

The Leighton News
Week of May 31, 2015

On The Calendar This Week:

Sunday, May 31:

Sunday's Message – "Don't Quit Now! – Hebrews 12:1-2

Holy Communion will be served at the altar

This Sunday is Friendship Sunday. Everyone is asked to wear a name tag in an effort to know one another. Name tags will be available in the Lobby

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 tonight. Youth Group will meet the from 5:45 to 8:00 p.m. at the church for students 6th-12th grade. Dinner is served from 5:45 to 6:15p.m.

Monday, June 1:

6:00 p.m. Softball Game Leighton Team #1 vs. Leighton Team #2

6:00 p.m. Guitar Group (Prayer Room)

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

Tuesday, June 2:

2:00 to 9:00 p.m. Sanctuary and Lobby in use

Wednesday, June 3:

11:30 a.m. 50+ Potluck Lunch & Program (Family Center)

6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study "*Revelation*" (Room7/8)

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

Saturday, June 6:

9:30 a.m. Baby Shower for Amanda Brandt (Room 15)

JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June is packed full of activities and ministries to fill your summer days and evenings. Check out the attached calendar detailing upcoming softball games, picnics, play dates at the park and more. Get connected as you can.

ADULT BASKETBALL MONDAY NIGHTS!

Adult Basketball is held each Monday night, in the Family Center at 7:00 p.m. for men and women to come and enjoy some basketball. These are pick-up games; not league play. For more information, contact [Doug Thaler](#)

SOFTBALL GAME SCHEDULE

Monday, June 1st

6:00 pm Leighton Team #2 vs. Leighton Team #1

Thursday, June 11th

6:00 p.m. CrossWind Community vs. Leighton Team #2

Bring your lawn chair and cheer on your Leighton teams!
Enjoy some ice cream from the Ice Cream Shack.
A complete season schedule is attached.

GUITAR GROUP

Have you always wanted to learn to play the guitar?
Come to the Leighton Church Prayer Room Monday nights from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and learn in a group setting.

There is no charge to attend. Just bring your own guitar.

For more information, contact [Judy Hanlon](#)

Guitar Group is held the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Next date Guitar Group will be held is June 1st.

50+ LUNCHEON

June 3, 11:30 a.m. in the Family Center

Everyone 50 and older is invited to a potluck lunch.

The program will be: The Tanis Sisters

A musical performance by the Tanis Sisters, a group of three sisters who play bluegrass gospel music and have marvelous harmony.

The Tanis Sisters consists of Bethany, playing mandolin, Olivia, playing guitar, and Christin, playing the bass.

Contact [Jean McCaul](#) for more information.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

All adults are invited to come to a dynamic study by Chuck Swindoll on the book of Revelation.

In three acts, the book of Revelation puts you in the front row, center stage, as Jesus Christ rights all wrongs, punishes evil, and establishes an eternal kingdom of peace and righteousness.

The study uses Chuck Swindoll's teachings on CD as well as group discussion. This small group meets Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in Rooms 7/8 (NOTE NEW LOCATION).

Contact [Mike Horton](#) for more info.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

God held off the rain until the garden was planted and then provided the showers to help the plants grow. Thank you to David Kaechele and Art and Connie Hooker for helping us plant on Tuesday. We also appreciate the seeds and plants donations from Jim and Jo Tolan and Bill and Stacey Aman (and anyone else we don't know about). Most of the rest of the seeds and plants we purchased from Peerbooms Garden Center in Wayland who gave us a 10% discount because it was for a church and community.

Please give them your support and thanks. **If you would be willing to help weed and/or pick this summer, please tell us.**

Thank you, Clay & Luann, Garden Coordinators

BABY SHOWER FOR AMANDA JACKSON-BRANDT

Saturday, June 6th at 9:30 a.m.

Leighton Church Rooms 15/16

All women and girls are invited.

Brunch will be served.

Amanda is expecting a girl. She is registered at Babies R Us.

Please RSVP to [Sarah Geers](#) by Wednesday, June 3rd

PRE-REGISTER FOR CAMP KILIMANJARO VBS

Beat the rush and get your child/children pre-registered for Camp Kilimanjaro Vacation Bible School. Pre-registration begins Sunday, June 7th. Camp Kilimanjaro is for adventurers age 2 through 6th grade (entering in the fall) and will be held July 26-30 from 6:00-8:40 p.m.

Play Date at the Park

Moms, bring the kids for a fun time at the park! Meet at Caledonia Lakeside Park on Tuesday, June 9th at 10:30 a.m. Bring a picnic lunch for your family. Afterward, enjoy ice cream at Ice Cream Express on Main Street in Caledonia.

For more information, contact [Allison Draaisma](#).

The next Park Play Date is June 23rd at Boulder Ridge in Alto.

BACKYARD PICNIC FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, June 14th at 6:00 p.m. at Art & Connie Hooker's home. Come and enjoy a fun evening for kids, teens, & adults! All food and beverages are provided. Bring a chair to sit by the fire, take a hayride, and visit with one another. In case of rain, this event will be held at the church. Dates for other Backyard Picnic Fellowships are July 12th and August 16th. For directions to Art & Connie's home, contact the [church office](#).

