

## Vision

We are called to be an outward facing circle of people; seeking, reaching, and welcoming others to join us in serving Jesus Christ.

## Mission

The mission of Castleton United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

DECEMBER 24, 2015

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVE EDITION

### Frank J. Beard

Senior Pastor

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Pastoral Counselor

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### Castleton Worship Center 71st & Shadeland Ave. Sunday Morning Services

8:30 and 9:40am\*

Traditional Worship

11 am

Contemporary Worship

\*ASL interpreter is available for Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

### Castleton United Methodist Church

7160 Shadeland Station  
Indianapolis IN 46256  
317.849.2947

### Office hours:

8:30am – 4:30pm M – Th

8:30am – 3:30pm F

### Prayer Chapel:

6am – 9pm daily

### Stephen Ministry Care Line

[stephenministry@castletonumc.org](mailto:stephenministry@castletonumc.org)  
317.284.0834

### Contact us

#### Weekly Announcements

[bulletin@castletonumc.org](mailto:bulletin@castletonumc.org)  
Deadline is close of business Mondays

#### Newsletter Announcements

[newsletter@castletonumc.org](mailto:newsletter@castletonumc.org)

#### Room Reservations

[roommanager@castletonumc.org](mailto:roommanager@castletonumc.org)

#### Information Changes

[informationmanager@castletonumc.org](mailto:informationmanager@castletonumc.org)

#### Prayer Requests

[myra@castletonumc.org](mailto:myra@castletonumc.org)

[castletonumc.org](http://castletonumc.org)

## Merry Christmas/Happy New Year!

The festive colors, bright lights, warm wishes, and general extension of good cheer to all are signs that the spirit of Christmas is present. Christmas is a time of giving gifts and of celebrating with family and friends. It is a time of remembering the birth of our savior and dedicating our lives to serve others on his behalf. Christmas is about so much more than we could ever explain. It is a time for recognizing the many gifts offered to us and to the world through the gift of the Christ-child. John 3:17 reminds us, "For God did not send Jesus into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." The love God has for you and for me is so deep and so wide and so all encompassing. God loved us so much that God gave us the very best. God gave us Jesus Christ! Jesus came as a precious gift from God in order that we might be redeemed, reconciled, renewed and transformed into conduits of God's mercy and grace to a needy world. In other words, we are "blessed to be a blessing." CUMC continues to be a beacon of light in our community and in the city of Indianapolis. Our ministries are having a positive effect on people's lives. We are making a difference for the cause of Christ. People are being saved, ministries are offering help and hope, and the good news of Jesus Christ is being shared. 2015 has been a banner year. Thanks for ALL that you do to keep our ministries strong, vital and effective. The peace of Christ, the love of God and the sweet presence of the Holy Spirit continue to lead and guide you and yours into this New Year. On behalf of our entire Leadership Team and Church Staff, "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!" God Bless, Pastor Frank

## Still Waters Adult Day Center

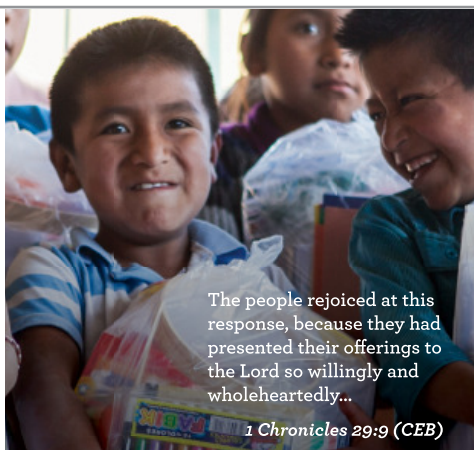
Volunteer recruitment for the year 2016! We are in need of several volunteers to help in various ways around Still Waters. If you are looking for a great place to volunteer in the year 2016, there are lots of options. We need volunteers to work in our kitchen during lunch, assist with specific activities (painting nails, playing games, assisting with crafts, playing music etc.), people to pick up our lunch from our caterer on occasion, cleaning etc. Please call or email Amy Hogan if you are interested in finding out more at 284-0837 or [amy@stillwatersadc.org](mailto:amy@stillwatersadc.org).

## Financial Peace University

Get financially FIT in the new year. Join the class beginning Wed. Jan 13, 6:30pm here at CUMC. Visit [castletonumc.org/fpu](http://castletonumc.org/fpu) for more information and to register.

## Mission Note

As we reflect on 2015 and look to 2016, I hope you will prayerfully consider giving of your time and talents to missions. The Mission Team is always looking for volunteers to fill the many opportunities we have to serve our community. Because of your generous donations through Faith Promise Pledges, we have been able to serve our community in many different ways this year: Serving meals, volunteering at local schools, IHN/Family Promise, working with youth, food pantries, Back to School packs, Neighbor Link, Pack Away Hunger, and Child Advocacy just to name a few. The mission Team would also like to take this time to thank everyone who has given of their time and talents in 2015 and we look forward to many more opportunities in 2016. Sincerely, The Mission Team



The people rejoiced at this response, because they had presented their offerings to the Lord so willingly and wholeheartedly...

