

Brookline Community Church

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Dear Parents,

The first step of your child's faith journey may have begun years ago with the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Baptism symbolizes the beginning of life in a Christian faith community. At baptism, parents, godparents, and the congregation pledge their support to help these children understand God's love and grace. As children grow in this faith and reach their teenage years, the United Church of Christ and the United Methodist Church present these teens with an opportunity to reaffirm those baptismal vows through the process of Confirmation.

Our church will be offering a Confirmation Program to High School age youth in Grades 10-12 beginning later in January 2011 with the goal of holding a special service of Confirmation in the spring. We have prepared a series of meetings, retreats, educational and community service experiences to help these teenagers grow in their understanding of the responsibilities of being a person of faith and living a Christian life. I believe this program has a tremendous potential to help your teenager explore their personal faith, to develop a significant relationship with a person in our church who is committed to Christ, to ask questions, to develop a relationship with God and a gain a deeper sense of commitment to the church.

The success of the program is largely dependent upon Mentoring. Mentoring is an opportunity for an adult to work side-by-side with your child to guide, learn, share experiences and make new discoveries together about their growing faith.

As a parent, your encouragement and participation in this program are also essential. To assist you in better understanding the mentoring process, the objectives and expectations of the program we will be hosting an informational session on

Sunday, January 16, 2011

7:45 pm – 8:45 pm

Third Floor Classroom, Brookline Community Church

Enclosed you will find an overview of the program goals and a course outline for you to review prior to the meeting. During this session, we will present details on the cost, time and personal commitment involved in this program. Please come to the meeting with your questions and suggestions, and be prepared to discuss any potential schedule conflicts so we may work together to create an environment that fosters the growth of these young Christian disciples.

In the meantime, please feel free to call Ann @ 672-3937 with any concerns or questions. We look forward to seeing **you and your child** on the 16th of January.

Sincerely,

Ann Desrochers
Director of Christian Education

Rev. Dr. David W. Smith
Minister