CIRCLE OF JOY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP PICNIC

All women are invited to Theresa Noffke's new home on Monday, June 15th at 6:00 p.m. for a potluck dinner and fellowship. Bring a dish to pass. All table service and beverages will be provided. For directions to Theresa's home, contact the [church office](#). An offering will be collected that evening to fund missionaries around the globe supported by the Circle of Joy.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO WORK AT BARRY COUNTY FAIR.

Adults and teens are needed to represent Leighton Church at the Barry County Fair July 19-25.

Leighton Church is staffing the Birthing Tent again this year. This is a great family event. Staffers are responsible for watching over the animals in the tent and interacting with those visiting the tent.

New this year, Leighton Church is staffing the food court located in the Expo Center

building. Staff will be preparing and serving breakfast and lunch throughout the week.
See Bob Blain to schedule your time to serve at either the birthing tent or the food court (616) 891-1858.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DECORATIONS

The following items are needed to begin creating the decorations for this year's Vacation Bible School, Camp Kilimanjaro and for crafts the kids will make during the week of Vacation Bible School. Please place items in the designated basket in the church lobby or contact Cindy Herring (616) 299-0083 or herring@iserv.net or [Stacey](#) in the church office.

Artificial vine 6 foot in length
35—6 oz size glass jars with lids
15—11 oz. cardboard coffee cans w/tin bottom & plastic lid
2 bags of potting soil 40 lbs. each
2 or 3 Pink Flamingo yard decorations

If previous items are no longer listed, then the quantity needed has been reached.
Thank you!

MISSION TRIP TO STANDISH, MI

Monday, August 17th-Wednesday, August 19th.

The Mission Team is coordinating a mission trip to Standish, MI. The focus of the trip will be helping and encouraging the Saganing Native people as they work towards reconciliation with the local community. They are attempting to maintain the Saganing Native American Center, which is located in one of only two Native American churches remaining in the state. The Center was designated by the Detroit Annual Conference and Committee on Native American Ministry. Most of their services are focused on children in the area. They hold a weekly story time, diaper pantry, and one of their big yearly events is the distribution of 200 backpacks to students at the start of school. Adjacent to the church is a Native American burial ground that holds a lot of importance to the local culture. The entire center is surrounded by a casino, constantly pressuring them to sell, but they have faith that God intends to use this center for His work. You are invited to come and be part of this chance to work alongside the Saganing people.

Families and individual adults are welcome to come. The group will depart at approximately 6:00 a.m. Monday, August 17th and return Wednesday evening. There is limited space. Sign up with Connie Blain at (616) 891-1858 no later than June 14th.

JOIN THE PRAISE TEAM!

The Praise Team needs you!

Looking for pianists, bass guitar players, drummers, and guitar players to join the praise team. Also looking for individuals to run the soundboard and presentation software.

Training available.

If you are interested, please contact [Josh Webb](#), Director of Music Ministries to set up an appointment.

MEALS FOR GALLOWAY FAMILY

With Judi's halo off, she now has a neck brace and a few less restrictions than she had with the halo. Terri Farmer is continuing to coordinate meals for the Galloways. If you are interested in bringing a meal(s) to the Galloway Family, please contact [Terri Farmer](#).

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:

May 31—Eric & Tina Peck

June 7—Kate Bauer & Bonnie McBride

June 14—Open

PROVIDING COOKIES:

May 31—Cindy Herring & Crystal Mulero

June 7—Jackie Corwin & Mary Phillips

June 14—Jan Geukes & Theresa Noffke

GREETERS:

May 31—Don & Jan Geukes

June 7—Clay & Luann Snyder

June 14—Tim & Sue Brown

NURSERY:

May 31—Cindy & Rebecka Thaler

June 7—Misty & Becca Getter

June 14—Eric & Tina Peck, Gabby Nicholson

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS:

May 31—Sam Farmer, Emeline Seeley

June 7—Josh Aman & Renee Seeley

June 14—Stephanie Aman & Robbin Hilton

NEWS FROM THE FOOD PANTRY

Your donations of non-perishable food items to our food pantry give assistance to the 6-8 families that regularly visit our pantry. Thanks to Alice Vander Schuur for thinking of the food pantry for her 90th birthday celebration. The pantry is pretty well stocked, but there are never enough of the items that are starred (*).

*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

WALK FOR LIFE – Saturday, June 20

A family-friendly fundraising event to support the life saving work of the Pregnancy Resource Center. Mike & Valerie Lepeak are the organizers for Walk for Life for Leighton Church. If you are interested in walking, getting pledges, and supporting life, contact [Mike](#) or [Valerie](#) for a pledge form.

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

A DAY JUST FOR LADIES AT
GULL LAKE MINISTRY CENTER

Gull Lake Ministries presents their annual Ladies Days

"It's Good to Be Queen"

Choose your day to attend

June 16, 17, 18, or 19 or Girls' Night Out Thursday Night, June 18

Special guest speaker is best selling author, Liz Curtis Higgs, who will be speaking on her latest book, *"It's Good to Be Queen"* sharing timeless wisdom for every woman who aspires to please the King of Kings.

