



Faith Christian Church

The church on the hill.

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Website: www.faithchristianlima.com



Our Vision:
Striving together to live our faith, share our love, and serve our Lord.

Our Mission:
Connecting the Community to Christ through faithful actions.

Worship Schedule

April 2

Liturgist: Sally Dailey
Usher: Frank Scalzi
Greeter: Ann Scalzi

April 9

Liturgist: Jim Cooper
Usher: Howard Hunt
Greeter: Penny Keller-Clark

April 16

Liturgist: Jane Urish
Usher: Lori Prorok
Greeter: Robert VanMeter

April 23

Liturgist: Thora Davis
Usher: Heather Feltz
Greeter: Mary Johnson

April 30

Liturgist: Howard Hunt
Usher: Brenda Burns
Greeter: Carol Wright

Ushers and Greeters: please arrive at 10 a.m. to be available to greet members and guests.

Greeters: ask guests to sign the guest book.



Coffee Hour Host:

April 2: Penny Hunt

April 9: Armida Nicely & Penny Keller-Clark

April 16: Jim & Irene Cooper

April 23: Tim & Kay Andrews

April 30: Service Sunday



Apr. 1 – 10:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Westgate

Apr. 2 - 9:30 9:30 Adult Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

Apr. 6 – 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Soup and
Worship

Apr. 9 – 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service/Camp fire
Under the shelter house

10:30 Worship

Carry in after coffee hour. Sign up.

Apr. 16 – 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

Apr. 19 – 6:30 p.m. Brown Bag Dinner

Apr. 23 – 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. All Church Dinner

Apr. 28 – 12:30 p.m. Ladies Lunch

Apr. 30 – 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

Pastor Terri's Thoughts

Easter Tidings!

Easter is April 9, 2023. Can you believe it? How fast the times flies. I have been doing much contemplating lately about where we have been and where we are going.

In March of 2020 we closed the doors to our church and began worshipping through a YouTube address due to the Covid 19 pandemic. I would come into an empty church without the sounds of the daycare children. Linda would come in on Saturday and Jill Nichols would come in, (to video) and we would put together our worship for Sunday. Those were very uncertain and gloomy times and yet most of you watched the worship on your computers.

Then came Easter on April 12, 2020. We had our first drive-in worship service that Easter morning and people came. People came because they were hungry to see one another in person, and everyone wanted to share the resurrection of our Savior together. People sang from their cars, they prayed from their cars, and when it was over they honked their horns rejoicing in our Risen Lord. That is a Sunday I will never forget. It was good.

Here we are three years later. Many churches have been forced to close their doors because of the number of people who did not come back. Others from financial problems that they just could not recover from. So, my question would be how are we? What has happened in the past three years?

Well eight of our church family went home to Jesus in the past 3 years. Several families and individuals have chosen to be moved to inactive status and are not attending. But the good news is that we have 13 new people who are attending and our church attendance is just about the same as it was before the pandemic.

So you might be saying well that's great, no worries! Well, I certainly am not worried, but I am hoping to get some excitement and passion back into the church this Easter Sunday. I am hoping that you will consider inviting someone to attend our true Sunrise Worship at 7AM under the shelter house or inviting them to regular worship at 10:30. And then if you don't have plans after worship, invite them to stay for our carry-in dinner.

Many people are searching for our Savior and are just waiting for an invitation to get to know him. This is your chance to share resurrection morning with someone and just maybe they will feel the presence of our Savior and want to honk their horn with excitement when they leave.

Shalom

Pastor Terri

Liturgical Color - PURPLE

Purple represents penitence and preparation because it signifies the feeling of sorrow for our sins in the light of Christ's passion and death. The color purple is used during both Advent and Lent. In Lent, purple is used beginning Ash Wednesday and extending through Maundy Thursday. Then the church remains bare until Easter; however, some congregations use black during that time.



Monthly Bible Study

The monthly Bible Study will meet Thursday, April 6 at 10 a.m. in the church library. We **Bible Study** will be doing Lesson 3 in our study guide, Comparing Jesus with the Angels (Note: we are going back to do a lesson we had skipped). As wonderful as angels are, they can't compare with Jesus. Our scripture for the day is Hebrews Chapter 1.



