

The Leighton News
Week of June 7, 2015

On The Calendar This Week:

Sunday, June 7:

Sunday's Message – "Homeward Bound" – Philippians 3:12-21

Parish Nurse, Linda McBride, will be available in Pastor Dave's office to take blood pressure readings.

Registration for Camp Kilimanjaro VBS begins Sunday! VBS is scheduled for Sunday, July 26-Thursday, July 30 from 6:00-8:40 p.m. for kids ages 2 thru 6th Grade. Click [here](#) to register online!

Non-perishable food items, paper products and cleaning items are collected during the offering time by kids and the ushers. Your donations of these items stock our food pantry.

Coffee, tea, lemonade, and treats are available in the Lobby immediately after the worship service.

Sunday School classes for all ages are held each Sunday from 11:00 a.m.-Noon.

Child Protection Training will be held in Room 13 at 11:00 a.m. Those age 12 and up who are helping with Vacation Bible School or are interested in volunteering in any form of ministry at Leighton are required to take this class. Current approved volunteers are certified for 5 years. Class participants under the age of 18 must have a parent/guardian attend the class with them.

G.L.U.E. Youth Group tonight. Youth Group will meet from 5:45 to 8:00 p.m. at the church for students 6th-12th grade. Dinner is served from 5:45 to 6:15p.m. Bring items for the food pantry and receive a special treat! No specific food items are required. See below for a list of items needed in the food pantry.

Monday, June 8:

6:00 p.m. Guitar Group (Prayer Room)

7:00 p.m. Adult Basketball (Family Center)

7:30 p.m. Softball Game Leighton Team #1 vs. Middleville UMC

Tuesday, June 9:

10:30 a.m. Play Date at the Park – Caledonia Lakeside Park
6:30 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting

Wednesday, June 10:

10:00 a.m. Youth Group Yard Sale (Church Parking Lot until 5:00 p.m.)
6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study “*Revelation*” (Room7/8)
6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice (Sanctuary)

Thursday, June 11:

10:00 a.m. Yard Sale to benefit Youth Group (Church Parking Lot until 5:00 pm)
6:00 p.m. Softball Game – CrossWind Community vs. Leighton Team #2

ADULT BASKETBALL MONDAY NIGHTS!

Adult Basketball is held each Monday night, in the Family Center at 7:00 p.m. for men and women to come and enjoy some basketball. These are pick-up games; not league play. For more information, contact [Doug Thaler](#)

SOFTBALL GAME SCHEDULE

Monday, June 8th

7:30 pm Leighton Team #1 vs. Middleville UMC

Thursday, June 11th

6:00 p.m. CrossWind Community vs. Leighton Team #2

Monday, June 15th

6:00 p.m. Leighton Team #2 vs. Middleville UMC

Thursday, June 18th

6:00 p.m. Leighton Team #1 vs. CrossWind Community

Bring your lawn chair and cheer on your Leighton teams!
Enjoy some ice cream from the Ice Cream Shack.
A complete season schedule is attached.

GUITAR GROUP

Have you always wanted to learn to play the guitar?

Come to the Leighton Church Prayer Room Monday nights from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and learn in a group setting.

There is no charge to attend. Just bring your own guitar.

For more information, contact [Judy Hanlon](#)

Guitar Group is held the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Next date Guitar Group will be held is June 1st.

PRE-REGISTER FOR CAMP KILIMANJARO VBS

Beat the rush and get your child/children pre-registered for Camp Kilimanjaro Vacation Bible School. Pre-registration begins Sunday, June 7th. Camp Kilimanjaro is for adventurers age 2 through 6th grade (entering in the fall) and will be held July 26-30 from 6:00-8:40 p.m. Click [here](#) to register online.

PLAY DATE AT THE PARK

Moms, bring the kids for a fun time at the park! Meet at Caledonia Lakeside Park on Tuesday, June 9th at 10:30 a.m. Bring a picnic lunch for your family. Afterward, enjoy ice cream at Ice Cream Express on Main Street in Caledonia.

For more information, contact [Allison Draaisma](#).

