



St Mark's Student Ministry Announcements:

1. Happy Birthday to our own Sam McElroy, who turned 14 on August 21st!



2. Much joyful noise was made on Sunday 8/18 during **Youth Karaoke Night** ... congratulations to the winners of our sing-off, Zoe and Kyle!



3. **Mark your calendar:** Student Ministry's "**Stay Late Game Night**" is scheduled for Sunday September 1st. There is no school the next day, so we are excited to take a bit longer than we usually would (we will go until around 8:30- 9 pm) so that we can stretch out

and enjoy some fellowship time over games new and old. Hope to see you there!



4. Cedar Crest's "Wesley in the Woods" Retreat for students in grades 5-8 will be held on September 13-15th, but the registration deadline for Youth is 8/26, so don't delay! 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! Below, you will find a Google docs link for families to register (a tentative schedule can be found in the Student Ministry newsletter):

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DhMo5xoV4Cfy02d-hFqVbsubU0QurvwtfZtwqOxs9I/edit>

Wesley in the Woods

Sept. 13-15, 2024

Friday, September 13

5:30-7:30 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**
 1:30 Capture the Flag @ Activity Field
 2:30 Oprion 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.

5. **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. Our Student Ministry **Fall Semester Events Calendar** is now here! See the Youth newsletter for more details ... huge 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

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

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

7. We are now seeking volunteers willing to provide **"Fellowship Dinners"** for our **St. Mark's Youth** during the months of **August through September**. 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>