



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

May 7

Liturgist: Armida Nicely

Usher: June Cogan

Greeter: Jenny Cogan

May 14

Liturgist: Jane Urish

Usher: Jim Cooper

Greeter: Carol Wright

May 21

Liturgist: Thora Davis

Usher: Heather Feltz

Greeter: Armida Nicely

May 28

Liturgist: Sally Dailey

Usher: Howard Hunt

Greeter: Jane Urish

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. And give them a pen.



Coffee Hour Host:

May 7 – Heather Feltz & Johann Kramer

May 14 – Thora Davis

May 21 – Jane Urish

May 28 – Penny Hunt



May 4 – 10 a.m. Bible Study
12 p.m. Shawnee Children's Program

May 5 – 12-2 p.m. Pastor's Pick

May 7 – 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

May 14 – 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

May 15 – 12:00 p.m. Worship Committee
12:30 p.m. Ladies Lunch

May 20 – 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Neil Armstrong Museum

May 21 – 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

May 23 – 10:00 a.m. Deacons/Mission

May 28 – 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship



May 7 at 3 p.m. is a Springtime Tea at Market Street Presbyterian Church. Tickets are \$15.00. If interested call 419-229-9040.

The last Tuesday of the month is "Burton's Buzz" Social Hour from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Lunch and a guest speakers that will cover a variety of topics. RSVP to Connor Niese at 419-302-4489.



On May 20 at 11:00 a.m., the Church Life Committee has planned a trip to Neil Armstrong Museum in Wapakoneta. We will have lunch then tour the museum. Cost is \$11 for Seniors 60+ and \$12 for adults. A sign up sheet is on the hall table.



The Good News

A man was accused of murder and brought before a judge. The man admitted his guilt, the jury found him guilty, and the judge pronounced his sentence with deep sorrow: the death penalty.

The guilty man was his own son. Despite the judge's deep love for him, he could not dismiss the charges or avert the death penalty. He must uphold the law or be a corrupt, unjust judge. He was caught in a heart-wrenching dilemma. Then he thought of a solution. The judge stepped down, removed his robe, and exchanged places with his son. He was executed in his son's place.

That's what Jesus, in his grace and mercy, did for us when he died on the cross. He was not guilty but paid the penalty for our guilt; he was sinless but paid the price for our sin. God's forgiveness is available to anyone who will own, ask forgiveness for, and turn away from their sin (repent) and put their hope, faith, and

trust in Christ alone. Only His blood, shed on the cross, can wash away the built of our sin so we can forever enjoy God's forgiveness and fellowship.

The question is, will you accept God's free gift? It's only a sincere prayer away. If you'd like to find new life in Christ, tell God you are sorry for your past wrongs and want Him to be your Lord and Savior. He'll send the Holy Spirit to live in you, guide you, and change you from the inside out.



Pastor Terri's Thoughts

Sow Generously

2 Corinthians 9:6: *"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."*

It is the month of May and the time to be thinking about planting seeds for either flowers, fruits, vegetables or maybe all the above. There is nothing like watching a planted seed begin to poke through the soil. It is exciting to see those tiny seeds burst through the soil and green sprouts start to come up.

We as followers of Christ do not just need to be planting vegetable or flower seeds, but also seeds of Christ's love in people.

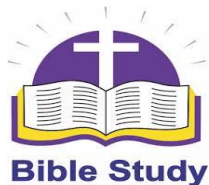
Jesus has graced us with so many seeds. You know big blessings, small blessings and those in-between. Sow them generously! It all stems from how open you are to share and give to others. We tend to have an instinct to hold things back-to keep some of those "seeds" for later. We forget that God provides and that we need to be generous in our planting.

Think of the things God has given to you just today. He is such a generous giver! He promises us His gifts of comfort, grace, peace, mercy, strength, joy, wisdom- the list goes on and on! Plant these things liberally onto others in your "field" and watch how God blesses you and them.

God gives us the option to sow as much or as little as we want, so get busy and start planting. Come this Autumn, let us see the results of what we have sown. May the harvest be great!

