



### St Mark's Student Ministry Announcements:

1. **Wednesday Night Together** Youth programming will be held in the Youth Center rather than in the Library on Wednesday 9/11, as a **candidate for the Youth Director position will be joining us that evening to lead a special session from 6 to 7 pm**. Youth and parents are strongly encouraged to attend and participate that evening, as it represents a unique opportunity to connect with the candidate (whose name is David) and to give feedback that may help to shape the Youth Ministry moving forward. The evening's programming will begin usual with WNT Dinner in the Banquet Hall at 5 pm (free for Youth & Children!) and continuing with the aforementioned Youth programming beginning at **6 pm in the St. Mark's Youth Center**.
2. Cedar Crest's **"Wesley in the Woods" Retreat** for students in grades 5-8 is already upon us ... St. Mark's Youth will depart in the church van from the parking lot just outside the Youth Center this Friday **September 13th at 5:30 pm and return from Cedar Crest around noon on Sunday the 15th**. The focus will be on our shared United Methodist heritage and the vows we take when we join The United Methodist Church, but there will also be plenty of fun and fellowship! Registration for this retreat is now closed, but if you have any questions or would like to inquire about the possibility of a late registration, please contact Hannah Pratt ([hannah@stmarkstn.org](mailto:hannah@stmarkstn.org)) or John McDaniel ([jnmmcd97@gmail.com](mailto:jnmmcd97@gmail.com))

#### Wesley in the Woods

**Sept. 13-15, 2024**

##### Friday, September 13

5:50-7:30 Check-in at Dining Hall  
 7:00 Supper (Optional)  
 8:00 **Welcome & Opening Worship at Dining Hall**  
 9:00 Evening Activities (campfire/s'mores/games)  
 10:00 Cabin Time  
 10:45 Lights Out

##### Saturday, September 14

8:00 Breakfast  
 9:00 Workshop session #1  
 9:45 Break  
 10:00 Workshop session #2  
 10:45 Break  
 11:00 Workshop session #3  
 12:00 Lunch  
 12:45 **Worship # 2 at Dining Hall**  
 Capture the Flag @ Activity Field  
 Option Time
 

- Sprout ball
- Craft at the Dining Hall
- Prayer Stations
- Zipline

 4:00 Mission Time with UMC Disaster Relief  
 5:00 Supper  
 7:00 **Worship # 3 at Dining Hall**

##### Saturday, September 14

8:00 Games & Fire / S'mores /Campfire Singalong (Dining Hall)  
 9:00 Church small group reflections  
 10:00 Cabin Time  
 10:45 Lights Out

##### Sunday, September 15

8:00 Breakfast & Group Photo  
 9:00 **Closing Worship & Commissioning**  
 11:00 Depart



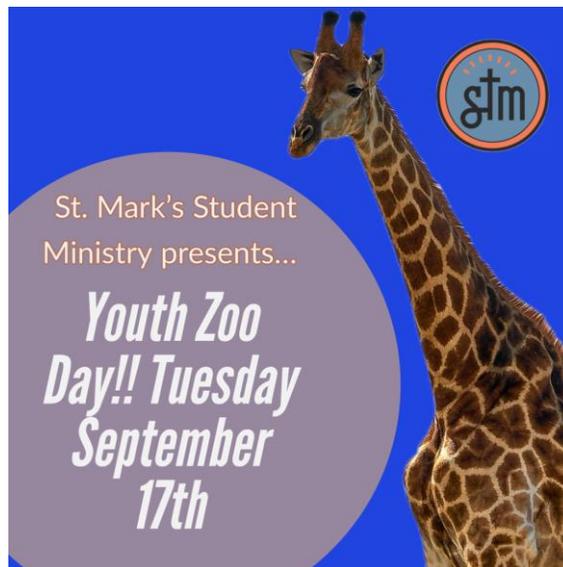
#### *Wesley in the Woods: a UMC spiritual formation retreat for 5th-8th graders*

This retreat will be a chance to get away, learn, grow, pray, and play together for kids in the TWK UMC who are approaching or have recently completed confirmation. We will offer opportunities in line with our shared Wesley heritage for worship, connection, service, spiritual formation, and play for kids and leaders alike during this milestone season of faith development.

- Happy Birthday to **Piper Wiley**, who turns 14 on September 12th!



- Mark your calendar:** Student Ministry's "**Zoo Day**" is scheduled for Tuesday September 17th (no school for RCS students that day) ... Hope to see you there! Please note that we are in need of a chaperone for this event. If your student will be joining us or if you would be willing to serve as a chaperone for this outing, please contact John McDaniel ([jnmmcd97@gmail.com](mailto:jnmmcd97@gmail.com)) by Friday, September 13th.



- Mark your calendar:** We need at least 4 Youth from St. Mark's (and preferably more!) to serve as **Youth Ushers** during the Worship Service on **Sunday September 30th**. If you are willing to serve as a Youth Usher on 9/30, please let me know!

6. See our Student Ministry **Fall Semester Events Calendar** below ... thanks to John McDaniel for putting together a fantastic offering of Youth events for Fall 2024!

**ST. MARK'S UMC**  
STUDENT MINISTRY  
MURFREESBORO, TN

# FALL SEMESTER EVENTS 2024

Meeting every Sunday Night 5-7 unless noted below.  
Meeting on Wednesday following the WNT schedule 6-7

<b>AUG 11</b>	<b>END OF SUMMER SCHOOL'S A BUMMER PARTY</b> Youth Center	<b>NOV 05</b>	<b>TOP GOLF</b> Nashville
<b>AUG 18</b>	<b>PARENT MEETING</b> Youth Center	<b>NOV 08-10</b>	<b>FALL RETREAT</b> Grades 9-10 New Frontiers
<b>SEP 01</b>	<b>STAY LATE GAME NIGHT</b> Youth Center	<b>NOV 17</b>	<b>SCAVENGER HUNT 4 FOOD</b> 12-3 After Church No Sunday Night Event
<b>SEP 13-15</b>	<b>WESLEY IN THE WOODS</b> Grades 6-8 Cedar Crest Camp	<b>DEC 08</b>	<b>DANCING LIGHTS</b> Lebanon
<b>SEP 17</b>	<b>ZOO DAY</b> Nashville Zoo	<b>DEC 15</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS PARTY</b> Youth Center
<b>SEP 29</b>	<b>DISTRICT SKATE PARTY</b> Skate Center Smyrna	<b>DEC 22</b>	<b>NO SUNDAY NIGHT EVENT</b>
<b>OCT 06</b>	<b>NO SUNDAY NIGHT EVENT</b>	<b>DEC 29</b>	<b>NO SUNDAY NIGHT EVENT</b>
<b>OCT 10-11</b>	<b>ATLANTA MINI TOUR</b> Aquarium, World of Coke & Varsity		

Detailed information in the Church Newsletter or call (615) 893-3455

7. Thank you to those of you who have signed up to provide **"Fellowship Dinners"** for our St. Mark's Youth! We are still in need of a few more volunteers during the months of October through December. These fellowship dinners are essential to creating a welcoming, comfortable space for our Youth where they know that they are cared for. Providing a meal can mean preparing something homemade or just simply ordering takeout (I'd be happy to place the order for you and pick it up myself, according to your preference).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48A8A823ABFFCE9-49452723-stmarks#/>

8. 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.
  
9. If anyone does not have access to the 2024 St. Mark's Youth **Photo Circle**, please click here for access to all St. Mark's Youth photos: <https://join.photocircleapp.com/G0MNKVE48C>