

**The Leighton News**  
**Week of June 14, 2015**

**On The Calendar This Week:**

**Sunday, June 14:**

Welcome to Mark & Heather Overbeek, missionaries who serve Kodiak Island, AK. Mark & Heather will be sharing about their ministry during worship service and Sunday School hour. Please extend a warm welcome to them.

Sunday's Message – "The Power of the Gospel to Transform Relationships" Philemon 1-25 presented by guest missionary, Mark Overbeek

Registration for Camp Kilimanjaro VBS continues! VBS is scheduled for Sunday, July 26-Thursday, July 30 from 6:00-8:40 p.m. for kids ages 2 thru 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. Click [here](#) to register online!

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. Jr. High, High School, and adult classes will meet in the Sanctuary to hear from the Overbeeks about their ministry in Alaska.

G.L.U.E. Youth Group tonight. Youth Group will meet from 5:45 to 8:00 p.m. at the church for students 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Dinner is served from 5:45 to 6:15p.m. The group will be doing a work project then out for ice cream afterwards.

Backyard Picnic Fellowship at Art & Connie Hooker's home at 6:00 p.m. for kids, teens and adults. Bring a chair to sit by the fire, take a hayride, and visit with one another. All food and beverages are provided. Josh Webb will be providing music by the campfire. In case of rain, this event will be cancelled. Dates for future Backyard Picnic Fellowships are July 12<sup>th</sup> and August 16<sup>th</sup>. For directions to Art & Connie's home, contact the [church office](#).

Sunday is the deadline to sign up for these upcoming events:

G.L.U.E. Youth Group Survivor Overnighter scheduled for June 20-21. Sign up with [Misty Getter](#).

Mission Trip to Standish, MI scheduled for August 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. Sign up with Connie Blain

(616) 891-1858.

**Monday, June 15:**

6:00 p.m. Softball Game Leighton Team #2 vs. Middleville UMC  
6:00 p.m. Circle of Joy Picnic at Theresa Noffke's  
7:00 p.m. Adult Basketball (Family Center)

**Tuesday, June 16:**

7:00 p.m. VBS All Volunteers Meeting in the Sanctuary

**Wednesday, June 17:**

6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study "Revelation" (Room 7/8)  
6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice (Sanctuary)

**Thursday, June 18:**

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

**Friday, 19:**

Family Center and Kitchen will be in use.

**Saturday, 20:**

Family Center and Kitchen will be in use.

Noon G.L.U.E. Survivor meet at the church. Eat lunch before you come.

**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 15<sup>th</sup>

6:00 p.m. Leighton Team #2 vs. Middleville UMC

Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

6:00 p.m. Leighton Team #1 vs. CrossWind Community

Monday, June 22

6:00 p.m. Leighton Church Team #1 vs. Middleville UMC

7:30 p.m. Leighton Church Team #1 vs. Gaines Church

Thursday, June 25

7:30 p.m. Leighton Church Team #2 vs. Burnips/Monterey Center

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.

### **CIRCLE OF JOY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP PICNIC**

All women are invited to Theresa Noffke's new home on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **VBS ALL VOLUNTEER MEETING**

ALL VBS volunteers are strongly encouraged to attend an informational meeting, Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the Sanctuary. Volunteers will gain an understanding of the theme of this year's VBS and have an opportunity to meet the other volunteers within their area to discuss with one another. If you cannot attend this meeting, please contact [Cindy Herring](#)

### **PRE-REGISTER FOR CAMP KILIMANJARO VBS**

Beat the rush and get your child/children pre-registered for Camp Kilimanjaro Vacation Bible School. Pre-registration is happening now. Camp Kilimanjaro is for adventurers age 2 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade (entering in the fall) and will be held July 26-30 from 6:00-8:40 p.m. Click [here](#) to register online.

### **PLAY DATE AT THE PARK**

Moms, bring the kids for a fun time on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30a.m. at Boulder Ridge Wild Animal Park, located at 8313 Pratt Lake, S.E., Alto.

Bring a picnic lunch for your family. For more information, contact Allison Draaisma at (616) 706-7280. The next Park Play date is July 7<sup>th</sup> at Gun Lake State Park.

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

### **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

### **G.L.U.E. YOUTH GROUP SURVIVOR!!!!**

Think you have what it takes to SURVIVE THE NIGHT IN THE WOODS! All 6th—12th grade students are invited to test their skills. Meet at Leighton Church on Saturday, June 20th at noon. Eat lunch before you come and pack a dinner to bring with you. Be prepared to spend the night in the woods. Bring bug spray, appropriate clothes for night time weather, bedding, Bible and good walking shoes (flip flops and sandals are not recommended). Return to church Sunday, June 21st in time to attend worship service. Bring a change of clothes to change into Sunday morning. **Sign up by June 14th with [Misty Getter](#).**

## **FUN EVENING FOR PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN**

All parents with young children (elementary age and younger) are invited to get together at Pastor Dave and Bonnie's home on Friday, June 26th at 6:30 p.m. Bring lawn chairs, meat to grill, and a dish to pass. Table service and beverages will be provided. After dinner, the kids will play softball so bring ball gloves and bats if you have them. In case of rain this event will be held in the church Family Center. **RSVP** to Pastor Dave or Bonnie by Sunday, June 21st. (616) 891-1646

## **MISSION TRIP TO STANDISH, MI**

Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>-Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.

