



# Faith Christian Church

*The church on the hill.*

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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

### July 2

Liturgist: June Cogan  
Usher: Tim Andrews  
Greeter: Kay Andrews

### July 9

Liturgist: Jim Cooper  
Usher: Brenda Burns  
Greeter: Penny Keller-Clark

### July 16

Liturgist: Sally Dailey  
Usher: June Cogan  
Greeter: Jenny Cogan

### July 23

Liturgist: Thora Davis  
Usher: Jim Cooper  
Greeter: Jane Urish

### July 30

Liturgist: Howard Hunt  
Usher: Thora Davis  
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. And give them a pen.



## Coffee Hour Host:

**July 2** – Thora Davis

**July 9** – Jane Urish

**July 16** – Heather Feltz & Johann Kramer

**July 23** – Armida Nicely & Penny Keller-Clark

**July 30** – Service Sunday



**July 2** – 10:30 a.m. Worship

**July 4** – Independence Day-Office Closed

**July 9** – 10:30 a.m. Worship

**July 10** – 4:30 p.m. Lima Rescue Mission Meal

**July 11** – 4:30 p.m. Church Council

**July 13** – 9:00 a.m. Bucyrus Trip

**July 16** – 10:30 a.m. Worship

**July 18** – 6:30 p.m. National Hot Dog Day  
Hot Dogs for Brown Bag Dinner

**July 23** – 10:30 a.m. Worship

**July 25** – 10:00 a.m. Deacons/Mission Meeting

**July 26** – 12:30 p.m. Ladies Lunch

**July 30** – 10:30 a.m. Worship

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## Pastor Terri's Thoughts

Galatians 5:13 from The Message.

"It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows."

I don't know what happened to June, but here we are getting ready to celebrate the Fourth of July, our country's Independence Day. I thought the scripture lesson from The Message was very appropriate for this day and this time. Let's not use our freedom as an excuse to do anything we want. I love that and probably needed to hear that and maybe you need to hear it too.

Sometimes we get the notion that we can do anything we want and say anything we want because we live in a country that values its' independence. In Galatians 5:1 it says "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."

Christ set us free when he died on the cross for each of us and yet sometimes, we have a difficult time with this freedom and become trapped under the day-to-day trials that we experience, or we become self-righteous and think we know everything and they should do as we do.

As Christians and as people who live in a free society, we have wonderful opportunities to use our voices to glorify our Lord and to serve him. Can you possibly imagine what would happen if everyone in this country who follows Christ would proclaim his love and stop yapping about our freedoms and start serving those who are lost? Can you imagine if we could just help one another in love and let freedom grow. A country divided could become a country united, not necessarily agreeing with each other on

everything, but loving each other anyway. Let Freedom Grow and Let Freedom Ring!

Shalom

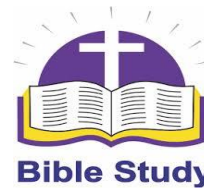
Pastor Terri

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"Do not let anyone claim tribute of American patriotism if they even attempt to remove religion from politics."

– George Washington's Farewell Address to Nation



### Monthly Bible Study

The monthly Bible Study will meet again starting in September. Hope to see you then!



"America was established not to create wealth but to realize a vision, to realize an ideal – to discover and maintain liberty among men."

- Woodrow Wilson

## Worship/Faith Formation

Next Meeting: July 17, 2023, 12 noon.

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"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists but by Christians, not on religion but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

--Patrick Henry

## Mission/Deacons

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday July 25, at 10 a.m.



### Shawnee Children's Program

Next Meeting: August 3, 2023, at noon.



## Council Meeting Highlights-June

### Treasurer's Report:

Balance as of 5/1/2023	\$94,376.37
Income	10,843.88
Expenses	15,213.98
Balance as of 6/1/2023	\$90,006.27

Comments: We outspent our income by \$4,370.10. Our extra expenses include \$2,365.00 for the water heaters, Church Windows training cost \$902.00, new locks \$296.00, and another payment of \$287.28 to Homeland Security for the cost of permits. We also paid out our OGHS offerings and made payments to the UCC Association totaling \$2,059.20. When you look at the expenses, we did not have too bad of a month. SCP reimbursed the church for half the cost of the water heaters. Jim and Tim will work on fixing the old front doors because to replace the doors, it would cost \$4,000.00.

