



WEST MORRIS CHURCH

FREE METHODIST

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NEWS 'n VIEWS



LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

Paul Castle, a Conference Ministerial Candidate of the Wabash Conference and appointed pastor, has faithfully served WEMO since July of 2015 as full-time Worship Arts and Discipleship Pastor. After many months of prayer, he has asked to transition to an unpaid bi-vocational role within the local church at the end of October. He will pursue secular employment as he returns to a position with the airline industry as a commercial pilot.

Beginning November 1, Pastor Paul will no longer lead worship services but will assist with music occasionally as his schedule allows. He and wife Diane will continue to lead a discipleship group on Sunday mornings, and Paul will serve in other volunteer ministry capacities. He will continue his relationship with the Wabash Conference and the path toward ordination. Diane's role as Family Life Pastor (part-time) will not change as she continues to serve as a Conference Ministerial Candidate on the ordination track.

Pastor Paul assures us all that his family is not leaving and that they will remain fully engaged in the life of the church. While his role changes, his commitment will not.

Your Board of Administration has met with Superintendent John Lane to discuss next steps and how best to proceed in the interim. Your prayers for wisdom for your leaders as well as for the Castles is greatly appreciated.

YOU ARE NEEDED!

Did you know that on any given Sunday this church ministers to up to 50 children? We need loving, caring adults and teens who are willing to serve in Children's Ministry. Here are ways you can plug in:

- Assisting with Christmas Program
- Helping with Crafts
- Serving in the Nursery
- Assisting with the Country Store
- Substitute teaching for Sunday School

In addition, if you have a particular talent or passion and believe it would be of benefit to the children we serve or those in the community, Pastor Diane would like to talk with you further. For more information about serving and a Children's Ministry Application Form, see Pastor Diane Castle.

PRAYER ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday, October 5
DECISION AMERICA TOUR 2016

with Franklin Graham
12:00 Noon

Indiana Capitol South Lawn,
200 W. Washington Street

Take a stand and take action as believers across the state are urged to vote, to live out their faith, and to pray for our nation.

Thursday through Saturday, October 6-8
NATIONAL PRAYER SUMMIT 2016

Greenville (IL) Free Methodist Church
Keynote Speakers:

Ted and Gayle Haggard, Kevin Austin
Register at www.fmcusa.org

Saturday, October 21

INDY REGIONAL PRAYER SUMMIT

Ritter Avenue Free Methodist Church
9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15.00

Event Leader: Rev. Doug Newton
Senior Pastor (Greenville, IL) and
Co-Director of the National Prayer
Ministry — FMCUSA

Register at "Eventbrite" and search for
Indy Regional Prayer Summit

READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?

Your pastors are eager to read good books and recommend them to others. Here are a few of the titles we have been spending time with recently. Check them out! Literally....

- ◆ *Old Paths, New Power: Awakening Your Church through Prayer and the Ministry of the Word*, by Daniel Henderson
- ◆ *Who Moved My Pulpit?: Leading Change in the Church*, by Thom Rainer
- ◆ *When Justice Just Is: Confessing Brokenness, Cultivating Joy, and Creating Space for Authenticity in the Justice Movement*, by Katie Bergman
- ◆ *A Mile Wide: Trading a Shallow Religion for a Deeper Faith*, by Brandon Hatmaker
- ◆ *Rut, Rot, or Revival: The Problem of Change and Breaking Out of the Status Quo*, by A. W. Tozer
- ◆ *Grown-Up Parenting: Conversations about Life with Adult Children*, by Carolyn B. Smith

A "SPOOK-TACULAR" EVENT!

Saturday, October 29
5:00-7:00 p.m.



Don't miss this opportunity to provide the West Indy community children a safe and fun Halloween experience *right in our own parking lot*. In the past, Trunk or Treat has generated the interest of nearly 100 children. **We need you!** Here's how you can help:

- ◆ A minimum of 30 church family members who are willing to decorate the trunk of your car (and dress up in fun costumes, if you wish) and pass out treats or candy for two hours.
- ◆ Donations of food (apples, popcorn, Halloween-themed cookies, etc.)
- ◆ At least five individuals/teams willing to help with games, handing out prizes, etc.
- ◆ Donations of candy
- ◆ At least five individuals/teams willing to help set up, clean up, and/or help facilitate the event to ensure everything runs smoothly and safely

If you can help in any of these areas, contact Pastor Diane at 317.632.8311 or email dianejcastle@gmail.com. **Let's love on our neighborhood families and have a great time doing it.**

BUILDING UPDATE

HAVE YOU NOTICED some changes to the exterior of the building recently? Those changes are in response to severe flooding in the lower level of the church when we have heavy rain events. Coverings over two outside stairwells is one answer, but more work is needed. Once these structures are completed, the Buildings and Grounds (B&G) team, under the leadership of Allen Miller, will tackle foundation issues in a number of locations around the footprint of the building. In addition, professionals will assess other safety concerns and assist with next steps.

Other cost-cutting and security measures are being implemented, including a lighting assessment and cost-saving replacement bulbs installed under the direction of Matt Sobotka. Alan Newbold is overseeing the installation of security cameras in the HVAC wells. All of this and more is being done in an effort to gather data so that we as a church family can have a clearer picture as to building viability and sustainability.

There will be several opportunities through the winter and spring to weigh in on their findings and seek God's direction as a Society. Be sure and express appreciation to the B&G team as you see them: Allen Miller (chair), John Miller, Alan Newbold, Dean Walden, Matt Sobotka, and Ed Larrison. And special thanks to Ed Becker for acting as foreman of the exterior build.



ELECTION DAY EVE

Service of Unity, Prayer, and
Communion in the Round

Monday, November 7, 2016
7:00 p.m.

WEMO Free Methodist Church
Riggs Hall

The Indianapolis area Free Methodist churches as well as personnel from the World Ministries Center have been invited to join us in this special service on the eve of the national election. It is important that as we approach the voting booth on Tuesday, November 8, that we leave our differences behind and remember what unites us. Join us for this meaningful service in the round. Refreshments will be served following. If you would like to contribute baked goods for the fellowship time, please let Pastor Deb know.