**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 3/03/2019** | **Week 3/10/2019** | **Week 3/17/2019** | **Week 3/24/2019** | **Week**  **3/31/2019** |
| **ELDERS** | Nina Meeker  Debi Sinclair | Cindy Stephen  Nina Meeker | Moe Wimbley  Ruthie Wimbley | Dan Winn  Sharon Durham | Nina Meeker  Debi Sinclair |
| **ELDERS SHUT-INS** | Nina & Debi |  |  |  |  |
| **DEACONS** | Brad Hickox  Charles Meeker  Cassie Ramsey | Sharon Richardson  Connie Roberts  Shellie Simpson | Kenny Shobe  Steph Shobe  Devan Smith | Cheryl Stifal  Jeanne Unzicker  Jeri Bland | Bill Brewer  Brad Hickox  Charles Meeker |
| **PREP. COMM.** | Brad & Charles | Sharon & Connie | Kenny & Steph | Cheryl & Jeanne | Bill & Brad |
| **DEACONS SHUT-INS** | Jeri & Bill |  |  |  |  |
| **WORSHIP LEADER** | Brad Hickox | Larry Patchett | Devan Smith | Jenny Winschief | Kathy Hayes |
| **GREETER** | Cassie & Owen Ramsey | Larry Patchett | Rose Peterson | Jerry Cutright & Chelsea Clapp | Ruthie & Moe |
| **SOUND** | Devan Smith | Brad Hickox | Ken Whitton | Chelsea Clapp | Michael Stephen |
| **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** | Eleanor Markwell | Peggy Hickox |  |  |  |
| **CHALLENGER REFRESHMENTS** | Peggy Hickox | Eleanor Markwell | Cathy Sherwood | Debi Sinclair | Linda Stoneking |
| **SERMON** | Pastor Jacqueline | Pastor Jacqueline | Pastor Jacqueline | Pastor Jacqueline | Pastor Jacqueline |

**From the pastor’s desk…**

**Lent will start on Ash Wednesday, March 6 and ends on Holy Saturday, April 20. This is the season on the church calendar that takes on a journey towards Holy Week, which starts with Palm Sunday, followed by Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, to prepare us for Easter Sunday and the Easter Season.**

**Lent is a period of 40 days plus Sundays. During the last week of Lent, called Holy Week, we recall the last week of Jesus’ life, from the time he entered Jerusalem, through his last meal and death, to resurrection. Lent calls us to open ourselves up to the Holy Spirit and let the Spirit take up residence in our lives, in our hearts and in our souls. Often all those places are filled up with other things like schedules, negative thoughts and emotions, demands, and stuff. To make room for the Spirit in our lives we often need those 40 days plus Sundays to clean house and make room.**

**There are many ways to do this. Traditionally people have used this church season for fasting; eating less of the decadent foods we like, reminding us that all we really need is God’s presence in our lives. In recent years people have used this time of preparation in other ways to make room for the Holy Spirit in our lives, like adding spiritual practices, or fasting on negative behavior. There is no right or wrong way to prepare ourselves during the season of Lent.**

**This year as a church we have chosen the theme: Living Lightly. We invite you to get an empty box, put it somewhere in your home and every day pick something out of your home that is no longer useful to you, but is not trash, broken or in bad shape, something that could be useful to someone else, and put it in the box. As you decide every day what it is that you can live without, we also invite you to add a spiritual practice that is meaningful to you to add to your life, through which the Spirit can speak to you.**

**Spiritual practices come in many shapes. They can consist of devotional readings, a daily plan of Bible readings, prayer time, journaling, coloring, reflective time outside in nature, meditation, breathing exercises, physical exercises, ceremonies, rituals, healthy eating, giving, self-care, etc. Adding one thing to your life this Lent season that will connect you to the Holy Spirit, while at the same time unburdening yourself of the things that no longer serve you, will hopefully help you to prepare for the celebration of resurrection.**

**The treasures we no longer need can be dropped off at the church the week after Easter. We will have a community-wide Sharing of Our Treasures on April 27. May this season of Lent be meaningful to you and help you connect with the Spirit of God in new or old meaningful ways.**

