**Casey First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

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**Sunday Services: 9:00 am Sunday School · 10:00 am Worship**



***To Know God-To Love God-To Serve God***

**SERVING SCHEDULE**

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|  | **Week 4/7/2019** | **Week 4/14/2019** | **Week 4/21/2019** | **Week 4/28/2019** | **Week**  **5/5/2019** |
| **ELDERS** | Cindy Stephen  Ken Whitton | Moe Wimbley  Ruthie Wimbley | Dan Winn  Sharon Durham | Ken Whitton  Debi Sinclair | Cindy Stephen  Ken Whitton |
| **ELDERS SHUT-INS** | Cindy & Ken |  |  |  | Cindy & Ken |
| **DEACONS** | Cassie Ramsey  Sharon Richardson  Connie Roberts | Kenny Shobe  Steph Shobe  Shellie Simpson | Devan Smith  Cheryl Stifal  Jeanne Unzicker | Jeri Bland  Bill Brewer  Brad Hickox | Charles Meeker  Cassie Ramsey  Sharon Richardson |
| **PREP. COMM.** | Cassie & Sharon | Kenny & Steph | Devan & Cheryl | Jeri & Bill | Charles & Cassie |
| **DEACONS SHUT-INS** | Brad & Charles |  |  |  | Cassie & Sharon |
| **WORSHIP LEADER** | Kathy Hayes | Sherri Butcher | Larry Patchett | Debi Sinclair | Janice Richardson |
| **GREETER** | Devan & Kora Smith | Barb Decker | Linda Coleman | Ruthie Wimbley | Connie Roberts |
| **SOUND** | Devan Smith | Brad Hickox | Ken Whitton | Chelsea Clapp | Michael Stephen |
| **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** | Kathy Hayes |  |  |  |  |
| **CHALLENGER REFRESHMENTS** | Sherri Butcher | Linda Coleman | Sharon Durham | Grahams | Peggy Hickox |
| **SERMON** | Pastor Jacqueline | Pastor Jacqueline | Pastor Jacqueline | Pastor Jacqueline | Pastor Jacqueline |

**From the pastor’s desk…**

A holy man was having a conversation with God one day and said: “I would like to know what heaven and hell are like.” God led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in. In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew, which smelled delicious and made the holy man’s mouth water.

The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles that were strapped to their arms. They were able to easily reach into the pot and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons into their mouths.

The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. God said: “You have seen hell.”

They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew, which made the holy man’s mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handles spoons attached to their arms, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking. The holy man said: “I don’t understand.” “It is simple,” said God, “they require but one skill. You see, they have learned to feed each other, while the greedy think only of themselves.”

As we approach Holy Week during this Lenten season and remember the events of the last week of Jesus’ life, going from the jubilation of welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem for the annual celebrations of Passover, to the screams of the crowds condemning Jesus to lashes and crucifixion, let us remember all the ways Jesus not only taught us to feed each other, but also all the ways he fed us. Even on the cross, some of Jesus’ last words were for others. “Father, forgive them for they don’t know what they are doing.” And to one of the criminals hanging there with him, “I assure you that today you will be with me in paradise.” The ways of unconditional, sacrificial love, which Jesus calls us to are not always easy to follow, but in the end bring resurrection and new life from God.

Blessings,

Jacqueline

**Prayer Requests**

Devan Smith

Kay Smith

Laura Snider Family

Chrissy Squires

Doris Taylor

Lee & Peggy Waller

Peggy Waller’s Mother

Brenda Whitton

Bob William

Bill Wyman

Linda Yost

Lowell Hickox

Sue Hills

Donna Light

Mary Lou Patchett

Cindy Price

David Puetz Family

Randy Rue

Anna Schlacter

Jerry Self

Cathy Sherwood

Helen Allen

Brad Beasley

Bob Bluhm

Fred Bright

Sherri Butcher

Marlene Davidson Family

Kyleigh Decker

Dwight Ennis

Dale Finney

Rich Grafton

**Casey Health Care Heartland Active Military**

Ruth Fitch Vera Ingle Brandon Blair

**Simple Blessings** Helen Allen Daniel Daugherty

Brenda Whitton Mitchell Markwell

Announcements & Upcoming Events

**Dinner & A Prayer for Women**

**April 10, 6:30-8:30 pm all women are invited to Eleanor Markwell’s home for Dinner & A Prayer: 513 E Main St.**

This will be a time for informal fellowship around the table(s), devotion and prayer. All women are welcome – bring a friend. To make sure that there will be enough food, please look for the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Room and let us know you are planning to be there.