The next Park Play Date is June 23rd at Boulder Ridge in Alto.

YARD SALE TO SUPPORT YOUTH GROUP SUMMER ACTIVITIES/MINISTREIS

Clean out the gently used items you no longer use and benefit the G.L.U.E. Youth Group! The Youth Group is having a yard sale Wednesday, June 10th and Thursday, June 11th from 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. at the church. Your donations of gently used clothing, housewares, furniture, books, toys, etc. will be sold at the sale. All proceeds will support the G.L.U.E. Youth Group trip to LifeFest Music Festival in Oshkosh, WI July 9-12. Contact [Misty Getter](#) if you have items that you would like to donate.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

All adults are invited to come to a dynamic study by Chuck Swindoll on the book of Revelation.

In three acts, the book of Revelation puts you in the front row, center stage, as Jesus Christ rights all wrongs, punishes evil, and establishes an eternal kingdom of peace and righteousness.

The study uses Chuck Swindoll's teachings on CD as well as group discussion. This small group meets Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in Rooms 7/8 (NOTE NEW LOCATION).

Contact [Mike Horton](#) for more info.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

God held off the rain until the garden was planted and then provided the showers to help the plants grow. Thank you to David Kaechele and Art and Connie Hooker for helping us plant on Tuesday. We also appreciate the seeds and plants donations from Jim and Jo Tolan and Bill and Stacey Aman (and anyone else we don't know about). Most of the rest of the seeds and plants we purchased from Peerbooms Garden Center in Wayland who gave us a 10% discount because it was for a church and community.

Please give them your support and thanks. **If you would be willing to help weed and/or pick this summer, please tell us.**

Thank you, Clay & Luann, Garden Coordinators

BACKYARD PICNIC FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, June 14th at 6:00 p.m. at Art & Connie Hooker's home. Come and enjoy a fun evening for kids, teens, & adults! All food and beverages are provided. Bring a chair to sit by the fire (campfire music provided by Josh Webb!), take a hayride, and visit with one another. In case of rain, this event will be held at the church. Dates for other Backyard Picnic Fellowships are July 12th and August 16th. For directions to Art & Connie's home, contact the [church office](#).

G.L.U.E. YOUTH GROUP SURVIVOR!!!!

Think you have what it takes to SURVIVE THE NIGHT IN THE WOODS! All 6th—12th grade students are invited to test their skills. Meet at Leighton Church on Saturday, June 20th at noon. Eat lunch before you come and pack a dinner to bring with you. Be prepared to spend the night in the woods. Bring bug spray, appropriate clothes for night time weather, bedding, Bible and good walking shoes (flip flops and sandals are not recommended). Return to church Sunday, June 21st in time to attend worship service. Bring a change of clothes to change into Sunday morning. **Sign up by June 14th with [Misty Getter](#).**

MISSION TRIP TO STANDISH, MI

Monday, August 17th-Wednesday, August 19th.

The Mission Team is coordinating a mission trip to Standish, MI. The focus of the trip will be helping and encouraging the Saganing Native people as they work towards reconciliation with the local community. They are attempting to maintain the Saganing Native American Center, which is located in one of only two Native American churches remaining in the state. The Center was designated by the Detroit Annual Conference and Committee on Native American Ministry. Most of their services are focused on children in the area. They hold a weekly story time, diaper pantry, and one of their big yearly events is the distribution of 200 backpacks to students at the start of school. Adjacent to the church is a Native American burial ground that holds a lot of importance to the local culture. The entire center is surrounded by a casino, constantly pressuring them to sell, but they have faith that God intends to use this center for His work. You are invited to come and be part of this chance to work alongside the Saganing people.

Families and individual adults are welcome to come. The group will depart at approximately 6:00 a.m. Monday, August 17th and return Wednesday evening. There is limited space. **Sign up with Connie Blain at (616) 891-1858 no later than June 14th.**

CIRCLE OF JOY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP PICNIC

All women are invited to Theresa Noffke's new home on Monday, June 15th at 6:00 p.m. for a potluck dinner and fellowship. Bring a dish to pass. All table service and beverages will be provided. For directions to Theresa's home, contact the [church office](#). An offering will be collected that evening to fund missionaries around the globe supported by the Circle of Joy.

