



St Mark's Student Ministry Announcements:

1. On Wednesday July 17th, when we joined the Blackman UMC Youth Group for our annual trip to the Nashville Shores Waterpark. Thank you to Katie Beatty for helping out with chaperone duties, and to St. Mark's for making this trip possible!
2. St. Mark's Youth and friends are invited to the **"Be the Light"** (Matthew 5:14) UMC Stones River District-wide Youth Lock-in on August 2-3, 2024 at Trinity UMC in Murfreesboro. **Please note that we are still in need of 1 male and 2 female chaperones if we are going to be able to participate as a Youth Group!** The plan would be to arrive at the St. Mark's Youth Wing by 6:30 pm so that we can make it to Trinity in time for outdoor grilling and campfire (think hot dogs and s'mores) followed by games, youth-led devotional, more games, and a whole lot of fun. Youth participants would need to bring a sleeping bag/blankets (and a blow-up mattress, if you are not a floor sleeper) and pillow. Pick-up/departure is at 9am (after a grab-and-go breakfast) for parents who prefer to pick up from Trinity, or 9:15 am for those who prefer to pick up from St. Mark's.



3. We have reached the time of year when all St. Mark's Youth members are required to complete and return the new (2024-25) General Health & Photo Release Form; submission of this form is a requirement for participation in all future St. Mark's events and outings during the coming year. Click [HERE](#) to find a printable PDF version of the General Health & Photo Release Form, or I can provide you with a printed copy of the form upon request.
4. See the link below for the updated **2024 Summer Youth Programming Calendar** ... everything written in blue text represents an opportunity to participate in missional (service) work: [Link to Youth Programming Calendar](#). **Please note that St. Mark's Children's Ministry has decided to cancel the Back-to-School Bonfire that was originally scheduled for Saturday July 27th, and**

that the Karaoke Night originally scheduled for August 4th has been rescheduled for August 11th!

5. Exciting News for Young People in the United Methodist Church; the **Young People's Connectional Network (YPCN)** is officially forming this year! YPCN is a new, denomination-wide body representing young people across the globe. It's your chance to advocate for full participation in the UMC, build global partnerships, and empower young disciples of Jesus Christ.

Interested in joining? Applications are open until July 31, 2024 - click here for more info:

<https://tinyurl.com/mtnjwwme>