

Trinity and Peace United Methodist Church

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Confirmation class 2022

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First Unit: The Old Testament

1- Lesson:

The Old Testament, “The Hebrew Bible,” What is the Bible? How the Bible came to be? Books and contents of the Bible. The Torah’s law or Pentateuch, the purpose of the Law, and how to understand and practice God’s law.

2- Lesson:

The first three kings of Israel: Saul, David and Solomon. Division of the Nation: Northern and Southern Kingdoms, Cities of Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria. Israel’s prophets and their prophecy: The reasons for prophetic voices In Israel. Different interpretations on prophecy about the Messiah, who is the Messiah and what were the hopes and expectations people had during the First century.

3- Lesson:

The major and minor prophets. Their lives and message in Israel. How their prophesies speak to us today. The Law of Retribution: Good and Evil and how people wanted to apply this Law of Retribution during the Old and New Testament time. Israel as a nation. Its formation, the diaspora, and God’s purpose for Israel

4 – Lesson:

The composition of the New Testament and the canonization process. The oldest manuscripts of the New Testament. The language of the Bible: Hebrew, Greek, Aramaic and Greek Koiné. What it is the Church? Its origin, purpose, who belongs to the church and Why? The Apostolic foundation of the Gospel and doctrine of the church. Mission and expansion of the Church according to Luke in Acts.

5- Lesson:

The Rabbinic teaching of Jesus: the beginning of Christianity, the sermon on the Mount, Old and New Testament came alive in the person of Jesus. The eschatological concept of the Kingdom of God in Jesus’ teaching.

6- Lesson:

The four gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The different sources that appear in their composition and message. The persecution of the Christian church by the Greek-Roman World and the expansion of the Christian church during the martyrdom period. (30-32) Paul’s thirteen letters, their social and spiritual context for today.

7- Lesson:

The apocalyptic literature of Daniel, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Revelation. The origin of

apocalyptic literature and its meaning for us today. The letter of James for the early Christians.
The letters of Peter for the early Christians. The letters of John for the early Christians.

8- Lesson:

The History of the Christian church during the First Century through the Fourth Century.

9- Lesson:

The History of the Christian Church during the Fifth Century through the Tenth Century.

10- Lesson:

The History of the Christian Church during the Eleventh Century through the Fifteenth Century.

11 Lesson:

The History of the Christian Church during the Sixteenth Century through the Twentieth Century. Pietism movement in Europe, Jacobus Arminius. The protestant Reformation, John Calvin and predestination. The Printing Press, industrial revolution, the impact of the protestant reformation.

12- Lesson:

History of the Methodist movement, England during the 17th Century, The Anglican Church. The Wesley Family, Who were Susanna, Samuel and John Wesley? John Wesley's home education during his early childhood. Wesley education outside home.

13- Lesson:

John and Charles Wesley as missionaries in America, Failure and return to England as missionaries. John Wesley's Conversion and the Moravian influence. The Pietistic, Armenianism, and Protestant Reformation influence upon the Methodist movement.

14- Lesson:

The Methodist Doctrine of Salvation/Prevenient Grace/ Means of grace. The Sunday school, Societies and Classes during the early Methodist movement. Wesley and the ordination of Clergy and the first pastor of the American church. The social influence of Methodism in the history of England

15- Lesson:

John Wesley as the man of one book only: The Bible. Wesley and Social concern: Walking toward Christian Perfection. The organization of the United Methodist Church: Annual, General, District, Jurisdictional, Central, Pan-American and Charge Conference.

16- Lesson:

The Methodist movement and the history of the United States of America, their contributions, support, challenges and compromise with the mission of the church. Circuit meeting for clergy and laity, the need to be involved in the ministry of the church and the future of the United Methodist Church

17-Lesson:

The Church in the 20th Century, the Challenges and conflicts that this institution has within its body and the influence the society and government want to imposed the church.