

## **THIS WEEKEND AT CASEY UMC:**

**LENTEN SERIES: JOURNEYS WITH JESUS**  
continues with an Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> sermon entitled,

***Jesus In Nazareth***

**Read Mark 6.1-6 in preparation.**

**February 28 – *Jesus in the Decapolis***

**March 6 – *Jesus in Caesarea Philippi***

**March 13 – *Jesus in Judea***

**March 20 – *Jesus and the Palms***

**March 24 – Maundy Thursday Service at 6 p.m.**

**March 25 – Community Good Friday Service at First Church of the Nazarene, 11 – 1 p.m.**

**March 27 – Easter Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. (by our Youth)**  
**8 and - *Jesus in Jerusalem*, Pastor Penny**  
**10:30 a.m.**

## **PASTOR'S PEN**

Well I thought our first week having the 8 a.m. service in the sanctuary went pretty well, all things considered. There was snow on the ground and still more coming down, but 54 of us met for 8 a.m. worship in the sanctuary on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

- ✚ It was different...everyone had to find a new place to sit...
- ✚ it was a change...from the closeness and charm of the chapel to the bigger space of one half of the sanctuary...
- ✚ it pushed some of us outside of our comfort zone...

But there were good things, too:

- ✚ everyone found a seat wherever they wanted because there was ample room; [chapel capacity is 80 people; one half of the sanctuary will seat 150 people]
- ✚ the words to the hymns were available on the t.v. screens and the font size was much larger than in the hymnals! Lol One person commented that they liked looking “up” when singing, instead of looking “down”
- ✚ and with everyone in the same room, I think it allowed for a better “connection” and full engagement with the worship experience...

Diane played the baby grand piano and the sound was beautiful! I preached from the pulpit and the sound system worked well and I enjoyed being able to see everyone while I was preaching. We even had a few folks join us after the service had started and they were able to easily slip in and find a seat, without the discomfort of having everybody look at them. All in all, a pretty good start! I am very prayerful that this shift will help us grow the 8 a.m. service and reach even more people for Christ.

So, we will try this for 8 weeks and the Sunday after Easter (April 3), surveys will be available for you to fill out and share your experiences/thoughts/ideas. The worship committee will then meet to discuss the responses and determine the next step...

Please be assured that I am not insensitive to the discomfort that change brings...and I do thank you all for your willingness to follow my leadership and give it a try. The worship committee and I appreciate your patience and cooperation, and your willingness to share your concerns with us. Keep thinking about it, talking to us, and worshipping God and we will make it through together.

Remember that our relocation experiment is for a good cause! After all, a growing worship service is an excellent “problem” to have. In fact, I hope and pray that *all of our services* will experience this same challenge, to the honor and glory of the One who has called us to ministry.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Penny ☺

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Quote of the month:

*We see a church that inspires people to learn and live the example of Christ. We believe that true inspiration will come when people see an honest image of Jesus’ life and teaching.*

- Jen Hatmaker  
In her book, *Interrupted*

**OUR NEXT  
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Sunday, February 21 at 6 p.m.**

***Due to the weather, the Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> Contemporary service was postponed a week.***

**Same theme: love!**

**Same place: The Sanctuary**

**Same time: 6 p.m.**

**And in keeping with the Valentine’s theme, we have free candy and if you attend with your sweetheart,**

**you can enter a drawing for a \$50 dinner and a movie gift card.**

**SPECIAL SHOUT OUT:** to Renee Honselman, chair of the Casey UMC Mission/Outreach Committee, for her tireless work on the Free Monday Meals! Renee and a wonderful team of helpers have done an excellent job planning, preparing, and serving *six* Free Monday Meals in 2015, and we just had another one on February 15. These are great opportunities for our church family to do some community outreach that actually brings our neighbors *INTO* our church building. When they experience our hospitality and friendliness, it is a good reflection on our Lord, Jesus Christ, (since we serve others in his name).

As we look at the remaining five meals for this year, we are brainstorming some more direct ways to give a witness for Jesus Christ...we could lead a prayer every half-hour or so with whoever is present and dining; we could provide some special music during the dinners; we could have short devotions...whatever connects our actions to Jesus and brings him glory. Give it some thought and make a point to share your ideas with Renee Honselman or Pastor Penny.

Thank you all so much, for supporting this ministry. Jesus was all about having compassion on people and I think he fed a few crowds in his time, too....

**Evangelism Team presents:  
A WEEKEND WITH JIM OZIER  
(motivational speaker/preacher and church coach)**

**Coming to Casey UMC  
April 29, April 30 and May 1, 2016**



Jim will be preaching on Friday evening, leading us in a workshop on Saturday, and preaching at both the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services on Sunday!

