

**The Leighton News**  
**Week of July 26, 2015**

**On The Calendar This Week:**

**Sunday, July 26:**

Sunday's Message – "Who Do You Trust?" – Proverbs 3:5-8, John 14:1

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 can be found on the back of the bulletin. All adults are meeting in Rooms 15/16 for a class titled "Why I Don't Believe..." for the month of July. This class is led by Pastor Dave.

No G.L.U.E. Youth Group Sunday night.

Camp Kilimanjaro Vacation Bible School begins Sunday night 6:00-8:40 p.m. Children ages 2 thru 6th grade are invited to come and discover God's wisdom in the book of Proverbs as they trek to Base Camp of Mt Kilimanjaro.

**Monday, July 27:**

No Guitar Group or Adult Basketball

6:00 p.m. Camp Kilimanjaro Vacation Bible School until 8:40 pm

**Tuesday, July 28:**

6:00 p.m. Camp Kilimanjaro Vacation Bible School until 8:40 pm

**Wednesday, July 29:**

No Praise Team Practice or Adult Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Camp Kilimanjaro Vacation Bible School until 8:40 pm

**Thursday, July 30:**

6:00 p.m. Camp Kilimanjaro Vacation Bible School until 8:40 pm

**Saturday, August 1:**

10:00 a.m. Family Center & Kitchen in Use until 4:00 p.m.

### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The adult Sunday School classes will meet together with Pastor Dave during the month of July. You are invited to join the class and enjoy fellowship and learning with your brothers and sisters from other classes. We will meet in room 15/16. We will have a great time together. The experts tell us we now live in a post-modern, post Christian world. It's hard to say what people believe any more, or if they believe anything at all. The world certainly has changed. Join me, as we look at our culture and discuss the topic, "Why I don't believe.....!" Hope to see you there. ~Pastor Dave

### **ADULT BASKETBALL MONDAY NIGHTS!**

Adult basketball will not meet Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> due to Vacation Bible School. Adult Basketball will also not meet throughout the month of August. The next night of Adult Basketball is scheduled for Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Center.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WEEK**

Camp Kilimanjaro Vacation Bible School kicks off tonight. The adventure begins at 6:00 p.m. and ends at 8:40 p.m. each night thru Thursday, July 30th.

Kids ages 2 thru 6th grade are welcome to come and discover God's wisdom in the book of Proverbs as they make the trek to Base Camp at Mt. Kilimanjaro. They will make these discoveries through Grassland Games, Safari Crafts, Summit Snacks, High Adventure Bible Lessons, Jambo Jive Music, and live dramas. Those who have not pre-registered are encouraged to come tonight at 5:45 to get registered.

### **VBS CLEAN-UP CREW NEEDED**

Help is needed on Friday, July 31st to take down VBS decorations and clean-up the church to be ready for Sunday worship. Please arrive Friday morning at 8:30 a.m. With enough hands, the job can be done in just a couple of hours.

If you can spare two hours of your Friday morning, please let [Cindy Herring](#) know.

### **COMMUNITY GARDEN**

The Community Garden stand is up and donations from summer harvest are being donated. The garden is growing and so are the weeds. **If you would be willing to help weed and/or pick this summer, please tell us.**

Thank you, Clay & Luann, Garden Coordinators (616) 891-8348

### **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).

### **AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Check out the attached calendar of ministries happening throughout the month of August. Get connected as you can whether it's growing in God's word, enjoying the company of others, or serving God.

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

Moms, bring the kids for a fun time on August 4th at Whistlestop Park located on 76th Street between Burlingame Ave and Byron Center Ave. Bring a picnic lunch for your family. For more information, contact [Allison Draaisma](#). The last park play date for the season will be Tuesday, August 18th at Shadyside Park in Dutton.

### **50+ POTLUCK LUNCHEON**

Everyone age 50 on up is invited to come to the August 50+ Potluck Lunch on Wednesday, August 5th at 11:30 a.m. Bring a dish to pass and your table service. Water, lemonade & coffee will be provided. After lunch, Mary & Julie Ackerson will take you on a photographic tour of Europe through the photos they took on their Netherlands Waterway Cruise earlier this year. Friends and family are welcome. Contact [Jean McCaul](#) for more information.

### **50+ OUTING FOR AMISH FAMILY STYLE CHICKEN DINNER**

Everyone age 50 on up is invited to go and enjoy a delicious Amish family style chicken dinner on Tuesday, August 18th at 12:30 pm. at Yoder's Country Store located at 6620 E. M-79, Nashville, MI. Cost is \$12.00/person and includes chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, coleslaw, bread & dessert. Sign up in the Lobby or let Jean McCaul know by August 13th. Meet at the church at 11:30 a.m. to carpool or meet the group at Yoder's. For more information, contact [Jean McCaul](#)

### **OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

There are many opportunities to get involved in the life of Leighton Church; attend worship, volunteer to be part of a ministry, volunteer to lead a ministry, attend Bible study, be part of the praise team, etc.

Listed below are areas where folks are needed to lead or participate in ministries at Leighton Church. Please pray over this list. Perhaps God is nudging you to serve.

**PIONEER CLUB COORDINATOR**—Pioneer Club is the mid-week ministry for children and is held October thru March. The coordinator is responsible for recruiting teachers and helpers, ordering materials, and creating a calendar of events throughout the season. For more information, contact [Bonnie McBride](#), [Amanda Athearn](#) or [Christine Syswerda](#).