VBS ALL VOLUNTEER MEETING

ALL VBS volunteers are strongly encouraged to attend an informational meeting, Tuesday, June 16th at 7:00 in the Sanctuary. Volunteers will gain an understanding of the theme of this year's VBS and have an opportunity to meet the other volunteers within their area to discuss with one another. If you cannot attend this meeting, please contact [Cindy Herring](#)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO WORK AT BARRY COUNTY FAIR.

Adults and teens are needed to represent Leighton Church at the Barry County Fair July 19-25.

Leighton Church is staffing the Birthing Tent again this year. This is a great family event. Staffers are responsible for watching over the animals in the tent and interacting with those visiting the tent.

New this year, Leighton Church is staffing the food court located in the Expo Center

building. Staff will be preparing and serving breakfast and lunch throughout the week.
See Bob Blain to schedule your time to serve at either the birthing tent or the food court (616) 891-1858.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DECORATIONS

The following items are needed to begin creating the decorations for this year's Vacation Bible School, Camp Kilimanjaro and for crafts the kids will make during the week of Vacation Bible School. Please place items in the designated basket in the church lobby or contact Cindy Herring (616) 299-0083 or herring@iserv.net or [Stacey](#) in the church office.

2 or 3 Pink Flamingo yard decorations
200 paper lunch bags

If previous items are no longer listed, then the quantity needed has been reached.
Thank you!

LEIGHTON IN THE NEWS!

Recently found in the Project Hope newsletter "HOPEful TIMES" —**DALE BYARS** was recognized as one of many who dedicated 100 or more hours of service at Project Hope in 2014. Congratulations, Dale! Thanks for giving of your time at Project Hope. This article was also included under "DID you know..." *DID you know that some of our donated jeans turn into shoes that go to Africa? Leighton Church partners with Sole Hope (www.solehope.org), a ministry out of N.C. They have "cutting parties" and then ship bags of cut up shoes off to Africa where they are assembled by impoverished women (who in turn receive a fair wage). Shoes are given to needy children at jigger removal/foot washing clinics.*

JOIN THE PRAISE TEAM!

The Praise Team needs you!

Looking for pianists, bass guitar players, drummers, and guitar players to join the praise team. Also looking for individuals to run the soundboard and presentation software.

Training available.

If you are interested, please contact [Josh Webb](#), Director of Music Ministries to set up an appointment.

NEED PRAYER? PRAYER ROOM OPEN SUNDAYS AFTER WORSHIP.

The Prayer Room is staffed on Sunday mornings following the worship service. If you would like to be prayed for or have a need you would like prayer for, feel free to stop in the Prayer Room which is located across from the Coffee Bar. Questions can be directed to Nancy Geertman.

SERVICE IN ACTION

COFFEE SERVERS:

June 7—Kate Bauer & Bonnie McBride

June 14—Open

June 21—Open

PROVIDING COOKIES:

June 7—Jackie Corwin & Mary Phillips

June 14—Jan Geukes & Theresa Noffke

June 21—Valerie Lepeak & Tina Peck

GREETERS:

June 7—Clay & Luann Snyder

June 14—Tim & Sue Brown

June 21—Tom & Ora Lou Smith

NURSERY:

June 7—Misty & Becca Getter

June 14—Eric & Tina Peck, Gabby Nicholson

June 21—Kris Freds & Kaylie Taylor

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS:

June 7—Josh Aman & Renee Seeley

June 14—Stephanie Aman & Robbin Hilton

June 21—Becca Getter, Christine Syswerda

NEWS FROM THE FOOD PANTRY

Your donations of non-perishable food items to our food pantry give assistance to the 6-8 families that regularly visit our pantry. Thanks to Alice Vander Schuur for thinking of the food pantry for her 90th birthday celebration. The pantry is pretty well stocked, but there are never enough of the items that are starred (*).

