

The Leighton News
Week of September 6, 2015

On The Calendar This Week:

Sunday, September 6:

Sunday's Message: - "Tired of Too Much Church" - Isaiah 1:12-20 & Galatians 6:8-10

Parish Nurse, Linda McBride, will be in Pastor Dave's office taking blood pressure readings. She is available before and after the worship service.

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.

No G.L.U.E. Youth Group Sunday night. Youth Group will be held at Mark Schiefela's home on Sunday, September 13th following the baptism service.

Monday, September 7—Labor Day:

No Adult Basketball

No Guitar Group

Tuesday, September 8:

6:30 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting (Pastor's Office)

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

Wednesday, September 9:

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

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

6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study on Revelation
(Library—NOTE NEW MEETING LOCATION)

Thursday, September 10:

6:30 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting

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 14th (note corrected date) at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Center.

LAKESIDE BAPTISM SERVICE

A baptism service is being planned for Sunday, September 13th at Mark Schiefela'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 September 8th.

HAPPENING SEPTEMBER 13TH:

Bibles for Kids – Children entering 2nd or 3rd Grade will receive their very own Bible during the morning worship service.

Sunday School Promotion – Children may move to a different Sunday School class depending on their age/school grade.

Teacher Appreciation – Sunday School teachers, Bible Study leaders, and Pioneer Club teachers will be recognized for the time they put into preparing and teaching class each week.

BRIDAL SHOWER FOR LUCIA ZAMORA

All women and girls are invited to celebrate with Lucia Zamora her upcoming marriage to Mark Schiefela.

The shower will be held on Thursday, September 17th
at 6:30 p.m. in Rooms 15/16.

Cake, ice cream, and light refreshments will be served.

Mark & Lucia are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Please RSVP to [Nona Steeby](#) or [Stacey Aman](#) by September 13th if you plan to attend.

YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF

With a new school season ready to begin, a fresh new season of youth group is gearing up to kick off.

All 6th-12th grade students are welcome to come. Bring your friends along. This special kick-off night will be an evening for teens to meet their adult prayer pal and get acquainted with them.

Contact [Connie Blain](#) if you are planning on coming. Dinner will be served followed by a fun evening of teens and adults together.

NECKTIES NEEDED

Gently used neckties are needed for the September 20th youth group kick-off night. Please look through your closet to see if there are neckties no longer being used that can be donated. The goal is to gather 50 ties.

Place them in the basket labeled "TIES" is in the Lobby.

Questions can be directed to [Connie Blain](#)

YOU'RE INVITED!

Lucia 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

Are you participating in ArtPrize®?

ArtPrize, Grand Rapids' art competition, is coming September 23-October 11. There are many talented people in the

Leighton Church Family. Let us know if you will have an exhibit in ArtPrize so your church family can check it out and support you.

Fill out the information below and place it in the offering plate or e-mail the information to Stacey in the church office

Stacey.aman@leightonchurch.org

NAME: _____

NAME OF ARTWORK: _____

EXHIBIT LOCATION: _____

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.

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](#)

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF MINISTRY EVENTS

While your personal calendar may be getting full in September with the start of school, school activities, sports, family events, work, and all that life brings, take time to fit into the life of the church to connect with God, serve God, and grow in your walk with God. The September calendar of ministry events is attached. You can also find events on the church website calendar www.leightonchurch.org/calendar

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:

1st & 2nd Grade Teacher

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

Two people to lead singing. This position would be needed only for the first 20 minutes of Pioneer Club. This would work great for someone on praise team as Pioneer Club singing is done right before praise team practice starts.

Youth helpers for snacks and to help where needed.

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.

SPOTTED IN THE RECENT PROJECT HOPE NEWSLETTER – LEIGHTON YOUTH GROUP!



We want to express our thanks to United Way for initiating this county-wide food fundraiser. It was quite a collaborative event with 11 food pantries, 10 grocery stores and 8 school districts who graciously loaned out their buses for a weekend. The sum of food donated was over \$15,000.00 between all pantries!

Of course we are most thankful for our local grocery store, Dick's Market! They go above and beyond by pre-packaging items for shoppers to buy for our pantry clients. They even did a "match" of what was taken in! Double blessings!

Many of our Board Members took turns "manning the bus", accepting



donations from the community. They even stayed during inclement weather, which included a tornado watch!

Something new this year for our "bus" food affair– the Leighton UMC Youth Group solicited donations. They really made a difference!

So, again, a huge thank you to United Way, Dick's Market, PH Board Members, the Leighton Youth Group and the entire Dorr community for all the help and support during this event. Together we are making a difference by helping those in our community who struggle with hunger.

God bless each and everyone!



**LEIGHTON CHURCH
Youth Group**



SERVICE IN ACTION

COFFEE SERVERS:

- September 6—Open
- September 13—Kate Webb
- September 20—Open

PROVIDING TREATS FOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:

- September 6—Kris Freds & Robbi Hilton

September 13—Mary Phillips & Linda McBride
September 20—Terri Farmer & Alverna Truax

GREETERS:

September 6—Shirlee Cheers & Theresa Noffke
September 13—Dale & Lois Byars
September 20—Mike & Valerie Lepeak

NURSERY:

September 6—Kris Freds & Kaylie Taylor
September 13—Cindy & Rebecka Thaler
September 20—Renee & Amanda Seeley

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS:

September 6—Becca Getter, Sam Farmer
September 13—Stephanie Aman, Robbin Hilton
September 20—Josh Aman, 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.)
Electric Range
Refrigerator
Amana Chest Freezer
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)
floor lamp
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

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:
September 5 – Buddy Greene

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

GULL LAKE MINISTRIES ADULT GETAWAY

September 14-18 at Gull Lake Ministries located at 1800 Burlington Drive, Hickory
Corners, MI.

Speaker: Marvin Williams Musicians: Bob & Becky Brunton.

Double Occupancy: \$290 per person

Single Occupancy: \$307 per person

Includes exciting excursions, 11 chef prepared meals, authentic Bible teaching, inspiring
worship, and uplifting fellowship.

Call 800-3530-2442 ext. 205 or go to www.gulllake.org to register.

Refresh your soul at Gull Lake.

FALL RETREATS AT CAMP BARAKEL

Camp Barakel, located in Fairview, MI, is offering a variety of camps and retreats this
fall including Father/Daughter Retreat (Sept. 11-13), Married Couples' Retreat (Sept.
11-13), Ladies' Retreats (Sept. 18-20, 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.

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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.

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