**Living Lightly**

During this season of Lent you are invited to practice the purging of items out of your household. Every day during Lent pick one item you no longer need or want, but is still useful, and collect them in a box (or boxes). As the load in your home gets lighter, fill the space you have physically created with spiritual renewal. Take time to pray, walk, color, meditate, volunteer, etc.

Then the week after Easter, April 22-26, bring your box(es) of items to the church, where we will get them set up to give away during our Sharing of Our Treasures Saturday April 27, 8:00-11:00 am.

**Thrive! Becoming a People of Creative Action**

**Saturday, May 4, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, First Christian Church in Bloomington**

Ruth Fletcher, a well-known Disciple minister will be with us to talk about helping congregations live and serve in their communities.

Are you a leader or a member of a church who is concerned with the shrinking numbers of your congregation? Are you interested in solutions to help your congregation prosper through a shift? If you have answered “yes”, then the Thrive! workshop is for you. We are working to revitalize the life of our congregations by reaching out into our communities where God is already at work. Come hear stories of congregations like yours that have become faithful and effective in their communities. Gain the spiritual foundation for this journey that will transform your congregation and the world we live in.

This event is open to everyone – clergy, lay people – everyone. And lunch is included. Cost is $15.00 per person. Look for the Sign-up sheet in the Gathering Room, so we can sign-up our church on time before April 29.

**Work at Camp Walter Scott**

There are several things going on at Camp Walter Scott to get ready for the summer programming. They are building a playground during the first week of April and need people on Tuesday through Thursday, April 2-4, meals are provided and helpers can stay at the camp. Then they are taking down 2 of the Hogan structures on April 6, and there is a general workday on April 13. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Room to sign up where you want to help out. Work on all those days will start at 9:00 am.

**Chicken Noodle Fundraiser**

April 7 after worship we will have a Chicken Noodle Fundraiser that is open to the community. The proceeds of this fundraiser will go to help out with the large maintenance items the church is facing in the near future of the replacement of the furnaces and the light fixtures.

**Graduation**

It is still a little while out, but we will be celebrating those who graduate this year on May 19. If there is anyone in your family anywhere, who is graduating, we invite to share a picture of the graduate with some information about what they achieved and where they graduated. We will have a table in the Gathering Room that Sunday to honor all those in our lives who have made these achievements.

You can email (cfcc@caseyfcc.org) the information to the church office for us to print out and bring a framed picture or you can email both and we will print out the picture too.

**Summer Meals Summer Day Camp Program**

The Clark County Health Department will conduct their Summer Food Program from our church again this summer. It will start June 3 and end August 2. They will be having it 2 days a week instead of 5 in Casey this year and 3 days a week in Martinsville. In Casey at our church we will have the kids Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. We will enlist the help of the other churches in town again to share the responsibilities of volunteering and spending time with the children who attend. As we get that schedule organized there will be sign-up sheets for the weeks we are volunteering, so keep an eye out.