His workshops and seminars are fast-paced, interactive and engaging with lots of laughter, stories, and discussion.

Focus is on three key areas:

- creating a culture of hospitality
- improving pastoral transitions
- moving plateaued churches to the next level of growth.

*“I absolutely love coming alongside pastors and churches to help them get clear on their culture, improve their hospitality, and accelerate their growth... even if they are going through a pastoral transition!”— Jim Ozier*

*Mark your calendars now and plan on joining us for a wonderfully reviving weekend!*

## **Thank You**

I wanted to thank my church family for sending me a box for Valentine's Day. The office supplies will come in handy for all of my classes and the sweet treats made my day better!

Thank you,  
Jessi Oakley

Thank you so much to my church family for the Valentine's Day box of goodies! It is so great to be thought of by all of you. The treats are delicious and the other items will be of great use! Thank you for thinking of me!

Robin Cummins

The Visions Circle would like to thank everyone who donated items or money for the Valentine boxes for our college students. We are so grateful for your generosity!

A huge thanks to John Carr with help from Terry Nash for our new Lenten crosses! They look fantastic and you can see them when attending any of our Lenten services.

Dear Casey UMC Family

Thank you so much for the Christmas gifts from the Angel Tree. Xavier loves them. The Woody doll that was given to him, he never puts down. It goes to bed with him, in the car on rides, and everywhere else. The clothes are much appreciated. They fit him perfectly. The gloves are perfect. The bag of snacks are wonderful. Thank you all so much again. God Bless! Xavier & Ashley (Mom)

## **Lost and Found**

Have you lost a dish from your kitchen? We may have it! Please check in the narthex in the next couple of weeks to see if we may have your missing dish. On March 1<sup>st</sup> all items will either be placed in the church kitchen for use by the church or donated to another home to be used.

## **Exercise Class**

Join church member Aubrey Crozier on Saturday mornings at 7 a.m. in the fellowship hall for a refreshing exercise session!

She is certified in PiYo. (An energetic combination of Pilates and Yoga.)



## Financial Planning Seminars @ Casey UMC

With Kyle Simpson, Edward Jones Broker

### Saturday, February 20, 2016 at 6 p.m.\*

(\* this seminar will be held at Kyle's office in Terre Haute, IN)

On Saturday February 20, 2016, Kyle Simpson will be hosting a seminar entitled, "*Outlook and Opportunities: Finding the Prevailing Winds*" at his Edward Jones office, 652 East Springhill Drive in Terre Haute, Indiana, to provide an update on the current economy and share our Edward Jones market outlook with you. There will be 2 sessions: the first from **9:00 to 10:00** CST, and the second from **12:00 to 1:00** CST. If you are interested in attending these sessions, please give Kyle a call at **812-478-2515 (office)** or **217-276-1288 (cell)**.

### Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 6 p.m.

Casey UMC Fellowship Hall

(On college investment strategies)

We all know that college is expensive. And the cost continues to grow each year—currently at an alarming rate. The sheer inflation in tuition prices can create cost-prohibitive reasons for attending college in a time when having a college degree seems like a necessity. There are a few strategies that folks can use to pay for college. One of them is taking on student loans. Unfortunately, a lot of student loans force fresh college graduates into debt right out of the gate. A better option is saving for college ahead of time, which takes planning and diligence. If it is a financial goal of yours to help your child or grandchild save for college, then you might be interested in joining me for this seminar entitled "*Getting There From Here*" on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at **6:00 P.M.** CST in the Casey UMC Fellowship Hall. We will discuss tools and strategies that are available to assist you in reaching your college savings goals.

### Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 6 p.m.

Casey UMC Fellowship Hall

(On the current economy and the basics of investing)

Kyle will offer a seminar for beginning investors the following week on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 at **6:00 P.M.** CST in the Casey UMC Fellowship Hall to discuss the current economy, the basics of investing, and where the opportunities may present themselves in 2016.

As it says in Proverbs 21:5, "*The plans of the diligent lead surely to plenty, but those of everyone who is hasty surely to poverty.*"

### Tote a Meal

Casey UMC is responsible for delivering Tote A Meals on March 14, 15 & 17.

If you would like to help, please sign up on the bulletin board outside the office.

Don't forget to check us out on [Facebook](#) and the church website at [www.caseyumc.org](http://www.caseyumc.org)!

Soon we hope to be adding a [Twitter](#) account and [Instagram](#)!!

Stay tuned and check these out for more information!!