**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**

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|  | **Week 12/02/2018** | **Week 12/09/2018** | **Week 12/16/2018** | **Week 12/23/2018** | **Week 12/30/2018** |
| **ELDERS** | Patty Clapp Cindy Stephen | Ken Whitton Debi Sinclair | Peggy Hickox Sherri Butcher | Moe Wimbley Ruthie Wimbley | Nina Meeker Larry Patchett |
| **ELDERS SHUT-INS** | Patty & Cindy |  |  |  |  |
| **DEACONS** | Charles Meeker Linda Coleman | Cassie Ramsey Sharon Richardson Connie Roberts | Kenny Shobe Steph Shobe Shellie Simpson | Devan Smith Cheryl Stifal Jeanne Unzicker | Marcia Vidoni Jeri Bland Charles Meeker |
| **PREP. COMM.** | Charles | Cassie & Sharon | Kenny & Steph | Devan & Cheryl | Marcia & Jeri |
| **DEACONS SHUT-INS** | Connie & Jeanne |  |  |  |  |
| **WORSHIP LEADER** | Larry Patchett | Cindy Stephen |  | Ruthie Wimbley | Kathy Hayes |
| **GREETER** | Sherri Butcher | Steph & Kenny | Linda Stoneking | Moe & Ruthie | Linda Coleman |
| **SOUND** | Brad Hickox | Ken Whitton | Michael Stephen | Brad Hickox | Ken Whitton |
| **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** | Patty Clapp | Nina Meeker |  | Ruthie Wimbley | Pastor Jacqueline |
| **CHALLENGER REFRESHMENTS** | Sharon Durham | Grahams | Peggy Hickox | Eleanor Markwell | Bonnie McCash |
| **SERMON** | Pastor Jacqueline | Pastor Jacqueline | Pastor Jacqueline | Pastor Jacqueline | Pastor Jacqueline |

**From the pastor’s desk…**

First of all I want to say thank you for all the ways you have shown appreciation to me during the month of October. I am truly blessed and very thankful to be cared for by all of you. I believe God brought us, congregation and pastor, together for a long lasting relationship and I look forward to many year of ministry together with all of you.

With Thanksgiving around the corner and Advent & Christmas and New Year in close pursuit, we are in the midst of the holiday season. Decorations have been out since before Halloween. Plans have been made for who goes where for what holiday. Gifts are being thought of, bought, wrapped, and shipped. Menus are being planned and cooked. The holiday to-do-lists are filled with little and big things to get done.

Some are great with this business and others not so much. Some live for this season and for some it is a dreaded time that brings on sadness and grief. Whichever group you belong to, I invite you to take some time in stillness… and ask yourself where is God for me in this season? The answers are as multiple as there are people, but it takes us to be still and spend some time with God to be able to see where God is shining through.

Each one of these holidays has a connection to our Christian faith. Halloween is connected to All Saint’s Day on which we celebrate all those who have gone before us. Thanksgiving reminds us to give thanks to God for all that has been provided for us. Christmas celebrates the birth of a Messiah for all people. New Year reminds us that there is always a way to start over and that God has created this world in cycles and seasons. As we celebrate these holidays in all the different and special ways each of our families does or doesn’t, take a moment to look for God in all of it. And then when you see a glimpse of God, share that moment with someone else. Because it is through sharing how we see God in our lives that we will help others to see God in their lives too.

Happy Holidays,

Jacqueline

**Prayer Requests**

Brad Black

Bob Bluhm

Keygen Decker

Dwight Ennis

Dale Finney

Rich Grafton

Brad Hickox

Jerry Self

Cathy Sherwood

Doris Taylor

Norma Updegraff

Willem van den Akker

(Pastor Jacqueline’s Father)

Bob William

Lowell Hickox

Sue Hills

Paula Kirk

Rayleigh Ike

Cindy Price

Randy Rue

Anna Schlacter

**Casey Health Care Heartland Active Military**

Patty Hickox Vera Ingle Brandon Blair

Ruth Fitch Daniel Daugherty

Paula Kirk **Simple Blessings** Mitchell Markwell

Laura Snider

Announcements & Upcoming Events







Bunco

Taking a break in December, we will be back at it in the New Year.

Put the 3rd Wednesday evening on your calendar for this fun game at

the church starting January 16 at 6:30pm.

Dinner & A Prayer for Women

December 11, 6:30-8:30 pm all women are invited to Eleanor Markwell’s home for Dinner & A Prayer.



