

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 25, 2016

THIS WEEK AT CASTLETON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Castleton Worship Center 71st & Shadeland Ave.

Sunday Morning Services

9 am*
Traditional Worship
10 am
Connections Hour
11 am
Contemporary Worship

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

Castleton United Methodist Church

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Office hours:

8:30am – 4:30pm M – Th
8:30am – 3:30pm F

Prayer Chapel:

6am – 9pm daily

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Contact us

Weekly Announcements

bulletin@castletonumc.org
Deadline is close of business Mondays

Newsletter Announcements

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Room Reservations

roommanager@castletonumc.org

Information Changes

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Prayer Requests

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Merry Christmas!

Because of the holidays falling on Sunday, there will be no Sunday school classes today or next Sunday which is New Year's Day. One service again next Sunday at 10am.

Office Closures

The church office will be closed on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2.

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 all contributions to be recorded for 2016 must be dated by Dec. 31 and in the church office by Jan. 3 or placed in the offering by Sunday Jan. 1, 2017. We invite you to consider the online giving opportunities that can be found by visiting the church website at castletonumc.org. May God richly use you this coming year!

New Year's Eve Party

Come ring in the New Year CUMC Family Ministries! Age 3 through high school seniors are invited. The evening will be split into 3-sections: 6-8pm, 8-10pm, and 10pm-1am. Each time period will have different activities - Bounce Houses, Board Games, Nerf Battle, Glow Dance Party, and more. A worship service will take place right after the ball drops! Register at castletonumc.org/newyears.

New Members Orientation

Are you interested in learning more about church membership? Join Pastor Bert and Pastor Billy after the 11am service, Sunday, January 22nd for Membership Orientation. There will be a time to meet and greet, share lunch and discussion before you decide if you would like to stay for the membership portion of the class. Meet in the Legacy Room. There is no obligation to join after attending the class. Membership reception will take place Sunday, January 29. Childcare is also available. To sign up for the class contact Myra, myra@castletonuc.org or call the church office 317-849-2947.

Serving Roberts Park UMC

CUMC is serving at Roberts Park United Methodist Soup's On Sunday, January 8. We need servers and desserts. If you can help, please follow this link <http://signup.com/go/1yWGyf> to sign up or sign up on Sunday mornings at the Welcome Center.

New Women's Study

All Things New, A Study on 2 Corinthians, by Kelly Minter will begin Sunday, January 15, 3:30-5:30 pm, in room 112 in the church lobby. This is an 8-week video lesson with workbook. Discover afresh this letter from Paul that you thought you already knew. The old has passed away, behold the new has come. Jesus came to make all things new and with this newness is hope, a perfect way to begin the new year. Please contact Sara Ellsworth at saraells@hotmail.com for more information. All women are welcome and childcare will be provided!

Small Group

On January 8th the young(er) adult small group led by Pastor Billy will start back up on Sundays at 3:30pm in the church library to discuss the book of Revelation. All are welcome to join us as we read through this "cryptic" book together. We have also decided to start a book club and for the month of January we will discuss, *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Billy at billyn@castletonumc.org. What are you waiting for... plan to come and be blessed!



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Nursery Care all Services

9am Kid's Church
PK-1st (start in service)
10am SUNDAY SCHOOL
PK - room 190
K-4th Family Life Ctr.
11am Kid's Church
PK - 1st (start in service)

Katie Gilbert
Dir. of Children's Ministries
katieg@castletonumc.org

NO CLASSES There will be no Kid's Church Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

NEW YEAR'S EVE Join us Dec 31st starting at 6:00pm with progressive end times at 8:00, 10:00, and after midnight worship. Your family can choose how much partying is right for you! Food, games, bounce house, obstacle course, glow sticks, balloon drop, nerf war, catered espresso bar, confetti, fireworks... Don't miss it! Sign up at castletonumc.org/newyears.

PRESCHOOL PLAYDATE We have rented the Urban Chalkboard for a private CUMC playdate for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers on Sunday, January 22nd at 4:00-5:00pm. There will be snacks for kids and coffee for parents. We will let you know if we will have space for siblings.

PHAO STUDENT MINISTRIES

5-12 GRADE
SUNDAY SCHOOL
10am Ministries Center

Andy Hayward
Dir. of Student Ministries
andyh@castletonumc.org

TODAY There will be no PHAO Breakfast Club classes on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

BREAKFAST CLUB 2017 We are starting now to have parents sign up to bring breakfast in 2017. Please contact Bethany Barr, bethanybarr1@gmail.com and get signed up!

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY Family Ministries will be hosting a New Year's Eve Party from 6pm-1am on Dec. 31st. Children from age 3 through high school seniors will have activities available. The evening will be split into 3-sections: 6-8pm, 8-10pm, and 10pm-1am. Each time period will have different activities - Bounce Houses, Board Games, Nerf Battle, Glow Dance Party, Euchre Tournament and more. A worship service will take place right after we watch the ball drop! Signup at castletonumc.org/newyears.

ADULT MINISTRIES

Feel free to join
these classes at
any time.

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

Pastor Billy Nickrand
billyn@castletonumc.org

Our Faithfulness

December 18
Worship: 373
Sunday School: 120

Tithes and Offerings

Received: \$32,734.92
Goal: \$36,000.00

**Sunday School Classes and weekly small groups will resume after New Year's.**

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. If you are looking for a long term group to help keep you accountable in your walk with Christ or are looking for a short term study, Castleton UMC has a lot to offer. You could join a study group, affinity group or an accountability group that meet at various times throughout the week. We truly believe that small group ministries are vital to the well-being of this congregation and we pray that you would consider being a part of one. On January 8, a new (younger) **Adult Study** will look at the Book of Revelation and on January 15 one of our **Women's Group** will begin *All Things New, A Study on 2 Corinthians*, by Kelly Minter. This year for Lent beginning March 1, we are excited to do a **church-wide study** of the book, *Forgive and Forget* by Dr. Lewis Smedes. I pray that you will consider joining a group in the new year. Contact Pastor Billy at BillyN@castletonumc.org and get connected today.