



Leighton Church

Proclaiming New Life in Jesus Christ

Week of June 30, 2024

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

4180 2nd Street
Caledonia, MI 49316
(616) 891-8028
office@leightonchurch.org
www.leightonchurch.org
Office Hours: 9a-3p
Tues/Wed/Thurs

Sunday Worship: 9:30a

Nursery provided for infants-age 4

Sunday School: 11:00a

Classes for children, youth & adults

Board of Elders:

Scott Pollmann (Chairman),
Todd Galloway, Art Hooker,
Wayne Ingersoll, David
Kaechele, Doug Thaler

*Hearing assist system
available from the sound booth
at the back of the Sanctuary.*



@LeightonChurchMI

Worship Services on YouTube
@leightonchurch7311

Sunday, June 30	Guest Speaker: Jerry Slagh Backyard Picnic Fellowship 6p
Monday, July 1	Men's Basketball 7p
Tuesday, July 2	Leadership Team Meeting 6:30p
Wednesday, July 3	Praise Team Practice 6:30p Men's Group 6:30p
Thursday, July 4	<i>Independence Day</i> Church Office Closed No JOY Lunch
Saturday, July 6	Kitchen & Family Center in Use 4-9p
Sunday, July 7	Guest Pastor: Pastor Mitchell Leach
Monday, July 8	Men's Basketball 7p
Tuesday, July 9	Board of Elders Meeting 6:30p
Wednesday, July 10	Prayer Meeting 6:15p Praise Team Practice 6:30p Men's Group 6:30p



Would you like prayer for healing? Prayer for struggles in your life? Prayer for wisdom and discernment?

The Board of Elders are available for prayer at the end of the worship service each Sunday. Just come forward to the altar or to the front pew.



Hey kids....3rd-8th Grade...

Here's a fun way to tune in to what is being taught during the worship service, get into the music, and learn about Jesus and God's Word.

Pick up a clipboard out of the blue tub in the Lobby, fill out the sermon notes paper and turn it in to Rebecca Shanahan or Valerie Lepeak after the service to get a prize.

There's a spot for you to write the name of the sermon, words you didn't understand, what verses were read from the Bible, and the name of a song that was sung during the service.

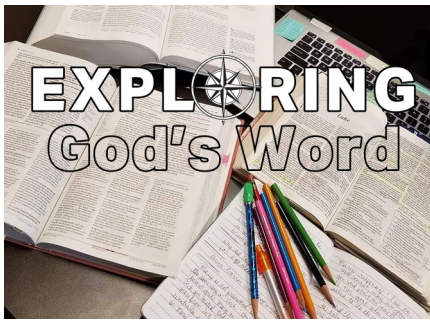
After awhile, you'll discover how much you've learned about God and how the Bible is important in developing a relationship with Him.



Kids age 4 thru 2nd Grade will gather in the **gym** for Children's Church immediately following the Children's Message.

In Children's Church, kids are learning a different truth from God's Word each week through a lesson, game, activity and craft.

PARENTS....after the worship service, please proceed to the gym to get your children and take them to their Sunday School class.



Sunday School Classes For Children, Teens & Adults

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, TEACHERS & LOCATIONS

Toddlers-2nd Grade: (Room 3)
3rd-5th Grades: (Rooms 12/13)
6th-8th Grades: (Room 9)
9th-12th Grades: (Youth Room)

ADULTS:

Lounge: “Relevant Faith for the Real World: Evangelism, Holiness & Social Action”
Doug Thaler

ROOMS 15/16: “Faith Leads to Action: The Letter of James”—John VanderMeer

PRAYER ROOM: All Belong (Special Needs Adults)—Connie Blain & Britney Bredeweg

THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!!
THANK YOU!!!
We are so grateful to all who have
said “YES” to teaching Sunday
School this summer!
You will be blessed by your time
teaching the Bible to the kids and
teens.



“I teach Sunday school. What’s your superpower?”

—Unknown

VBS 2024 was amazing!



5 days

60 volunteers

84 kids in attendance*

1 child accepted Jesus*

\$599.70 given to Mission Project-Gabriel & Gloria Martinez's retreat center in Bolivia*

*as of the time when the newsletter was printed

It was a high-energy, fun-filled week focusing on the 7 C's of history: Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, the Cross & Consummation.



THANK YOU to ALL who helped in any way to make this VBS happen. Without all of you, we could not have this ministry which impacts so many in our community.