- *Laundry Detergent
- *Toilet Tissue
- *Spaghetti & Sauce
- Canned fruit & meats
- Cereal
- Soup
- Boxed meals/pasta & rice side dishes
- Macaroni & Cheese
- *Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- *Shampoo & Conditioner
- *Toothpaste
- *Deodorant for Men & Women
- Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Salad Dressing

Please do not donate items that have been opened or are outdated. Items are collected each Sunday during the offering time. Thank you!

SHOPPING FOR MISSIONS

You can help support the ministries of Red Bird Mission in Kentucky just by shopping at Meijer through the Meijer Rewards program. Just sign up by going to [Meijer.com/rewards](https://www.meijer.com/rewards) or to the customer service counter at any Meijer store with the Leighton United Methodist Church code 415811. Then use your rewards card whenever you purchase gas, pharmaceuticals, general merchandise, and groceries. Payment for purchases to count for rewards must be cash, debit, or Meijer credit card (no checks). Another \$100 has been received through Meijer Rewards. Leighton will soon send that money on to Red Bird Mission to be used where they need it most. For more information, contact Luann Lewis Snyder 616-891-8348.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE COLLECTION

Did you know that many pastors, Christians, missionaries around the world do not have access to materials to prepare sermons, Bible studies, or for their own personal devotions?

An organization called Christian Resources International collects Bibles, devotional books, curriculum, and more to send to pastors, evangelists, Bible colleges, and missionaries around the world. If you have any of these items that you would like to donate, bring them and drop them in the box in the Lounge. Dave & Sharon Kaechele will deliver them to CRI.

DONATE ANY EXTRA/UNWANTED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

If you have any extra or unwanted medical equipment (walkers, crutches, canes, knee braces, wheelchairs, etc.) in your home, contact [Tiffany Thaler](#). Each August, Grand Valley State University's physical therapy program makes a trip to Guatemala with Hearts in Motion. Medical equipment is needed to help aid local residents. Any donation can make a difference.

PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER UPCOMING EVENTS

WALK FOR LIFE – Saturday, June 20

A family-friendly fundraising event to support the life saving work of the Pregnancy Resource Center. Mike & Valerie Lepeak are the organizers for Walk for Life for Leighton Church. If you are interested in walking, getting pledges, and supporting life, contact [Mike](#) or [Valerie](#) for a pledge form.

GOLF FOR LIFE – Friday, September 18

The 14th annual Golf for Life is sponsored by Dan Vos Construction. Enjoy a round of golf at Boulder Creek Golf Club while supporting life.

GALA – Thursday, November 5

Gala is our premier fundraising event held at the JW Marriott with guest speaker Star Parker.

For more information on these events, contact the events office at 616-259-1522 or visit www.prcforlife.org/events

**A DAY JUST FOR LADIES AT
GULL LAKE MINISTRY CENTER**

Gull Lake Ministries presents their annual Ladies Days

"It's Good to Be Queen"

Choose your day to attend

June 16, 17, 18, or 19 or Girls' Night Out Thursday Night, June 18

Special guest speaker is best selling author, Liz Curtis Higgs, who will be speaking on

her latest book, "*It's Good to Be Queen*"
sharing timeless wisdom for every woman who aspires to please the King of Kings.

Music performed by Michelle Swift, who began her career with the gospel group, *Truth*
and went on to sing with a variety of
evangelistic ministries such as Bill Graham Association, Beth Moore, and Luis Palau.

Ladies' Day tickets are \$25.00 each. Group discounts for 10 or more tickets. Includes
morning coffee & pastries at 8:00 a.m.,
program and lunch from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Girls' Night Out is \$15 per ticket for Thursday evening, June 18th and features a meet
and greet with Liz Curtis Higgs and a mini-concert with Michelle Swift. Space is limited!
Light refreshments served at 5:30 p.m. Program begins at 7:00 p.m.

For tickets or complete details see
gulllake.org/conference/ladies-days or call 800-350-2442.