**FAMILY DINNER COORDINATOR**—Family Dinners are held on Wednesday nights during the Pioneer Club season (October-March) from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The Coordinator is responsible for planning meals, purchasing supplies for meals, and recruiting cooking, serving, and clean-up crew. If interested, contact [Pastor Dave](#) or [Linda Horton](#).

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL**— Seeking individuals who would be willing to teach Sunday School classes while teachers are on vacation, ill, etc. This would be for children's classes (age 2 thru 5th grade), Jr. High (6th-8th grade), Sr. High (9th-12th grade), and perhaps an adult class on occasion. If interested, please contact [Bonnie McBride](#), [Amanda Athearn](#), or [Christine Syswerda](#)

**PRAISE TEAM/SOUND TEAM**—The praise team is in need of instrumentalists and tech-crew members. If you play piano, bass, drums, or guitar or would like to operate the soundboard or presentation software, contact [Josh Webb](#)

**CDL DRIVERS FOR YOUTH EVENTS**—On occasion, the youth group borrows or rents a bus to transport the youth group to their destination. Drivers for the bus must have a CDL endorsement on the license. More drivers are needed. If you have a CDL

endorsement on your license or would be willing to obtain an endorsement to help transport the youth group, contact Scott or [Misty Getter](#) or [Stacey Aman](#). Drivers would not be expected to participate in events the youth are attending.

### **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:**

July 26 - Barb Moore

August 2— Open

August 9—Open

#### **PROVIDING COOKIES:**

July 26 —Dale & Lois Byars, Shirlee Cheers

August 2—Jean Bender & Tena Vander Schuur

August 9—Valerie Lepeak & Diana Smith

#### **GREETERS:**

July 26 —Art & Connie Hooker

August 2—Terri & Samantha Farmer

August 9—Dan & Judy Terpstra

#### **NURSERY:**

July 26 —Jacob & Allison Draaisma

August 2—Brad & Sarah Geers

August 9—Jonathan & Amanda Athearn

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS:**

July 26 —Josh Aman

August 2—Stephanie Aman, Robbin Hilton

August 9—Britney Bredeweg & Sam Farmer

### **ESTATE SALE ITEMS**

Luann Lewis Snyder has household items and antiques for sale from her mother's home. There is a list of items being sold posted on the bulletin board down the North hallway between rooms 8 & 9 and items are also listed below. For more information, contact Luann at 616-891-8348.

Microwave: Kenmore with turntable and all the buttons (popcorn, potato, etc.)  
wooden frame mirror (15 1/4" x 23")  
record player/tape player in console  
wall branch  
Cute headboard and frame for twin bed  
2 round frameless mirrors

#### **ANTIQUES:**

Wind-up phonograph (talking machine) with records  
Old suitcase  
wicker picnic basket with colored dishes  
child's red rocking chair  
2 gallon crock  
sled  
metal bread box  
carpet sweeper  
large brown jug  
2 flower pictures  
arm chair  
oval mirror (gold frame)  
coffee table  
radio  
floor lamp  
table lamp  
coffee grinder

### **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**

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)

### **HOST FAMILIES NEED FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS IN TK SCHOOL DISTRICT**

There are a couple of exchange students, 1 boy, 2 girls, that TK schools have invited to attend school for the year that they are looking for host families for. This is a way of impacting the world from our homes. If anyone has any interest in this, please contact [Misty Getter](#). This is a two-fold because as youth leaders (Misty and her husband, Scott), they love the cultural experience for the Leighton youth group kids and they have committed to help locate a home for these 3 young adults. It'd be great from their year to be spent in homes that will show them the love of Jesus.

### **MARANATHA 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:

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

Marantha is located at 4759 Lake Harbor Road, Norton Shores, MI 49441



(231) 798-2161

### **PICKLEBALL BENEFIT TOURNAMENT FOR LIFE**

Did you know that pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the nation? Join the fun at the third annual Benefit for Life Pickleball tournament on Saturday and Sunday, August 8 & 9 at Belknap Park located at 30 Coldbrook Street NE, Grand Rapids. This event is open to people of all ages and all skill levels. Teams may register as men's, women's, or mixed doubles. The cost is \$30 for one entry or \$40 for two entries. To participate in this event sponsored by Grand Rapids Right to Life, download a registration form from [www.grrtl.org/pickleball](http://www.grrtl.org/pickleball) or call Laura at (616) 532-2300. Registrations are due by July 31, 2015.

### **CASCO'S ULTIMATE MUD CHALLENGE – AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>**

Join the fun and register as an individual or a team to enter the Ultimate Mud Challenge, a 5k obstacle course run on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at Lake Arvesta Farms, LLC in South Haven. Click [here](#) for more info about this event along with registration details.

### **FREE CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL – AUGUST 15**

Chris Moore of Ionia Easton UMC is hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "At the Foot of the Cross 2015", a FREE Christian Music Festival on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from Noon-7:00 p.m. In keeping with the interdenominational theme of the event, this year it will be held on the grounds of the Family of Christ Church located at 1100 Henze Dr., Comstock Park). Lots of great local Christian music in a wide variety of musical styles will be presented. Food will be available on site.

### **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.

**GREAT DEALS AT PROJECT HOPE!!**

Shop the Project Hope Thrift Store on Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> for Fabulous Friday deals.  
Everything in the store is ½ off! Project Hope is located in Dorr at 1808 – 143<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.

**[UNSUBSCRIBE](#)**

*If you no longer wish to receive the Leighton News e-mails, please click unsubscribe  
above.*