

The Leighton News
Week of June 21, 2015

On The Calendar This Week:

Sunday, June 21:

Sunday's Message – "Are You Lost?" Genesis 28:10-22, 32:22-30

VBS Registration continues

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. No G.L.U.E. Youth Group tonight. Youth Group will meet at 5:45 on Sunday, June 28th at the church. All 6th-12th grade students are welcome! Invite your friends. Bring a non-perishable food item for the food pantry and receive a special treat!

Monday, June 22:

6:00 p.m. Softball Game Leighton Team #1 vs. Middleville UMC

7:30 p.m. Softball Game Leighton Team #1 vs. Gaines Church

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

Tuesday, June 23:

10:30 a.m. Park Play Date Wayland City Park (Notice New Location)

6:30 p.m. VBS Skit Practice

Wednesday, June 24:

6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study "*Revelation*" (Room 7/8)

6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice (Sanctuary)

Thursday, June 25:

6:00 p.m. Softball Game Crosswind Community vs. Gaines

7:30 p.m. Softball Game Leighton Team #2 vs. Burnips/ Monterey Center

Friday, June 26:

6:30 p.m. Parents with Young Children Party at Pastor Dave & Bonnie's home

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 22

6:00 p.m. Leighton Church Team #1 vs. Middleville UMC

7:30 p.m. Leighton Church Team #1 vs. Gaines Church

Thursday, June 25

7:30 p.m. Leighton Church Team #2 vs. Burnips/Monterey Center

Monday, June 29

6:00 p.m. Leighton Church Team #2 vs. Gaines

7:30 p.m. Burnips/Monterey Center UMC vs. Leighton Church Team #1

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.

PRE-REGISTER FOR CAMP KILIMANJARO VBS

Beat the rush and get your child/children pre-registered for Camp Kilimanjaro Vacation Bible School. Pre-registration is happening now. 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 on June 23rd at 10:30a.m. at Wayland City Park (notice new location).

The next Park Play date is July 7th at Gun Lake State Park.

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

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.

FUN EVENING FOR PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

All parents with young children (elementary age and younger) are invited to get together at Pastor Dave and Bonnie's home on Friday, June 26th at 6:30 p.m. Bring lawn chairs, meat to grill, and a dish to pass. Table service and beverages will be provided. After dinner, the kids will play softball so bring ball gloves and bats if you have them. In case of rain this event will be held in the church Family Center. **RSVP** to Pastor Dave or Bonnie by Sunday, June 21st. (616) 891-1646

Missionary Update

On Sunday, June 28th, Scott and Jenni Pollmann will be sharing about their ministry in Hooper Bay, Alaska, and the many ways in which God provided for their needs especially during the time of Hannah's birth and hospitalization. They will be speaking during the morning worship service. Come and get caught up on how God is using them to reach the people of Hooper Bay.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Community Garden stand is up and donations from spring/early summer harvest are being donated. The garden is growing and so are the weeds. **If you would be willing to help weed and/or pick this summer, please tell us.**

Thank you, Clay & Luann, Garden Coordinators (616) 891-8348

LEIGHTON MISSIONS T-SHIRT ORDER:

One of our missions here at Leighton is to go out and be the hands and feet of Jesus. When we do, people wonder who we are and what we are doing. Let people around know by ordering a t-shirt and wearing it when you participate in church or missions projects. Use the attached t-shirt order form and return it along with payment to Connie Blain by **June 28th**. Shirts are \$10 each (2X-5X are \$1 per X).

50+ Potluck Lunch

Wednesday, July 1st at 11:30 a.m. in the Family Center.

Everyone age 50 and up are invited to come! Bring a dish to pass and your table service. Coffee, lemonade, and water provided. After lunch, Art Scheid will provide a keyboard extravaganza with a variety of inspirational songs. Contact [Jean McCaul](#) for more information

BE PART OF THE CALEDONIA 4TH OF JULY PARADE!

Everyone loves a Parade!