Worship/Faith Formation

Next Meeting: May 15, 2023, 12 noon.



Mission/Deacons-March

Mission and Deacons Meeting March 21, 2023
10-11 a.m.

Present: Brenda Burns, June Cogan, Sally Dailey, Thora Davis, Jill Johnson, Ann Scalzi, Jane Urish

The meeting was opened with prayer.

I. Special Offering- OGHS will be taken on April 2, Palm Sunday.

II. Food donations—The Blessing Box is being emptied regularly. Small amounts of goods are put into the box, a few at a time. Chi-Ki-Lo has seen an increase in demand. Several cases of applesauce, apple butter and nacho cheese were offered by Superior Foods and sent through us to the pantry.

III. Coffee Hour—OK, scheduled through April.

IV. Rescue Mission dinners—interest and support continue to be good from the congregation. The next menu in April will be meatballs, potatoes, corn casserole, fruit and dessert.

V. Family Promise—nothing new to report. Are all of the quarters put into the offering plate going to Family Promise for laundry?

VI. Congregation support

A. Visitation-- Jane and June will visit Sonya Brooks and Kim Dailey.

B. Food in freezer—thanks to several donors, there is a good supply of food in the freezer for those who have been sick or hospitalized, shut in etc.

C. Shawls—we have a good supply—5 or 6. More can be made as needed.

D. Funeral dinners—Using the phone tree is still the most efficient way to get the word out and arrange for food and workers when a funeral will occur quickly. Otherwise, we could call people to make the arrangements. There

has been excellent congregational support for this occasional need.

E. Cards—Sally continues to send cards. She needs return address labels.

VII. Shoes for the hospitals have been coming in and will be tagged and prepared for delivery on the next Service Sunday—April 29. Again, a good response from the congregation.

VIII. Other—A thank you card was received from Lori Prorok and Bobbie VanMeter for food during Bobby's recovery from surgery.

IX. New ideas for service: Adopt a school or classroom for possible support, either financial or in needed items. Donate to school program that helps pay student fees for those in need.

X. Council news was reviewed.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday May 23, at 10 a.m.
Minutes prepared by Thora Davis



Shawnee Children's Program

Next Meeting: May 4, 2023, at noon.



Council Meeting Highlights-March

Balance as of 01/01/2023	\$196,259.28
Income	\$27,556.27
Expenses	\$32,741.14
Balance as of 03/01/2023	\$191,074.41
Foundation Funds	\$109,499.83
Other Assets	\$295,375.63

Clerks Report; no report

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Terri made 17 visits, had 2 funerals, 5 church meetings, 1 Excellence in Ministry meeting, 1 Lay School class, 1 NWOA Cabinet meeting, and other activities included serving at

Rescue Mission, Pastor's Pick: 6. Pastor Terri was pleased with Ash Wednesday attendance and is thrilled that our numbers have been up at Sunday Attendance (30). Pastor's Pick numbers are up then down. She has not found one day that works well for everyone. Women's lunches have been the same. Superior Foods (Heather's place of employment) donated 16 cans of applesauce, apple butter, and nacho cheese. ChiKiLo was thrilled to receive it. Pastor Terri kept one case for the church. Both hospitals are having clergy meetings in the next 2 months that Pastor Terri will make every effort to attend. Motion made by JoAnne and seconded by Kay the request for Pastor Terri to take vacation from June 24-July 1, 2023, and also Terri will be taking a week off in April or May, motion passes. Pastor Terri would like to have a meeting during lunch on Service Sunday, April 20, and get the congregation's input on things they would like to get involved in. Pastor Terri is looking forward to Holy Week and hopes that council and the congregation will invite guests to attend.

Deacons & Mission:

The committee has members that are bringing vitality to the group. People are sending in food to be kept in the freezer for members home from the hospital or shut ins. The blessing box is being used, we are hoping by people who truly need help. ChiKiLo is appreciative of our donations and are using them. Terri has been informed that they serve people outside the 45806 zip code. We served 18 people this past month at the Rescue Mission. One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected on April 2. We have prayer available for anyone that would like to give to a person in need of one. Certain church members have been calling on people who have not been in church lately, anyone can do this.