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 17<sup>th</sup> and return Wednesday evening. There is limited space. **Sign up with Connie Blain at (616) 891-1858 no later than June 14<sup>th</sup>.**

### **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 by **June 28<sup>th</sup>**. Shirts are \$10 each (2X-5X are \$1 per X).

## **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](mailto:herring@iserv.net) or [Stacey](#) in the church office.*

200 paper lunch bags

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

### **PRAY FOR MUSLIMS TO COME TO KNOW CHRIST**

June 18th starts the month of Ramandan for Muslims. During this important 30-day period, Muslims from all continents unite in a period of fasting and spiritual reflection. The Voice of the Martyrs, a non-denominational organization with a vision for aiding Christians around the world who are being persecuted for their faith in Christ, has published a booklet to pray for the Muslim world during the month of Ramandan. The booklet contains 30 days of prayers for Muslims. Pick up a booklet in the Lobby.

**Thank You**—Dear Leighton Church, Thank you so much for your gift of money along with your gifts of prayer over Shaun. They both mean so much to us. Shaun is steadily returning to health. The plan so far is that he will be off work for six weeks. We appreciate any continued prayers you may send.

The Tanis Family

A love offering was given to the Tanis Family as Shaun underwent surgery for brain

cancer. This was possible by your giving to “Faith Promise. Thank you for blessing them.

Connie Blain, Missions Committee

**Thank You—**Dear Leighton Church, Thank you so much for loving us, praying for us and supporting us! Things have been going very well at El Sembrador. The students are finished up with their second quarter at school and will be heading out for vacation in a couple weeks. The rainy season has begun. It has rained every day since June 2. That’s a good thing as the ground was really dry and the dust more than plentiful. With the rain also comes an increase in the size and quantity of the bugs. The mountains are greening up and the birds are really active as well. Gary has been working in the afternoon with three students and he is really impressed by the talent and drive he sees in them. One of them for a “free day” shop project has decided to make shower caddies for 8 of the bathrooms in the boys dorm. Gary is loving watching and helping. I have been working with work teams and substituting in the high school as well as continuing to work with the ladies here on campus. It has been a lot of work but it’s well worth it. We hope you all have a wonderful summer! Keep us up to date. Blessings, Gary and Laura Griffin for World Gospel Mission

### **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.

### **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:**

Today—Shawn & Faith Eaton

June 21—Open

June 28—Open

### **PROVIDING COOKIES:**

Today—Jan Geukes & Theressa Noffke

June 21—Libby Pollmann

June 28 — Mark Schiefla & Linda Horton

### **GREETERS:**

Today—Tim & Sue Brown

June 21—Tom & Ora Lou Smith

June 28—Mike & Linda Horton

### **NURSERY:**

Today—Eric & Tina Peck, Gabby Nicholson

June 21—Kris Freds & Kaylie Taylor

June 28—Mark & Ronda Kaechele

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS:**

Today—Stephanie Aman & Robbin Hilton

June 21—Becca Getter, Christine Syswerda

June 28—Gabby Nicholson, Sam Farmer

## **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 90<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://gulllake.org/conference/ladies-days) or call 800-350-2442.

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

### **UNITED METHODISTS JOIN JULY 17 CROWD AT COMERICA PARK**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual *Renaissance in the D* is coming to Detroit Tiger's Comerica Park Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

### **MARANATHA WOMEN'S SUMMER BREAKAWAY**

Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

\$30 per person – Lunch included

Bible Teaching by Carrie Boren Headington

Mission Presentation by Betty Krause

Worship with Charly Sommers

Come and break away from your daily life to be refreshed and encouraged by solid Bible teaching, inspiring missionary testimony and encouraging times of worship with other local Christian women. All in the beautiful, historic, setting of Maranatha Bible and Missionary Conference. Women and girls of all ages are encouraged to attend.

20% discount for groups of 10 or more.

Order tickets by calling (231) 798-2161 or visit [www.vacationwithpurpose.org](http://www.vacationwithpurpose.org)

Maranatha Bible & Missionary Conference Center is located at

4759 Lake Harbor Road, Norton Shores, MI

### **HOST FAMILIES NEED FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

The Council for Educational Travel is looking for Host Families who would like to make the world a smaller place. Looking for loving families for students, who will be placed within the area community and attend the local school system. The students will be arriving on the J-1 Visa program, so the host family is a volunteer. Host families would welcome this student into their home much like a member of their family. Students will have their own medical insurance, money for expenses such as hot lunch at school, school supplies, entertainment, clothing, toiletries, etc. Many students are available and are seeking a 5 to 10 month stay in the U.S. Call (616) 250-60477 or 888-238-8723 to speak with Barbara Decker, area representative or visit [www.cetusa.org](http://www.cetusa.org).

## **MARANTHA SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

Marantha Bible & Missionary Conference Center presents a summer concert series each Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>-September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Concerts are free of charge. Come early and eat dinner in their dining room for preferred seating (walk-ins welcome, but reservations preferred).

### Concert Schedule:

June 20 – Richard Allen Farmer

June 27 – Steve Amerson

July 4 – Annie Moses Band

July 11 – Selah

July 18 – Anthony Evans

July 25 – Robert & Pam Adams

August 1 – Aaron Shust

August 8 – Dallas Holm

August 15 – Sara Groves

August 22 – Theater for the Thirsty

August 29 – John & Anne Barbour

September 5 – Buddy Greene

Maranatha is located at 4759 Lake Harbor Road, Norton Shores, MI 49441  
(231) 798-2161

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