



THIS SUNDAY AT 9:15!

Our Preschool (Ages 2 to PreK 5), Younger Elementary (Kindergarten to 2nd Grade), and Older Elementary (3rd Grade to 5th Grade) children will meet for Sunday school to explore Spark: Activate Faith lessons. An activity-filled Sunday school curriculum that follows the salvation story from start to finish, helping kids explore key Bible stories from both the Old and New Testaments. **The preschool class will meet in Room 305, the younger elementary class will meet in Room 214, and the older elementary class will meet in Room 212.**



Spark helps kids learn at their level

Interact with the Bible in every lesson, helping kids navigate the story and begin to compare what they learn to their own life.



Focus on hands-on learning

Engage kids in the Bible story with lessons packed with activities, interactive games, and creative crafts.



Experience the Salvation Story arc

Help kids experience the Salvation story each year by exploring the Old Testament in the fall, and the New Testament in the winter and spring.



Frolic Nursery: Little Steps, Big Faith

Our Nursery aged children (Birth to 1 year) will explore Frolic Nursery lessons. Drawing on brain science as well as theology, Frolic was designed by early childhood experts to build faith through play in babies, toddlers, and young children from birth to age five. Frolic uses Bible lessons, music, and play to help build a firm Faith foundation.



Start faith formation at birth

Uses a curriculum-based on early childhood best practices to help your little ones to take little steps to big faith—starting at birth.



Focuses on learning at their level

Frolic's curriculum focuses on helping young children explore faith concepts in the way they know best— through play!



Equips caregivers to nurture faith

Equips leaders and parents to nurture faith in many ways—through storytelling, prayers, and music.



TIME TO REGISTER!

**Complete the 2024-2025 Children's Ministry
Registration Form!**

Please complete your child's registration form by the end of August! Our Safe Sanctuaries policy requires parents to complete children's registration forms annually. This up-to-date information helps us keep families better informed!

Click the link to access the digital form.

<https://forms.gle/SVLJvtPXjsvn2eEv6>

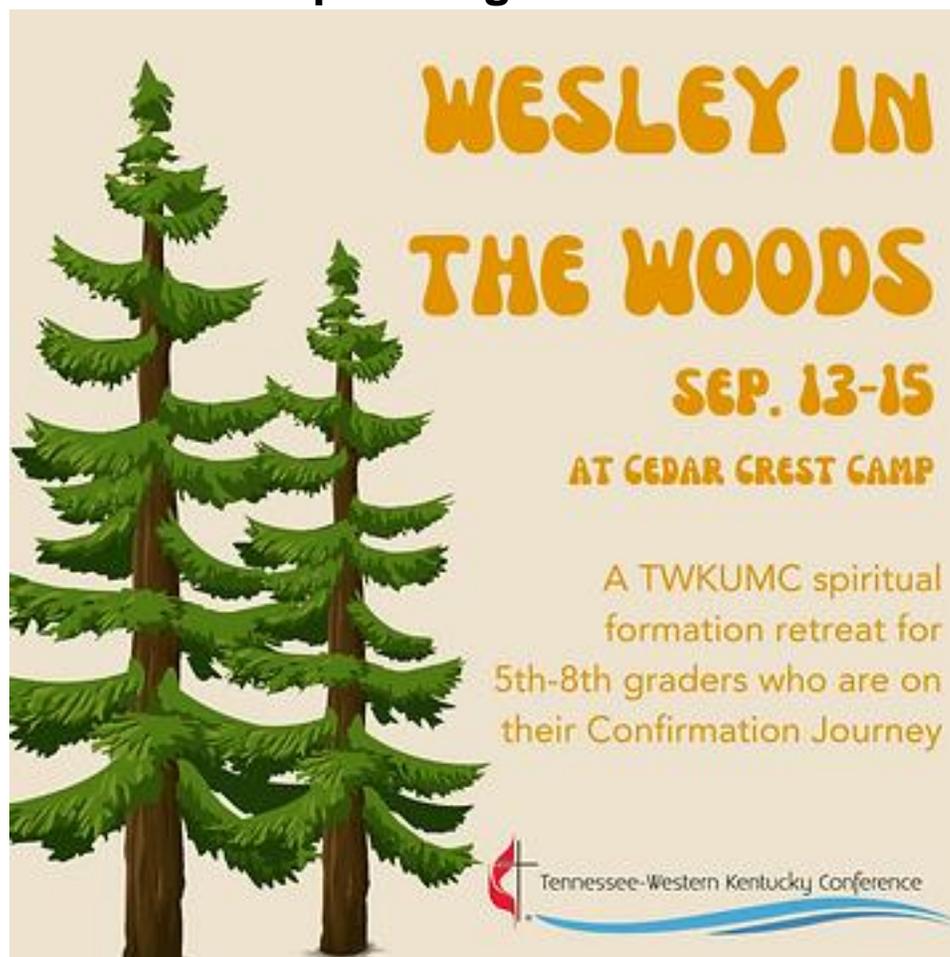
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**2024-2025 CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY CALENDAR**

Save the Date!

If you don't already have a copy of the 2024-2025 Children's Ministry Calendar, you can access it [here](#). We hope your family will plan to join us at these upcoming events!

Upcoming Events!



Register for Wesley in the Woods by August 26th!
The TWK Conference is offering a spiritual formation retreat for 5th – 8th graders on September 13-15. This retreat will provide opportunities in line with our shared Wesleyan heritage for worship, connection, service, spiritual formation, and fun! The cost is \$140 per person. Checks should be made out to “St. Mark’s UMC”. Please don’t let the cost be the reason your child doesn’t attend. Contact Hannah or Louis to discuss scholarships opportunities. Use the link below to register by August 26th.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DhMo5xoV4Cfy02d-hFqVbsubU0qurvwtfZtwqOxs9I/edit?usp=sharing>



New Children's Fellowship/Mission Groups Coming Soon!

The Children's Leadership Team and I are excited to announce that new children's fellowship/mission groups are coming soon! The names of these groups are "Little Lights" for children and their families ages birth to 2nd grade, and "G.L.O.W. Kids" for children in 3rd – 5th grade. G.L.O.W. Kids is the new name for JAM Session! It stands for Giving Light to Our World. Both groups are centered around Matthew 5:16. "In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven."

We intend to shine our light by participating in monthly fellowship and mission opportunities designed specifically for children and their families. Stay tuned for these groups' monthly calendars!



SAFER SANCTUARIES

Nurturing Trust within Faith Communities

Help St. Mark's be a Safe Sanctuary to all people entrusted to our care!

- Keep empty rooms locked
- Sign children in and out of classrooms
- Supervise your children at all times
- Accompany your children to the Restroom

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Ways you can help:

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- Sign children in and out of classrooms
- Supervise your children at all times
- Accompany your children to the Restroom
- Help us observe the two-adult rule at all times by serving as a Safe Sanctuaries helper
- If you see any behavior that seems abusive or inappropriate, inform a ministry leader

Please contact Hannah Pratt at hannah@stmarkstn.org if you have any questions. Follow our St. Mark's Children's Ministry Facebook page and Instagram @stmarkstnkids for more information!