Shalom

Pastor Terri



Monthly Bible Study

The monthly Bible Study will meet Thursday, May 4 at 10 a.m. in the church library.

Worship/Faith Formation

Next Meeting: May 15, 2023, 12 noon.

Mission/Deacons

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday May 23, at 10 a.m.



Shawnee Children's Program

Next Meeting: May 4, 2023, at noon.

Council Meeting Highlights-April

Clerks Report; no report

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Terri made 5 home visits, Lay School meeting, Cabinet Meeting, and the Lenten Bible Study. She had a very busy but amazing month. Terri was pleased with the attendance of all the activities during Holy Week. Those who attended the Lenten Bible study seemed to

enjoy it and thanks to Wes Howe who led 3 of the 4 lessons. Later this month, Pastor Terri will be speaking at the Carlton House Bible study group and will be addressing the Altrusa International Conference on April 30 before our worship. Service Sunday is April 30. If anyone had other ideas for activities to complete, please see Pastor Terri. During lunch on Service Sunday, Pastor Terri will be asking those in attendance about things they would like to see happen at the church. Pastor Terri requested Oct. 30-Nov.5 for vacation. Pastor Terri will be requesting a 2nd week of vacation, but she does not have the date yet, but hoping to be in May. She is planning on using all 4 weeks of vacation this year. Motion was made by Mary and 2nd by Kay that Terri have Oct 30-Nov. 5 for vacation. Motion passes. Pastor Terri sent follow up cards to all of the guests who have visited. Our sign which says "All are Welcome Here" has been a huge factor in people visiting. Mary and Pastor Terri will be attending the Northwest Ohio UCC annual conference on April 29 in Wapakoneta.

Deacons & Mission:

This month at the Lima Rescue Mission, 18 men were served dinner, it went well. One Great Hour of Sharing offering is being collected. The committee is working well together and coming up with new ideas. Quarters are going toward Family Promise for their laundry.

Worship & Faith Formation

Thank you to Pastor Terri for all the hard work and wonderful worship services during Lent! A Great Easter Season!

Stewardship/Finance

\$100,000 was transferred from the checking account into a 14-month CD at a yield of 5.13%. Pledges are currently running behind budget, which does raise some concern.

Building & Grounds

Todd Gordon changed the filters and will be back in a few weeks to clean out the air conditioner units. Had a fire inspection done, in the furnace room he smelled gas and suggested we have someone come look at the water heater. Lightbulbs were replaced in the women's and men's rest rooms. Some of the siding on the back of the garage is coming off. The shelter house needs some repairs. Still working on fixing the side door of the sanctuary. One of the TVs in the sanctuary needs to be

checked by Barry Electronics, because it has green running through it when a darker video is playing. Mike Dailey will be doing the mowing again this year.

Church Life & Growth

We have done the following activities – Craft Day, Men’s Breakfast, Pastor’s Pick and Ladies Lunch. The committee will meet on April 27th. The church has been reserved for events on the following dates – May 28, June 10 and June 17.

SCP

Working on getting the fire system installed, the new flooring in the back hallway and preschool rooms and hiring new employees.

Old Business

We discussed if we want to do the Lima Rescue Mission picnic on Memorial Day. It was decided that in past years we have had enough help and is a great outreach project.

New Business

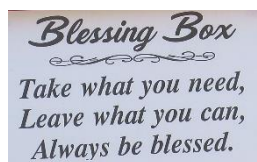
Pastor Terri received an anonymous letter stating bible scripture about women not leading in churches. There were also 5 KJV Bibles put in the Blessing Box. We discussed the church’s security and the possibility of locking the doors when worship starts. Also, might be time to rekey all the doors. The Building and Grounds will have a discussion with Penny K-C.

Adjournment: Jim adjourned the meeting

Closing Prayer: Pastor Terri Haithcock

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted, JoAnne



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-Treasurer

Howard Hunt

Terri Haithcock, Pastor

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