St Mark's Student Ministry Announcements:

1. "Karaoke Night" returns to Student Ministry's Sunday Evening Youth Gathering on Sunday 8/18 … come join us for a fun sing-off where enthusiasm trumps musical talent and everyone's a jukebox hero with stars in their eyes! Sunday August 18th, 5-7 pm in the Youth Wing.

2. St. Mark's Student Ministry hosted 15 Youth for the "End of Summer, School's a Bummer Party" on Sunday 8/11, who competed in an Olympic-style tournament of events. Big thanks to John McDaniel for providing dinner and planning out a very fun array of events, and to Dorothy & Wayne Murphy as well for providing homemade ice cream for everyone!

3. Our Student Ministry Fall Semester Events Calendar is now here!

4. We are seeking volunteers willing to provide "Fellowship Dinners" for our St. Mark's Youth. 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). All Fall dates through December are now available for signup: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48A8A823ABFFCE9-49452723-stmarks#/

5. 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 opportunities. Below, you will find a Google docs link for families to register, along with a tentative schedule: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DhMo5xoV4Cfy02d-hFqVbsubU0qurvwwtfZtwqOxs9I/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
9:15	Break
10:00	Workshop session #2
10:15	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	Option Time
	• Sprout ball • Craft at the Dining Hall
	• Prayer Stations
	• Zipline
4:00	Mission Time with UMC Disaster Relief
6:00	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

6. 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.