Eleanor Markwell

513 E Main 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.

**Coloring Through Advent & Christmas Bible Study**

Starting November 29 there will be a new Bible study opportunity. While experiencing the spiritually enriching quality of coloring, we will look at scriptures that lead us through this time of preparation of Advent. A time when we get ready to receive the birth of the long awaited Messiah anew. Then during the Christmas season we will look at scriptures that celebrate the good news of this new born baby.

**Advent & Christmas**

Family and friends are of course always welcome at any of our church services and activities. Here are some special opportunities during the holiday season:

• Coloring through Advent & Christmas Bible study on Thursdays

November 29 – January 3 at 10:00 am or 6:00 pm

• Hanging of the Greens Service – December 2 at 10:00 am

• Decorating Party with Christmas Carols – Dec 4 at 5:00 pm

• Kids Christmas Shop – December 8 at 9:00 – 11:00 am

• Blue Christmas Service – December 23 at 7:00 pm

• Christmas Eve Service – December 24 at 9:00 pm

**Christmas Parties**

Some of the groups in the church have organized Christmas parties, we don’t want anyone who is involved in any of these to miss out, so here are the dates:

December 10 6:00 pm Staff Christmas Party @ Ruthie Wimbley’s house

December 12 6:00 pm Progressive Elders Christmas Party starting @ Kathy Hayes house

December 19 6:00 pm Deacons Christmas Party @ Jacqueline’s house

**Kids Christmas Shop**

We have raised money. Many have indicated they want to participate in our 2nd annual Kids Christmas Shop. Next you can help by donating wrapping paper and scotch tape. The Kids Christmas Shop will take place December 8 at 9:00-11:00 am. Let’s make this outreach event another great success this year!

**Calendar**

November 22 Happy Thanksgiving

November 26 4:00-6:00 pm Free Meal @ CFCC

Nov 29-Jan 3 10:00 am or 6:00 pm Coloring through Advent & Christmas Bible Study

Nov 30 & Dec 1 Celebrate Christmas Family Style @ Richards Farm

December 2 Hanging of the Greens service

December 4 5:00 pm Decorating Party with Christmas Carols

December 8 Kid’s Christmas Shop 9:00-11:00 am

December 8 Christmas Cookie & Candy Caper, United Methodist Church 8:30-10:30 am

December 10 Staff Christmas Party

December 11 Dinner & A Prayer @ Eleanor Markwell’s

December 12 Elders Christmas Party

December 19 Deacons Christmas Party

December 23 7:00 pm Blue Christmas Service

December 24 9:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

December 25 Merry Christmas

January 26 Board Retreat

**DECEMBER**



**1 – Blake Ramsey 14 – Moe Wimbley**

**1 – Ryan & Shari Newlin 16 – Ed & Marge Allen**

**2 – Ed Allen 23 – Randy & Rebecca Daugherty**

**3 – Cindy Stephen 27 – Audrey Sherwood**

**4 – Marge Allen 28 – Carole Cutright**

**7 – Kenny Whitton 30 – Kyleigh Decker**

**7 – Dan Winn 31 – Laura McCreanor**

**10 – Gene Whitton**

|  | **December 2018** | | | | |  |
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| **Sun** | **Mon** | **Tue** | **Wed** | **Thu** | **Fri** | **Sat** |
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| 2  **10:00 am**  **Hanging of the Greens service** | 3  **9:00 am MML** | 4  **5:00 pm**  **Decorating Party with Christmas Carols** | 5  **12:00 pm**  **Clergy Cluster**  **Meeting/CFCC**  **7:00 pm**  **Board Meeting** | 6  **10:00 am or**  **6:00 pm**  **Bible Study**  **2:00-5:00 pm**  **4H Fun Shop** | 7 | 8  **9:00-11:00 am**  **Kids Christmas Shop** |
| 9 | 10  **9:00 am MML**  **Staff Christmas Party 6:00 pm** | 11  **6:30-8:30 pm**  **Dinner & A Prayer @ Eleanor Markwell’s** | 12  Elders  **Progressive Christmas Party 6:00 pm** | 13  **10:00 am or**  **6:00 pm**  **Bible Study** | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17  **9:00 am MML** | 18 | 19  **Deacons Christmas Party 6:00 pm** | 20  **10:00 am or**  **6:00 pm**  **Bible Study** | 21 | 22  **11:00-5:00 pm**  **McCash Family Christmas-FH** |
| 23  **7:00 pm**  **Blue Christmas**  **Service** | 24  **9:00 pm**  **Christmas Eve**  **Service** | 25  **Merry Christmas**  **Church**  **Office**  **Closed** | 26 | 27  **10:00 am or**  **6:00 pm**  **Bible Study** | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 | MML – Monday Morning Ladies  Bible Study-“Coloring through Advent & Christmas”  November 29 – January 3rd on Thursdays | | | | |