

CHRISTMAS EVE 2018

THIS WEEK AT CASTLETON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Looking Ahead

Next Sunday:

December 30, 2018

Wesleyan Covenant Service

Jonathan Cruz

Tandy Adams

Denise Robinson

Pastor Ashlea Barnett

December 25 - Merry Christmas

December 25-29 Office Closed

January 1 - Office Closed

January 6 - Serving Roberts Park

January 6 - The Way Forward

January 10 - Choir rehearsal returns

January 13 - Parent/Volunteer Meeting for Children's Ministry

January 13 - Music, Art & Drama resumes

January 25 -26 PHAO Middle School Mania (Lock-in)

O Holy Night

Tonight we are celebrating what we didn't earn and what we can't lose: the love of God given to us through Jesus Christ! We often hear about people "finding God." But, the truth is, at Christmas we learn that God has come to find us. We didn't ask for such a gift, and we didn't earn such a gift. Yet, the gifts of love, hope, peace, and joy are given to us through Christ and are always offered to us in Him. "For God did not send Jesus into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him," ~John 3: 17. Through Christ we are saved.

Tonight we remember how deeply and fully we are loved by God. We leave here to share that love with others. Castleton continues to be a church who expresses God's love in our community and around the world. Castleton's ministries touch the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of people's lives through compassion and service year-round. Find information on the church website; there you can also sign up to receive upcoming information on ways to grow in faith and serve in community! If you are already connected to the church, consider new ways to grow and serve! Merry Christmas! - Rev. Jen S. Gibbs

Church Office Closure

The church office will be closed Dec. 25 -Jan. 2. There will be some very limited hours on Dec. 26. 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.

Missions In Review

As we reflect on the past year and look forward to 2019, 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 School 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 2018 and we look forward to many more opportunities in 2019. We start out the new year serving at Roberts Park on January 6. If you are interested in serving or baking please sign up at the Welcome Center or online at castletonumc.org/robertspark. Watch for information after the 1st of the year as we plan our next Faith Promise Sunday celebration.

Year-End Giving

As we end this year we are grateful, hopeful and expectant about the opportunities and blessings God placed before us. If you are making a year-end contribution, please remember contributions to be recorded for 2018 must be received by December 31 or postmarked by December 31, 2018, if sent by mail. We invite you to consider the online giving opportunities found by visiting the church website at www.castletonumc.org. May God richly use you this coming year!



Christmas Music Sunday
 December 2, 2018

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 24, and resume rehearsals on Thursday, January 10, 2019.)

FAMILY MINISTRIES AT CASTLETON

Tandy Adams
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You are invited to join our
Adult Ministries!

If you have questions about
any of our adult ministries,
please contact:

Jonathan Cruz
Director of Adult
Discipleship
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We believe **Biblical Christian community is lived out best in an inter-generational collaboration between people of all ages. The home is the primary place for faith development and we desire to support your family.**

Newborn - age 3 Infants and toddlers up to age 3 are welcome in the Nursery during every hour on Sunday mornings. Our Infant and Toddler teachers are caring, experienced adults with regularly updated training.

Sunday Worship & Connections We encourage your family to worship together at our services at 9 or 11, and to include your child age 3 or older. We welcome children, their wiggles, and chatter in worship. During both services, we have a Family Ministry Moment: a time for all children and their adult/s to join us for a lesson "down front." Following this, children are excused to Kids' Church. At 10am, all children are welcome to connect with kids their age and a Small Group Leader.

Music, Art, and Drama: K-6th grade Our MAD program is for children in K - 6th grade, and typically runs September through March. Kids rehearse and perform two musical productions per year, experience art, drama, and movement rotations, as well as sing in worship. 2nd-4th grades also have the opportunity to play Chimes. Our new season begins Jan. 13. Email cindydc@castletonumc.org to learn more.

Our 5th-12th-grade ministry is called "Phao" and meets at the Ministry Center and in our Student Center for most of our activities.

Breakfast Club | Sundays 10am All 5th-12th-grade students are invited to join Breakfast Club during the 10am discipleship hour. Students meet in the Overtime at the Ministries Center for a light snack before breaking out into classes, grades 5-7 and grades 8-12.

Small Groups Our primary ministry focus for our 5th-12th-grade students is small groups. They will meet at various locations throughout the Student Center beginning at 6pm on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Contact Phao Student Ministries today and get connected to a group that will encourage, teach, inspire, and support.

Family Worship Night Every 3rd Sunday, at 6pm, families are invited to worship, led by our student band. We share a meal, have Bible Study and worship together as families. This is a great opportunity for teenagers to lead out and for families to spend time together. Students interested in the student worship team are encouraged to share their gifts. For more information, see Tandy.

Family Service Night The first Sunday of the month, at 6pm, is our service night. Families serve together with the teenagers in conjunction with various ministries around the city and through our missions committee here at CUMC.

Confirmation 2019 We will begin a confirmation class on January 13. If your 7th-8th grade student would like to join this class or would like to learn more, please contact Tandya@castletonumc.org right away.

ADULT MINISTRIES

Our Adult Ministry offers many discipleship-centered groups in which you can grow deeper in your faith, with a community of Christians who are focused on applying Jesus' teachings to our daily lives.

Many of our groups meet on Sunday mornings at 10am during our Discipleship Hour. We have groups for adults of all ages and stages of life. We also have groups that meet at different times throughout the week, as well as groups that serve through projects around the community, including Habit for Humanity, Community Cupboard of Lawrence Township, and our Live Nativity each year.

Please visit our Welcome Center on Sunday mornings to connect with a group that fits your needs! You can also find a full list of these groups on our website at castletonumc.org.

For more information on any of these opportunities, please contact Jonathan Cruz, our Director of Adult Discipleship, at jonathanc@castletonumc.org or visit our website at castletonumc.org.