



St Mark's Student Ministry Announcements:

Well friends, this is it - my final newsletter as Youth Director! When I accepted this job in the spring of 2022, I didn't understand why God seemed to be calling me to a brand new field of employment in my late 30s; I just knew that I was going to have to take a leap of faith and trust in His provision. With the benefit of hindsight, I can now perceive the extraordinary value of the work that he was doing in my life and in the lives of others, and I'm deeply grateful to have had this opportunity to get to know our Youth and walk alongside them for a season of their Christian journey. I am also grateful for the opportunity to work with our wonderful St. Mark's staff; Tommy, Martha, Jim, Hyelan, Hannah, Bethany, Buddy, Paul, Janet, Samantha, and Kent; all of whom have been a pleasure to work with. Big thanks is also due to our Youth leaders and volunteers, including Katie Beatty, John McDaniel, Madison Causey, Carrie Henderson, Karen Burrell, Matt Marlatt, Rick Shuppert, Susan McElroy, Natalie Anderson, Samantha Daniel, and so many others who have graciously provided us with Fellowship Meals and/or otherwise supported the Youth Ministry during my time here. I look forward to hopefully many years of attending St Mark's with my family and serving the Youth ministry as a volunteer myself in the days to come!

The **UMC Stones River District Youth Skating Party** was held at Smyrna Skate Center on the evening of Sunday September 29th, and included a surprise trip to Jeremiah's Italian Ice!



Wednesday night programming at St. Mark's will be on hiatus on 10/9 for Fall Break. Student Ministry's **Wednesday Youth Bible Study** will resume on 10/16 in the St. Mark's library from 6 to 7 pm, led by our new Student Ministries Director David! Dinner will be served at 5 pm in the Banquet Hall, and will be free for Youth and Children as always.

The **Atlanta Mini-Tour** is being postponed to a later date due to several contributing factors. Please be on the lookout for the new date.

Our next two events are **Top Golf** on Nov. 5th (sign up link coming soon) and **Fall Retreat** on Nov. 8th-10th at New Frontiers in Dowelltown, TN, \$150 per participant (don't let cost be an issue talk with David

or John). Fall Retreat is open to all 8th -12th graders and is a perfect opportunity to relax, have some fun, get to know David (our new Student Ministries Director) and learn about living life with God. Sign up now by clicking the link <https://forms.gle/ZVietgYsFYDpXb9> .

