

DECEMBER 23, 2018

THIS WEEK AT CASTLETON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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### Castleton United Methodist Church

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 317.849.2947

InFellowship Portal  
[cumciin.infellowship.com](http://cumciin.infellowship.com)

Right Now Media  
[rightnowmedia.org](http://rightnowmedia.org)

Office hours:  
 9:30am – 2:30pm M – F

Prayer Chapel:  
 6am – 9pm daily

Stephen Ministry Care Line  
[stephenmin@castletonumc.org](mailto:stephenmin@castletonumc.org)  
 317.284.0834

## Looking Ahead

### Christmas Eve:

December 24, 2018  
 When We Leave  
 Rev. Jen S. Gibbs

- 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 - "The Way Forward" Recap with Pastor Jen
- January 13 - Confirmation begins
- January 13 - Children's Ministry Parent and Volunteer Meeting
- January 13 - Children's Chimes
- January 13 - MAD resumes
- January 13-20 - Hosting Family Promise/IHN
- January 25 -26 PHAO Middle School Mania (Lock-in)

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## 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!

## 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.

## Breast Cancer Group

On Wednesday, Jan. 2, The Journey Breast Cancer Group will meet at 6:30pm in the church library. If you or someone you know is currently in treatment or has faced breast cancer in the past, please share the information – all are welcome. The group meets once a month to share stories, concerns and smiles while supporting each other. Please contact Julie Rollins at [JRollins2@comcast.net](mailto:JRollins2@comcast.net) or 317-443-4179 to RSVP or with any questions.

## Serving Roberts Park

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

## Gift Wrap Supplies Needed

If you have leftover wrapping paper, gift bags, tissue paper, plain shirt boxes, ribbon or gift tags that you don't need, Still Waters would be glad to take them off of your hands for next years gift wrap service! Drop them off at Still Waters during business hours.

## 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.

## IHN/Family Promise

CUMC will be hosting homeless families from Jan. 13-20. You can help by preparing and serving meals, donating food, playing with the children, driving the van or staying overnight. This is a wonderful opportunity for CUMC families to serve others. Make it your New Year's resolution to help at IHN this year. We are also in need of some twin sheet sets and blankets. When you clean out your linen closets, think of us. We do not need new items. Stop by the table in the narthex or contact Mary Ann Schubert, [maryannschubert@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maryannschubert@sbcglobal.net) or 317-727-0459.

## Tough Times?

Facing tough times? Castleton's Stephen Ministry has trained lay people to provide confidential, one-on-one Christian care. Call 317-284-0834 for more information or visit [stephenmin@castletonumc.org](mailto:stephenmin@castletonumc.org).

## 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.

## In Sympathy

Leslee, Davis and Nicolas Dann at the passing of Leslee's father, Byron Cunningham, on December 16.



*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)

**Tandy Adams**  
Dir. of Family Ministries  
[tandya@castletonumc.org](mailto:tandya@castletonumc.org)

**Rev. Ashlea Barnett**  
Assoc. Dir. of Family  
Ministries  
[ashleab@castletonumc.org](mailto:ashleab@castletonumc.org)

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PARENT AND VOLUNTEER MEETING** Please come to a Children's Ministry Parent and Volunteer Meeting on Sunday, January 13, at 12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a time to get to know Pastor Ashlea, learn more about family ministry, and ask questions. Lunch and childcare will be provided.

**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 [cindyd@castletonumc.org](mailto:cindyd@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 [cindyd@castletonumc.org](mailto:cindyd@castletonumc.org).

**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](mailto:Tandya@castletonumc.org) right away.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL MANIA** Our Middle School Mania (lock-in) event is begins the evening of January 25 and ends the morning of January 26, 2019. Watch for sign-up information!

**CAMP LAKEWOOD SUMMER 2019** For elementary children (grades 3-5) July 14-19. Stay tuned for more information.

## CHURCH WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

**Jonathan Cruz**  
Director of Adult Discipleship  
[jonathanc@castletonumc.org](mailto:jonathanc@castletonumc.org)

**Our Faithfulness**  
December 16, 2018  
Worship: 549  
Sunday School: 125

**Tithes and Offerings**  
Received: \$35,461.67  
Goal: \$31,386.00  
YTD: \$1,542,777.93  
YTD Goal: \$1,569,300.00

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

For questions contact  
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