

The Leighton News
Week of September 20, 2015

On The Calendar This Week:

Sunday, September 20:

Sunday's Message: - "The Choice of a Lifetime" - Matthew 7:13-14

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 Kick Off Night! Sunday night in the Family Center at 5:45 p.m. A special evening to kick-off a new season of youth group with teens meeting their adult prayer partners. Dinner will be served .

Monday, September 21:

- 6:30 p.m. Guitar Group (Prayer Room)
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Basketball (Family Center)
- 7:00 p.m. Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship (Lounge)

Wednesday, September 23:

- 6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study on Revelation (Library)

Thursday, September 24:

- 6:00 p.m. Trustees Painting Family Center
- 6:30 p.m. SPRC Meeting (only if needed) - Pastor's Study

ADULT BASKETBALL MONDAY NIGHTS!

All adults are welcome to come Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Center for pick-up games. Contact [Doug Thaler](#) for more information.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Lucía Zamora and Mark Schiefel
request the honor of your presence at their wedding on
Saturday, October 3rd
4:00 p.m. at Leighton Church
Dinner reception immediately following in the
Church Family Center.
Children welcome.
Please RSVP to [Mark](#) by Sunday, September 20th

CIRCLE OF JOY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The September meeting of the Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship is Monday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Lounge.
All women are welcome to come.

The Circle of Joy meets the 3rd Monday of each month.
The gatherings include a time of prayer for one another and those in our church family, a unique program, and refreshments.

On September 21st, Sandy Zuidersma, director of Project Hope, will be speaking about the many ways Project Hope is helping those in need in northern Allegan County. Come and learn more about this growing organization and how they reach others with the love of Christ.

GUEST MISSIONARIES, DON & GLENDA MOON, COMING SEPTEMBER 27TH

On Sunday, September 27th, Don & Glenda Moon, missionaries from Argentina, will be at Leighton Church.

Don & Glenda will be sharing briefly during the morning worship service and more extensively to Jr. High, Sr. High, and adult Sunday School classes from 11:00 am-Noon in the Sanctuary. They will also be at youth group that evening from 5:45-8:00 p.m.

Don & Glenda serve with World Gospel Mission.
Their main responsibility is mobilizing and training churches and missionaries from Latin America to reach people around the world with the love of Christ. Your gifts to Faith Promise support their ministry of equipping others to reach people with the love of Christ.

50+ POTLUCK LUNCH

Everyone age 50 on up is invited to come to the October 50+ Potluck Luncheon.
Wednesday, October 7th at 11:30 a.m. in the Family Center

Bring a dish to pass and your table service. Water, lemonade and coffee are provided.

After lunch, Jack and Inez Potter will share about their experience staying in and caring for a lighthouse.

Friends and family members welcome to come!
Questions can be directed to [Jean McCaul](#)

FAMILY DINNER WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Family Dinner will begin Wednesday, October 14th
Dinner will be served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Family Center
Everyone is welcome to come!
All food and beverages provided.
Donations are appreciated to support this ministry.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Leighton Church has a lending library?
Are you a bookworm who enjoys reading a good novel or are you looking to learn more about how to live as a child of God?
There are a wide variety of books to choose from.
The Library is located down the Children's Wing. Please borrow books for no more than three weeks so others can enjoy them as well.
For more information about the Library, contact [Sue Brown](#)

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](#)

THANK YOU!

Dear Friends at Leighton United Methodist Church,

In the past year, we've had the privilege of sharing Christ's love and grace with thousands of people from this community. Whether in the counseling room, in the classroom, or on the telephone, our staff and volunteers skillfully and lovingly share the gentle touch of the Father. The ministry of the Pregnancy Resource Center is made possible by the generosity of donors like you. Thank you for supporting us with your gifts-we never take them for granted.

Blessings, Vicki DeGrazier, Community Relations Coordinator
Pregnancy Resource Center

PIONEER CLUBS

REGISTER YOUR KIDS FOR PIONEER CLUBS TODAY!