**Blessings,**

**Jacqueline**

**Prayer Requests**

Cathy Sherwood

Mike Sherwood

Keith Sinclair

Kay Smith

Taylor Stifal

Doris Taylor

Audria Truelove Family

Susie Weir

Bob William

Sue Hills

Brooks Leichty

Alicia Ortiz

Casey Overbeck’s cousin, Devon

Cindy Price

Randy Rue

Anna Schlacter

Jerry Self

Helen Allen

Brad Beasley

Bob Bluhm

Bennett Lee Clapp

Rachel Cutright

Dwight Ennis

Dale Finney

Rich Grafton

Lowell Hickox

**Casey Health Care Heartland Active Military**

Ruth Fitch Vera Ingle Brandon Blair

Helen Allen Daniel Daugherty

**Simple Blessings** Mitchell Markwell

Laura Snider

**JOYS**

Larry & Kay Smith – Celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary February 15th

Keygen Decker – Able to return to work March 1st

Patty & Brent Clapp – New Grandson

Kyleigh Decker – College Softball Team Won Tourney in Mexico

Jeri & Rex Bland – New Grandson

Bill & Sandy Weaver – New Great-grandson

Announcements & Upcoming Events

**Bunko**

**Fun and games are back on Wednesday March 20th at 6:30 pm.**

**Join us for a Bunko night of games, fellowship and laughter.**

**Dinner & A Prayer for Women**

March 13, 6:30-8:30 pm all women are invited to Lynda Graham’s home for Dinner & A Prayer:

511 Horseshoe Lane

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.

**Board Retreat**

We had a very productive Board Retreat last month. Your Board Members worked hard and with dedication on spiritual practices, educational information, and planning events in the life of the church for the coming year. One of our bulletin boards in the hallway has an annual calendar with the events that are already placed on the calendar. We invite you to take a look and mark things you would enjoy on your personal calendar to save the date. It takes all of us together to enrich the ministry of this church, both inside and outside of our walls. With the work of our leaders at the Board Retreat we are making a great start.

**Beyond the Broken Heart**

The Grief support group as scheduled has been canceled and will be rescheduled soon.

**March Free Meal**

March 18 our church will be serving the Monday Free Meal. Look for the sign-up sheet to see how you can help out by bringing food or volunteering your time. On the menu is chicken casserole.

**Monday Night Free Meal, March 18th, Sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Room**

**Please have the items at the church on Sunday, March 17th**

**Cream of Celery Soup** **(6 Cans)** **Shredded Cheddar Cheese (3#)**

1. Lynda Graham 1. Debi Sinclair 1#
2. Lynda Graham 2. Linda Stoneking 1#
3. Lynda Graham 3. Linda Stoneking 1#
4. Lynda Graham  **Chicken Broth (12 Cups)**
5. Sharon Durham 1. Debi Sinclair 1 Box
6. Sharon Durham 2. Linda Coleman 1 Box

**Cream of Chicken Soup (6 Cans)** 3. Linda Stoneking 1 Box

1. Linda Coleman 4. Eleanor Markwell 1 Box
2. Linda Coleman 5. Marsha Rue 1 Box
3. Eleanor Markwell 6. Sharon Durham 1 Box
4. Becky Sweeney 7. Shirley Fitch 1 Box
5. Donna Nichols 8. Donna Nichols 1 Box
6. Donna Nichols 9. Jeri Bland 1 Box

**Large Jar of Red Pimentos (3 Jars) Lettuce (Shredded in Bag – 4 Bags)**

1. Becky Sweeney 1. Barb Decker 1 Bag
2. Jeanne Unzicker 2. Peggy Hickox 1 Bag
3. Jeanne Unzicker 3.

**Green Peppers (8)** 4.

1. Sharon Roberts **Carrots (Mini – 2 Bags) Workers 2:30-4:30**
2. Sharon Roberts 1. Linda Stoneking 1 Bag 1. Lynda Graham
3. Sharon Roberts 2. Barb Decker 1 Bag 2. Debi Sinclair
4. Jacqueline **Desserts** 3. Linda Coleman
5. Jacqueline 1. Peggy Hickox 4. Linda Stoneking
6. Jacqueline 2. **Workers 4:30-6:30**
7. Jacqueline 3. 1. Becky Sweeney
8. Jacqueline 4. 2. Peggy Hickox 5:15

