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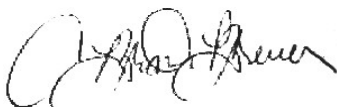
Dear Parents of Woods 2009-2010 Confirmation Class!

On **Tuesday, September 1st at 7 p.m.** all Parents of incoming Confirmands, Confirmation Leaders, Elder Sponsors, and our 2009-2010 Confirmation Youth Class are invited to gather together for Confirmation Orientation night. This night is only the beginning of what will be a life-altering year for you and your child. To say "Yes!" to Jesus Christ means that your child will find a supportive community to help him or her grow in identity, self-esteem, and purpose. To say "yes" to Jesus Christ means that your child will begin a life-long relationship with God that will help support your child through the difficult times in his or her life. To say "Yes!" to Jesus Christ means that your child will be a part of a group with the highest calling: to help love and serve others in the world. Through this life in the Church, God becomes visible and we begin to see God at work in ordinary moments that define us. This is a comfort that not all teenagers in the world are privileged to know. It is a gift of God and we are ecstatic you and your child chose to receive it.

Please fill out the attached registration form so that we can enroll your child in the next class. We plan an enriching experience with curriculum which will provide youth with a foundational understanding of faith, tradition and Presbyterian practices, along with faith-building retreats; local mission opportunities; worship encounters; dynamic small group ministries and classes; and new relationships born with our Elders, Confirmation Leaders, and with one another.

Our Confirmation Team believes that Christ is made most visible in our relationships with one another; therefore, we treat each other as family. Because of this, we are committed to equip you as parents to journey and grow in faith with your child. As your child prepares for Confirmation and to commit to a journey to strengthen his or her baptismal vows, remind your child that it is in baptism that we are sealed in Christ *forever*, and that God's grace is a free gift given to all those who are clothed in Christ. For those unbaptized, Confirmation is a time to receive the opportunity to participate in the teaching of the good news of Jesus Christ. On Pentecost Sunday in May, we will watch with awe as some are baptized for the first time; and we will bow in holy wonder as God's Spirit anoints all.

Joyfully in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Brandon Brewer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "B".

C. Brandon Brewer
Director of Youth Ministries