Pre-registration for Pioneer Clubs begins today!

Click here to get a registration form or pick one up in the Lobby.

There is no cost to participate.

Pioneer Clubs is for kids age 4-6th Grade and meets Wednesdays from October 14th-March 30th from 6:15 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Take a night off from cooking, come early, and enjoy dinner together in the Family Center from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are still a few openings where volunteers are needed. Please prayerfully consider giving a couple of hours of your time to make an eternal impact of the life of a

child.

2 Adults Substitutes (helpers, leaders, snacks, etc.)

NON-PERISHABLE SNACK ITEMS NEEDED

Snacks are served to the kids each Wednesday night.

Your donation of non-perishable snack items is greatly appreciated. Please place your donations in the basket in the Lobby.

Suggested snacks are: raisins, cookies, crackers, fruit snacks, chips, etc.

For more information about Pioneer Clubs or how you can help with Pioneer Clubs, contact Club Coordinator, [Allison Draaisma](#).

LEADERS & HELPERS MEETING

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 7th at 6:30 p.m. for all those who are teaching and helping with Pioneer Clubs.

The meeting will take place in Rooms 15/16.

An overview of the Pioneer Clubs ministry, suggestions to help with planning weekly lessons, and other important information will be given.

If you cannot attend, please contact [Allison Draaisma](#)

CHILD PROTECTION CLASS

A Child Protection Training Class will be held on Sunday, October 4th at 11:00 a.m. in the Prayer Room.

This class is required for anyone age 12 and up volunteering for ministry in the church; specifically those ministries that involve children.

If you are helping in any way with Pioneer Clubs this season, interested in volunteering in the Nursery, helping with G.L.U.E. Youth Group, children's Sunday School or Children's Church, plan to attend this class.

All participants will complete an application and have a background check done. Those attending who are under 18 will need a parent/guardian to either attend the class with them or sign off on their application.

Call the church office for more information (616) 891-8028

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

It's that time of year again and volunteers are needed to reach children with the love of Christ through Pioneer Clubs®, which meets Wednesday nights October thru March from 6:15-8:00 p.m. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to fill one of the positions listed below. Volunteers Needed for:

Two Substitutes for classrooms and/or fill in on occasion in Nursery

Contact [Allison Draaisma](#), Pioneer Club Coordinator, if you are interested in being part of Pioneer Clubs. Can't commit to help each week, but want to be involved? Contact [Allison](#).

CLEANING CREW VOLUNTEERS - Did you know that Leighton Church is cleaned by an entirely volunteer team? Each week, a number of people clean different areas of the church. More volunteers are needed to join the cleaning crew. Only a few hours of your time each week is needed. The current need is help with vacuuming, cleaning tables in classrooms and straightening paper and books in the pews. If interested, contact [Bill](#)

[Aman](#) or [Jackie Corwin](#).

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.

SERVICE IN ACTION

COFFEE SERVERS:

September 20—Kate Webb & Diana Smith

September 27—Barb Moore & Bob Roelofs

October 4—Wayne & Noreen Ingersoll

PROVIDING TREATS FOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:

September 20—Terri Farmer & Alverna Truax

September 27—Theressa Noffke & Stephanie Haan

October 4—Kate Webb & Judy Terpstra

GREETERS:

September 20—Don & Jan Geukes

September 27—Mike & Valerie Lepeak
October 4—Mike & Linda Horton

NURSERY:

September 20—Renee & Amanda Seeley
September 27—Cindy Herring & Britney Bredeweg
October 4—Jacob & Allison Draaisma

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS:

September 20—Gabby Nicholson, Sam Farmer
September 27—Stephanie Aman, Christine Syswerda

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.

