
April 19
April 26
May 3
May 10
May 17
May 24
May 31

In every case the between-session assignments (homework) will be given at each session. If an absence from the class sessions is

necessary, it is the responsibility of the student (or parents) to secure those assignments from the Pastor for the next class session. Parents are always welcome to attend all class sessions and are urged to attend all special events with their Confirmand daughter or son. Learning what it means to be a regular participating member in the life of the Church of Jesus Christ happens best when parents show an active interest and good example. That is also true for worship on Sundays.

I hope this schedule will assist with your family planning. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Church Office (276-0393). Thank you in advance for your full cooperation.

Sincerely,

Rev. W. Scott Hengen III

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 Pastor

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November 18 - No class	November 23 - No class
November 30	December 7
December 14	December 21
December 28	January 4
January 11	January 18
January 25	February 1
February 8	February 15
February 22	March 1
March 8	March 15
March 22 - Robes and Pictures	March 29
April 5 - Parents' Dinner at 2:30 p.m.	April 5 - Class of 1978 Confirmation
April 8 - Confirmation at 10:00 a.m.	April 11 - Last Supper Tableau
April 11 - Last Supper Tableau	April 12 - Heavy Thursday Holy Communion
April 12 - Heavy Thursday Holy Communion	April 15 - Easter Festival Service
April 15 - Easter Festival Service	April 19
April 22	April 26
May 3	May 3
May 10	May 10
May 17	May 17
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Mrs. Marty Craig

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January 17, 1978

Dear Christian Friends:

This letter is being sent to the parents of all members of the 1978 Confirmation Class and to all Church Council members. This is done because I feel we all should be aware of the coming planned events involving all of us, especially the members of this Class. What follows is a calendar of events every member of the class must attend unless excused by the Pastor:

- January 18 at 7 p.m. - Regular class meeting about the Reformation.
- February 1 at 7 p.m. - Regular class meeting on history of U.C.C.
- February 16 (Thursday) at 7 p.m. - Regular class meeting on history of U.E.C.
- March 2 (Thursday) at 7 p.m. - Regular class meeting about personal decision.
- March 12 (Sunday) at 5 p.m. - Covered-dish Dinner and Examination involving Confirmands, their parents, and Council Members.
- March 16 (Thursday) at 7 p.m. - Final meeting and class pictures.
- March 19 (Palm Sunday) at 10:15 a.m. - Class members arrive and get robed for worship and Rite of Confirmation.
- March 22 (Wednesday of Holy Week) at 7 p.m. - Class members arrive and get robed to sit together as group for Last Supper Tableau.
- March 23 (Thursday of Holy Week) at 7 p.m. - Class members arrive and get robed to sit together for first Sacrament of Holy Communion.
- March 26 (Easter Sunday) at 10:15 a.m. - Class members arrive and get robed to sit together for Easter Festival Service.

Specific plans for measuring and distribution of Confirmation Robes will be coordinated by the Church Office. Also, specific plans about what to bring for the Covered-Dish Dinner will be coordinated by the Church Office. Robes will be kept in the Choir Room when not in use. Parents are encouraged to participate in all these events with their daughter or son. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Church Office (276-0393).

Most sincerely,

Rev. W. Scott Hengen

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Pastor

ORAL EXAM QUESTIONS - CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 1978

Note: These questions are designed as discussion starters for Council members, parents, and Confirmands. Together we will discover the new level of growth and maturity achieved by members of the Confirmation Class. And each must recognize that growth is always relative to age and ability. Maturity of faith cannot be measured by a mere memorizing of facts or Bible passages.

