

The Leighton News
Week of July 19, 2015

On The Calendar This Week:

Sunday, July 19:

Sunday's Message – "What in the World is Worldliness?" – 1 John 2:15-17

1 week until the start of VBS! Pre-register today in the Lobby or online at www.leightonchurch.org

All VBS volunteers will be recognized and dedicated with prayer.

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. All adults are meeting in Rooms 15/16 for a class titled "Why I Don't Believe..." for the month of July. This class is led by Pastor Dave.

No G.L.U.E. Youth Group tonight.

Monday, July 20:

- 6:30 p.m. Guitar Group (Prayer Room)
- 6:30 p.m. VBS Skit Practice (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Basketball (Family Center)
- 7:30 p.m. Softball: Burnips/Monterey Ctr UMC vs. Leighton #2

Tuesday, July 21:

- 10:30 a.m. Park Play Date at Boulder Ridge Wild Animal Park
- 6:30 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting

Wednesday, July 22:

- 6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study "*Revelation*" (Rooms 7/8)

Thursday, July 23:

6:00 p.m. Softball: CrossWind Community vs. Leighton #1
7:30 p.m. Softball: Middleville UMC vs. Leighton #2
7:30 p.m. VBS Skit Practice (Sanctuary)

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

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](#)

PRE-REGISTER FOR CAMP KILIMANJARO VBS

Only 1 more week until VBS starts! Have you pre-registered your kids or invited family/friends to pre-register? Beat the rush and get your child/children registered for Camp Kilimanjaro Vacation Bible School by signing up in the Lobby or click [here](#) to register online. 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.

VBS SNACK SUPPLIES NEEDED

Each night of VBS, a healthy snack is served. Below are the items remaining that are needed to make snacks. Sign up deadline is SUNDAY, JULY 19th! Supplies needed by July 26. See sign-up sheet in lobby or contact Barb Moore with items you can provide. (269) 795-2108. Items donated may be placed in the basket in the Lobby marked for VBS Snack donations.

8—2 Liter Bottles of 7-Up
60 Bananas

3 containers of Vanilla Yogurt 32 oz. each
2 Jars of marshmallow ice cream topping
6 Large Bags of White popped corn
3 Pkg. of Small Rubber Bands
3 Large bags of large pretzel rods
6 Cans of white frosting
4 Pkgs. Of chocolate sandwich cookies
5 Gallons Green Punch

VBS CLEAN-UP CREW NEEDED

Help is needed on Friday, July 31st to take down VBS decorations and clean-up the church to be ready for Sunday worship. Please arrive Friday morning at 8:30 a.m. With enough hands, the job can be done in just a couple of hours.

If you can spare two hours of your Friday morning, please let [Cindy Herring](#) know.

VBS DRAMA PRACTICE

The drama team is busy memorizing their lines for the live dramas during VBS. There are two practices this week for the drama team and the VBS Sound Team.

Monday, July 20th at 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 23rd at 7:30 p.m.

LEIGHTON CHURCH IN ACTION AT THE BARRY COUNTY FAIR

Check out your Leighton Church family in action at the Barry County Fair this week July 19-25th.

Stop by the Birthing Tent and you'll see familiar faces caring for the animals and interacting with fair-goers.

Get a bite to eat at the food court in the Expo Building and you'll be served by members of your Leighton Church Family.

Your prayers for those working at the fair this week are appreciated. Pray for safety, good health, and a good witness to all those Leighton folks come in contact with.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help out in the Birthing Tent and the Food Court.

The Barry County Fair grounds is located at 1350 N. M-37 Highway, Hastings, MI. Admission is \$5.00 for adults Free for kids under 12. There is no charge for parking.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Community Garden stand is up and donations from 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. Orders will be taken ongoing. Shirts are bright red and cost \$10 each (2X-5X are \$1 per X).

PLAY DATE AT THE PARK

Moms, bring the kids for a fun time on July 21st, at 10:30a.m. to Boulder Ridge Wild Animal Park located at 8313 Pratt Lake Ave., SE. Alto. Bring a picnic lunch for your family. The next Park Play date is on August 4, at Whistlestop in Byron Center.

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

50+ OUTING FOR AMISH FAMILY STYLE CHICKEN DINNER

Everyone age 50 on up is invited to go and enjoy a delicious Amish family style chicken dinner on Tuesday, August 18th at 12:30 pm. at Yoder's Country Store located at 6620 E. M-79, Nashville, MI. Cost is \$12.00/person and includes chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, coleslaw, bread & dessert. Sign up in the Lobby or let Jean McCaul know by August 13th. Meet at the church at 11:30 a.m. to carpool or meet the group at

Yoder's. For more information, contact [Jean McCaul](#)

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

There are many opportunities to get involved in the life of Leighton Church; attend worship, volunteer to be part of a ministry, volunteer to lead a ministry, attend Bible study, be part of the praise team, etc.

Listed below are areas where folks are needed to lead or participate in ministries at Leighton Church. Please pray over this list. Perhaps God is nudging you to serve.

PIONEER CLUB COORDINATOR—Pioneer Club is the mid-week ministry for children and is held October thru March. The coordinator is responsible for recruiting teachers and helpers, ordering materials, and creating a calendar of events throughout the season. For more information, contact [Bonnie McBride](#), [Amanda Athearn](#) or [Christine Syswerda](#).

FAMILY DINNER COORDINATOR—Family Dinners are held on Wednesday nights during the Pioneer Club season (October-March) from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The Coordinator is responsible for planning meals, purchasing supplies for meals, and recruiting cooking, serving, and clean-up crew. If interested, contact [Pastor Dave](#) or [Linda Horton](#).