**Holy Week**

**Palm Sunday April 14**

**Maundy Thursday April 18 - service at 7:00 pm**

**Good Friday April 19 - the church will be open with prayer stations**

**9:00-1:00 & 5:00-7:00**

**Holy Saturday April 20**

**Easter Sunday April 21 - 6:00 am Sunrise service & breakfast following**

**9:00 am Sunday school & 10:00 am Worship**

**Calendar**

March 20 6:30 pm Bunco

March 23 12:30-2:30 Webinar: Empowering the Laity to Care for Pastors

March 23 & 24 March Madness Subs fundraiser

March25 11:00 & 6:30 Lenten Study

March 27 7:00 Elders meeting

March 30 7:00-11:00 Laundry Love

March 31 Deacons meeting after church

Early Bird deadline to register for General Assembly

April 1 11:00 & 6:30 Lenten Study

April 2-4 9:00 am Playground build @ Camp Walter Scott

April 2 7:00 pm Board meeting

April 6 9:00 am Workday @ Camp Walter Scott

April 7 11:00 am Chicken Noodle Dinner Fundraiser

April 8 11:00 & 6:30 Lenten Study

April 10 6:30-8:30 Dinner & A Prayer @ Eleanor Markwell’s Home

April 13 9:00 am Workday @ Camp Walter Scott

12:30-2:30 pm Webinar: Empowering the Laity to Care for Pastors

April 15 11:00 & 6:30 Lenten Study

April 17 6:30 pm Bunco

April 18 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm

April 19 Good Friday, Prayer Stations 9:00 am-1:00 pm & 5:00-7:00 pm

April 20 Holy Saturday

April 21 6:00 am Sunrise Service & Breakfast

9:00 am Sunday school

10:00 am Worship

April 22-26 Drop off your collected treasures to share at the church

April 24 7:00 pm Elders Meeting

April 27 8:00-11:00 am Share Our Treasures

**APRIL 2019**



**2 – Gene Vidoni 15 – Sharon Rue**

**4 – Kyle Carver 15 – Nick Sherwood**

**5 – Mason Shobe 17 – Tony & Sherri Butcher**

**6 – PK Johnson 18 – Gene Decker**

**7 – Devan Smith 20 – Gage Newlin**

**9 – Mackenzie Shobe 23 – Jerry Nichols**

**11 – John & Lynda Graham 23 – Billy & Tricia Garver**

**12 – Marsha Rue 30 – Nate Gilbert**

**13 – Danny & Shellie Simpson 30 – Jon & Tayelar Hayes**

|  | **April 2019** | | | | |  |
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| **Sun** | **Mon** | **Tue** | **Wed** | **Thu** | **Fri** | **Sat** |
|  | 1  9:00 am MML  11:00 am or 6:30 pm  Bible Study | 2  9:00 am Playground build at Camp Walter Scott | 3  9:00 am Playground build at Camp Walter Scott  7:00 pm Board Meeting | 4  9:00 am Playground build at Camp Walter Scott | 5 | 6  **9:00 am Workday @ Camp Walter Scott** |
| 7  11:30-1:00 pm Chicken & Noodle Dinner Fund Raiser | 8  **9:00 am MML**  **11:00 am or 6:30 pm**  **Bible Study** | 9  **10:00 am Worship Team** | 10  **6:30 pm Dinner & A Prayer @ Eleanor Markwell’s Home** | 11 | 12 | **13**  **9:00 am Workday @ Camp Walter Scott** |
| 14  **Palm Sunday** | 15  **9:00 am MML**  **11:00 am or**  **6:30 pm**  **Lent Study** | 16  **Newsletter** | 17  **6:30 pm Bunko** | 18  **Maundy Thursday Service**  **7:00 pm** | 19  **GOOD FRIDAY**  **Office Closed**  **Prayer Stations**  **9:00-1:00 &**  **5:00-7:00 pm** | 20  **HOLY SATURDAY** |
| 21 EASTER  **6:00 am Sunrise Service**  **Followed by breakfast**  **S.S. 9:00 am**  **Worship**  **10:00 am** | 22  **9:00 am MML** | 23 | 24  **7:00 pm Elders Meeting** | 25 | 26 | 27  **8:00-11:00 am**  **“Sharing of Our Treasures”**  **Free Garage Sale**  **Regional Gathering** |
| 28 | 29  **9:00 am MML** | 30 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | MML – Monday Morning Ladies  FH – Fellowship Hall  Sunday School 9:00 am, Worship 10:00 am | | | | |