

2008-09 CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

Niles Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

Revised 09/17/2008

Classes meet 12:30-2:00 unless otherwise noted. Retreat times to be announced closer to retreat dates.

Dates 2008-09	Event/Time	Subject	Music
9/7	6:30-8:00	Youth group meeting—includes Youth Mentor training	n/a
9/17	7:30-9:00	Adult Mentor training (parents welcome)	n/a
9/28	Worship, 10-11	Commissioning learners and mentors	n/a
9/28	Class 1; 12:30-2:00	What is Confirmation? Sharing stories (Adult Mentors [AM] and Youth Mentors [YM] present)	none
10/5	Class 2	Bible Basics	Jeff
10/11	Retreat #1	Community building all-day retreat (YM present)	None
10/6-11/1	Meet with AM*	Prepare a Jesus story	n/a
10/19	Class 3	Bible Basics – the Hebrew Scriptures	Samantha
10/26	Class 4	Bible Basics – the New Testament	Lauren
11/2	Class 5	Sharing one of Jesus' Stories (AM & YM present)	Sarah
11/7-8	Retreat #2	The Jesus Story	Isaiah
11/16	Class 6	Who is God? (Part 1)	Nathan
11/17-1/10	Meet with AM*	Something Fun	n/a
11/23	Class 7	Who is God? (Part 2)	Elena
12/7	Class 8	Who is God? (Part 3)	Samantha
12/29-30	Retreat #3	Spiritual Life (YM present)	Lauren
1/11	Class 9	What is a Saint? What is a disciple? (AM present)	Sarah
1/17-19	Midwinter Retreat	Conference Midwinter Retreat for Junior High	n/a
1/31	Retreat #4	Mission Project (YM present)	Isaiah
2/8	Class 10	Mission (AM & YM present)	Nathan
2/14-16	Feb Camp	Conference Feb Camp for Senior High	n/a
2/22	Class 11	God's Gifts (Part 1) (YM present)	Elena
3/1	Class 12	God's Gifts (Part 2) (YM present)	Samantha
3/14-15	Retreat #5	Conference Confirmation Retreat	Lauren
3/22	Class 13	Finding and Living Life's Purpose (AM present)	Sarah
3/29	Class 14	Worship and Ritual	Isaiah
4/5-12	Holy Week	Attend services (YM present)	n/a
4/17-19	Worship Road Trips	We will take some road trips to experience other types and traditions of worship	n/a
4/26	Class 15	Worship Prep (AM present)	Nathan
4/27-5/3	Meet with AM*	Worship planning	n/a
5/9	10:00 a.m.	Worship rehearsal	n/a
5/10	Worship, 10-11	Lead worship service at Niles (AM & YM present)	n/a
5/17	Class 16	Journeys (YM present)	Elena
5/22-23	Retreat #6	Heresies, Creeds, and Statements of Faith; Covenant and Decisions	open
5/30	baptisms, 10:00	Place TBD (AM & YM present)	n/a
5/31	Worship, 10-11	CONFIRMATIONS; Pentecost Sunday (AM & YM present)	n/a

*Mentor Meetings are to be set at a mutually convenient time within the given dates.

Music: Bring a song on CD or tape (cued up) along with the words typed out and copied (come early; we can copy at church) that (1) makes you feel connected to God; (2) shares the Good News in some way; (3) tells a Bible Story; (4) that you could imagine God or Jesus singing to you; (5) that you can imagine singing to God or Jesus; (6) that makes a comment/point about the church or religion.