Confirmation is a journey not only for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth but also for their parents, teachers, and <u>Faith Partners</u>. We want to surround Confirmands with a community of faith so that they experience the depth of God's love for them.

#### What is a Faith Partner?

- Another adult (not parents) who plays a mentoring role for the Confirmation youth.
- Someone who loves God and is committed to Christ.
- An adult who is 21 or older.
- Someone parents are comfortable talking to about their child, religious faith, and matters of the church.
- Someone who has the time and is willing to commit the time to the duties below.

### What does a Faith Partner do?

- Pray for his or her youth throughout Confirmation.
- Contact their youth weekly to see how things are going or if they have questions.
- Write his or her youth a note each week to let him/her know that he or she is praying for the youth throughout the Confirmation process.
- Make it a priority to be at the Confirmation worship service and come down to the altar area when his or her youth is baptized/confirmed.

### Who can be a Faith Partner?

- A member of any church. (It is not necessary that he or she be a Christ UMC member, although that is the preference.)
- A friend of the family who the parents and youth agree would serve well in this role.
- A member of the family other than parents or siblings.

# \*Please select your Faith Partner based on the criteria above, give the description to your Faith Partner, and have him/her sign the following agreement form.

## **CONFIRMATION FAITH PARTNER AGREEMENT**

I agree to be a Faith Partner	during the	upcoming weeks for
Confirmation student I		
agree to pray for my youth, encourage him or her with notes, calls,		
and/or gifts, and be available for his or her Confirmation worship		
service.		
Name of Faith Partner:		
Address:		
City:	_ State:	Zip:
Email:		
Faith Partner Signature		Date
Confirmation Student Signature		Data
Confirmation Student Signature		Date

Please return this Faith Partner Agreement to the youth office.