

The Leighton News
Week of October 18, 2015

On The Calendar This Week:

Sunday, October 18:

Sunday's Message: - "You Can't Take It With You!" - Proverbs 13:11, Matthew 25:14-30

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 Bonfire & Capture the Flag! Meet at the church at 5:45 p.m. Dress appropriately to be outside. All 6th-12th grade students welcome. The group will return to the church at 8:00 p.m.

Monday, October 19:

- 6:00 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, October 21:

- 5:30 p.m. Family Dinner (Family Center)
- 6:15 p.m. Pioneer Clubs for kids age 4 thru 6th Grade
- 6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study on Revelation (Library)
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting (Lounge)

Thursday, October 22:

- 7:00 p.m. Discipleship Team

STEWARDSHIP SERMON SERIES IN OCTOBER

Throughout the month of October, Pastor Dave will be giving a series of sermons based on John Wesley's classic sermon, "The Use of Money." The series is called Earn Save Give. Each week, we will be challenged to rethink how we manage the money and resources God gives us and how to be good stewards of the money and resources given to us.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

The Earn. Save. Give. Sermon series will conclude on Sunday, October 25th with Stewardship Sunday. There will be opportunity that Sunday morning for everyone to complete an estimate of giving for the ministries of Leighton Church in 2016. Throughout this week, prayerfully consider how God is leading you to respond.

POTLUCK LUNCHEON, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

On Sunday, October 25th to conclude the Stewardship Month series, a potluck luncheon will be held at Noon in the Family Center. Please bring a dish to pass and your table service. Beverages will be provided. After lunch, an announcement will be made sharing the total pledged for 2016.

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 Monday, October 19th in the Prayer Room from 6:00-7:00 p.m. For more information, contact [Judy Hanlon](#)

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.

CIRCLE OF JOY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The October Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship gathering is Monday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Bring your sewing supplies for a sewing project! All women are welcome. Refreshments served afterward.

For more information on what sewing supplies to bring, contact [Alverna Truax](#).

FAMILY DINNER WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

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.

PIONEER CLUBS

WHAT IS PIONEER CLUBS®?

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. There is no cost to participate. Kids learn to make

Christ Lord in every aspect of life through Bible exploration, memorizing Scripture, playing games, singing, and building skills like cooking, woodworking, etc. while earning badges along the way. Children are welcome to Pioneer Clubs anytime. Registration forms are available in the Lobby for those who have not yet registered and are also attached.

NON-PERISHABLE SNACK ITEMS NEEDED FOR PIONEER CLUBS

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.

OLD MAGAZINES WANTED

Rather than placing your old magazines in the recycle bin, bring them to church for Pioneer Club kids to use for various craft/lesson projects. Place the magazines in the marked basket in the Lobby. Magazines with photos of animals, people of all ages, nature, and food will be most helpful.

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

PRAYER MEETING

Prayer Meeting meets weekly on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Lounge.

Everyone is welcome to come and pray for our church, needs lifted up within our church, our community, nation, and leaders.
Questions can be directed to Nancy Geertman (616) 891-8935 or Alverna Truax (616) 891-8219.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

All adults are welcome to come to Bible study on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Library. The group is currently studying the book of Revelation using Chuck Swindoll's material. Come and get a mid-week spiritual pick-me-up! Questions can be directed to Mike Horton at (269) 792-4519.

BE PART OF THE CHRISTMAS CHOIR!

Help make this year's Christmas Eve service special by joining the Christmas Eve Choir. No prior choral experience is necessary. Just bring your voice. Men, women, and teens (must be at least 14 years of age), come and sing classic Christmas hymns together and lead our congregation in worship on

Thursday, December 24th at 7:00 p.m.

Rehearsals will be on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. starting on November 1st. Men, basses and tenors are always needed!

Add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Lobby by October 25th or e-mail [Josh Webb](mailto:JoshWebb@leighton.org)

GUEST MISSIONARIES NOVEMBER 1ST

Ron & Melin Green, missionaries serving in Indonesia and supported through your gifts to Faith Promise, will be at Leighton on Sunday, November 1st during worship and Sunday School. Come and discover the work they are doing for the Lord.

PIE SALE FUNDRAISER FOR MISSION TRIP

There are a group of adults and teens from Leighton going to Puerto Rico in July of 2016 on a mission trip. To raise funds toward the cost of the trip, the group is selling homemade Dutch Apple pies for \$10.00 each. Pies are frozen ready to bake. See [Misty Getter](mailto:MistyGetter@leighton.org) or [Tina Peck](mailto:TinaPeck@leighton.org) if interested in buying a pie.

G.L.U.E. YOUTH GROUP ALL NIGHTER

All 6th-12th grade students are invited to an overnight party at the home of Scott & Misty Getter's, volunteer youth directors for Leighton Youth Ministry.

