

**The Leighton News**  
**Week of January 3, 2016**

**On The Calendar This Week:**

**Sunday, January 3:**

Sunday's Message: - "Simple Resolutions" - Philippians 3:12-14

Parish Nurse, Linda McBride, will be available to take blood pressure readings in Pastor Dave's office.

Children ages 4-7 will be dismissed during the worship service to go to Children's Church which is held down the Children's Wing.

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.

**Monday, January 4:**

7:00 p.m. Adult Basketball (Family Center)

**Tuesday, January 5:**

6:30 p.m. Joint meeting of Leadership Team & Board of Elders (Lounge)

**Wednesday, January 6:**

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. Prayer Meeting (Lounge)

6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study (Library)

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

**Saturday, January 9:**

8:30 a.m. Breakfast until 10:00 a.m. (Family Center)

9:00 a.m. Youth Archery until 10:30 a.m. (Family Center)

## **CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR LEIGHTON CHURCH FAMILY**

Check the table in the Lobby to see if there are Christmas cards waiting for you! There are quite a few cards that need to be picked up.

## **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.

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT MINISTRIES**

Wednesday night ministries will resume on Wednesday, January 6th as follows:

Family Dinner 5:30 p.m. in the Family Center  
Pioneer Clubs 6:15-8:00 p.m. for kids age 4 thru 6th Grade  
Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. in the Lounge  
Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m. in the Library

## **YOUTH & ADULT ARCHERY**

Youth archery & breakfasts will be on Saturday mornings in January & February.

Adult Archery will be on Thursday nights in January & February. See complete details below. Share the attached flyer with friends.

### **YOUTH ARCHERY**

Youth Archery is gearing up for another season.

Saturdays January 9-February 27 in the church Family Center.

Bring the kids to learn to shoot archery or to fine tune the skills they already have.

Equipment is provided or bring your own.

Enjoy breakfast from 8:30-10:00 and shoot archery from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Family Center. No cost to participate, but donations appreciated to help cover the cost of breakfast and archery equipment. For info, contact [Eddy Landon](#)

A participation form is attached.

### **ADULT ARCHERY**

Adults are invited to come and shoot archery on Thursday nights in the Family Center at

7:00 p.m starting January 14th.

Bring your own equipment. High school students (9th grade on up) are welcome to come, but must have an adult with them. For more information, contact [Steve McBride](#)

### **JANUARY CALENDAR OF MINISTRIES**

The January 2016 calendar of ministries happening at Leighton is attached. Check out all that is happening in January and get connected as you can. The calendar can also be found on the church website [www.leightonchurch.org/calendar](http://www.leightonchurch.org/calendar)

### **MISSIONS SUNDAY**

Sunday, January 31st is Missions Emphasis Sunday with special guest, Zach Motts, missionary to Japan through World Gospel Mission.

During the worship service, everyone will have an opportunity to submit a pledge toward Faith Promise, the fund that supports missionaries and mission organizations.

The Mission Team is providing lunch at Noon for everyone to come and enjoy.

Mark your calendar for Missions Sunday 2016 and plan to join in!

### **CHURCH COOKBOOKS**

Church Cookbooks are available now for just **\$5.00!**

Cookbooks make great Christmas gifts!

Contact [Stacey Aman](#) or [Jean Bender](#) if interested in purchasing one.

### **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.

### **TRANSPORTATION TO YOUTH GROUP NEEDED**

Looking for a couple to transport teens to youth group on Sunday nights. Teens live within a mile or two radius of the church. If you are able to help each Sunday night, or even just once or twice a month, please contact [Misty Getter](#).

### **SERVICE IN ACTION**

#### **COFFEE SERVERS:**

January 3—Wayne & Noreen Ingersoll

January 10—Open

January 17—Open

#### **PROVIDING TREATS FOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:**

January 3—Nona Steeby

January 10—Judy Hanlon & Noreen Ingersoll

January 17—Jerry & Crystal Mulero

#### **GREETERS:**

January 3—Shirlee Cheers & Barb Moore

January 10—Dale & Lois Byars

January 17—Mike & Valerie Lepeak

#### **NURSERY:**

January 3—Eric & Tina Peck, Gabby Nicholson

January 10—Cindy & Rebecka Thaler

January 17—Renee & Amanda Seeley

#### **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS:**

January 3—Sam Farmer, Josh & Kate Webb

January 10—Josh & Robbi Hilton  
January 17—Sam Farmer & Bonnie McBride

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH HELPERS:**

January 3—Sam Farmer, Britney Bredeweg  
January 10—Josh & Stephanie Aman  
January 17—Kaylie & Nathan Taylor

**FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

Your donations of non-perishable food items to our food pantry give assistance to the 13 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 and it has been sent 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.

### **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.

### **LAY SERVANT CLASSES REGISTRATION OPEN**

Lay Speaking Ministries is hosting lay speaking classes on Saturday, January 23, 2016 and Saturday, February 6, 2016 at Grand Rapids Trinity United Methodist Church located at 1100 Lake Drive SE. Those completing lay speaking classes receive certification to speak at area churches filling the pulpit for pastor's.

Classes are held both dates from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. with lunch provided. Both basic and advanced courses are offered on both dates.

Basic class is \$25.00 which includes materials and lunch.

Advanced classes are \$25 which includes lunch.

There must be at least 10 registrations to hold class.

To register, call Jody Pratt at 269-792-0481 or [prattgji@hughes.net](mailto:prattgji@hughes.net).

Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> is held as an alternate date in the event of a weather cancellation. For more details on lay speaking classes, you may also talk to [Jim Ciluffo](#) who has taken the basic course.

### **43<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS JURIED SPIRITUAL ART SHOW**

Coming February 12-24, 2016 to Grand Rapids First Church located at 227 Fulton St. East, Grand Rapids.

Celebration of the Arts began in 1972 as part of the Music and Arts Ministry of First Church. In its 43<sup>rd</sup> year, Celebration has grown to represent one of the largest juried sacred art shows in the country. It features artists from throughout the Midwest in a variety of media including oils, acrylic, watercolor, sculpture, fiber, photography, and more. During the 13 day festival, there are many individual events including concerts, drama, and art activities.

This year's juror is Mark Mehaffey, a nationally recognized artist and signature member of the National Watercolor Society and the American Watercolor Society.

Cost is \$20.00 for the first entry, \$10 for the second entry.

Media accepted are oils, acrylics, watercolors, prints, drawings, sculpture, ceramics, fiber, textiles, collage, photography, multi-media, etc.

For more information go to [www.thecelebrationofthearts.com](http://www.thecelebrationofthearts.com).

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