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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

SERVING SCHEDULE

	November 4	November 11	November 18	November 25
ELDERS	Debi Sinclair Peggy Hickox	Sherri Butcher Nina Meeker	Larry Patchett Ruthie Wimbley	Kathy Hayes Peggy Hickox
ELDERS SHUT-INS	Debi & Peggy			
DEACONS	Linda Coleman Cassie Ramsey Sharon Richardson	Connie Roberts Kenny Shobe Steph Shobe	Shellie Simpson Devan Smith Cheryl Stifal	Jeanne Unzicker Marcia Vidoni Jeri Bland
PREP. COMM.	Linda & Cassie	Kenny & Steph	Shellie & Devan	Jeanne & Marcia
DEACONS SHUT-INS	Charles & Shellie			
WORSHIP LEADER	Jenny Winschief	Moe Wimbley	Brad Hickox	Bill Brewer
GREETER	Larry Patchett	Jeanne Unzicker	Rose Peterson	Cindy Stephen
SOUND	Michael Stephen	Brad Hickox	Ken Whitton	Michael Stephen
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Pastor Jacqueline	Patty Clapp	Kathy Hayes	Pastor Jacqueline
CHALLENGER REFRESHMENTS	Linda Stoneking	Bill Brewer	Sherri Butcher	Linda Coleman
SERMON	Pastor Jacqueline	Pastor Jacqueline	Pastor Jacqueline	Pastor Jacqueline

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From the pastor's desk...

A Prayer For Children, poem by Ina Hughs

We pray for children

Who put chocolate fingers everywhere
Who like to be tickled,
Who stomp in puddles and ruin their new pants,
Who sneak Popsicles before supper,
Who erase holes in math workbooks,
Who can never find their shoes.

We pray for those

Who stare at photographers from behind barbed wire,
Who've never squeaked across the floor in new sneakers,
Who never "counted potatoes,"
Who are born in places we wouldn't be caught dead,
Who never go to the circus,
Who live in an X-rated world.

We pray for children

Who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions,
Who sleep with the dog and bury goldfish,
Who hug is in a hurry and forget their lunch money,
Who cover themselves with Band-Aids and sing off-key,
Who squeeze toothpaste all over the sink,
Who slurp their soup.

And we pray for those

Who never get dessert,
Who watch their parents watch them die,
Who have no safe blanket to drag behind,
Who can't find any bread to steal,
Who don't have any rooms to clean up,
Whose pictures aren't on anybody's dresser,
Whose monsters are real.

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Who spend all their allowance before Tuesday,
Who throw tantrums in the grocery store and pick at their food,
Who like ghost stories,
Who store dirty clothes under the bed and never rinse out the tub,
Who get visits from the tooth fairy,
Who don't like to be kissed in front of the carpool,
Who squirm in church and scream on the phone,
Whose tears we sometimes laugh at and whose smiles can make us cry.

And for those

Whose nightmares come in the daytime,
Who will eat anything,
Who have never seen a dentist,
Who aren't spoiled by anyone,
Who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep,
Who live and move, but have no being.

We pray for children

Who want to be carried,
And for those who must.
For those we never give up on,
And for those who don't get a chance.
For those we smother,
And for those who will grab the hand of anybody kind enough to offer.

We live in a world of drastic opposites with great divides in the middle. The poem above, which we have been reading over the last 4 weeks in worship, shines a light on how the world that we live in affects children and the divisions in their world. Sunday October 21 is Children's Sabbath, a day that we lift up the blessings and needs of Children in our lives, our community and our world.

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Many U.S. children have to face challenges like hunger, homelessness, instability and toxic stress. Nearly 1 in 5 children—more than 12.8 million—live in poverty in America. About 70 percent of poor children are children of color. The youngest children are the poorest, with nearly half of all poor children under 5 in extreme poverty. Even after government benefits, the U.S. continues to have one of the highest child poverty rates among 35 industrialized nations.

Our small community has seen some of the effects of poverty in the last decade too. Thankfully we have also seen a positive change with our town becoming an up and coming tourist attraction. But there are still children who are effected by poverty for one reason or another and I want to challenge you to think of ways our church can make a difference in the lives of the children who have to deal with that.

Blessings,
Jacqueline

Prayer Requests

Homer Baker Family
Blade Family of Greenup
Bob Bluhm
Patty Clapp
Marlene Davidson
Dwight Ennis
Esmeralda(Pastor's Sister)
Dale Finney
Bruce Ghast
Rich Grafton

Casey Health Care

Patty Hickox
Ruth Fitch

Don Hickox Family
Lowell Hickox
Sue Hills
Paula Kirk
Eleanor Markwell
Cindy Price
Dirk Pogue
Randy Rue
Ron Rue Family
Anna Schlacter

Heartland

Vera Ingle
Eleanor Markwell

Simple Blessings

Laura Snider

Jerry Self
Cathy Sherwood
Jack Spraggins Family
Dorothy Stice
Shawn Stifal
Doris Taylor
Lucille Todd Family
Gene Vidoni
Bob William
Darlene Winn

Active Military

Brandon Blair
Daniel Daugherty
Mitchell Markwell

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Bunco

We are picking up the fun and games of a Bunco night again this fall. Bring some finger foods if you would like and join us in the Fellowship Hall on October 17 at 6:30 pm for lots of laughter as we play Bunco together.

Dinner & A Prayer for Women



November 14, 6:30-8:30 pm all women are invited to Barb Decker's home for Dinner & A Prayer.

Barb Decker

10695 SE 13th St

This will be a time for informal fellowship around the table(s), devotion and prayer. All women are welcome. 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.

