

# VISITOR

April 27, 2022



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

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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30 am-Noon  
**Sunday Services: 9:00 am Sunday School, 10:00 am Worship**

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

Greetings Church!

At Easter, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and the new life that he brings. We see it all around us, too: trees and flowers blooming, the cold of winter melting into spring, longer days of sunshine lighting our lives.

We also celebrate this wonderful Good News that is the foundation of our faith - that Christ has defeated death once and for all, and that means nothing can stop God's love from reaching us.

Paul writes to the church in Rome: "I'm convinced that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord: not death or life, not angels or rulers, not present things or future things, not powers or height or depth, or any other thing that is created" (Romans 8:38-39 CEB) That really means nothing! Whatever thing it is you can possibly think of that might be a reason God doesn't love you - absolutely not! God loves you. Period. And nothing can ever make you a stranger from God's love.

God's love is life and vitality. It isn't just sentimental feelings God has for us. Love journeys with us. Love is vulnerable to suffer with us. Love is the power of rebirth and new life. Love lays quiet with us through our winter, but it also revives and revitalizes us into the rebirth of spring. Love embraces us in death, and just like Jesus, raises us again to new life. God's love cannot be stopped by anything we put in God's way because our God's love is greater than that.

As imperfect people, though, sometimes we do exclude people from our fellowship of love. Sometimes we try to put limits on God's love, the Love that the Bible says nothing can separate any of us from. How many times have Christians looked at people who are different, people who love different, people who use different pronouns or speak a different language - how often have we made people strangers whom God has called beloved? God's love is as much for us as for every LGBTQ person, every immigrant, every addict, every poor person, every teenager and everyone "in the golden years."

The Good News is that the power of God's love changes us. God's love forgives us when we have made human barriers between "us" and "them." God's love changes our hearts and lives and breaks down those barriers. God's love invites us into glorious new life in Christ Jesus our Lord, who loves us all.

My invitation is the same that our General Minister and President, Rev. Terri Hord Owens has been to the Christian Church Disciples of Christ: Imagine God's Limitless Love. Imagine with me what it could look like for God's love to be truly without limit in our lives, in our church. Dare we hope that God's love could truly resurrect us in our lives and be without limits? I do hope, by the grace of our Lord Jesus.

Grace and Peace be with you all! Pastor Evan

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*Prayer Requests  
for Our Nursing  
Home Residents*

## Heartland Nursing & Rehab

**Vera Ingle**

**Helen Allen**

**Ramona Miller**

**Bonnie McCash**

## Casey Health Care

**Ruth Fitch**

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## Prayer Requests

Randy Rue  
Cindy Wimbley  
Scotty Millam  
Curt Wheat  
Bill Weaver  
Scott Siverly  
Vera Ingle

Grant Family (Pastor Evan's Friend)  
Peggy Waller's Family  
(Cousin Kathy, Niece Kate)  
Family of Elsie Dillier  
Alex Hammond  
Linda Coleman  
Joe Snedeker

### Villas of Hollybrook in Effingham

Ralph & Shirley Fitch  
C/O Villas of Hollybrook  
904 W. Evergreen Ave.,  
Apt. # 31  
Effingham, IL 62401

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## MAY SERVING SCHEDULES

**ELDERS:** 5/1 Sharon Durham, 5/8 Nina Meeker, 5/15 Larry Patchett,  
5/22 Ruthie Wimbley, 5/29 Dan Winn

**DEACONS:** 5/1 Brad Hickox, Cassie Ramsey, Connie Roberts  
5/8 Cathy Sherwood, Devan Smith, Cheryl Stifal  
5/15 Michelle Wagner, Darlene Winn, Jennifer Winschief  
5/22 Lynda Graham, Brad Hickox, Cassie Ramsey  
5/29 Connie Roberts, Cathy Sherwood, Devan Smith

**CHALLENGER REFRESHMENTS:** 5/1 Peggy Hickox, 5/8 Grace Littlejohn,  
5/15 Cathy Sherwood, 5/22 Debi Sinclair, 5/29 Linda Stoneking

## 2022 ELDERS

**Sherri Butcher – 217-232-5740**

**Peggy Hickox – 217-232-5615**

**Larry Patchett – 217-232-3105**

**Dan Winn – 217-259-5339**

**Church Office – 217-932-2773(Hours: Mon, Wed & Fri 8:30 am – Noon)**

**Sharon Durham – 217-232-2168**

**Nina Meeker – 217-549-9808**

**Ruthie Wimbley – 217-232-1949**

**Pastor Evan – 812-698-7504**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

May 2, 3 & 5 - Tote-a-meal Delivery

May 3 – Blood Drive @ Casey United Methodist Church Noon – 6:00 pm

May 8 – Mother’s Day

May 9 – Dinner & A Prayer @ 5:30 pm

May 15 – Recognition of Graduates during worship service

May 15 – Cumberland High School Graduation 2:00 pm

May 22 – Casey-Westfield High School Graduation 2:00 pm

May 25 – Elders Meeting 6:30 pm

May 27 – Martinsville & Marshall High School Graduations 7:00 pm

May 29 & June 5 – Pentecost Special Offering

May 30 – **Memorial Day**, Church office closed, No Monday Morning Ladies

June 1 – Worship Team Meeting 9:30 am



Graduation time is quickly approaching.  
If you have any graduates in your family please let the church office know so we can acknowledge their accomplishments on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

# MAY 2022



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| 1 - Keith Sinclair          | 15 - Jerry Cutright   |
| 2 - Drew Sherwood           | 16 - Brad Hickox      |
| 4 - Tricia Garver           | 16 - Cindy Wimbley    |
| 4 - Jeff Gowin              | 17 - Addison Leichty  |
| 5 - Jerry & Carole Cutright | 18 - Benjamin Leichty |
| 9 - Dakota Peterson         | 22 - Judy Miller      |
| 11 - Daniel Winn, Jr.       | 22 - Rex & Jeri Bland |
| 12 - Bruce Decker           | 25 - Will Ramsey      |
| 13 - Barb Decker            | 26 - Becky Sweeney    |
| 14 - Linda Stoneking        | 28 - Brent Clapp      |
| 14 - Sarah Johnson          | 29 - Billy Garver     |

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## MAY 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Elder: Sharon	<b>2</b> <b>MML 9 am</b> <b>Tote-a-meal</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Tote-a-meal</b> Blood Drive @ UMC	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Tote-a-meal</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Elder: Nina	<b>9</b> <b>MML 9 am</b> <b>Dinner &amp; A</b> <b>Prayer</b> <b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Elder: Larry  Cumb. HS Graduation 2:00 pm	<b>16</b> <b>MML 9 am</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Elder: Ruthie  CWHS Graduation 2:00 pm	<b>23</b> <b>MML 9 am</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Elders Mtg.</b> <b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Martinsville & Marshall HS Graduation 7:00 pm	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Elder: Dan	<b>30</b> 	<b>31</b>				
		<b>FH – Fellowship Hall</b> <b>MML – Monday Morning Ladies</b> <u><b>SUNDAYS</b></u> <u><b>9:00 am Sunday School, 10:00 am Worship</b></u>				