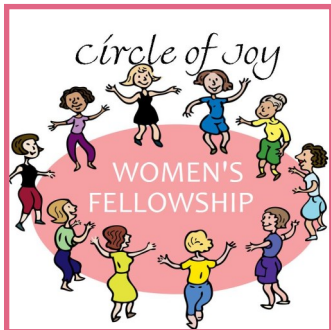


Wednesday night Men's Group is starting up again on July 3rd.

Men of all ages are welcome to gather in Rooms 15/16 at 6:30 p.m. for fellowship, prayer and Bible Study. The group will continue the study of Ephesians and continue on to study the other prison epistles; the letters Paul wrote from prison. These include Ephesians, Colossians, Philippians, and Philemon. Whether you are a seeker, a new believer, or more mature Christ follower, you are welcome to come.

Questions? Contact C.J. Yarrington (616) 366-3387

PERSONAL CARE ITEM DRIVE FOR MEL TROTTER MINISTRIES



The Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship is collecting personal care items for Mel Trotter Ministries. Items requested are:

Body Wash...Razors...Deodorant...Shoes
Sweatpants...Men's Underwear (new)
Shoes & sweatpants can be new or gently used.

Bring your donations to the July 15th Circle Meeting at 7pm or place them in the designated basket in the Lobby starting June 30th.

Youth Group Outing to Whitecaps Game

Saturday, July 20th—Game time is 7:05 p.m.
West Michigan Whitecaps vs. Dayton Dragons

Tickets are \$15 each.

Reserve your seat by July 1st.

Money for tickets is due July 7th.

Friends welcome! LMCU Ballpark is cashless. Brian is checking into a way to get cash converted to card for concession purchases.

RSVP to Brian Smith (616) 881-1488 or youth@leightonchurch.org





As the church grows with families with young children, this is just a reminder that the nursery is open during the worship service for infants, toddlers and preschoolers up to age 4. This is for the safety of the children in the nursery.

We are looking for volunteers to staff the nursery during the Sunday School hour so parents can attend Sunday School classes. Contact Rebecca Shanahan, Nursery Coordinator

616-312-3070 rebeccashanahan84@gmail.com

In an effort to keep our children safe and account for their whereabouts, the Discipleship Team is implementing sign in/sign out protocols for Sunday School. Sign out procedures are currently in place for Children's Church.

This will be a gradual process, but will begin with the Preschool-2nd Grade class.

Parents with kids in this age group who attend Sunday School, please take your children to the classroom and pick them up from the classroom after Sunday School; signing them in and signing them out.

Sign in/sign out
Your Kids



Questions?

Contact Valerie Lepeak

616-366-1162

A small group praying over the needs of the church, the people in the church, and in the community.

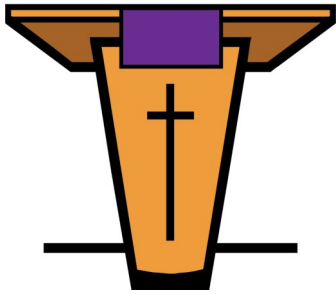
6:15-7:00p in the Prayer Room.

Meeting every other week.

Next Prayer Meeting is **JULY 10**



Preaching Schedule



Below is the schedule of guest speakers/
guest pastors for the coming weeks:

June 30: Jerry Slagh

July 7: Pastor Mitchell Leach

July 14: Pastor Dennis Weeks' First Sunday

Take note of these upcoming meetings.

Leadership Team—Tuesday, July 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

Board of Elders—Tuesday, July 9th at 6:30 p.m.



Online
Worship

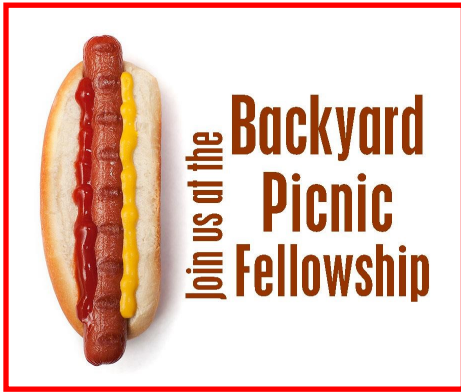


**Are you unable to attend services on Sunday
because you are ill, unable to get-out or out of town?
Now you don't have to miss a worship service!!**

Sunday morning worship services are recorded
and posted on the church YouTube channel on Mondays.

