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

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



***To Know Him-Love Him-Share Him***

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SERVING SCHEDULE

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|  | **Sept 2nd** | **Sept 9th** | **Sept 16th** | **Sept 23rd** | **Sept 30th** |
| **ELDERS** | **10:00 AM** | Ken Whitton Nina Meeker | Kathy Hayes  Cindy Stephen | Sherri Butcher  Larry Patchett | Ken Whitton Moe Wimbley |
| **ELDERS SHUT-INS** | **SERVICE** |  |  |  |  |
| **DEACONS** | **AT THE** | Kenny Shobe  Steph Shobe Shellie Simpson | Devan Smith  Cheryl Stifal  Jeanne Unzicker | Marcia Vidoni  Jeri Bland  Charles Meeker | Bill Brewer Linda Coleman Cassie Ramsey |
| **PREP. COMM.** | **PARK** | Kenny & Steph | Cheryl & Jeanne | Jeri & Charles | Linda & Cassie |
| **DEACONS SHUT-INS** | **-----** |  |  |  |  |
| **WORSHIP**  **LEADER** | **NO** | Bill Brewer | Jeri Bland | Steph Shobe | Kathy Hayes |
| **GREETER** | **SERVICES** | Roberta Decker | John & Lynda | Peggy & Brad | Larry Patchett |
| **SOUND** | **AT THE** | Brad Hickox | Ken Whitton | Michael Stephen | Brad Hickox |
| **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** | **CHURCH** | Patty Clapp | Bill Brewer |  | Kathy Hayes |
| **CHALLENGER REFRESHMENTS** |  | Sharon Durham | John &Lynda G. | Peggy Hickox | Eleanor Markwell |
| **SERMON** |  | Pastor Jacqueline | Pastor Jacqueline | Pastor Jacqueline | Pastor Jacqueline |

**From the pastor’s desk…**

Sometimes it seems like the bad news and the bad things just don’t stop coming. Health problems, losses, family quarrels, economic stresses, etc., etc. are overwhelming and debilitating. It is in times like these that we often feel forsaken and abandoned. If you are anything like me, when those times hit, you want to just crawl under the covers and never come out again. But it is usually when we resurface that we find the arms of God waiting for us in the form of the people who love us and are there for us; able and willing to walk with us through the dark valleys and give us support on the way back up the mountain.

And sometimes things are just honkey-dory in our lives and we witness the devastation happening in the lives of others and we feel helpless, not knowing what to do or how to be of any kind of support. Maybe we have some words of wisdom, hugs, time, material things and our presence to share, but aren’t sure when the right time is to share them.

As a church family, we do the best we can and from what I have witnessed so far, we do a pretty good job at even though we are not perfect. Sometimes when we have a good thing going on, we are not good at sharing it outside of our own circles. Our Regional Church is taking on a new initiative to help create supportive bonds beyond the walls of our individual congregations to share encouraging words with one another. It is called: “A Call to Socialize.” This Call encourages us to participate in 3 different ways:

1. Visit cciwdisciples.org and sign up for the CCIW e-newsletter. This is great way to stay informed of what is going on in the Region.
2. Join the forum discussion on the web by visiting socialize.cciwdisciples.org and look for the discussion of the day, or the one that might lift you up and share your thoughts
3. Join the Region on Facebook at cciwdisciples

In these different ways and with small steps we can connect in new ways that we couldn’t before. And maybe one day when we are having a tough day, we might read something on one of those places that brightens our day, gives us hope and puts a smile on our face again. It did for me this week!

Blessings,

Jacqueline

**Prayer Requests**

June Athey

Bob Bluhm

Loretta Boyd

Patty Clapp

Ron Cochran

Rebecca Daugherty

Dale Finney

Rich Grafton

Lowell Hickox

Shawn Stifal

Ted Stivers

Bob William

Darlene Winn

Kay Hunsaker family

Brianna Athey family

Janet Cooper family

Steve Vickroy family

Rube Howe family

Sue Hills

Sue Liffick

Leo Perisho

Randy Rue

Ron Rue

Anna Schlacter

Jerry Self

Kenny Shobe

Addie Squires

**Casey Health Care Heartland Active Military**

Patty Hickox Vera Ingle Brandon Blair

Ruth Fitch **Simple Blessings** Daniel Daugherty

Laura Snider Mitchell Markwell

Thank you First Christian Church for opening your church to our family and friends for Brianna’s service. We are truly blessed to live in such a great community!

