

# WASS UP?

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## UPCOMING MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

**December 17, 2017—**  
4:00 to 6:00  
Crazy Sock Exchange



**December 24, 2017—**  
**Christmas Eve**  
Regular worship is at 9 a.m.  
No Confirmation  
No Sunday School

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:**  
Team 1: Meet at the Wesley House at 3:00 p.m. to set up luminarias



Team 2: Meet at the sanctuary at 11:00 p.m. to help with the outdoor candle lighting, followed by luminaria storage

a note from the

## YOUTH DIRECTOR

Traditionally, the youth of St. Mark's have kept luminarias lit on Christmas Eve. That involves setting them up in the patio at 3 p.m. Then, at the end of the 10:00 worship service, we'll help with the candles at closing and finish our evening by putting away the luminarias.

Another of our Advent/Christmas traditions is that of serving at the Primavera Men's Shelter. I'm very proud of the young people who took their time to wrap gifts for the men and serve the meal. Christmas blessings,  
Kim

## Middle School Moments

*Be yourself  
everyone else  
is already taken*

Ok, last message about a meme, I promise! I've always loved this saying. I know sometimes it's so tempting to try to do things like the people we admire. Sometimes, we try to style our hair like they do, or we try to act more like them, watch the shows they watch, play the games they play; things like that. But God made each and every one of us exactly how we are. There is no need to change! Whoever it is that you are trying to look/act/be like....we already have one of them! We don't need another...we need you! Take time this winter break from school to relax, and enjoy just being you.

See you Sunday!  
Rachel

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*Exciting news...*

## Winter Retreat 2018

We are heading to Ft. Lone Tree in NM again for our winter retreat! If you went last year, you know how cool the camp is and how great the food is. The dates are over MLK weekend. We will leave on Friday afternoon (Jan. 12) and return on Monday (Jan. 15). On Friday, we will drive as far as Deming, NM and sleep at First UMC. Saturday, we will be at the camp in time for lunch and in time for lots of fun activities. On Sunday, your options are skiing/snowboarding, tubing, or staying at the camp. We will make the long drive home on Monday and be back in time for dinner.

Here are websites you might want to look at. For Ft. Lone Tree, see [www.lonetree.org](http://www.lonetree.org). For Ski Apache visit <http://www.skiapache.com/>. Visit [ruidosowinterpark.com](http://ruidosowinterpark.com) for tubing info.

Base cost will be \$50. This includes lodging and meals at the camp. Sign ups will begin immediately. There are only 30 spots available. Catalina UMC will also be at Lone Tree that week-end!

### You will need money for:

Skiing/snowboarding (if you are doing that)  
Travel Meals: dinner Friday; lunch Monday

Tubing (if you are doing that)

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### Some Ft. Lone Tree activities:

Rappelling Towers  
24' Climbing wall  
300' Zip line  
Rifle Range  
Hiking  
Three person giant swing  
Indoor Gym (dodgeball, volleyball, basketball, foosball, pool, and lots of other cool stuff)

### WHAT TO BRING:

Money for Fri./ Mon. meals  
Sleeping bag and pillow  
Toiletries (soap, towel, toothbrush...)  
Extra dry socks  
Warm clothes, coat, and gloves  
Money for Sun. entertainment (optional)  
Good attitude  
Friends



There are scholarships available for this trip.  
Do NOT stay home because \$50 isn't in the family budget this month.

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