Subscribe to the church's YouTube channel and get
notifications when the sermons are uploaded OR visit the church website to be directed to
YouTube to watch services.

Questions? Contact Jerry Slagh
worship@leightonchurch.org



3 Sundays This Summer

June 30

July 21

August 18

6:00 p.m.

An informal backyard cookout for all ages at Art & Connie Hooker's home
4456 Patterson Ave, Middleville.

All food and beverages are provided; hot dogs right off the grill, a variety of salads, chips, desserts, lemonade and water. There are tables and chairs set up, but if you'd like to bring a chair to sit around the fire, you are welcome to do so.

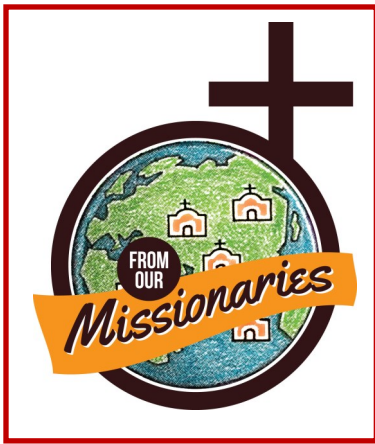
There are yard games, beautiful gardens to enjoy, a wagon ride through the field and woods, and sometimes, live music!

This is a great opportunity to invite friends or family members to experience the fellowship of the Body of Christ.

In case of rain, this will be cancelled.

Questions? Contact Connie Hooker at 616-891-8742.





The Kuhudzayi Family

Zimbabwe, Africa

Made in Matobo

The Kuhudzayi Family, Brierly, Mackenzie, Charlotte & Selma, are started their own non-profit ministry, Made in Matobo. Their vision and mission of this ministry is to improve the quality of life in southern Africa through agriculture, and to build the Kingdom by walking alongside people and deepening faith. They also strive to see rural communities helping each other thrive in family and faith.

Zimbabwe has a national population of 15 million. There are two main tribes; Shona and Ndebele. 74% of the population claims to be Protestant, but only 3% of the Matobo district reports to attend a church. There are frequent electricity and water shortages. Zimbabwe is land locked so the cost of living is extremely high as everything has to be transported by truck or train. For example, gasoline is \$6.13 per gallon and with the average estimated Gross Domestic Product at \$2,100/year, many people struggle to make ends meet.

While we are enjoying the warmth of summer, the Kuhudzayi's are in the midst of winter! While temperatures still reach 70-80 degrees during the day, the temperature at night gets down to 40 degrees. With the homes having very little insulation, they enjoy the fireplace and wear extra layers to bed.

The Kuhudzayi's were in Michigan over Easter. While they were here, they had an opportunity to attend a Mission Team meeting at Leighton Church, to update the committee on what is happening in their ministry.

On the agricultural side of their ministry, they started another batch of chickens, which is still underway, and have begun construction on a second chicken house. This will allow for increased cash flow for the projects, as well as more training opportunities on the ground.

They've resumed Bible studies and other fellowships where they have opportunities to both teach and be enriched themselves. Homeschooling and farmschooling are back in full swing.

Pray for Brierly & Mackenzie and their family and their ministry to the people in the Matobo district of Zimbabwe.

Your support of the Leighton Church Faith Promise Missions Fund supports Brierly & Mackenzie Kuhudzayi and 14 other missionaries around the world.

Welcome Dinner for Pastor Dennis & Kelli Weeks and their Family



Sunday, July 14th is Pastor Dennis' first Sunday preaching at Leighton Church. To extend a warm welcome to Pastor Dennis and his family, the Staff Parish Relations Committee is hosting a church-wide luncheon at Noon that day. All are welcome to attend. No reservations or sign up is necessary. Everything is provided. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship and welcome the Weeks' Family!

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. ~Proverbs 22:6

If we point our children in the direction of the Cross, when they grow up, they will not be lost. We have a part to play in this principle!

We must prioritize our children and practice Godly balance in their lives. They are gifts, not inconveniences. No matter what life throws their way, the children placed in our care need to live with the assurance that we will be there for them.

We must encourage these children and celebrate the uniqueness God placed in each of them. We must help them identify their strengths, develop their abilities, and work through their shortcomings. Remind them that, in God's hands, they are masterpieces-in-the-making!

We must value these children equally-no playing favorites. God has a plan for each young life. Our own natural aversions or appreciation towards certain traits should never taint our attitudes or actions towards these impressionable ones.

