

July 27, 2010

Greetings Exploration Class of 2010-2011

As you are in the midst of your vacation months, you may not yet be thinking of fall, but we here at Christ United Methodist Church certainly are. I am writing you today because one of the programs which will begin in September is our Exploration Class for 9th graders.

'Exploration' is what our Confirmation program is all about. The word 'Exploration' accurately reflects my position on what preparation for church membership ought to be. Our weekly meetings will be a time to explore issues and concepts; a time to explore relationships and beliefs; a time to explore God's place in our life and our place in God's life; a time to explore Christ's call to discipleship. Then by May 1, 2011 each Explorer will make a decision. Just writing about this I'm getting anxious for the Exploration class to begin. We will have a great year.

Included in the letter are several important details regarding registration for the Exploration class. Please fill out the enclosed Registration and Health form and turn it into the church office, or bring it with you to the

PARENT & YOUTH INFORMATIONAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
AT 7:00 IN WESLEY HALL.

At this meeting we will have information for parents' involvement as Guides for our Explorer Group and Chaperones for our trips and local mission projects. I will also have folders with information on Sermon Notes, involvement with a Faith Guide and important dates throughout the year. Please check your calendar and clear the evening of October 9 and morning of October 9 for our Confirmation Retreat at Good Earth Village. This year we are really lucky to have again reserved the Log Lodge!

All Wednesday evening meetings will be from 7:00-8:00 in Wesley Hall and regular attendance is expected. As with any adventure, every Explorer is important to the group and it is hard to make up for lost ground if someone lags behind, so it is important that each explorer take this Exploration process seriously. I know that you all have a ton of things going on this fall, but this will be a wonderful adventure and the year will pass more quickly than you can believe.

Please make notes of the questions you have regarding the year so we can discuss them on September 15. If you would like to contact me prior to this meeting, my office phone is 289-4019 x114.

Enjoy the rest of your summer & I look forward to seeing you in September!

Blessings,

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