

CHRISTMAS EVE 2017

THIS WEEK AT CASTLETON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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8:30am – 4:30pm M – Th
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Prayer Chapel:

6am – 9pm daily

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Looking Ahead

Next Sunday:

December 31, 2017
God's New Year's Resolution for You
 Denise Robinson

December 24 - Hosting IHN
 December 25 - Merry Christmas
 December 25-29 - Office Closed
 January 1 - Office Closed
 January 7 - Music, Art & Drama resumes.

Christmas Offering

Our offerings this Christmas Eve will assist us in continuing our outward-reaching ministry in our community, every week of the year! And your generosity will help us to move toward ending the year with our income approaching our expenses. THANK YOU for your gifts!

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Merry Christmas

The festive colors, bright lights, warm wishes, and good cheer are signs that the spirit of Christ is present this Christmas. It is a time of remembering the birth of our Savior and dedicating our lives to serve others on his behalf. 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!

CUMC continues to be a beacon of light in our community. Our ministries are having a positive effect on many persons' 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. 2017 has been a banner year. Thanks for ALL that you do to keep our ministries strong, vital and effective. God bless you and your family this Christmas.
 Pastor Bert

Church Office Closure

The church office will be closed Dec. 25 and 26 with only limited hours from 9-12 on Dec. 27, 28, and 29. It will also be closed on January 1. We have set up a Holiday Emergency Line should you need care during this time. Please call the church office at 317-849-2947 and press 5. You will receive instructions there and we will make sure you are taken care of.

Financial Peace University

Coming in 2018! Watch for more information.

Missions In Review

As we reflect on the past year and look forward to 2018, I hope you will prayerfully consider giving of your time and talents to missions as there are many opportunities throughout the year to serve. We are very grateful to have received 3 new mission team members this year. 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 Schools packs, jail ministries, and Child Advocacy to name a few. The Mission Team would also like to take this time to thank everyone who has given time and talents in 2017 and we look forward to many more opportunities in 2018. We start out the new year serving at Roberts Park on January 7th. If you are interested in serving or baking please sign up at the Welcome Center or online at castletonumc.org/robertspark. Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 11th to join the Mission Team in celebrating Faith Promise Sunday.

Year-End Giving

As we end this year we are grateful, hopeful and expectant about the opportunities and blessings God placed before us. So, if you are making a year-end contribution, please remember all contributions to be recorded for 2017 must be in received by December 31 or postmarked by December 31, 2017 if sent by mail. We invite you to consider the online giving opportunities that can be found by visiting the church website at www.castletonumc.org. May God richly use you this coming year!



Music Ministry

Looking for a ministry that allows great music and fellowship?
 The Chancel Choir meets Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 pm. We sing a wide variety of music with a focus on worship of God and ministry to the congregation. Please email Dr. John Perkins if you are interested in joining:
johnp@castletonumc.org.
 (We will take a break after December 24th, and resume rehearsals on Thursday, January 4th, 2018.)

No classes meeting on
New Year's Day.

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Nursery Care all Services

9am Kid's Church
PK-1st (start in service)
10am SUNDAY SCHOOL
PK - RM 190

K-4th Fellowship Hall

11am Kid's Church
PK - 1st (start in service)

Katie Gilbert
Dir. of Children's Ministries
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WORSHIP FOR KIDS During our Sunday morning services, we encourage kids age 3 and older to join their family in worship. We believe this sets them up to be lifelong worshipers. We include a Children's Message just for them during each service, and then children age 3-7 are invited to Kids' Church, where we dive deeper into the lesson of the day or our themes from the 10am hour, and have space to wiggle and make noise.

KIDS SMALL GROUPS During the 10am hour on Sundays, kids of all ages meet in small groups to deepen their faith in engaging and relevant ways with kids their own age and caring adults. You'll find infants being rocked and sung to, preschoolers reciting short memory verses with hand motions, and elementary kids practicing their weekly bottom line with a game. We believe this time is just as important to kids' spiritual development as worship.

MUSIC, ART, AND DRAMA This is our arts program for K-6th graders that includes choir, acting, dance, and art projects, and also chimes for 2nd-4th graders. We will resume January 7th from 4-5:30pm in order to prepare for our Spring musical in March. New participants are always welcome. Email brendam@castletonumc.org for more information.

OTHER EVENTS - Check the church website or our Facebook page (facebook.com/castletonUMCKids) for announcements about events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Family Retreat at Camp Lakewood, Vacation Bible School (K-6th graders), and Camp Lakewood for 3rd-5th graders.

PHAO STUDENT MINISTRIES

No classes meeting on
New Year's Day.

5-12 GRADE
BREAKFAST CLUB
SUNDAY SCHOOL
10am Ministries Center

Contact
William Nickrand
williamn@castletonumc.org
or
phao@castletonumc.org

castletonumc.org/phao-newsletter



@PhaoStuMin

BREAKFAST CLUB Every Sunday morning at 10am, our 5th-12th grades join together in the Overtime area in the Ministries Center for breakfast and a morning lesson. We invite all PHAO Students to come and grow in their faith. All students are encouraged to stay after Breakfast Club for 11am worship.

PHAO GAME NIGHT Every first Wednesday we come together to play games and have as much fun as possible. P58 students are invited to come from 6pm to 8pm and P912 students are invited to come from 7pm to 9pm. Hope to see you on January 3rd!

PHAO WORSHIP NIGHTS Starting in January, the third Sunday of every month we will invite families of students, 5th-12th grade to join us in the Overtime area 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 21, 2018. Questions about worship night? Let Pastor William know!
williamn@castletonumc.org.

SUMMER 2018 We offer mission trips and camping opportunities with Impact 2818 every summer for all age groups. For more information on how to connect your 5th-12th grade student with a summer opportunity, please email Pastor William, williamn@castletonumc.org.

ADULT MINISTRIES

Feel free to join
a class!

If you have questions
about any of our
Adult Ministries
contact:

Pastor William Nickrand
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"Here at Castleton UMC our hope is that you are able to connect with God and to this faith community we call Castleton. One of the best ways to get connected is through one of our many small group offerings. Make joining a small group one of your New Year resolutions and I guarantee you will not regret it." ~Rev. William G. Nickrand

Small Groups: For a complete list of our current small groups please visit the Welcome Center in the Narthex. Need help finding a group? Contact Pastor William and he would love to get you into a group ASAP.

Volunteer on Sundays: You can get connected through volunteering your time and talents! Join the choir, help with the coffee service, be a Sunday greeter, work a shift at the Welcome Center, usher on a rotating basis, if you are tech savvy, you can help with the audio/visual on Sunday mornings. Contact Pastor William and he will help you find your place!