Saturday, October 31st starting at 5:00 p.m.
Meet at the Getter's at 4084 Schad Road, Middleville
The festivities end Sunday morning at church for morning worship.
Bring your swimsuit, toothbrush, change of clothes,
bedding, and your bravery for some games outside in the dark.
Cost is \$5.00 per person. If you bring a friend new to youth group, they can come for no
charge! Contact [Misty Getter](#) with questions

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that you can find not only events happening at Leighton, but also
community events and job openings in the weekly Leighton News e-newsletter?
Send your e-mail to the [church office](#) to get the Leighton News in your inbox each week
or log on to the [church website](#) and click on Leighton News.

Those who do not have Internet access or aren't computer savvy can get the
information from the Goods & Services and Helping Hands bulletin boards located down
the north hallway.

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.

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](#).

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:

October 18—Kate Webb & Diana Smith

October 25—Wayne & Noreen Ingersoll

November 1—Open

PROVIDING TREATS FOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:

October 18—Amanda Brandt & Allison Draaisma
October 25—Shawn Eaton & Nona Steeby
November 1—Using cookies on hand

GREETERS:

October 18—Tim & Sue Brown
October 25—Tom & Ora Lou Smith
November 1—Barb Moore & Phyllis Jaworowski

NURSERY:

October 18—Michael & Christine Syswerda
October 25—Jonathan & Amanda Athearn
November 1—Christine Syswerda & Stephanie Aman

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS:

October 18—Sam Farmer, Bonnie McBride
October 25—Michael & Christine Syswerda
November 1—Jake & Allison Draaisma, Sam Farmer

CHILDREN'S CHURCH HELPERS:

November 1—Sam Farmer, Kaylie & Nathan Taylor

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.

Electric Range (must go!!)
wooden frame mirror (15 1/4" x 23")
wall hanging that looks like tree branch
2 round frameless mirrors

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

COMPASSIONATE CARE DIRECTOR JOB OPENING

Project Hope/Annetta Jansen Ministries is now accepting applications through October 19th for a Compassionate Care Director. Hours: Minimum 25-Maximum 32 per a four day week. Prior experience in Social Work is preferred.

Must have a strong Christian faith and be a member of a Bible believing church. Needs to be able to establish relationships quickly and be filled with compassion. Computer skills are a must, being proficient in Microsoft Office including Word, Excel and Power Point, accompanied with excellent verbal and written communication skills.

Please send applications, complete with references to:
Project Hope

Attn: S. Zuidersma
P.O. Box 241
Dorr, MI 49323
Or e-mail to sandyzprojecthopene@yahoo.com

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.

SON-LIFE CAMP & RETREAT CENTER FALL CLEAN-UP DAYS

SON-Life Camp and Retreat Center is having its annual Fall Work Days on Saturday, October 31st and Monday, November 2nd from 9:00 am-3:00 p.m. It is a time to clean up the camp, complete projects, and winterize before winter sets in. Come for one day or both, or even just a few hours. More hands make less work. Cider, doughnuts and lunch will be provided. To RSVP, or for more details, contact SON-Life Camp at (269) 792-2081 or office@son-lifecamp.org.

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

BAKED POTATO SUPPER FUNDRAISER

Alto UMC is also hosting a baked potato supper on Saturday, November 7th from 5:00-
7:00 p.m. Cost for adults is \$7.00, children 6-12 is \$4.00. A bake/craft sale will also be
held at this time. A freewill offering will be collected with proceeds supporting the
church's building fund. Alto UMC is located at 11365 64th Street SE.

GRAPEVINE HARVEST CRAFT SHOW

Northlawn UMC is hosting a craft show on Saturday, November 7th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00
p.m. There will be 60 craft booths along with a bake sale, coffee shop, cookie walk, and
attic treasure room. Lunch will be available from 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. All
proceeds to support Northlawn UMC ministries. Northlawn UMC is located at 1157
Northlawn NE, Grand Rapids.

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS GRIEF SUPPORT EVENT

Those grieving the loss of loved ones are hit particularly hard during the holidays.
Matthysse Kuiper DeGraaf Funeral Services is hosting a community grief support event
on Saturday, November 14th from 10:00 am-11:30 am at Rush Creek Bible Church in
the Fireside Room. This is a free interactive community grief support event led by Rev.
Gene Pearson, MA in Professional Counseling, Licensed Professional Counselor, State
of Michigan, and Certified Professional Empowerment Coach.

Coffee and cinnamon rolls will be served.

Please RSVP by Friday, November 6th by calling Marilyn at (616) 534-5417.
Rush Creek Bible Church is located at 2334 – 76th Street SW, Byron Center

UNSHAKEN – A WOMEN'S CONFERENCE AT CORNERSTONE UNIVERSITY

Do you find yourself in a pattern of being worried, overwhelmed, or afraid? Hear from author, storyteller, and ER Pediatrician Dr. Lina Abujamra at “Unshaken”, a conference for women being held at the Christ Chapel at Cornerstone University on Saturday, October 24th from 9:00 am-Noon.

Dr. Abujamra will speak on living a life of joy, abundance, and power in our daily walk with Christ.

Cost is \$10/adult and \$5/student.

[Register online.](#)

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