We must nurture all children God has placed in our care. Nurture their growth in the Lord. Feed them a steady diet of His Word. Teach them to exercise their faith. Surround them with the security of His love.

How we train today will determine how they live tomorrow.

THE BLESSING

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you and give you His peace. May our Heavenly Father equip you with every tool to train up your children in His ways. Be led by Him as you lead them into all truth.



Thursday, July 18th
9:30 am-3:30 pm

A day of inspiration, music, and fellowship on the beautiful grounds of the Maranatha Conference & Retreat Center,
4759 Lake Harbor Road, Norton Shores, MI.

Worship Music by Alisa Childers, a former CCM recording artist with the Dove award-winning group ZOEgirl, and author of the book "Live Your Truth and Other Lies." Alisa has become a force in Christian apologetics.

Speaker, Gretchen Rought, is a police wife, mother of two daughters, women's ministry leader and the co-founder of TACTICA Ministries.

Cost is \$35/person and includes Chick-fil-A lunch.



Reserve your ticket
231-798-2162
MaranathaMichigan.org



Festival Friday Outdoor Concerts
4 - 8 PM • FOOD TRUCKS • CAR SHOW • BOUNCE HOUSE • Bring Chairs

July 5

 CHRIS GOLDEN	 TIMOTHY & HOSANNA NOBLE
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July 26

 HARK UP MINISTRIES BIG BAND	 SMALL TOWN SUNDAY
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GUN LAKE CHAPEL FESTIVAL FRIDAYS

Gun Lake Chapel presents Festival Friday on July 5th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Come and enjoy a fun evening of cool cars, good food and inspiring music! There is no cost for the concert or car show. Food will be available for purchase.

Car Show sponsored by Kool Chevrolet
Musicians: Chris Golden and Timothy and Hosanna Noble
Food Trucks

Bounce House, Face Painting, and other activities for children

Bring a chair. Invite your friends.

Gun Lake Chapel
2901 S. Patterson, Wayland

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

2024 Goal = 800 boxes



Since last year's Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Drive was such a huge success (508 shoeboxes were filled and shipped last fall!), we are starting to collect items to fill shoeboxes again this year.

For the month of June, we are continuing to collect small toys, such as:

- ◆ Playing cards
- ◆ Dominoes
- ◆ Small jigsaw puzzles
- ◆ Matchbox cars
- ◆ Small stuffed animals

Pillowcase dresses are also needed for the girls. Examples can be found by the Operation Christmas Child display in the Lobby. The pattern is to the left. Adjust the length for the age of the child you are making it for (shorter for little girls, longer for older girls). If you need pillowcases, there are free pillowcases in the Lobby.

Also at the display table, you'll find empty pill bottles and mini M&M containers. Quarters fit perfectly in these. Take one, two, or more and fill them with quarters. This will help with the shipping cost of the shoeboxes, which is \$10.00 per box. Place your filled container in the offering plate.

See the display in the Lobby for details on these items as well as information about Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Place your donated items in the designated bin in the Lobby.

THANK YOU!! In April, enough items were donated to make 100 hygiene packs! There were 50 toothbrushes left over. A friend recently donated 650 toothbrushes to finish making the hygiene kits. 700 combs are being donated by the end of June. More silverware for kids is needed. IKEA is a great source for this.

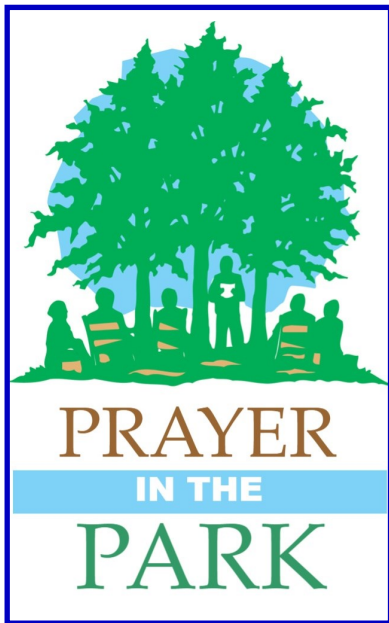
Samaritan's Purse has an Amazon storefront full of quality items for shoeboxes. Shop at:

<https://sampur.se/AmazonStore>

Questions can be directed to Patty Hoekstra (269) 804-7887 or pcookies68@gmail.com



**ALL ITEMS
DONATED MUST
BE NEW OR
HANDMADE.
USED ITEMS
CANNOT BE
GIVEN.**



Bodies of Christ coming together to pray
over our communities

2nd Sunday of Each Month
12:45-1:15 p.m.