Hotpoint Microwave
Electric Range
Refrigerator
wooden frame mirror (15 1/4" x 23")
record player/tape player in console
wall hanging that looks like tree branch
2 round frameless mirrors
Portable electric heater

ANTIQUES:

Old suitcase
wicker picnic basket with colored dishes
2 gallon crock
metal bread box
carpet sweeper
large brown jug
2 flower pictures
oval mirror (gold frame)
table lamp

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

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). 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

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

FALL RETREATS AT CAMP BARAKEL

Camp Barakel, located in Fairview, MI, is offering a variety of camps and retreats this fall including Ladies' Retreats (Sept. 25-27, & Oct. 2-4), and Men's Retreats (Oct. 9-11 & Oct. 16-18).

Camp Barakel is an oasis where you can be encouraged and recharged. The weekend schedule always includes a mix of fellowship and solitude, activity and rest, laughter and thoughtfulness. The staff of Camp Barakel loves Jesus Christ and loves to present him as the true rest for all souls. Claim a spot in one of their events and drink in the beauty of a northern Michigan autumn on one of these Christ-exalting weekend.

Visit www.campbarakel.org for complete registration information.

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.

BIG O' SMOKEHOUSE IN CALEDONIA IS HIRING

The Smokehouse Market is expanding and remodeling into the front half of their building and has an immediate need of a person to help 20-25 hours/week and/or 25-35 hours per week. Duties include: customer service, stocking, packing, cleaning, and maintaining displays. A person who has some management and supervisory skills is also needed. Compensation is negotiable based on skills, experience and commitment.

Production workers also needed Monday-Friday 5:00 am-Noon. Pay for production workers starts at \$11.00/hour.

Stop in at 9740 Cherry Valley (M-37) Caledonia or call Keith at 616-891-5555 or e-mail kosterhaven@bigosmokehouse.com.

FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL AND TRACTOR SHOW

The Barry County Steam, Gas & Antique Machinery Association along with the Charlton Park Antique Gas & Steam Engine Club are sponsoring a fall harvest festival and tractor show.

September 25-27 at historic Charlton Park located at 2545 S. Charlton Park Road, Hastings.

Demonstrations and exhibits include:

1895 Corley Sawmill on Saturday, Baker Fan, Steamed Apples, Tractor Parade, Hit and Miss Engines, Kids Pedal Pull & Sawdust Scramble, Swap Meet, Tractor Pull on Saturday, Tug of War: Steam Engines vs. Humans, Threshing, Sheep Shearing, Rope and Broom Making and much more.

Admission is \$6.00 for 13 years of age on up and \$4.00 for children ages 5-12.

Hours are Friday and Saturday 8:00 am-5:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

KIDS LIFE BIBLE CLUB NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Paris Ridge Elementary, part of the Caledonia School System, is seeking volunteers to help with the after school Kids Life Bible Club that will be meeting on Thursday afternoons after school is dismissed. Volunteers are needed to serve snacks, lead singing, greet kids as they come, listen to kids say their memory verses, and be involved with puppet ministry.

Volunteers can be as young as middle school age on up to retired adults. A background check will be conducted on all volunteers. There is no cost to you as a volunteer and all materials are provided.

For more information, contact Tonya at (616) 437-0948.

Paris Ridge Elementary is located north of Leighton Church, off 2nd Street between 146th and 108th Streets.

CHRISTMAS ROCKS II

Thurlow Spurr and the CMI Michigan/Ohio Concert Choir present

Christmas Rocks II, another powerful Christmas Celebration.

Sunday, November 8th at 2:30 p.m. in Lansing at the

Holt Performing Arts Complex.

Ticket prices range from \$18-\$38 and can be obtained by calling 1-800-993-7464 or online at www.cmichoir.org.

HELP SYRIAN REFUGEE YOUTH

What you able to do to provide assistance to Syrian refugee youth who have no parents to care for them? Since the beginning of the civil war in Syria in 2011, more than four million refugees have fled their homes in Syria in pursuit of safety in neighboring countries. Of these four million individuals, nearly half are children. Will you consider sharing your home in West Michigan with a Syrian youth? If you would like to make a positive impact locally on this global issue, please call Ana Jose at Bethany Christian Services at 616-965-8027 or e-mail her at ajose@bethany.org

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