

**The Leighton News**  
**Week of August 16, 2015**

**On The Calendar This Week:**

**Sunday, August 16:**

Sunday's Message – "Love Enthroned" – 1 Peter 3:15 & Judges 21:25

Please welcome Rev. Bill Doublestein who is filling the pulpit Sunday morning in Pastor Dave's absence.

The Mission Team traveling to Standish, MI Monday thru Wednesday of this week will be commissioned for their work for the Lord.

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.

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

Backyard Picnic Fellowship at Art & Connie Hooker's at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited. All food and beverages are provided.

**Monday, August 17:**

No Adult Basketball

Mission Team departs early A.M. for Standish, MI (van in use)

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

7:00 p.m. Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship (Lounge/Sanctuary)

**Tuesday, August 18:**

10:30 a.m. Park Play Date (Shadyside Park in Dutton)

12:30 p.m. Amish Dinner at Yoder's Country Store, Nashville

**Wednesday, August 19:**

Mission Team arrives back at Leighton in the evening.

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

6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study on Revelation (Rooms 7/8)

### **BACKYARD PICNIC FELLOWSHIP**

Everyone is invited to Art & Connie Hooker's home for the last Backyard Picnic of the summer on August 16th at 6:00 p.m.  
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.

### **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.

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

Moms, bring the kids for one more play date at the park before school begins.  
Meet at Shadyside Park in Dutton on Tuesday, August 18th at 10:30 a.m. Bring a picnic lunch for your family. 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](#)

### **CIRCLE OF JOY**

The August Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship is coming up on Monday, August 17th at 7:00 p.m. This month's gathering is open to everyone; not just women. Tiffany Thaler will be sharing about her recent mission trip to Jamaica where she and a team of physical therapists treated stroke victims and others with mobility issues. Men and women are welcome. Refreshments served afterward.

Questions? Contact [Jean Bender](#)

### **LAKESIDE BAPTISM SERVICE**

A baptism service is being planned for Sunday, September 13th at Mark Schiefel's home on Duncan Lake. The service will be held at 5:00 p.m. and the baptisms will be by immersion in the lake. If you know Jesus Christ as your Savior and have not made that public profession of faith with the sacrament of baptism, you are invited to come.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact [Pastor Dave](#) or the [church office](#) by August 30th.

### **GUITAR GROUP**

Do you have a desire to learn to play the guitar, but didn't want to spend a lot of money on lessons? Perhaps you know how to play the guitar a little bit, but would enjoy getting together with others and play. If you answered "yes" to either of these questions, then Monday night Guitar Group is for you. There is no cost to participate, but you must bring your own guitar.

Lessons are in a group setting and are CD/DVD based. Guitar Group meets each Monday in the Prayer Room from 6:30-7:30 p.m. For more information, contact [Judy Hanlon](#)

### **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.

**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 CLUBS® LEADERS**

Do you enjoy kids and seeing kids get excited about Jesus? Kids need you in Pioneer Clubs! Our Pioneer Clubs program currently has openings for leaders for all ages groups (toddlers on up through 6th Grade). Leaders work together to lead children through Bible Exploration, Bible memory, activity awards, songs, and games. They have great fun right along with the club members.

If you are interested in being part of the Pioneer Clubs ministry, stop by the table in the Lobby today to sign up or get more information from [Allison Draaisma](#), Pioneer Club coordinator.

Pioneer Clubs meets Wednesday nights from October-March 6:30-8:00 p.m. Can you give an hour and a half of your time once a week to impact a child's eternity?

### **FAMILY DINNER UPDATE**

Sarah Geers, who has coordinated and cooked Wednesday night Family Dinners for the past couple of years, will be taking a break this year as she is expecting a baby in December. Sarah has done a great job planning menus, putting together a kitchen crew, and cooking meals for 80-90 people each week. With Sarah stepping aside for a time, we have been searching for a Family Dinner coordinator. This past week, Renee Seeley graciously offered to take on this role. While the exact start date of Family Dinner has yet to be determined, your support and encouragement for Renee as she begins thinking about Family Dinners is appreciated. If you are interested in helping with preparing meals, serving meals, and/or clean-up contact [Renee](#).

### **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).

**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.

**THANK YOU!**

Dear Congregation of Leighton UMC,  
Thank you so much for helping our patient, Ralph, by installing grab bars and a ramp. We are so grateful for the way you have made his life better and touched all of our hearts. What a beautiful impact you have had on our community.

Thank you!

Sara Murray & Tami F. Cox, Manager  
Metro Health

**SERVICE IN ACTION**

**COFFEE SERVERS:**

August 16—Jonathan Athearn & Brad Geers

August 23—Mike & Cindy Punt

August 30—Randy & Bonnie Adams

**PROVIDING COOKIES:**

August 16—Barbara Moore & Crystal Mulero

August 23—Claudia Thornton & Cindy Punt

August 30—Andrea Landon & Mary Ackerson

**GREETERS:**

August 16—Mike & Christine Syswerda  
August 23—Todd & Judi Galloway  
August 30—Doug & Judy Hanlon

**NURSERY:**

August 16—Cindy & Rebecka Thaler  
August 23—Misty & Becca Getter  
August 30—Eric & Tina Peck; Gabby Nicholson

**SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS:**

August 16—Christine Syswerda & Becca Getter  
August 23—Gabby Nicholson, Sam Farmer  
August 30—Renee & Emeline Seeley

**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  
2 round frameless mirrors

**ANTIQUES:**

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

## **FOOD PANTRY SHELVES HAVE PLENTY OF ROOM FOR MORE GROCERIES!**

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 shelves have plenty of room for more food. 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)

### **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 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



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**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. 5

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

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