Gull Lake Ministries is located at 1988 Midlake Drive,
Hickory Corners, MI

UNITED METHODISTS JOIN JULY 17 CROWD AT COMERICA PARK

The 3rd annual *Renaissance in the D* is coming to Detroit Tiger's Comerica Park Friday,
July 17th. What better way to spend a summer Friday evening than sitting in a seat in
the ballpark? Enjoy baseball, fellowship, plus other extras.

The event is sponsored by the Detroit Renaissance District of the United Methodist
Church, but is open to all United Methodists in Michigan. Tickets are limited and will be
sold on a first come/first serve basis.

Tickets are for Section 323 and 324 behind home plate. A sellout crowd is expected so
order AND prepay for your tickets now. Your prompt response is necessary because of
the high upfront deposit required to secure this block of great seats and a new Tiger
dynamic pricing policy. Planners of the event will work to secure additional seats based
on demand.

The game between the Tigers and Baltimore Orioles begins at 7:08 p.m., but you are
encouraged to come early. Pre-game activities include recognition of Imagine No
Malaria and Hands 4 Detroit. Stay after the game for post-game fireworks (weather
permitting).

Ticket cost is \$38/ticket (through June 10). Make checks payable to Detroit Renaissance District UMC and send to Don Archambeau, 28270 Elmira Street, Livonia, MI 48150. Call Don at (734) 422-2227 with questions.

SON-LIFE CAMP SUMMERFEST 2015

SON-Life Camp and Retreat Center invites you to Summerfest 2015 on Saturday, June 20th from 3:30-8:00 p.m. Summerfest is a fun-filled, family event with beach/water activities, fishing, kids' games, pig roast, live auction, and more! If you have a child coming to camp for the first time this summer, Summerfest is a great time to bring the kids out, tour the camp, and meet the staff. We are still taking donations of merchandise, gift certificates, services, or financial contributions for the auction. If interested in donating, or for more information, contact us at (269) 792-2081 or e-mail office@son-lifecamp.org. We hope you'll join us.

BARRY COUNTY FAIR PIE CONTEST

Everyone is invited to enter the pie contest at the Barry County Fair. The contest will be held July 23rd. Judging will take place during the Ladies' Day program.

Entry may be a one or two crusted pie. Please deliver to the Barry County Expo Building by 10:00 a.m. Make sure that your name/phone number and name of pie is on your entry and a copy of the recipe may be attached also. Judging will take place during Ladies Day program. Age divisions: 25 & under, 26 & older
Four 1st place winners & one grand prize

Schedule for Ladies Day program:

Held in the Community Tent

10:00 a.m. Registration

10:15 a.m. Light Brunch

10:30 a.m. "Turn of the Century Household Mysteries"

Presented by: Claire Johnston, Curator and Exhibits Coordinator

Historic Charlton Park, Hastings, MI

Pie Contest Winner Announced

MARANATHA WOMEN'S SUMMER BREAKAWAY

Wednesday, July 29th 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

\$30 per person – Lunch included

Bible Teaching by Carrie Boren Headington

Mission Presentation by Betty Krause

Worship with Charly Sommers

Come and break away from your daily life to be refreshed and encouraged by solid Bible teaching, inspiring missionary testimony and encouraging times of worship with other local Christian women. All in the beautiful, historic, setting of Maranatha Bible and Missionary Conference. Women and girls of all ages are encouraged to attend.

20% discount for groups of 10 or more.

Order tickets by calling (231) 798-2161 or visit www.vacationwithpurpose.org

Maranatha Bible & Missionary Conference Center is located at

4759 Lake Harbor Road, Norton Shores, MI

HOST FAMILIES NEED FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

The Council for Educational Travel is looking for Host Families who would like to make the world a smaller place. Looking for loving families for students, who will be placed within the area community and attend the local school system. The students will be arriving on the J-1 Visa program, so the host family is a volunteer. Host families would welcome this student into their home much like a member of their family. Students will have their own medical insurance, money for expenses such as hot lunch at school, school supplies, entertainment, clothing, toiletries, etc. Many students are available and are seeking a 5 to 10 month stay in the U.S. Call (616) 250-60477 or 888-238-8723 to speak with Barbara Decker, area representative or visit www.cetusa.org.

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