Hobo Wiener Roast & Stew Party

On October 28 at 4:30 pm you are invited to join us for some fun and fellowship while also raising funds for the Kid's Christmas Shop. To participate in the fun, here is what you do:

- Dress up like a hobo
- Bring a can of vegetables
- Bring a unrecognizably wrapped White Elephant gift for the auction
- Bring your wallet to bid at the auction

(A White Elephant gift is an item from your home, something you already own, but no longer need or want. Wrap it up unrecognizably for our live auction of the first 15 items that arrive, and silent auction of everything else)

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Thrive!

On Saturday, November 3 (10 am to 4 pm), you're invited to join us at Central Christian Church in Decatur, Illinois. **Ruth Fletcher**, the Disciples Regional Minister in Montana will be with us to talk about nurturing the lives of congregations.

She is the author of **Thrive: Spiritual Habits of Transforming Congregations**.

It is available on Amazon in paperback and electronic formats. In addition to making a compelling case for congregational transformation, her book is a rich resource of practical tools (12 appendices). You will love it!

This session with Ruth is entitled - Becoming a People of Welcome -

How can we become trustworthy communities that welcome the stranger?

In this retreat we will learn to leave behind obsolete traditions and ineffectual beliefs, and to confront alienating behaviors which threaten safe space. We will explore how to develop habits of clarity, challenge, and courage that enlarge our capacity to grow and thrive as the Body of Christ.

We're very excited to have Ruth with us. She is held in very high esteem by her colleagues and also works as a contract staff person for Hope Partnership in Indy, specializing in transformational ministries.

This event is open to everyone - clergy, laypersons - everyone. And lunch is included.

Cost is \$10.00 per person and you can register online on the Region's website

<https://cciwdisciples.org/shop/events/thrive-welcome/>

All Saints Day

November 4 is All Saints Day. We will be lifting those who have passed away since last All Saints Day up in worship in several different ways. If you would like your loved one to be included in our service, please contact the church office to give us their information and a short description of how you would like them to be remembered.

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Calendar

- Sept 17- Oct 22 Overflowing 6-week Bible study
- October 17 6:30 pm Bunco
- October 19-20 Regional Assembly
- October 21 Children's Sabbath
- October 24 6:00 pm Deacons meeting
7:00 pm Elders meeting
- October 28 Hobo Wiener Roast and Stew Party
- November 3 Thrive! workshop
- November 3 10th Annual Harvest Gift & Gathering, Trinity Lutheran Church
- November 4 All Saints Day
- November 6 Blood Drive 12:00-6:00 pm
- November 7 One Stop Community Christmas Sign-up 9:00 am-3:00 pm
- November 11 Stewardship Sunday & Thanksgiving Lunch after worship
- November 14 6:30-8:30 pm Dinner & A Prayer for Women @ Barb Decker's
Home - 10695 SE 13th St
- November 19 5:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Meal @ First Church of the
Nazarene
- November 26 4:00-6:00 pm Free Meal @ CFCC
- November 22 Thanksgiving Day
- Nov 30 & Dec 1 Celebrate Christmas Family Style
- December 8 Kid's Christmas Shop
- December 12 Elders Christmas Party



Turn you clocks back 1hour before going to bed Saturday night, Nov 3rd.

A festive Christmas poster with the text "Celebrate CHRISTMAS FAMILY STYLE". It features photos of "The Lesters" and "The Chosen Ones" and lists event details: Friday, Nov. 30, 2018 6:00PM and Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018 12:00PM at Richards Farm, 607 NE 13th St, Casey, IL 62420. Tickets are \$25 per person and contact is 217-932-5771.

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November Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 2 - Max Freeman | 21 - Cassie Ramsey |
| 3 - Rachel Weger | 21 - Marcia Vidoni |
| 7 - Janice Richardson | 22 - Laney Gowin |
| 10 - Alisha (Bland) Wright | 23 - Darlene Winn |
| 11 - Sandy Weaver | 23 - Bruce & Deb Decker |
| 13 - Dorothy Stice | 24 - Larry & Mary Lou Patchett |
| 15 - Bentley Freeman | 24 - Gene & Shirley Whitton |
| 18 - Brent & Patty Clapp | 25 - Mike Sherwood |
| 19 - Mallory Brewer | 25 - Ryan Newlin |
| 19 - Macey Brewer | 26 - Dustin Weger |
| 20 - Gene & Marcia Vidoni | 26 - Ralph & Shirley Fitch |
| 20 - Brian & Laura McCreanor | 27 - Jeanne Unzicker |
| | 30 - Blake Graham |

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November 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
MML = Monday Morning Ladies WW = Weight Watchers				1 10:30 am 4-H Set-up for Awards Night	2 7:00 pm 4-H Awards Night	3 Thrive Conference Set your clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed.
4 All Saints Sunday	5 9:00 am MML 5:30 pm WW Pastor Jacqueline out of office to clergy training	6 12:00-6:00 pm Blood Drive	7 9:00 am – 3:00 pm One Stop Community Christmas Signup 7:00 pm Board Meeting	8	9	10
11 Stewardship Sunday Church Thanksgiving Dinner following worship	12 9:00 am MML 5:30 pm WW	13 7:00 pm Steering Committee	14 6:30-8:30 pm Dinner & A Prayer Barb Decker's Home	15	16	17
18 Congregational Meeting	19 9:00 am MML 5:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Meal at Casey Nazarene 5:30 pm WW	20	21	22 OFFICE CLOSED THANKSGIVING DAY	23	24
25	26 9:00 am MML 4:30 pm Free Meal-Faith Builders 5:30 pm WW	27	28 7:00 pm Elders Meeting	29	30 6:00 pm Celebrate Christmas Family Style at Richards Farm Restaurant	Dec. 1, 12:00 pm Celebrate Christmas Family Style at Richards Farm Restaurant