

# WASS UP?

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## UPCOMING MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

**December 23, 2018—**  
No Youth Group

**December 24, 2018—**  
**Christmas Eve**  
4:00 set up Luminarias  
Clean up candles after  
the last service

**December 30, 2018—**  
No Youth Group

# 2019

**January 6, 2019—**  
4:00– 6:00  
Epiphany Party

**January 13, 2019—**  
4:00– 6:00  
Game Night

**January 18-21, 2019—**  
**Winter Retreat**



*Merry Christmas!!!*  
I hope you all have an amazing Christmas with your families. Remember to include the birth of Jesus in your celebrations. He is the reason why we celebrate Christmas. When we meet again it will be a new year. January will be full of surprises, I am not even sure of our exact plans but they will be something like this ....

Blessings,

Julie

**December 23rd and 30th—**  
No PreTeen; enjoy time with your family & friends.

**January 6th—**  
Epiphany Sunday:  
Three Kings Activities

**January 13th —**  
Movie Night

**January 20th —**  
MLK Weekend no preteen  
Have a safe weekend !

Find us on Social Media!



St. Mark's Youth Group



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a note from the  
**YOUTH DIRECTOR**

This is the last newsletter of 2018. Hard to believe that this year has gone by so fast. In the last couple of weeks of 2018, we'll be celebrating Jesus' birth, followed by the donning of a new year.

The first great thing we're going to do in 2019 is our winter retreat. You don't want to miss this retreat. There will be kids from other UM churches in Tucson. You'll get to choose between an amazing tubing hill, skiing, or snowboarding. The food is also fantastic not to mention the activities there. As soon as we get there you'll be able to zip line, go on a giant swing, try the high ropes course or just hang out in the lodge and play games. You'll love this little Martin Luther King holiday. It might be the best break you take this school year!

No matter where we go in 2019, God will be with us.

Blessings,  
Kim



**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1-02 Liam DaDeppo
- 1-09 Zoe Newell
- 1-04 Sydney Edwards
- 26 Jax Gibbs
- 1-27 Kaiden Kiracofe
- 1-28 Annika Norine
- 1-29 Kyle Drake

## Middle School Moments

This week, something happened that I really didn't know COULD happen. My GMAIL ran out of storage. I got a message that said I wouldn't be able to send or receive e-mail if I didn't clean it up! Yikes! I remember when I signed up for GMAIL (Let's not talk about how long ago THAT was...), it sounded infinite. My previous email providers had sites that had to be cleared out regularly, so the larger storage capacity sounded simply amazing. But here we are, 2018, and I have run out of space. So I spent some time deleting, and moving things around. Hopefully I made enough room to still get emails!

Funny that this happened right in December. I always feel like December is so full, I can't possibly stuff anything else in it! But if I stop, take a breath, and allow myself to sit, and just be...there is always room! There is room for the anticipation of Advent, and the Joy of Christmas! I just have to remember to make room.

See you Sunday,  
Rachel

**Winter Retreat 2019**  
**Open to everyone**  
**in grades 6-12**