

WASS UP?

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New School Year New Friends

UPCOMING MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

July 30, 2017—
Musical
Instrument
Museum
in Phoenix
Meet at the
Wesley House
at 1:30



August 6, 2017—
4:00 to 6:00
“Underground Church” and
other cool stuff

August 13, 2017—
Welcome incoming 6th graders
9:45 Sunday School for
grades 6-12 at
The Wesley House
4:00 to 6:00
Games and ice cream sundaes

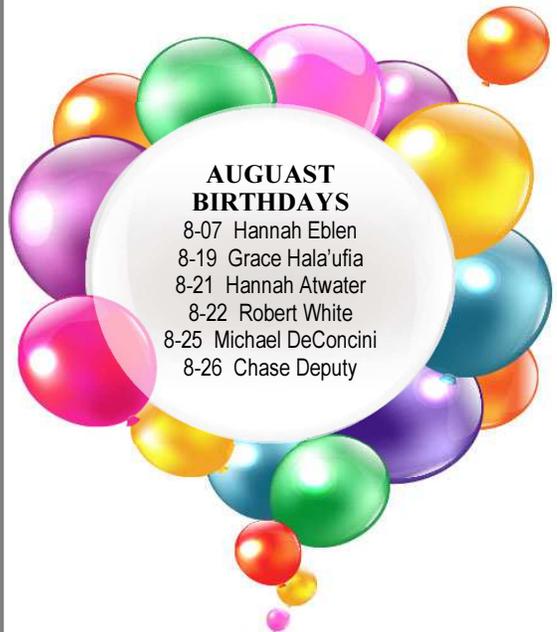
August 13th is Rally Day at St. Mark's; meaning that all Sunday School children and youth move up to the Sunday School class level that matches their week-day school level.

For incoming 6th graders, that means that they attend Sunday School at the Wesley House for the first time. For some of you, it means that you're “top dog”, as you will be the most experienced.

For all of us, a new year marks the possibility of a fresh start and the potential of making new friends. Yay God!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8-07 Hannah Eblen
8-19 Grace Hala'ufia
8-21 Hannah Atwater
8-22 Robert White
8-25 Michael DeConcini
8-26 Chase Deputy



a note from the

YOUTH DIRECTOR

Many of you know that my daughter, Carli, is beginning a new chapter in her life by leaving Tucson to attend medical school in New Mexico. On Sunday, July 23, there was a prayer of departure for her after worship. People who were present put their hand on Carli's shoulder, or on the shoulder of someone who was touching her.

During the prayer, her 2-yr-old nephew asked, very loudly, "Why is everyone holding up Aunt Carli?" Spot on! That's what we do, as a family of God. We hold each other up.

Sadly, we sometimes forget that, as Christians, we're supposed to represent God's love. When one person torments another, with "just words" or "just a prank", or "just (you fill in the blank)", we go from Christian love to bullying. The Bible is pretty clear about that, as we read in 1 Corinthians 16:14, "Everything should be done in love."

As you go back to school, remember who you are and whose you are, as we say in worship. Remember, also, that you are not called to drive people to anger, but to drive them toward the kindness that Jesus showed the people he met.

Let's make this a year of holding each other up.

Blessings,
Kim

Middle School Moments

Last week, I went out to dinner and ate on the patio. As soon as I sat down, it started POURING. I was so thankful for the roof over my head, and the screens the restaurant pulled down to block the storm, but I could still see through to the pretty storm! About 5 minutes later, I saw two girls come jumping down in a big puddle, with such joy!

So many of us were hiding from the rain, and it was wonderful to see



that happiness of these two girls enjoying the rain falling down on them.

I want to live my life like these girls this week! I'm ready to play, and enjoy what God gave us, whether it's rain or shine!

See you Sunday!

Rachel