

The Leighton News
Week of August 9, 2015

On The Calendar This Week:

Sunday, August 9:

Sunday's Message – "Can You Hear the Whisper?" – Luke 15:1-2

The prelude Sunday morning will be performed by the women of the Monday night Guitar Group.

Holy Communion will be served Sunday morning. Ushers will serve you where you are seated.

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. Sunday is the last Sunday all adults will meet in Rooms 15/16 for a class titled "Why I Don't Believe..."

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 6:15p.m.

Monday, August 10:

No Adult Basketball

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

Wednesday, August 12:

6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting (Lounge)

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

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday is the last meeting for all adults during the Sunday School hour for “Why I Don’t Believe...” led by Pastor Dave.

Next Sunday, August 16th, all adult classes will return to their normal classrooms. If you are looking to connect with others through an adult Sunday School class, there are several classes to choose from discussing a variety of topics/books of the Bible. Sunday School classes meet each Sunday from 11:00 am-Noon.

God the Son, the Son of Man: Study of the Gospel of Luke - Meets in the Lounge

The Realities of Holiness: Paul’s Letters to the Corinthians - Meets in Rooms 15/16

The Story: Read the Story Experience the Bible - Meets in the Library (for Parents with Young Children)

Books of the Bible/Bible character studies - Meets in Rooms 7/8

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 7th 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).

PLAY DATE AT THE PARK

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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](#).

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.

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 Schiefli'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](#)

TRIP TO BARRY COUNTY FAIR OUTREACH

Many adults, teens, and children from Leighton Church helped at the Barry County Fair July 20th-July 25th.

When the week first started out, the hope was to make some money to possibly put towards an international mission trip for 11th & 12th grade students in G.L.U.E. Youth Group. By Tuesday, expectations changed. The group felt that they were on a mission trip rather than conducting a fund raising project.

Several people attending the fair mentioned that they could see the ministry of Leighton as they watched the people in the red t-shirts. All who participated in this "mission trip" did their best to be the light of Jesus to people they came in contact with.

When youth were not on duty, the thought was that they might be back at camp taking a nap. Instead, they were in the Birthing Tent visiting with people passing by, hanging out with Mrs. Geukes, or singing and having a good time in the Expo building.

Posters were on display that showed past mission trips with everyone from one year old to 80 years old working together on projects. Several people that checked out the posters were impressed that there are so many different age groups working together.

Some asked where Leighton Church was located.

The group totally loved spending time with Don and Jan Geukes and all the other people that make that week happen. It's a blessing to have had the opportunity to be the love of Jesus at the Barry County Fair.

It is uncertain where this adventure will lead in future years, but this was a good challenge. Youth are now skilled at making Grandpa Bob Blain's pancakes, eggs, homemade cinnamon rolls, double crust pies, and lots more.

Thank you for all who participated and who kept this adventure in prayer.

~Bob & Connie Blain and the Mission Team

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 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](#).

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](#).

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 9—Shawn & Faith Eaton

August 16-Open

August 23—Mike & Cindy Punt

PROVIDING COOKIES:

August 9—Valerie Lepeak & Diana Smith

August 16—Barbara Moore & Crystal Mulero

August 23—Claudia Thornton & Cindy Punt

GREETERS:

August 9—Dan & Judy Terpstra

August 16 —Mike & Christine Syswerda

August 23—Todd & Judi Galloway

NURSERY:

August 9—Jonathan & Amanda Athearn

August 16—Cindy & Rebecka Thaler

August 23—Misty & Becca Getter

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS:

August 9—Britney Bredeweg & Sam Farmer

August 16—Christine Syswerda & Becca Getter

August 23—Gabby Nicholson, Sam Farmer

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 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

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:

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

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.

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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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