

**The Leighton News**  
**Week of February 7, 2016**

**On The Calendar This Week:**

**Sunday, February 7:**

Pastor Dave continues his sermon series, "***Challenging the World.***" This Sunday's sermon title is "*Jesus was just another good teacher.*" John 8:48-59

Sign up today to help with Vacation Bible School. Visit the display table in the Lobby. VBS is June 26-30 6:00-8:40 p.m.

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. A complete list of classes and their locations is located on the back of the bulletin.

G.L.U.E. Youth Group Super Bowl Party Sunday night from 5:45-8:00 p.m. for all 6th-12th grade students at Scott & Misty Getter's home located at 4084 Schad Road, Middleville.

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**Monday, February 8:**

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

**Tuesday, February 9:**

6:30 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting

7:00 p.m. VBS Decorations Team (Room 9)

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**Wednesday, February 10—Ash Wednesday:**

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)  
6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting (Rooms 7/8)

**Thursday, February 11:**

- 7:00 p.m. Adult Archery (Family Center)

**Saturday, February 13:**

- 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)  
6:00 p.m. Dinner Theater (Family Center)

**DINNER THEATER AT LEIGHTON CHURCH – RESERVATIONS DUE SUNDAY!**

All adults (single or married, young or more experienced in life) are invited to Dinner Theater, a fun evening out featuring a catered dinner and “Contents Under Pressure,” a comedy improv team from Master Arts Theater.

Saturday, February 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center  
Reservations due SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH. Connie Hooker will be available in the Lobby before and after the worship service to take your reservations and payment.  
Cost is \$16.00/person.

The G.L.U.E. Youth Group will be offering child care in the children’s wing. There is no set cost, but donations appreciated.

Friends and family members welcome!

**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.

**YOUTH & ADULT ARCHERY**

YOUTH ARCHERY

Youth Archery is in full swing.

Saturdays through 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](#)

#### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016**

Vacation Bible School 2016 is coming!

Sunday, June 26-Thursday, June 30 from 6:00-8:40 p.m.

(NOTE: This is earlier than we normally hold VBS. Mark your calendar!)

This year's theme is:

## Ocean Commotion Diving into Noah's Flood

Throughout the week, kids age 4 on up through 6th grade will learn to stand for God, obey God, trust God, thank God, and fear God.

Many volunteers are needed to make Vacation Bible School happen. Teens and adults are needed for the various areas:

Group guides (lead kids from snacks to games to crafts, etc.)

Teachers & Helpers (3 different age groups)

Toddler Team (leader & helpers)

Games (leader & helpers)

Music (leader & helpers)

Snack Station (leader & helpers)

Crafts (leader & helpers)

Registration

Security

Decorations

Prayer Team

## **Volunteer sign up begins Sunday, February 7th.**

Contact [Cindy Herring](#) for more details

### **SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR VBS**

Thank you to those who came to the VBS Decorating meeting on January 19th. A number of great ideas are in the works and some supplies are needed to work on decorations projects. If you can supply any of these items, please place them in the Lobby in the bin labeled VBS supplies.

Pool Noodles (all colors)  
Green streamers (variety of shades)  
Blue streamers (variety of shades)

Contact [Cindy Herring](#) for more information.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

You are invited to the Ash Wednesday Service hosted by the Middleville United Methodist Church on February 10th at 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday is the traditional start of the Lenten season, a six week period of spiritual reflection leading up to the observance of Holy Week, including Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. Our brothers and sisters from Middleville UMC extend a welcome to any who would care to join them. Middleville UMC is located at 111 Church Street, Middleville.

### **PUERTO RICO YOUTH MISSION TRIP UPDATE**

Dear Church Family,

We are so very grateful for all the support you have given us over the past few months prayerfully and financially to get our mission team to Puerto Rico in July. In raising funds, we are over halfway there with just about \$9,000 left to raise. We have decided however that we are pretty tired of always raising money instead of just being a part of the church family. So our plan is this; we are going to discontinue fundraising for the next 6 weeks and just love on our church family, serving them without having to worry

about payment due. If you would like to support us in these weeks, we have a wall of envelopes on the youth group bulletin board located outside of the youth room (down the hallway toward the Family Center). Grab one that represents the amount you would like to support us and place it in the offering.

Thank you!

Scott & Misty Getter and the Youth Puerto Rico Mission Team

### **MISSIONS T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE NOW THROUGH FEB 22<sup>ND</sup>.**

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, pick one up at the Faith Promise table in the Lobby near the entrance to the Children's Wing, or contact Connie Blain

(616) 304-1399.

T-shirts cost \$10.00 each (2X-5X are \$1 per X)

Place your order by February 22nd.

### **NEED A BULLETIN FROM A PREVIOUS SUNDAY?**

Did you miss a Sunday or two or misplaced your bulletin from the previous Sunday? Extra copies of bulletins from the previous two Sundays are available in the literature rack on the table right outside the main entrance to the Sanctuary.

