

# Confirmation

2008 - 2010

## Who can participate?

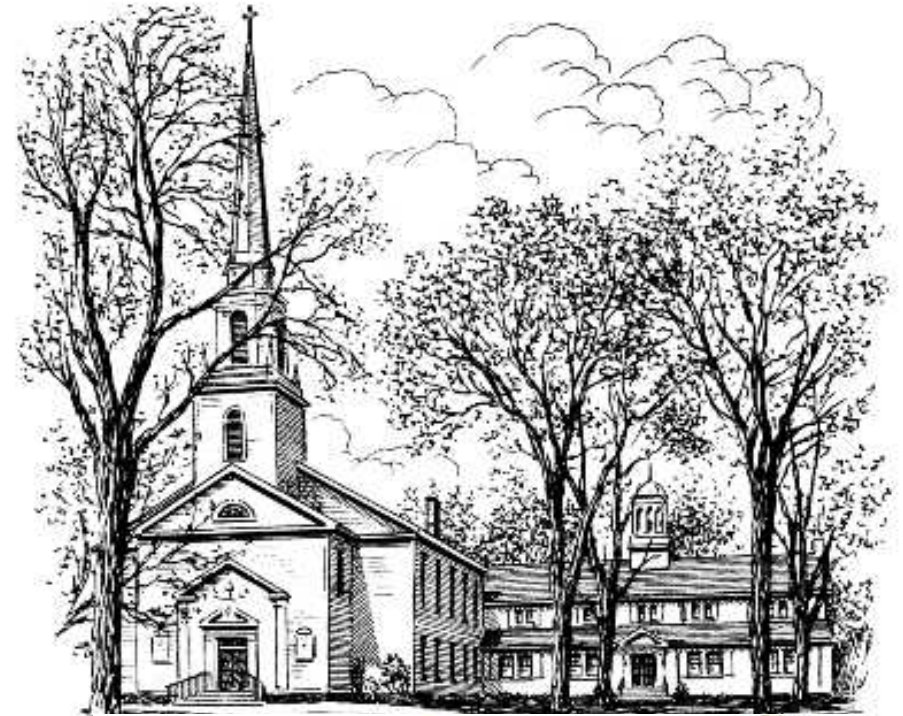
Any high school student grades 9-12 who hasn't yet been confirmed. Friends are welcome but must join at the beginning of the program, make a full commitment and have their parent's permission.

## Leaders

Pastor John Barber is the primary leader and program coordinator. Other church members will participate from time to time as well.

## Mentors

Each Confirmand will need a mentor from the church. The mentor will meet with the Confirmand periodically and with the wider group from time to time. A mentor must be a member of this church (preferably one who is actively involved). The mentor may not be a member of the Confirmands family. You may suggest a mentor if you have one in mind.



First Congregational Church  
Holden, Massachusetts  
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What is Confirmation?

Confirmation occurs at a time in a child's life when they are "coming of age" and beginning to make decisions about the world they've been brought up in and what they will take with them into adult life. Confirmation gives teens a chance to take a hard look at their Christian faith, ask questions, dig deep and make a decision as to whether or not they want to embrace for themselves (i.e. "confirm") the Christian faith they've been brought up in. All confirmands are asked to be honest, real and open minded. No one is *required* to be confirmed at the end of the program if they do not want to or are not ready yet.

Goals and Objectives

- To experience God and learn to follow Jesus Christ
- To better understand the Christian faith, the Bible and the Congregational church
- To be able to clearly state what *you* believe
- To make a *genuine* commitment to Christ and the church (Confirmed students become church members)

Regular Meetings

Confirmation class will meet twice a month on the *first* and *third* Sundays from 8:15 – 9:30am in the youth room. Students are expected to arrive on time and prepared for class. We will take a break from class in July and August 2009.

Homework

There will be some homework involved – mostly Bible reading and journaling, with an occasional additional assignment.

Monthly Events

Every month there will be one special event – either a service project or a social event (usually alternating each month). We will plan and discuss these events in the class. Occasionally there will be more than one event a month. Participation is required.

Special Events

There will be occasional special events – a lock-in (overnight) at the church in the fall of 2008, a retreat in the spring of 2010, field trips to other churches and occasional other special events.

Church Involvement

Confirmands will be expected to participate in wider church life in many ways. They will be asked to help lead worship, help with Sunday school, occasionally visit committees and participate in various other ways. This is part of gaining a better understanding of church life. Confirmands are expected to attend Sunday worship on a regular basis and will be required to take notes on the service twice a month.

Youth Group

We strongly encourage all of our teens to be active in the wider youth fellowship as much as possible, as this will be their group going forward after confirmation. (however, it is not required)