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**Calendar**

February 27 7:00 Elders Meeting

March 4 11:00 & 6:00 Serving from the Heart Study

March 5 10:00 Worship Team meeting

March 6 5:00-7:00 Ash Wednesday Prayer Stations

7:00 Board meeting

March 10 Daylight Savings Time

March 11 11:00 & 6:00 Lent Study

March 13 6:30-8:30 Dinner & A Prayer @ Lynda Graham’s home

March 14 5:00-8:00 Pancake Dinner Fundraiser

March 16 Regional event for women: Pray & Play @ FCC in Virden

March 17 Hymn Sing Sunday

March 18 11:00 Lenten Study

4:00-6:00 Free Meal served at our church

March 20 6:30 Bunco

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

March 24 March Madness Subs fundraiser

March25 11:00 & 6:00 Lenten Study

March 27 7:00 Elders meeting

March 31 Deacons meeting after church



**MARCH 10TH MARCH 5TH, 1ST Baptist Church**

**MARCH 2019**



**2 – Lynda Graham 20 – Lance Patchett**

**4 – Karen Carver 21 – Janet Freeman**

**4 – Kay Smith 24 – Tiffany Gowin**

**4 – Sage Gilbert 26 – Jason Wimbley**

**7 – Jackson Hayes 26 – June Athey**

**8 – Colin Carver 27 – Dean Roberts**

**11 – Deb Decker 28 – Linda Coleman**

**12 – Rebecca Daugherty 28 – Sara Athey**

**15 – Curt & Jane Wheat 30 – Travis East**

**17 – Rose Peterson 31 – Liliana Freeman**

**18 – Fred Bright 31 – Ken & Brenda Whitton**

**18 – John Graham**

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**Delivered Lap Robe Quilts to Evergreen Nursing Home in**

**Effingham today, February 26, 2019.**

**Pictured are; Moe Wimbley, Evergreen employee, Dorothy Stice, Sharon Roberts and Pastor Jacqueline.**

|  | **March 2019** | | | | |  |
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| **Sun** | **Mon** | **Tue** | **Wed** | **Thu** | **Fri** | **Sat** |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1  8:30–2:30 pm  Preschool Roundup | 2 |
| 3 | 4  **9:00 am MML**  **11:00 am or 6:00 pm**  **Bible Study**  **Serving from the Heart** | 5  **10:00 am**  **Worship Team** | 6  Ash Wednesday  **5:00-7:00 pm**  **Prayer Service**  **7:00 pm Board Meeting** | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10  **Daylight Savings Time** | 11  **9:00 am MML**  **11:00 am or**  **6:00 pm**  **Lent Study** | 12 | 13  **6:30 pm Dinner & A Prayer @ Lynda Graham’s Home** | 14  **Fund Raiser**  **Pancake & Sausage Supper**  **5:00-8:00 pm** | 15 | 16  **Pray & Play Regional for Women**  **1:00-5:00 pm**  **Virden, IL** |
| 17  **Hymn Sing Sunday** | 18  **9:00 am MML**  **11:00 am or**  **6:00 pm**  **Lent Study**  **4-6 pm Free Meal Monday** | 19  **Newsletter** | 20  **6:30 pm Bunko** | 21 | 22 | 23  **Webinar**  **12:30-2:30 pm**  **Empowering the Laity** |
| 24  **Sale of Subs for March Madness after church** | 25  **9:00 am MML**  **11:00 am or**  **6:00 pm**  **Lent Study** | 26 | 27  **7:00 pm Elders Meeting** | 28 | **29** | 30 |
| **31**  **Deacons meet after church** |  | MML – Monday Morning Ladies  FH – Fellowship Hall | | | | |