You can also receive an e-bulletin each week. Contact [Stacey](#) in the church office if you'd like to receive e-bulletins.

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

With severe winter weather in the forecast for the coming week, here's a reminder of Leighton's Inclement Weather Policy.

If Thornapple-Kellogg schools is closed or cancels evening sporting events, church events are cancelled.

The church voicemail will have a message stating closure information, an e-mail will be sent out, and cancellation notice will be posted on the following TV and radio stations:

WWMT Channel 3, WZZM Channel 13, WOTV 41, WOOD TV 8, and WXSP  
WCSG 91.3 on the radio or [wcs.org](http://wcs.org)

If bad weather occurs on Saturdays during archery season or Sunday mornings causing worship service to be cancelled, the same media formats will be used for notification.

### **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.

### **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:**

February 7—Wayne & Noreen Ingersoll

February 14—Gary & Jean McCaul

February 21—Jim & Bonnie Ciluffo

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

February 7—Bob & Connie Blain and Amanda Brandt

February 14—Shirlee Cheers & Sharon Kaechele

February 21—Jim & Bonnie Ciluffo, Jackie Corwin

**GREETERS:**

February 7—Terri & Samantha Farmer

February 14—Tim & Sue Brown

February 21—Tom & Ora Lou Smith

**NURSERY:**

February 7—Jake & Allison Draaisma

February 14—Jonathan & Amanda Athearn

February 21—Eric & Tina Peck, Gabby Nicholson

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS:**

February 7—Mike & Christine Syswerda

February 14—Sam Farmer, Jerry & Crystal Mulero

February 21—Sam Farmer, Matt & Stephanie Haan

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH HELPERS:**

February 7—Britney Bredeweg, Sam Farmer

February 14—Sam Farmer, Emily Mulero

February 21—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](http://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.

### **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).

### **FRANKLIN GRAHAM'S PRAYER TOUR OF AMERICA**

Franklin Graham, son of evangelist Billy Graham, is traveling to all 50 states in 2016 to hold prayer rallies, to preach the Gospel, and to challenge believers to take a stand and take action. He'll be urging Christians to vote, to live out their faith in every part of their lives, and to pray for our nation just as Nehemiah cried out to God to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem and restore hope to His people.

Follow Franklin Graham's journey or even join Michigan's prayer team.  
Go to [www.decisionamericatour.com](http://www.decisionamericatour.com) for complete information and locations.

### **RETREAT FOR LAY SERVANTS & LAY SPEAKERS**

Do you feel the Lord calling you to serve Him by becoming a certified Lay Speaker, which is someone who can fill the pulpit while a pastor is away on vacation or off on extended leave?

The West Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church is hosting a weekend retreat which includes 3 courses needed to become a certified lay servant or lay speaker.

April 22 & 23 at Lake Michigan Camp in Pentwater, MI

Cost is \$100 for overnights which covers class material, food & lodging  
Or \$75 for those who would commute (this cost covers meals & class materials).

The courses offered at the retreat include:

Basic Lay Speaking, Wesleyan Heritage, & Worship Design

To register and make a class selection, contact Jody Pratt at [prattjji@hughes.net](mailto:prattjji@hughes.net) or 269-792-0481. Individuals are welcome to take classes even if not seeking Lay Servant or Lay Speaking certification. Participants must register.

### **GULL LAKE MINISTRIES SCRAPBOOK RETREAT**

Gull Lake Ministries is hosting a scrapbook retreat March 11-13.

The weekend includes two relaxing nights in comfortable accommodations, six sensational meals, snacks, table space, and activities.

Bring your scrapbook/crafting supplies, Bible & notebook, comfortable shoes & clothing for a variety of weather and activities, spending money, and laptop computer and extension cord.

You'll have an opportunity to update online albums, design cards/work on craft projects, take a walk or relax by the lake, get a massage (extra charge), spend time in the prayer room, enjoy engaging worship, create, design & be inspired!

Cost is \$188/person for condo housing

\$168/person for lodge housing

\$160/person for cottage housing

\$50 non-refundable deposit per person.

Register by calling 800-350-2442 ext. 205 or online at [gulllake.org](http://gulllake.org).  
Gull Lake Ministries is located at 1800 Burlington Drive, Hickory Corners, MI.

**PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER UPCOMING EVENTS**

Save the date for these upcoming events to support Pregnancy Resource Center.

WALK FOR LIFE – Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Walk for Life is a family-friendly fundraising event to support the life-saving work for the Pregnancy Resource Center. There are various walk locations throughout our area.

GOLF FOR LIFE – Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.  
15<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf for Life is sponsored by Dan Vos Construction Company. Enjoy a round of golf at Boulder Creek Golf Club while supporting life.

GALA – Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>  
Gala is their premier fundraising event held at the JW Marriott, with guest speaker Abby Johnson.

For more information on these events, call 616-259-1522 or visit [prcforlife.org/how-you-can-help/events](http://prcforlife.org/how-you-can-help/events).

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