

# VISITOR

March 1, 2023



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

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Pastor Office Hours: Monday 10 am-4 pm, Tues-Thurs 9 am-2 pm

Secretary Office Hours: Wednesday 8:00 am - Noon

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

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

Greetings Church!

In this season of Lent, we have an opportunity to reflect on our humanity and on the Good News of Jesus. Here's a poem I wrote about this Good News, and at the end of it I've included references to the many verses of scripture that I drew from. I call this poem:

### **Putting Bad Theology to Death**

It is not the violence done to Jesus that saves the world;  
it is the Love that raised him from the dead.  
*That* Love is the focal point of Christian faith.  
Not the "love" of arbitrary sacrifice or so-called redemptive violence.  
No, it's the Love that even violence cannot kill.  
It's the Love that is alive-  
the Love that makes us alive.  
It is light that darkness cannot overcome.

God is not angry.  
Good News is not about appeasing divine wrath  
That sounds more like Bad News  
and its fruits are fear and shame.  
But fear, shame, and wrath are not who God is.  
No, God is not angry.  
God is not, and never was, mad at you.  
Do not share any News bearing wrath, guilt, condemnation, fear, shame, or worse.  
God is Love.  
Share Love.

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Share the Love that will stop at nothing  
to understand that which is other than Love-self.  
Share that there is no hell so low to which Love will not stoop.  
Share Love's radical solidarity with dark-skinned minorities  
who are suffering under violent empire.  
Share radical love for neighbors and love for enemies,  
what Jesus calls "taking up your cross,"  
as a way of reconciling all things to each other and creation to God.  
Share Christ and him crucified,  
not as bloody atonement but as Love Incarnate;  
a foolishness to the powerful and a stumbling block to hegemony,  
but freedom and salvation for the rejects and refuse.

It's time we put Bad News to death.  
Hear the Good News: God is Love.

Love does no harm to another,  
and thereby Love fulfills all holiness.  
Let that same Love,  
the Love that raised Christ from the dead,  
come alive in your heart and life  
and give you peace.  
Now to the One who is able to do abundantly far more  
than all we could ask or imagine  
be glory and honor and praise, now and forever.  
May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be always with us. Amen.

*Rom 8:11; 2 Cor 4:14; Jn 1:5; Jn 3:17; 1 Jn 4:8, 18; Rom 8:31-39; 11:32; 1 Tim 2:4; Mk 12:28-31; Lk 6:32-36,  
10:25-28; Mt 5:43-44, 22:37-40; Mk 8:34; Lk 9:23; Mt 16:24; Col 1:15-22; 1 Cor 2:2, 1:23; Rom 13:10; Eph  
3:20-21; 2 Cor 13:13*

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Peace,

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## Prayer Requests

Cindy Wimbley  
Larry Patchett  
Kenny & Steph Shobe  
Bruce & Deb Decker  
Zach Fritcher  
The Family of Bob Dillier

Doris Taylor  
Roberta Ashley  
Brandi Chrysler  
Ralph Fitch, C/O Cumberland Rehab,  
Rm # 114, 300 N. Marietta St.  
Greenup, IL 62428



*Prayer Requests  
for Our Nursing  
Home Residents*

[Heartland Nursing & Rehab](#)

[Simple Blessings](#)

**David Hickox**

[Casey Health Care](#)

**Ruth Fitch**

[Cumberland Rehab](#)

**Ralph Fitch**

Fred Bright will be celebrating his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Please shower him with birthday cards, 502 N.W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Casey. He would really appreciate it.



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## MARCH SERVING SCHEDULES

ELDERS: 3/5 Debi S, 3/12 Ruthie W, 3/19 Dan W, 3/26 Sherri B

DEACONS: 3/5 Becky S, Jeanne U, Michelle W, 3/12 Jenny W, Lynda G, Brad Hickox,  
3/19 Cassie R, Connie R, Sharon R, 3/26 Cathy S, Shellie S, Devan S

CHALLENGER REFRESHMENTS: 3/5 Peggy H, 3/12 Sharon R, 3/19 Cathy S, 3/26 Debi S

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

**March 1, 2023, Monday 6:30 pm Board Meeting**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday & Friday Preschool Roundup here in the church**

**March 7, 2023, Tuesday 6:30 pm Bible Study**

**March 12, 2023, SOUP LUNCH, after church. Fund raiser for Camp Walter Scott**

**March 13, 2023, Monday, 5:30 pm Dinner & a Prayer**

**March 14, 2023, Tuesday 6:30 pm Bible Study**

**March 19, 2023 – “Open Heart Quartet” will be here for our worship service**

**March 21, 2023, Tuesday 6:30 pm Bible Study**

**March 27, 28 & 30 – Tote-a-meal Delivery. This is the last week that meals from Heartland Nursing and Rehab will be delivered. Peace Meal will be handling the meal service.**

**March 28, 2023, Tuesday 6:30 pm Bible Study**

**March 29, 2023, Wednesday, 9:30 am Worship Team Meeting**

**March 29, 2023, Wednesday, 6:30 pm Elders Meeting**

**April 1, 2023, Saturday – FREE GARAGE SALE. Start collecting items you want to donate.**

## MARCH 2023



2 - Lynda Graham  
4 - Kay Smith  
15 - Curt & Jane Wheat  
17 - Rose Peterson

18 - Fred Bright  
18 - John Graham  
28 - Linda Coleman



**Dinner & A Prayer**  
**Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>,**  
**5:30 pm**

**In the church fellowship hall.  
Bring finger foods or a dessert to  
share. Bring a "JOY" to share during  
prayer time.**



Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> after church. Soup will be provided. Bring something to go along with the soup to share. A freewill offering will be collected for Camp Walter Scott.

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| MARCH 2023   |  |   |  |                                  |                                  |           |
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| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday                         | Friday                           | Saturday  |
|  |  |   | <b>1</b><br>Board Mtg.<br>6:30 pm                                      | <b>2</b><br>Preschool<br>Roundup | <b>3</b><br>Preschool<br>Roundup | <b>4</b>  |
| <b>5</b><br>Elder: Debi S                            | <b>6</b><br>MML 9 am                                     | <b>7</b><br><br>Bible Study<br>6:30 pm  | <b>8</b>   | <b>9</b>                         | <b>10</b>                        | <b>11</b> |
| <b>12</b><br>Elder: Ruthie<br>W<br>Soup Lunch        | <b>13</b><br>MML 9 am<br>Dinner & a<br>Prayer<br>5:30 pm | <b>14</b><br><br>Bible Study<br>6:30 pm   | <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b>                        | <b>17</b>                        | <b>18</b> |
| <b>19</b><br>Elder: Dan W<br>"Open Heart<br>Quartet" | <b>20</b><br>MML 9 am                                    | <b>21</b><br><br>Bible Study<br>6:30 pm   | <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b>                        | <b>24</b>                        | <b>25</b> |
| <b>26</b><br>Elder: Sherri B                         | <b>27</b><br>MML 9 am<br>Tote-a-meal                     | <b>28</b><br>Tote-a-meal<br>Bible Study<br>6:30 pm  | <b>29</b><br>Worship<br>Team Mtg.<br>9:30 am<br>Elders Mtg.<br>6:30 pm | <b>30</b><br>Tote-a-meal         | <b>31</b>                        |           |
|  |  | <b>FH – Fellowship Hall</b><br><b>MML – Monday Morning Ladies</b><br><u><b>SUNDAYS</b></u><br><u><b>9:00 am Sunday School, 10:00 am Worship</b></u> |  |                                  |                                  |           |