**Clerks Report:** Pastor Wade and Jessica Pond have requested to use the Fellowship Hall for a family celebration of Jordyn's graduation and adoption on August 25 after 6 p.m. at a cost of \$25 and everything needs to be cleaned up and put back in its proper place. Motion passes.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Terri made 9 visits during the past month. She attended the Maumee Valley Presbytery meeting in Bowling Green, OH. She also attended the LMH seminar on mental health and the Bible which she found interesting and useful. This has been a month of many illnesses with family members of our congregation as well as some of our own members. Hopefully, things will calm down soon. Pastor Terri has spent a lot of time this past four weeks doing "nonpastoral" duties (such as outdoor work at the church). Pastor Terri would like to have a book club this fall on Empathy. The Stephen Ministries has a new book out entitled "The Gift of Empathy." We can be a part of a pilot study of the book and once we finish the 8-week study and answer their questions, we will be refunded half of the cost of the books. Pastor Terri feels it would be beneficial for our congregation. Would like to have a day and evening session. She is already looking at Advent Bible studies/themes. Pastor Terri is looking forward to her vacation! Rev. Dottie Kaiser will be preaching on June 25.

### Ministry Committee Reports

#### Deacons & Mission:

We received \$275.80 for the Pentecost offering, 40% we use to help people in our community. The money was used for the Allen County Children's Service Group Home to buy the children snacks and hair products. There was a discussion about our volunteering at the Lima Rescue mission and if it is becoming too much for our congregation to do every month.

#### Worship & Faith Formation:

Jo Anne suggested that we remove the back pew from the sanctuary and put the table for the children in its place. All the women seemed to like the Mother's Day bags. The men will be getting DQ gift cards for Father's Day. Pentecost service was nice with all the red. Pie Appreciation Sunday is coming up – YUM! When we have outdoor worship, we need to organize people to help set up that morning. There will not be a VBS this summer but may do something on a smaller scale for the SCP children. Adult Sunday School will not meet in the summer.

**Personnel:** No report.

#### Stewardship/Finance

The Church Windows staff came to the church to help answer questions and clear up some

items for JoAnne, Mary, and Penny. The new directory was printed from the program.

### **Building & Grounds**

The new flooring is done in the Preschool rooms and the hallway. The front gardens are getting fixed up and the mulching is getting done. Waiting on getting the fire alarm system scheduled.

### **Church Life & Growth:**

People enjoyed the following activities – Pastor’s Pick, Ladies Lunch, Men’s Breakfast, and Neil Armstrong Museum. We have the Lima Locos game on June 23 and All Church dinner on June 25 at The Side Rail in Wapak.

### **SCP:**

The new flooring is in and looks great. Thanks again to every that helped! We are in full summer mode, so far so good. The children enjoy playing with the new outdoor toys and of course the sand is a big hit. Waiting for the new water fountain to be installed. We will be closed July 3-7. The phase 3 grant which was \$125,900.00 has been reconciled and approved. The health department stopped in, and there were no violations. JoAnne has purchased a new TV for the preschool room.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None

**Adjournment:** Jim adjourned the meeting

**Closing Prayer:** Pastor Terri Haithcock

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted, JoAnne

- Only in America do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a DIET coke.
- Only in America do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway, and fill our garages with junk.
- Only in America do we use answering machines to screen calls, and have call waiting, so we won’t miss a call from someone we didn’t want to talk to in the first place.
- Only in America do we buy hotdogs in packages of 10, and buns in packages of 8.
- Only in America do we have Braille on drive up ATM machines.

Contributed by [Ray Scott](#)



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.



This week is the 4th of July ... Independence Day! Isn't America a great place to live ... AMEN? While it's not a perfect place (like Heaven will be!), it's a lot better than most other nations in the world today.

America is a crazy place. Here's what somebody wrote ... "Only In America":

- Only in America can pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.
- Only in America are there handicap parking places in front of a skating rink.
- Only in America do drug stores make the sick walk all the way in the back to get their prescriptions ... while healthy people can buy suntan lotion up front.

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.



### **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

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