Music performed by Michelle Swift, who began her career with the gospel group, *Truth* and went on to sing with a variety of evangelistic ministries such as Bill Graham Association, Beth Moore, and Luis Palau.

Ladies' Day tickets are \$25.00 each. Group discounts for 10 or more tickets. Includes morning coffee & pastries at 8:00 a.m., program and lunch from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Girls' Night Out is \$15 per ticket for Thursday evening, June 18th and features a meet and greet with Liz Curtis Higgs and a mini-concert with Michelle Swift. Space is limited! Light refreshments served at 5:30 p.m. Program begins at 7:00 p.m.

For tickets or complete details see
gulllake.org/conference/ladies-days or call 800-350-2442.

Gull Lake Ministries is located at 1988 Midlake Drive,
Hickory Corners, MI

JOYCE MEYER CONFERENCE AT RESURRECTION LIFE CHURCH

Joyce Meyer, author and motivational speaker, is coming to Resurrection Life Church June 4-6. Each session is unique and will include a powerful message from Joyce and worship with Christy Nockels. Admission is free and no registration is required. Seating is available on a first come, first serve basis. Doors will open two hours prior to each session so be sure to arrive early so you can grab a seat and have time to check out the resource tables. Interpretation for the deaf and Spanish translation will be available.

These sections will be reserved until 30 minutes before the start of each session.

Schedule:

Thursday, June 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, June 5th at 10:00 a.m.

Friday, June 5th at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 6th at 10:00 a.m.

Resurrection Life Church is located at 5100 Ivanrest Avenue SW, Grandville
(616) 534-4923

UNITED METHODISTS JOIN JULY 17 CROWD AT COMERICA PARK

The 3rd annual *Renaissance in the D* is coming to Detroit Tiger's Comerica Park Friday, July 17th. What better way to spend a summer Friday evening than sitting in a seat in the ballpark? Enjoy baseball, fellowship, plus other extras.

The event is sponsored by the Detroit Renaissance District of the United Methodist Church, but is open to all United Methodists in Michigan. Tickets are limited and will be sold on a first come/first serve basis.

Tickets are for Section 323 and 324 behind home plate. A sellout crowd is expected so order AND prepay for your tickets now. Your prompt response is necessary because of the high upfront deposit required to secure this block of great seats and a new Tiger dynamic pricing policy. Planners of the event will work to secure additional seats based on demand.

The game between the Tigers and Baltimore Orioles begins at 7:08 p.m., but you are encouraged to come early. Pre-game activities include recognition of Imagine No Malaria and Hands 4 Detroit. Stay after the game for post-game fireworks (weather permitting).

Ticket cost is \$38/ticket (through June 10). Make checks payable to Detroit Renaissance District UMC and send to Don Archambeau, 28270 Elmira Street, Livonia, MI 48150. Call Don at (734) 422-2227 with questions.

SON-LIFE CAMP SUMMERFEST 2015

SON-Life Camp and Retreat Center invites you to Summerfest 2015 on Saturday, June 20th from 3:30-8:00 p.m. Summerfest is a fun-filled, family event with beach/water activities, fishing, kids' games, pig roast, live auction, and more! If you have a child coming to camp for the first time this summer, Summerfest is a great time to bring the kids out, tour the camp, and meet the staff. We are still taking donations of merchandise, gift certificates, services, or financial contributions for the auction. If interested in donating, or for more information, contact us at (269) 792-2081 or e-mail office@son-lifecamp.org. We hope you'll join us.

BARRY COUNTY FAIR PIE CONTEST

Everyone is invited to enter the pie contest at the Barry County Fair. The contest will be held July 23rd. Judging will take place during the Ladies' Day program.

Entry may be a one or two crusted pie. Please deliver to the Barry County Expo Building by 10:00 a.m. Make sure that your name/phone number and name of pie is on

your entry and a copy of the recipe may be attached also. Judging will take place during Ladies Day program. Age divisions: 25 & under, 26 & older
Four 1st place winners & one grand prize

Schedule for Ladies Day program:
Held in the Community Tent
10:00 a.m. Registration
10:15 a.m. Light Brunch
10:30 a.m. "Turn of the Century Household Mysteries"
Presented by: Claire Johnston, Curator and Exhibits Coordinator
Historic Charlton Park, Hastings, MI
Pie Contest Winner Announced

BOATER'S SAFETY CLASS – SATURDAY, MAY 30TH

"Around Green Lake" Association and Allegan County Sheriff's Department is hosting a boater's safety class on Saturday, May 30th from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Green Lake Calvary Church located at 608 – 145th Avenue, Caledonia
The class will be held in the lower gym level.

Participants must be at least 12 years of age. There is no registration fee.
Bring a sack lunch. Contact Marlene Plummer (616) 891-1213 or (616) 437-2761.

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