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL— Seeking individuals who would be willing to teach Sunday School classes while teachers are on vacation, ill, etc. This would be for children's classes (age 2 thru 5th grade), Jr. High (6th-8th grade), Sr. High (9th-12th grade), and perhaps an adult class on occasion. If interested, please contact [Bonnie McBride](#), [Amanda Athearn](#), or [Christine Syswerda](#)

PRAISE TEAM/SOUND TEAM—The praise team is in need of instrumentalists and tech-crew members. If you play piano, bass, drums, or guitar or would like to operate the soundboard or presentation software, contact [Josh Webb](#)

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.

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:

July 19—Wayne & Noreen Ingersoll

July 26—Barb Moore

August 2— Open

PROVIDING COOKIES:

July 19—Amanda Athearn & Sue Brown

July 26—Dale & Lois Byars & Shirlee Cheers

August 2—Jean Bender & Tena Vander Schuur

GREETERS:

July 19—Jim & Bonnie Ciluffo

July 26—Art & Connie Hooker

August 2—Terri & Samantha Farmer

NURSERY:

July 19—Christine Syswerda & Britney Bredeweg

July 26—Jacob & Allison Draaisma

August 2—Brad & Sarah Geers

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS:

July 19—Christine Syswerda

July 26—Josh Aman

August 2—Stephanie Aman, Robbin Hilton

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 and items are also listed below. For more information, contact Luann at 616-891-8348.

Microwave: Kenmore with turntable and all the buttons (popcorn, potato, etc.)
wooden frame mirror (15 1/4" x 23")
record player/tape player in console
wall branch
Cute headboard and frame for twin bed
2 round frameless mirrors

ANTIQUES:

Wind-up phonograph (talking machine) with records
Old suitcase
wicker picnic basket with colored dishes
child's red rocking chair
2 gallon crock
sled
metal bread box
carpet sweeper
large brown jug
2 flower pictures
arm chair
oval mirror (gold frame)
coffee table
radio
floor lamp
table lamp
coffee grinder

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

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 IN TK SCHOOL DISTRICT

There are a couple of exchange students, 1 boy, 2 girls, that TK schools have invited to attend school for the year that they are looking for host families for. This is a way of impacting the world from our homes. If anyone has any interest in this, please contact [Misty Getter](#). This is a two-fold because as youth leaders (Misty and her husband, Scott), they love the cultural experience for the Leighton youth group kids and they have committed to help locate a home for these 3 young adults. It'd be great from their year to be spent in homes that will show them the love of Jesus.

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:

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

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

VOLUNTEER CUSTODIAN NEEDED AT SON-LIFE CAMP

SON-Life Camp & Retreat Center in Wayland, MI is looking for a volunteer to clean cabins and restrooms one day a week during the summer months. If you are interested, or for more information, please contact Hope at (269) 792-2081.

PICKLEBALL BENEFIT TOURNAMENT FOR LIFE

Did you know that pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the nation? Join the fun at the third annual Benefit for Life Pickleball tournament on Saturday and Sunday, August 8 & 9 at Belknap Park located at 30 Coldbrook Street NE, Grand Rapids. This event is open to people of all ages and all skill levels. Teams may register as men's, women's, or mixed doubles. The cost is \$30 for one entry or \$40 for two entries. To participate in this event sponsored by Grand Rapids Right to Life, download a registration form from www.grrtl.org/pickleball or call Laura at (616) 532-2300. Registrations are due by July 31, 2015.

CASCO'S ULTIMATE MUD CHALLENGE – AUGUST 1ST

Join the fun and register as an individual or a team to enter the Ultimate Mud Challenge, a 5k obstacle course run on Saturday, August 1st at 8:00 a.m. at Lake Arvesta Farms, LLC in South Haven. Click [here](#) for more info about this event along with registration details.

FREE CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL – AUGUST 15

Chris Moore of Ionia Easton UMC is hosting the 3rd annual “At the Foot of the Cross 2015”, a FREE Christian Music Festival on Saturday, August 15th from Noon-7:00 p.m. In keeping with the interdenominational theme of the event, this year it will be held on the grounds of the Family of Christ Church located at 1100 Henze Dr., Comstock Park). Lots of great local Christian music in a wide variety of musical styles will be presented. Food will be available on site.

PROJECT HOPE HAS MANY VOLUNTEER POSITIONS OPEN!

Would you like to serve the Lord a few hours a week and enjoy being with the “Body of Christ” or even fulfill the deep need to have purpose for the Lord? Come to Project Hope! We are in need of people to fill these volunteer positions:

Cashiers (Must be 18 years or older)

Drivers to pick up food (CDL is not required, but must have a good driving record)

An experienced person to price antiques and restock floor

A puzzle-putter-together/counter. Can be done in the comfort of your own home and at your convenience.

Volunteers needed to price clothing, housewares, etc. Can be as young as 15 with parental consent.

“Jewelry Happenings” (sorting and pricing) first Thursday of every month. Snacks provided!

Cosmetics and cards.

Frames, pictures and wall hangings – price and stock floor

Gardner to help keep up the “Annetta Garden Center” and the landscape around the building.

If interested in helping us out as a driver or gardner, call Sandy at (616) 681-HOPE ext. 5

Please call Jean Bodo, Thrift Store Director (616) 681-HOPE ext. 106 if interested in any other volunteer positions listed.

GREAT DEALS AT PROJECT HOPE!!

Shop the Project Hope Thrift Store on Friday, July 31st for Fabulous Friday deals. Everything in the store is ½ off! Project Hope is located in Dorr at 1808 – 143rd Avenue.

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