

### **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.

### **The Leighton News** **Week of August 2, 2015**

#### **On The Calendar This Week:**

##### **Sunday, August 2:**

Sunday's Message – "Let's Take a Break" – Genesis 2:1-3, Mark 6:30-32

A memorial service will be held Sunday for Dr. Roy Davis. Lunch will be served in the Family Center at 12:15 with the service at 1:00 in the Sanctuary. Everyone is welcome.

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..." through August 9. This class is led by Pastor Dave.

G.L.U.E. Youth Group Sunday night from 5:45 p.m.—8:00 p.m. G.L.U.E. is for all 6th through 12th graders. Dinner is at 5:45 p.m. to 6:15p.m.

##### **Monday, August 3:**

6:30 p.m. Guitar Group (Prayer Room)

No Adult Basketball

##### **Tuesday, August 4:**

10:30 a.m. Park Play Date at Whistle Stop Park in Byron Center

6:30 p.m. Mission Team Meeting (Room 7/8)

##### **Wednesday, August 5:**

- 11:30 p.m. 50+ Luncheon (Family Center)
- 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee (Library)
- 6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study (Rooms 7/8)

### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The adult Sunday School classes will continue to meet together with Pastor Dave through August 9th. 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

### **Memorial Service for Dr. Roy Davis**

A memorial service will be held Sunday, August 2nd in remembrance of Roy Davis who was a long time member of Leighton Church. Roy passed away last September in Florida where he resided. Everyone is welcome to attend the service. Lunch will be served in the Family Center at 12:15 with the service at 1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

### **ADULT BASKETBALL MONDAY NIGHTS!**

Adult basketball will not meet throughout the month of August. The next night of Adult Basketball is scheduled for Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Center.

### **COMMUNITY GARDEN**

The Community Garden is growing and so are the weeds. **If you would be willing to help weed and/or pick veggies, 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).

### **AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Check out the attached calendar of ministries happening throughout the month of August. Get connected as you can whether it's growing in God's word, enjoying the company of others, or serving God.

### **PLAY DATE AT THE PARK**

Moms, bring the kids for a fun time on August 4th at Whistlestop Park located on 76th Street between Burlingame Ave and Byron Center Ave. Bring a picnic lunch for your family. For more information, contact [Allison Draaisma](#). The last park play date for the season will be Tuesday, August 18th at Shadyside Park in Dutton.

### **THREE DAY MISSION EXPERIENCE**

We will go to Saganing Native American Center in Standish, Michigan on August 17, 18, & 19th. We will leave early Monday morning and return home Wednesday evening. We will be doing a few jobs to help and encourage the group of people trying to save and maintain one of the only two Native American United Methodist churches left in the state of Michigan. If interested, join us for an informational meeting on Tuesday, August 4th at 6:30 p.m. in Rooms 7 & 8. Any questions, PLEASE CALL Connie Blain at (616) 304-1399.

### **50+ POTLUCK LUNCHEON**

Everyone age 50 on up is invited to come to the August 50+ Potluck Lunch on Wednesday, August 5th at 11:30 a.m. Bring a dish to pass and your table service. Water, lemonade & coffee will be provided. After lunch, Mary & Julie Ackerson will take you on a photographic tour of Europe through the photos they took on their Netherlands Waterway Cruise earlier this year. Friends and family are welcome. Contact [Jean McCaul](#) for more information.

## **BACKYARD PICNIC FELLOWSHIP**

Art & Connie Hooker will be hosting the last Backyard Picnic of the summer on August 16th at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited! All food and beverages will be furnished. Bring a lawn chair to set by the bonfire, take a ride on the hayride, and enjoy the company of others. Contact the [church office](#) if you need directions or more information.

## **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.

**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.

### **PIONEER CLUB UPDATE**

Pioneer Club, the mid-week ministry from October to March for children, will be under new leadership. Allison Draaisma has felt God calling her to coordinate Pioneer Club this season after learning that Robbi Hilton had stepped down to allow more time to care for her family, continue her education, and work outside the home. We thank Robbi for her leadership of Pioneer Club these past two years. Many kids heard God's truth and love and discovered the importance of having a relationship with Him and serving Him. Welcome to Allison as she steps into this role. Please pray for her as she begins to put the Pioneer Club team together for the coming season. If you are interested in helping with Pioneer club, please contact [Allison](#).

### **THANK YOU!**

To this Dear Congregation: You have walked this journey with me every step of the way for these 5 months. You prayed for me faithfully every week. Some of you have come to me saying you prayed for me daily. I sure felt those prayers! You helped my countenance with those prayers, notes, encouraging words, and hugs. When my mobility was so constrained, you faithfully brought me meals every other day for 2 months! What a testimony of your faith in action, fulfilling God's calling for the church of God! (James 2:16-18) This is truly a congregation of love. (Galatians 6:2). You helped clean my house and I had countless offers of assistance and encouragement. I will be forever grateful. You have been part of the witness and testimony to those I share this story with. I can talk about God's miracles and speak of the love and obedience of how a mature and loving church helps someone in need. So many of you have shared with me that you have told this story to others which builds up their faith. What a wonderful witness you have been. Thank you! Thank you! And this list doesn't cover it all! As an update, my brace is off and just a few more doctor visits ahead. We can see the end of this being near! I love you all and the multiple blessings you have been in my life. In gratitude, and grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

~Judi Galloway

**DEAR LEIGHTON FRIENDS:** Thank you so much for your continued partnership in the Gospel. We greatly appreciate you and your investing in lives here in Mexico. God is opening hearts and doors! Please pray with us for more pastors and leaders to be called and trained for the harvest. God's richest blessings, Bill and Lydia Allshouse  
World Gospel Mission, Mexico

**DEAR LEIGHTON CHURCH FAMILY:** We so enjoyed visiting with you in June. Thanks for making time for us. Our kids felt right at home. And thanks so much for your generous love offering and faithful payers and support. We're blessed to be partnering with you in ministry! ~Mark and Heather Overbeek

**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:**

August 2—Clay and Luann Snyder

August 9—Shawn and Faith Eaton

August 16-Open

**PROVIDING COOKIES:**

August 2—Jean Bender & Tena Vander Schuur

August 9—Valerie Lepeak & Diana Smith

August 16—Barbara Moore & Crystal Mulero

**GREETERS:**

August 2—Terri & Samantha Farmer

August 9—Dan & Judy Terpstra

August 16 —Todd & Judi Galloway

**NURSERY:**

August 2—Brad & Sarah Geers  
August 9—Jonathan & Amanda Athearn  
August 16—Cindy & Rebecka Thaler

**SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS:**

August 2—Stephanie Aman, Robbin Hilton  
August 9—Britney Bredeweg & Sam Farmer  
August 16—Christine Syswerda & Becca Getter

**ESTATE SALE ITEMS**

Luann Lewis Snyder 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

## **FOOD PANTRY SHELVES ARE NEARLY BARE!**

Your donations of non-perishable food items to our food pantry give assistance to the 10 families that regularly visit our pantry (regularly means at least once a month). The pantry is nearly bare. Any items you can donate are appreciated. Food items are collected each Sunday during the offering time.

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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.prcforlife.org/events)

### **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 20<sup>th</sup>-September 5<sup>th</sup> 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:  
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

### **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](http://www.grrtl.org/pickleball) or call Laura at (616) 532-2300. Registrations are due by July 31, 2015.

### **FREE CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL – AUGUST 15**

Chris Moore of Ionia Easton UMC is hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "At the Foot of the Cross 2015", a FREE Christian Music Festival on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

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