

DECEMBER 16, 2018

THIS WEEK AT CASTLETON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Looking Ahead

### Next Sunday:

December 23, 2018  
 Series: Angels Among Us  
 #morelove  
 Rev. Jen S. Gibbs

December 16 - Confirmation Parent Meeting

December 16 - Family Ministry Red Carpet Christmas Extravaganza

December 24 - Christmas Eve  
 4pm Children and Family  
 6pm Contemporary Candlelight  
 8pm Traditional Candlelight  
 9:30pm Candlelight Communion

December 25-January 2 - Church Office Closed

January 6 - "A Way Forward" Recap with Pastor Jen

January 13 - PHAO Parent Meeting

January 13 - Children's Chimes

January 13 - MAD resumes

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## We Need Christmas Eve Servants

During this holiday season, it is important for us to be warm and inviting to all who come to share in our services. This may be the first time a guest has been in a church, and this is our opportunity to extend the love of Christ to everyone who comes through our doors. We have several ways you can be a part of this important ministry and not have to give up your family time. Sign up are at the Welcome Desk TODAY!

**Welcome Desk Attendants:** We still need several Welcome Desk attendants on Christmas Eve.

**Parking Attendants:** So far we have no one signed up to help with parking. We need several people to brave the elements for 30 minutes before the service they want to attend to offer the love of Christ by helping people find a parking space and get into the building. You will be able to join the service within a few minutes after it begins.

**Photographers:** Can you come 20-30 minutes early and stay 20-30 minutes after the service you attend with your family? It has become a wonderful tradition here to have a picture taken by the beautiful trees in the lobby. Not much skill is involved, and one camera can be provided. Open timeslots are listed on the sign up sheet.

## Christmas Extravaganza

Tonight Family Ministries is hosting a Red Carpet Christmas Extravaganza! Families with children of ALL ages can come! You can dress as your favorite character from a movie. There will be a Christmas sock exchange (new) and you can bring socks (new and child size) for kids at Crestview Elementary. Lots of food, fun, games and activities for all ages to enjoy. Please join us!

## Support Our Officers This Season!

Please support our local police by keeping their satellite station stocked with beverages! They are currently in need of: bottled water, bottled tea, bottled or canned lemonade, Gatorade and 12-pack cans of soft drinks (Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite). Items can be dropped off at Still Waters Adult Day Center.

## 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](http://www.castletonumc.org). May God richly use you this coming year!

## Serving Roberts Park

CUMC is serving a hot meal at Roberts Park Soup's On Ministry, Sunday, January 6. We need desserts and servers. Sign up at the link [castletonumc.org/robertspark](http://castletonumc.org/robertspark) or on Sunday morning at the Welcome Center.

## The Way Forward - Discussion

Pastor Jen will lead a discussion on the Bishop's conference on The Way Forward (regarding the Methodist Church stance on homosexuality) on Sunday, January 6, from 1-4pm in the Family Life Center. Anyone who came away from the Bishop's gathering with questions or those who were not able to attend the meeting are welcome to come for all or part of this discussion which will include how we got to the point of the February vote and all the details on the three options being voted on.

## Flowers

The altar flowers are in honor of Rev. Paul and Mary Kern's 60th wedding anniversary.

## Our Artist

We continue to enjoy the wonderful paintings artist Dan Cooper is creating during the services. He is a multi-disciplined visual artist: an award-winning painter, videographer, photographer, and graphic designer. He has been an instructor at the Indianapolis Art Center for 12 years and was selected to be in the first class of 12 artists for the Religion, Spirituality and the Arts program directed by Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso where he is currently a staff member.