Rick & Carlotta Athey



Brock & Lara, Sara, Rhett, & June Athey

Bryant & Ashley, Blair & Brecken Athey

Announcements & Upcoming Events

**Kleenex & Puffs boxes for Monroe Elementary School**

We have collected 113 boxes of tissue!!! Thank you to all who donated!





**Pancake Breakfast & All Church Sunday School**

What a great time was had by all at the Pancake Breakfast the men of the church provided for us on August 19! A great big THANK YOU goes out to Gene Whitton for coordinating, Bill Weaver for teaching Sunday School, Bill Brewer and Ralph Fitch for leading us in song and all the men who helped, shop, cook, serve and clean! We look forward to the next one!

**Back-to-School Sunday**

Join us in worship as we celebrate with the kids the progress they make in school, letting them know that they have a supporting church that will always be there for them. Bring the whole family, friends, neighbors, or just come by yourself as a family of 1! Also **bring a dish to share and some markers** for a pot-luck lunch and a fun activity after worship.

**Popcorn Worship**

On September 2 all our worship activities will be moved to the Popcorn Festival in the Park. Come help serve or eat breakfast at the CFCC church booth and then bring your lawn chair and join us at 10:00 am for the ecumenical community worship service, sponsored by the Casey Ministerial Association, at the Bandstand in the Park. If you want to play in the String choir, they are practicing on September 1 at United Methodist Church. If you want to play or help song lead with the band they are practicing on August 27, August 30, and September 1 at 6:00 pm at First Nazarene Church. If you want to help be a greeter, let Jacqueline know.

**Sermon Series in September**

Female Created in the Divine Image of God

September 16 – Woman Wisdom

September 23 – The Competent Wife

September 30 – Women in the Life of Jesus

**Calendar**

August 26 Back-to-School Sunday: Pot-luck lunch & Fun Church Family Activity

Sept 1-3 Popcorn Festival with the FCC booth

Sept 2 10:00 am Popcorn Worship at the Park (we are moving all Sunday

morning activities to the Park)

Sept 29-30 Women’s Retreat @ Camp Walter Scott

Oct 19-20 Regional Assembly

Nov 3 Thrive! workshop

Nov 10-16 Mission Trip to Little Rock, Arkansas

**September Birthdays & Anniversaries**

3 Donna Nichols 12 Frances Hickox

3 Debi Sinclair 13 Rhett Athey

5 Connie Roberts 16 Bonnie McCash

5 Tyler Bland 16 Ron & Sharon Rue

5 Sharon Richardson 17 Andy & Erin Leichty

5 John & Cassie Ramsey 18 Alisha Freeman

6 Wade Roberts 18 Corey Carver

7 Larry Smith 18 Mike & Debbie Leichty

9 Daniel Daugherty 18 Jason & Dinah Wimbley

10 Shirley Whitton 22 Bentley Newlin

11 Shirley Fitch 25 Grey Gilbert

11 Wren Roberts



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|  | September 2018 | | | | |  |
| Sun | **Mon** | **Tue** | **Wed** | **Thu** | **Fri** | Sat |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 1  Popcorn Festival 🡪 |
| 2  Popcorn Festival  10:00 am Church in the Park | **3** Labor Day  **Popcorn Festival**  No School | **4** | **5**  7:00 Board Meeting | **6** | **7** | 8 |
| 9 | **10**  9:00 MML  4:30 B/S  5:30 WW | **11** | **12** | **13**  5:00 Red Hawk  6:00 Pastoral Care Meeting | **14** | 15 |
| 16 | **17**  9:00 MML  4:30 Free Meal-Everyday Angels  5:30 WW | **18** | **19** | **20** | **21** | 22 Fall begins |
| 23 | **24**  9:00 MML  No School  4:30 B/S  5:30 WW | **25** | **26**  7:00 Elders Meeting | **27** | **28** | 29  11:00-1:00 Cookout at IGA  Women’s Retreat |
| 30  Women’s Retreat  6:00 pm Fifth Sunday Sing at First Christian | MML-Monday Morning Ladies  B/S-Boys Scouts  WW-Weight Watchers | | | | | |