1 Chronicles 29:9 (CEB)

For many of us, Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year. However, there are many children throughout our world and even in our neighborhoods, who are unable to share such a sentiment during this season of joy and merriment. There are children who are in need of a place to sleep, clothes to keep them warm, a hot meal after school or even supplies to help them learn and thrive. We can make a difference in the lives of these children, and it has been our tradition as Hoosier United Methodists to not only offer prayer but also give to the well-being of children during the Christmas season.

Funds received through the Bishop's Christmas Offering will be allocated by percentages and sent to missions and ministries that support the needs of children throughout Indiana and around the world.

Bishop Mike Coyner

Additional Christmas Flowers were placed by Jean Butler in loving memory of her beloved husband Jay, and grandson Luke Butler her hero. Also, Ron and Genie Miller in love for their children and grandchildren.

**0 – 3 yrs, RM 122**  
Nursery Care all Services

**9:40 SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
3-5 yrs. - RM 190  
K-4th - Family Life Ctr.

**11:00 SUNDAY CLASS**  
Children's Church  
Sanctuary  
**Katie Gilbert**  
Dir. of Children's Ministries  
[katieg@castletonumc.org](mailto:katieg@castletonumc.org)

**CASTLETON KIDS SUNDAYS** - Join us on Sunday mornings! During the 9:40 service, preschoolers meet in room 190, and K-4th graders meet in the Family Life Center. We have a large group Bible and life application lesson, followed by grade-level small group time to reinforce what we learn in fun, engaging ways. During the 11:00 service, kids go to worship with their families, join us down front for the children's sermon, then are dismissed to Kids' Church for games and other activities.

**MUSIC, ART AND DRAMA (MAD)** - MAD is a program for K-6th graders that includes choir, acting and art projects, and chimes or handbells for the 2nd-6th graders. MAD will be resuming January 10th from 4:00-5:30 to start preparing our spring musical. New participants are always welcome. Contact Brenda Morrow for more info [bmorrow@castletonumc.org](mailto:bmorrow@castletonumc.org).

**SAVE THE DATES FOR 2016** - Easter Egg Hunt March 19, 10:00am, Castleton UMC Family Camp May 13-15, Mini Camp for K-2nd graders June 5-7, Vacation Bible School for K-6th graders, June 19-23 (Sun-Thurs), Impact Camp for 3rd-5th graders July 17-22.

## PHAO STUDENT MINISTRIES

**BREAKFAST CLUB:** Every Sunday morning during the 9:40am hour breakfast is provided for students in 5th-12th grade in the Ministries Center Overtime before our crew is divided into P58 and P912. P58 is for our 5th-8th grade students. We work with the 252 Basics Series from Orange and have adult volunteer small group leaders that help break up our P58 group into 5th-6th and 7th-8th small groups. P912 is for our 9th-12th grade students, this group takes material from the LIVE curriculum series and is broken into self led peer small groups for discussion after a cooperate worship and teaching timing. All students are encouraged to stay after Breakfast Club for the 11am worship service.

**P58 FRIDAYS:** We are revamping P58 Fridays in 2016 to include some specific nights of fun, fellowship and discipleship so that 5th-8th grade students have a place where they can come with their friends and be exactly who God created them to be! We have a minimum of 2 P58 Fridays a month and in 2016 we are looking forward to events at Sky Zone, Laser X and an indoor swim party! P58 is also hosting a New Years Eve Lock-In coming up December 31st from 7pm-7am in the Ministries Center Overtime, \$5 per student & all 5th-8th grade students are welcome.

**P912 COFFEE HOUSE NIGHTS:** Saturday January 16th @ 7:00 p.m. will be our first Phao Coffeehouse night. Featuring music by The Oaks, an indie-folk act from Anderson University and our very own Luke Henry! We will be partnering with Brickhouse coffee to offer you delicious handmade coffee drinks, and smoothies for those who don't like coffee, cost is \$3.

**PHAO WORSHIP NIGHTS:** The third Sunday of every month we invite families of students, 5th-12th grade to join us in the Family Life Center for Dinner, fellowship and worship. We meet from 6-7:30pm and are led in worship by the Phao Student Ministries praise band with a variety of different teachers who come and lead us. Our next Phao Worship Night is January 17, 2016. Questions about worship night? Let Will know! [willd@castletonumc.org](mailto:willd@castletonumc.org).

**SUMMER 2016:** We offer mission trips and camping opportunities with Impact 2818 every summer. For more information on how to connect your 5th-12th grade student with a summer opportunity, please email Steph at [steph@castletonumc.org](mailto:steph@castletonumc.org).

**5-12 GRADE**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
9:40 Ministries Center

**Stephanie Riebe**  
**Will Deeds**  
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If you have questions  
about any of our  
Adult Ministries  
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Pastor Billy Nickrand  
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Looking for your new best friend? Looking for an opportunity to learn more about your faith while being able to be authentic and real? Looking for something to change your life for the better? Whether you are new to church or a long time member we encourage everyone to get connected through our Small Groups. We have dozens of Small Groups: Study, Affinity and Accountability that meet throughout the week. Here at Castleton we know the importance of Small Groups and our BHAG (Big Hairy Audacious Goal) is for everyone to be involved in a Small Group. To start your life altering journey contact Pastor Billy at [BillyN@castletonumc.org](mailto:BillyN@castletonumc.org) and get connected.