

## Confirmation 2017 youth and mentors

Kelly Anderson (7th) – Shelby Hopkins

Emi Heinz (8th) – Sherrie (or Stan) Ferguson

Jordan Mallory (8th) – Tom Magee

Katie Mantilla (8th) – Laura Songras-Rosales

Ben Smith (7th) – Tom Foulds

Nathaniel Smith (8th) – Cynthia VanDevender

Emi Songras-Rosales (8th) – Jennifer Flagel

Anika Wilson (7th) – ~~Laurel Sturges~~ Lisa Watson

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Confirmation requires students to ask some hard questions – of themselves, of God, and of others. *What does it mean to be a person of faith? Why this religion? Why this denomination? Why this church? Do I have to believe everything the church says to be a member?* These are difficult questions to ask, and even more difficult questions to answer. That is why every confirmand is paired with a mentor: an adult who will walk the confirmation journey with their student. The mentor is not expected to have all the answers, rather, the courage to say, "I don't know – but we'll figure it out - together."

The mentor will play an important role in the life of the student. The mentor is someone who will grow and learn *with* their student – spiritually, emotionally, and mentally. Mentors must be *active* members who are involved in, and committed to, the life of the church.