

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

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. For Ski Apache visit <http://www.skiapache.com/>. Visit 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) Tubing (if you are doing that)
Travel Meals: dinner Friday; lunch Monday

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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