Pastor Hengen

1. What does Confirmation mean to you?
2. What impresses you most about the Bible? Why?
3. What kinds of literature are found in the Bible? Where?
4. Where would you look to find: the Ten Commandments? The Old Testament Hymnal? The Beatitudes? Letters to young churches?
5. What impresses you most about the story of Joseph and his brothers? How is it related to the nation of Jacob/Israel?
6. What kinds of books can you use to help you understand the meaning of a word or passage in the Bible?
7. What do you think it felt like to be an (Old Testament) prophet?
8. Is it true God loves only those who do His will? Why or why not?
9. Which were written first, the Gospels or Paul's letters? How do you know?
10. Who wrote both the Acts of the Apostles and one of the Gospels? How do you know?
11. What impresses you most about the life of Jesus?
12. How would you prove Jesus lived, died, and rose from the dead?
13. Who was the first Christian missionary? How did he start and maintain the early churches mentioned in the Bible?
14. What are some similarities and differences between the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed?
15. What is meant by: The Protestant Reformation?
16. Who were: Martin Luther, Philip Melanchthon, Ulrich Zwingli, John Calvin, the Anabaptists, John Knox, John Wesley?
17. What actually happens during the Sacrament of Holy Baptism?
18. What actually happens during the Sacrament of Holy Communion?
19. What is Ordination?
20. What are the requirements (duties, expectations) of all active church members? Inactive church members? Other Christians? Newly confirmed members?
21. As a new church member, when should you call your pastor?
22. What parts of our worship together are most meaningful to you?
23. What should U.E.U.C.C. be doing that it is not now doing?
24. How do we recognize God's presence and activity in the world?
25. How important is it for you to try and convince someone else to become an active member of United Evangelical Church?
26. How important is it for you to pray regularly? When?
27. What advice do you have for future members of the Confirmation Class?
28. What do you plan to do when you graduate from high school?
29. In what specific ways will you be involved in this Church after Confirmation?

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30. Identify as many of the following terms as you can:

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| Acolyte | Doxology | Nave |
| Advent | Epiphany | Paraments |
| Altar | Epistle | Pentecost |
| Apostle | Gospel | Petition |
| Association | Grace | Pulpit |
| Chancel | Intercession | Revelation |
| Collect | Invocation | Sacrament |
| Conference | Lectern | Stewardship |
| Conscience | Lent | Synod |
| Denomination | Narthex | Tithe |

Notes: These questions are designed as discussion starters for Councils, parents, sponsors, friends, and family. They will be the new focus for the confirmation class. Each member of the confirmation class is expected to be actively involved in the process. These questions cannot be read by a member of the confirmation class. They are intended to be used by the confirmation class members.

1. What is the meaning of the word 'denomination'?

2. What are the major denominations in the United States?

3. How do you think it is possible to be a member of one denomination and still be a Christian?

4. Where would you look to find the Ten Commandments? The Old Testament? The New Testament? Letters to young churches?

5. What impression do you have about the story of Jacob and his sons? How is it related to the nation of Israel?

6. What kinds of books do you use to help you understand the meaning of a word or phrase in the Bible?

7. What do you think is the role of an (Old Testament) prophet?

8. Is it true that God loves only those who do his will? Why or why not?

9. Which were written first, the Gospels or Paul's letters? How do you know?

10. How do you know that Jesus was born in Bethlehem?

11. What impressed you most about the life of Jesus?

12. How would you prove Jesus lived, died, and rose from the dead?

13. Who was the first Christian missionary? How did he start and maintain the early churches mentioned in the Bible?

14. What are some similarities and differences between the Anglican, Roman Catholic, and the Lutheran churches?

15. What is meant by 'The Protestant Reformation'?

16. Who were Martin Luther, John Calvin, and John Wesley?

17. What actually happens during the Sacrament of Holy Baptism?

18. What actually happens during the Sacrament of Holy Communion?

19. What is 'ordination'?

20. What are the responsibilities (duties, expectations) of an active church member? Inactive church member? Guest?

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25. How important is it for you to try and convince someone else to become an active member of United Evangelical Church?

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27. What advice do you have for future members of the Confirmation Class?

28. What do you wish to do when you graduate from high school?

29. In what specific ways will you be involved in this Church after Confirmation?