*Christmas Eve*

S E R V I C E S

4PM - FAMILY SERVICE

6PM - CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

8PM - TRADITIONAL SERVICE  
(ASL AVAILABLE)

9:30PM - TRADITIONAL SERVICE  
(COMMUNION)

**DISCIPLESHIP**

0 – 3 yrs, Room 122  
Nursery Care all services

9 and 11am Kids' Church  
3-10 yrs (start in service)  
10am Discipleship Hour  
Ages 3-5, Room 179  
Grades K-4, Fellowship Hall

Grades 5-12  
10am Ministries Center  
Student Center  
(formerly the Overtime)

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**RED CARPET CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA** (formerly Phao family Christmas) Tonight Family Ministries is hosting a Red Carpet Christmas Extravaganza! Families with children of ALL ages can come! You can dress as your favorite character from a movie. There will be a Christmas sock exchange (new) and you can bring socks (new and child size) for kids at Crestview Elementary. Lots of food, fun, games and activities for all ages to enjoy. Please join us!

**CONFIRMATION 2019** There is a parent meeting this afternoon at 12:30pm in the Student Center. Bring your own lunch. If you would like your child to take part this year, see or email Tandy, [tandya@castletonumc.org](mailto:tandya@castletonumc.org).

**MAD FOR WINTER/SPRING 2019** Our next session of Music, Art and Drama will begin January 13 from 4:30-6pm. Meet in the Sanctuary. There will be a brief parent meeting and new registrations taken. If you are planning to attend MAD for the next session and have not expressed that to Cindy, please email [cindy@castletonumc.org](mailto:cindy@castletonumc.org). **WE ALSO ENCOURAGE YOU TO INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AS NEW CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!!!**

**CHILDREN'S CHIMES** Neva Price has agreed to lead our Children's Chimes again this season. Chimes is open to all children 2nd through 4th grade. It will begin on Sunday, January 13, from 4-4:30pm. You do not have to be a member of MAD to participate in chimes. If you have questions, contact [cindy@castletonumc.org](mailto:cindy@castletonumc.org).

CHURCH WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Sunday, December 16**

8:30am Sunday Morning Prayer – Library  
9:00am Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary  
10:00am Sunday Discipleship Hour  
Awe/Seekers Adult Class, Legacy Room  
Bible Discovery Class, Library  
Care, Share & Reflect, Room 182  
Christian Crusaders Adult Bible Class, Room 112  
College-Aged Sunday School, Room 1305, Ministries Center  
Discovering Jesus, Tables across from the nursery  
Koinonia, Room 110  
P-K Room 176, K-4 Children's Ministry, Room 160, Fellowship Hall  
5-7, 8-12 Student Discipleship, Student Center, Ministries Center

11:00am Contemporary Worship Service, Sanctuary  
11:00am Bible Discovery Class, Library  
4:30pm Phao Worship Rehearsal, Family Life Center  
6:00pm Red Carpet Christmas Extravaganza, Family Life Center

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**Monday, December 17**

9:00pm Puppy Pillow Group, Family Life Center  
6:30pm First Place 4 Health, MC Room 1305  
7:00pm Boy Scout Troup #176, Fellowship Hall

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**Tuesday, December 18**

7:00am Café Connect, Sunday Sermon Recap, Panera's 96th Street  
10:00am UMW Morning Group, MC Room 1303  
3:00pm CUMNS Christmas Class Parties, Fellowship Hall  
6:30pm Leadership Team Meeting, Conference Room  
7:00pm Cub Scout Pack #520, Fellowship Hall

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**Wednesday, December 19**

10:15am Variety Bunch Christmas Program, Student Center  
2:30pm CUMNS Christmas Class Parties, Fellowship Hall  
6:45pm East Avalon Hills Association Meeting, Room 112

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**Thursday, December 20**

11:00am CUMNS Christmas Class Parties, Fellowship Hall  
6:00pm Vintage People Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room  
6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room  
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room  
7:30pm Contemporary Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary

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**Saturday, December 22**

7:30am Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study, Room 1303  
10:00am Christmas Eve Choir Dress Rehearsal, Sanctuary and Choir Room

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If you have questions about classes or Adult Ministries, please contact

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**Our Faithfulness**

December 9, 2018  
Worship: 750  
Sunday School: 90

**Tithes and Offerings**

Received: \$33,763.00  
Goal: \$31,386.00  
YTD: \$1,507,316.26  
YTD Goal: \$1,537,914.00

To see your YTD giving, visit [castletonumc.org](http://castletonumc.org) and click on InFellowship.

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