July 14....August 11....September 8

Questions? Contact Nancy Slagh
(616) 724-5447

Gather with other believers at one of the 5 parks listed below to pray for:

- Community
- Leadership and the Election (not candidate specific)
- Schools
- West Michigan
- Our Country
- Wisdom and Courage
- Revival and Salvation

There will be leaders from the various communities at each park leading the prayer time.

Locations:

Sesquicentennial Park: 91 E. Main Street, Middleville
(led by Nancy Slagh)

Wayland City Park, 201 Church Street, Wayland

Dorr Township North Park, 1879 142nd Avenue, Dorr

Hagar Park, 8134 28th Avenue, Jenison

Wish Missionary, Don Moon, a Happy Retirement!



Don Moon and his late wife, Glenda, have served the Lord on the mission field for 40 years. Today, June 30th, Don is retiring from World Gospel Mission. Leighton Church has supported Don & Glenda since 1994; 30 years!! There is a card in the Lobby for all to sign to wish Don a wonderful retirement.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

InterAct Ministries, a missions organization based in Oregon, has several openings on the mission field.

Maybe you're retired or self-supported and are looking to serve in a support ministry. Or maybe you know someone interested in serving the Lord on the mission field.



These are the current openings:

ALASKA: Facility maintenance, Guest House Services

CANADA: Building skills or land development (camp); office administration (experience in non-profits a plus)

OREGON OFFICE: Communications, IT Specialist, Facility Maintenance

Missionaries, Mark & Heather Overbeek, are supported by Leighton Church. They serve in Kodiak, Alaska under InterAct Ministries.

If you'd like to learn more about these opportunities, go to <https://interactministries.org/go/> OR call Jim (503) 668-5571 ext. 117

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR U.S. DISASTER RELIEF

You see the stories and pictures on the news. Another storm has brought destruction to a town. Homes are destroyed. Trees are down. You want to help, but how?

Samaritan's Purse, a humanitarian aid organization led by Franklin Graham (son of Billy Graham), is in need of volunteers to help clean up after natural disasters. You can volunteer for a day or a week. No experience is necessary.



Learn more at spvolunteer.org

Service in Action

How do I get involved?

GREETER MINISTRY: June 30: Jan Geukes & Kim Bender July 7: Andy, April, Olivia & Emilee Taylor July 14: Mike, Christine, Jack & Ava Syswerda	Get involved: Diane Porter, Coordinator (616) 617-0269, dianepor68@outlook.com
Intercessory Prayer: June 30: Michael & Christine Syswerda July 7: Mike & Linda Horton July 14: C.J. Yarrington	Get involved: Alverna Truax, (616) 891-8219, truax616@gmail.com Pray during the worship service. Serve every 6-8 weeks.
Nursery: June 30: Valerie & Hollie Lepeak July 7: Scott & Terri Farmer July 14: Robbin Hilton & Lauren Risner	Get Involved: Rebecca Shanahan (616) 312-3070, rebeccashanahan84@gmail.com Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done.
Coffee Bar: June 30: Nancy Slagh & Diane Porter July 7: John VanderMeer & Debi Warren July 14: Servers Needed	Get Involved: Contact Connie Hooker (616) 891-8742 or sign up at the Coffee Bar
Treats for Coffee Fellowship: June 30: Sharon Grinage & Sally Smith July 7: Mark & Lucia Schiefla, Debi Warren July 14: Connie Hooker, Cookies in the Cupboard	Get Involved: Contact Nona Steeby, (616) 891-1567
Acolytes: June 30: Olivia Taylor & Keagan Shanahan July 7: Olivia Taylor & Hollie Lepeak July 14: Abbi Pollmann & Olivia Taylor	Get Involved: Luann Snyder (616) 891-8348, luannlewis@yahoo.com
Children's Church: June 30: Rebecca Shanahan & Britney Bredeweg July 7: Diane & Ian Norris July 14: Valerie & Hollie Lepeak	Get Involved: Rebecca Shanahan (616) 312-3070, rebeccashanahan84@gmail.com Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done.
Mowing: July 4-6: CHURCH-Bill Aman BALL FIELD—Scott Farmer July 11-13: CHURCH: Todd Galloway BALL FIELD—Clay Snyder	