Ride on the Leighton Church float in the Caledonia 4th of July Parade to promote Leighton Church and Vacation Bible School. Bring candy to distribute along the parade route. Everyone welcome to be part of the fun. Meet at Duncan Lake Middle School on Saturday, July 4th at 10:00 a.m. for parade line-up. Look for Dave Steeby's orange Case tractor with a cab on it. Contact [Stacey Aman](#) for more information

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The adult Sunday School classes will meet together with Pastor Dave during the month of July. You are invited to join the class and enjoy fellowship and learning with your brothers and sisters from other classes. We will meet in room 15/16. We will have a great time together. The experts tell us we now live in a post-modern, post Christian world. It's hard to say what people believe any more, or if they believe anything at all. The world certainly has changed. Join me, as we look at our culture and discuss the topic, "Why I don't believe.....!" Hope to see you there. ~Pastor Dave

G.L.U.E. YOUTH GROUP TRIP

to Lifest Music Festival in Oshkosh, WI. All 6th-12th grade students are invited to go to Lifest 2015 featuring Newsboys, Matthew West, Chris Tomlin, Skillet, Red, Matt Maher, Francesca, Battistelli, and many more Christian artists and speakers. Check out lifest.com for complete lineup. The group will depart early Thursday, July 9th and return late Sunday, July 12th. Cost is \$60.00 per person. Bring several changes of clothes, personal care items, sleeping bag, pillow, and rain gear (just in case!). Sign up by July 1st with Misty Getter. Summer event permission slips must be submitted to be able to go.

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. Sign up on the sign-up sheets by the Lobby drinking fountain 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.

200 paper lunch bags

Child's Play Tent

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

PRAY FOR MUSLIMS TO COME TO KNOW CHRIST

June 18th starts the month of Ramandan for Muslims. During this important 30-day period, Muslims from all continents unite in a period of fasting and spiritual reflection. The Voice of the Martyrs, a non-denominational organization with a vision for aiding Christians around the world who are being persecuted for their faith in Christ, has published a booklet to pray for the Muslim world during the month of Ramandan. The booklet contains 30 days of prayers for Muslims. Pick up a booklet in the Lobby.

Thank You

The G.L.U.E. YOUTH GROUP would like to thank everyone who donated items for the

yard sale. It was a successful sale despite the gloomy weather. Rather than pricing each item, it was suggested that shoppers give a donation for the item(s) they purchased. \$652.90 was received and will be used toward the expenses for the trip to Lifefest in Wisconsin in July. Left over sale items were taken to Project Hope for the thrift store.

Thank You for your generous support for Mark & Heather Overbeek and their ministry on Kodiak Island in Alaska. \$401.00 was collected in last Sunday's special offering for the Overbeek's. God uses the people of Leighton to support not only the ministries of Leighton Church, but also those He has put in other places around the world.

Seeking CDL Drivers for Youth Events:

On occasion, the youth group borrows or rents a bus to transport the youth group to their destination. Drivers for the bus must have a CDL endorsement on the license. More drivers are needed. If you have a CDL endorsement on your license or would be willing to obtain an endorsement to help transport the youth group, contact Scott or [Misty Getter](#) or [Stacey Aman](#). Drivers would not be expected to participate in events the youth are attending.

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 21—Open

June 28—Randy & Bonnie Adams

July 5—Gary & Jean McCaul

PROVIDING COOKIES:

June 21—Libby Pollmann

June 28 — Mark Schiefela & Linda Horton

July 5—Sharon Kaechele & Nona Steeby

GREETERS:

June 21—Tom & Ora Lou Smith

June 28—Mike & Linda Horton

July 5—Gary & Jean McCaul

NURSERY:

June 21—Kris Freds & Kaylie Taylor

June 28—Mark & Ronda Kaechele

July 5—To Be Announced

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS:

June 21—Becca Getter, Christine Syswerda

June 28—Gabby Nicholson, Sam Farmer

July 5—To Be Announced

ESTATE SALE ITEMS

Luann Snyder Lewis has household items and antiques for sale from her mother's home. There is a list of items being sold posted on the bulletin board down the North hallway between rooms 8 & 9. You may also contact Luann for a list of items. For more information, contact Luann at 616-891-8348.

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

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

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.

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.

MARANTHA SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Marantha Bible & Missionary Conference Center presents a summer concert series each Saturday June 20th-September 5th at 7:00 p.m.

Concerts are free of charge. Come early and eat dinner in their dining room for preferred seating (walk-ins welcome, but reservations preferred).

Concert Schedule:

June 20 – Richard Allen Farmer
June 27 – Steve Amerson
July 4 – Annie Moses Band
July 11 – Selah
July 18 – Anthony Evans
July 25 – Robert & Pam Adams
August 1 – Aaron Shust
August 8 – Dallas Holm
August 15 – Sara Groves
August 22 – Theater for the Thirsty
August 29 – John & Anne Barbour
September 5 – Buddy Greene

Maranatha is located at 4759 Lake Harbor Road, Norton Shores, MI 49441
(231) 798-2161

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