

# WASS UP?

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## UPCOMING MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

**December 31, 2017—**

**5th Sunday**

No Confirmation

No Sunday School

SEE YOU IN WORSHIP!

**January 7, 2018—**

3:00 to 4:00

Youth Council

4:00 to 6:00

"New Year, New Friends"

bring

friends

(Epiphany)



**January 12-15, 2018—**

**WINTER RETREAT**

**January 21, 2018—**

4:00 to 6:00

Youth Mission \$

## NEW YEAR, NEW FRIENDS

Our first Sunday program of 2018 is a party! It's the New Year, so bring your friends and/or meet some new friends. We'll celebrate Epiphany, even though it's technically January 6.

The Youth Council will meet that day, rather than the 2nd Sunday, to plan games for the Winter Retreat, as well as future programs.

Hope to see you Jan. 7th.

## WINTER RETREAT

The Winter Retreat is just around the corner. We'll leave right after school on Friday, January 12 and return before dinner on Monday, January 15. Registration for Friday-Monday is only \$50, which includes all meals except Friday dinner and Monday lunch. Register online at [umcstmarks.org](http://umcstmarks.org)

a note from the

# YOUTH DIRECTOR

Christmas Eve was amazing! We put white die-cut luminarias around the tree wells and up the steps leading to the sanctuary: we had a guest appearance by Joseph and Mary at the 4 p.m. Blessing of the Children; and we put the campus to rest after the last service ended.

I love Christmas Eve. I get to spend extra time with you. I also get to see former youth who come back to visit, as well as current youth whom I don't see as often. It never gets old.

I hope you're enjoying your break, and that you're making plans for the Winter Retreat over the next school break — MLK weekend.

Blessings,  
Kim

## Middle School Moments

Merry Christmas! I'm sure you are thinking I sound like a total dork...Christmas is over, isn't it?

We tend to focus on that one day, on December 25. But have you ever wondered why we sing about the twelve days of Christmas? It's because Christmas lasts for all 12 days, from December 25 until January 6, Epiphany. So...

Merry Christmas! I hope you are all getting some well-deserved rest over this break from school. You worked so hard this semester, you deserve this! Plus, you need to be well rested so you are ready to join us on the Winter Retreat. Don't wait to reserve your spot... you don't want to miss out, it's way too much fun!

See you Sunday,  
Rachel



### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1-2 Liam DaDeppo
- 1-08 Seth Young
- 1-09 Zoe Newell
- 1-14 Sydney Edwards
- 1-29 Kyle Drake