

Sixth through Eighth Grade

By the time students complete the seventh grade they should have a working knowledge of:

- ✚ The Ten Commandments – Christian Ethics
- ✚ The Apostles' Creed
- ✚ The Lord's Prayer
- ✚ The Story of Jesus
- ✚ The story of the Early church from Acts
- ✚ The Reformation and those reformers who are part of our Presbyterian heritage
- ✚ Be exploring, questioning, and responding to theological themes such as: the Kingdom of God, the body of Christ, sin, temptation, forgiveness, repentance, covenant, Sacraments, faith, gospel, salvation by grace through faith, the providence of God
- ✚ The books of the Bible including genres (law, history, writings, prophets, gospels, letters, and apocalypse) and themes (Creation, Fall, Redemption, New Creation)
- ✚ Be growing in awareness of the Creeds and Confessions and why they are important
- ✚ What it means to profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior
- ✚ 7 Habits of Discipleship in daily life
- ✚ Be growing in awareness of church – Polity, Mission Statement, and Importance
- ✚ In addition, students will have developed personal habits of daily Bible reading and prayer, and be able to express/articulate faith

**** God's Image– A weekend retreat will be held every other year using curriculum developed by the PC(USA) and supplemental resources. The event will be facilitated by church youth staff, other leaders from the congregation, and will include parents in a portion of the weekend. Youth will explore self-image, sexuality, body-image, peer pressure, and other relevant topics to development.***

****Confirmation- Will be held for 6-8th grade for three spring terms. They will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday of their 9th grade year. All youth must satisfactorily complete the Confirmation requirements adopted by CE Committee and the Session.***

Youth will commit to memory the following Bible verses:

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” **Matthew 22:37-40**

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.”

Galatians 5:22-23

“Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Romans 3:23-24

Nineth through Twelfth Grade

By the end of high school a young person should

- ✚ Be familiar with the Books of the Bible; genres and theological themes.
- ✚ Know basic theology and its application for today
- ✚ Be exploring the significance and meaning of vocational calling in light of faithful stewardship and spiritual gifts

- ✚ Be involved in church ministry, worship leadership, and mission activities
- ✚ Be able to express/articulate faith with integrity
- ✚ Express faith daily
- ✚ Have growing awareness of his/her own Spiritual Gifts and how gifts might be used in service to the Church and to the world
- ✚ Be involved in a small group Bible study
- ✚ Understand the meaning of the names “Christian,” “Disciple,” “Reformed,” and “Presbyterian”

**Journey On – Seniors will participate each year in a day long retreat at Baytreat where they celebrate all the memories, focus on their spiritual journey thus far, reflect and prepare for Youth/Senior Recognition. Mentors should be present for a part of this day, as well as parents and siblings.*