Worship & Faith Formation

Maundy Thursday worship will be followed by a soup supper. Easter /Sunday will start off with a Sunrise Service (hopefully outside) at 7 a.m. and then 10:30 Easter Worship followed by coffee hour and a carry in. Motion was made by Kay and seconded by Mary that we have Communion on the following Sundays – June 4, 2023, August 6, 2023, and October 1, 2023. Motion passes. New banners have been ordered for the church, some of the older banners will be donated.

Stewardship/Finance

Howard has turned over all the necessary information for JoAnne to be Treasurer. The committee presented to Council that it would be in our best interest to take \$100,00 out of our checking account and put in into an account that would earn us interest. Should we spend the money on church activities or on community needs? Pastor Terri expressed concerns that we should be thinking about giving back to the community. A motion was made by Mary to give the Stewardship committee power to decide to decide how to invest the checking account money. Seconded by Thora, motion passes.

Building & Grounds

Jill and Johann fixed the bench outside the sanctuary. Lee came and looked at the front window in the sanctuary and will fix it temporarily for now. Lee also installed weather stripping on the doors and fixed the outside door in the sanctuary.

Personnel

Irene is next up to have her evaluation done.

Church Life & Growth

We have had Ladies Lunch, Pastor's Picks. Valentines Dinner was well attended, and we went to see the Jesus Revolution movie on March 12. March 19 is craft day. We have Pastor's Picks, Outdoor Brown Bag dinner, All church Dinner and Ladies Lunch coming up.

SCP

Finances looking good. Reconciliation for the \$125,900 grant is in June, the money will go towards payroll and the flooring. The flooring bid came in a little under \$7,000. The center is full with 26 Preschool children and 48 school age children enrolled. Summer enrollment is taking place and Fall enrollment soon to follow. Alyssa Cox is no longer working at SCP. The New Fire Alarm system is moving ahead. Working on getting new drinking fountain that is handicap accessible and has a bottle filler.

Old Business

The Stewardship newsletter that Irene downloads and makes copies for church members is costing us \$13.00 per month, it was decided to bring it u at our April 29 luncheon if we should keep downloading it or not.

New Business

None

Adjournment: Jim adjourned the meeting

Closing Prayer: Pastor Terri Haithcock

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 14, 2023 at 4:30.



Howard Hunt, Treasurer
Terri Haithcock, Pastor
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Blessing Box

*Take what you need,
Leave what you can,
Always be blessed.*

The Blessing Box continues to be used. Please continue to bring in non-perishable food. You may leave your food in the office or place it in

the Blessing Box yourself.

Items are also needed for Chi-Ki-Lo food pantry: canned goods and brownie mix. The food pantry also needs hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant, combs etc.). These items can be placed on the shelves at the back of the sanctuary. The food pantry is open Wednesday and Thursday 9-noon.

Committees:

Deacons/Mission: Thora Davis (Chair), Brenda Burns, June Cogan, Jenny Cogan, Sally Dailey, Jill Johnson, Ann Scalzi, Jane Urish

Building and Grounds: Tim Andrews, Jim Cooper, Johann Kramer, John Martin, Armida Nicely

Church Life/Growth: Irene Cooper (Chair), Heather Feltz, Deb Marshall, Armida Nicely, JoAnne Urish

Personnel: Mary Johnson, Thora Davis, Jim Cooper

Worship/Faith Formation: Kay Wellman (Chair), Irene Cooper, Linda Morrison, Penny Hunt, Pastor Terri

Shawnee Children's Program: Kay Wellman (Chair), Irene Cooper, Sally Dailey, Lori Prorok, Terri Wies-Haithcock, JoAnne Urish, Director

Finance/Stewardship: Howard Hunt (Chair), Jay Doute, Penny Hunt, Mary Johnson

2023 Council Members:

Jim Cooper, President
JoAnne Urish, Clerk