

**The Leighton News**  
**Week of July 5, 2015**

**On The Calendar This Week:**

**Sunday, July 5:**

Sunday's Message – "Our God Reigns" Psalm 97:1-12

VBS Registration continues. Register in the Lobby or online at [www.leightonchurch.org](http://www.leightonchurch.org)

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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. Pastor Dave begins his 4-week class for all adults from 11:00 a.m.-Noon in Rooms 15/16. The series is called "Why I Don't Believe...." a look at our culture and why people don't believe.

No regular youth group throughout the month of July.

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Linda McBride will be in Pastor Dave's office for Blood Pressure Screening today.

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No G.L.U.E. Youth Group tonight.

**Monday, July 6:**

- 6:00 p.m. Softball Game Leighton Team #1 vs. Leighton Team #2
- 6:30 p.m. Guitar Group (Prayer Room)
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Basketball (Family Center)
- 7:30 p.m. Softball Game Gaines Church vs. Middleville UMC

**Tuesday, July 7:**

- 10:30 p.m. Play Date Gun Lake State Park
- 6:30 p.m. Leadership Team Meeting (Lounge)

**Wednesday, July 8:**

- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting (Lounge)
  - 6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice
  - 6:30 p.m. VBS Skit Practice (Library)
- No Adult Bible Study

**Thursday, July 9:**

G.L.U.E. to Lifefest early A.M. departure

**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 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](#)

**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 6th grade (entering in the fall) and will be held July 26-30 from 6:00-8:40 p.m. Click [here](#) to register online.

### **SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

The Wednesday night Bible Study will not meet on July 8th. Study will resume on Wednesday, July 15th at 6:30 p.m. in Rooms 7 & 8. All adults are welcome to come and join this informational study on Revelation. Contact [Mike Horton](#) for more info.

### **COMMUNITY GARDEN**

The Community Garden stand is up and donations from spring/early 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).

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

Moms, bring the kids for a fun time on July 7, at 10:30a.m. at Gun Lake State Park. Bring a picnic lunch for your family. For more information, The next Park Play date is July 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at Boulder Ridge Wild Animal Park in Alto. For more information, contact [Allison Draaisma](#).

### **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.

There are many openings yet on the schedule.

Sign up on the sign-up sheets by the Lobby drinking fountain 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

Child's Play Tent

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

### **VBS SNACK SUPPLIES NEEDED**

Each night at VBS, kids receive a healthy snack. You can help provide the food items needed for this year's snacks. Below is a general list of the items needed. Specific quantities are listed on the sign up sheet in the Lobby. Supplies are needed by July 26 and can be placed in the kitchen. Please mark them for VBS. Contact Barb Moore if you have any questions. (269) 795-2108

Plates 6", Cups 8.5 oz., Napkins

Tubes of Crescent rolls

Gallons of Orange Punch

2 Liter Bottles of 7-Up

Containers of Pink Lemonade

Bananas

Vanilla Yogurt 32 oz.

Pail vanilla ice cream

Jars of marshmallow ice cream topping

Large Bags of White popped corn  
Pkg. of Small Rubber Band  
Box of clear Food Service gloves (latex and powder free)  
Large bags of large pretzel rods  
Cans of white frosting

**SPONSOR A YOUTH:** Everyone at Leighton has a mission, whether you are an active part of the Mission Team or Missions ministries or not. There are many members of the G.L.U.E. Youth Group who are eager to participate in the mission ministry of Leighton. The mission team invites adults to sponsor a youth for the summer, encouraging them to serve the Lord with your time talents, and treasures. Sponsors are asked to pray for their teen, pay \$10 for the teen to have a mission t-shirt, and correspond with them throughout the summer. Connie Blain will be in the Lobby after church this Sunday with names of teens available for sponsorship. Please see her and get connected with the youth in our church family. You can have an enormous impact on their life!

**Seeking 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.

**Thank You:** For the past several years, Robbi Hilton has led Pioneer Clubs ministry on Wednesday nights. She felt God's call to use her gifts and talents to serve the Lord through this ministry. She has done a great job of recruiting teachers and working with them to create fun, exciting opportunities for kids to learn about loving, serving, and connecting with Christ. Robbi has recently announced that she will be stepping aside from this position. We thank Robbi for her leadership of Pioneer Clubs and for all of the time she put into it. Please extend your thanks to Robbi as well. Pray along with the Discipleship Team for God to provide the next leader for Pioneer Clubs ministry. Thank you!

The Discipleship Team—Amanda Athearn, Bonnie McBride, Christine Syswerda

**Thank You:** Thank you for praying for our mother and grandmother, Agnes Aman, these past several weeks as her health was declining and the Lord was preparing her for her home in Heaven. We appreciate those who came to the funeral home for visitation and the funeral, the cards that we have received, the prayers for our family, and the many kind words of sympathy. A beautiful rose bush was sent from you all, which we will plant in our flower garden. We had a wonderful celebration of Agnes' life on Tuesday. Thank you again for your love and kindness.

~Bill, Stacey, Josh & Stephanie Aman

### **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:**

July 5—Gary & Jean McCaul

July 12—Open

July 19—Open

#### **PROVIDING COOKIES:**

July 5—Sharon Kaechele & Nona Steeby

July 12—The Aman Family

July 19—Amanda Athearn & Sue Brown

#### **GREETERS:**

July 5—Gary & Jean McCaul

July 12—Randy & Bonnie Adams  
July 19—Jim and Bonnie Ciluffo

**NURSERY:**

July 5—Renee & Amanda Seeley  
July 12—Cindy Herring & Rachael Getter  
July 19—Christine Syswerda & Britney Bredeweg

**SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS:**

July 5—Samantha Farmer & Britney Bredeweg  
July 12—Robbin Hilton & Sam Farmer  
July 19—Christine Syswerda

**ESTATE SALE ITEMS**

Luann Snyder Lewis 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. You may also contact Luann for a list of items. For more information, contact Luann at 616-891-8348.

**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)

### **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.

### **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).

**MARANATHA SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

Maranatha 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 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

**MARTIN UMC ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBEQUE**

All are invited to attend the Annual Chicken Barbeque at Martin UMC located at 969 E. Allegan Street on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:00 p.m. The cost is \$9.00 for half of chicken, \$7 for a quarter of chicken and \$4.00 for a child's dinner. Dinners include: BBQ Chicken, potato salad, cole slaw or baked beans, roll, beverage, and dessert. Proceeds designated for the Food Pantry

**VOLUNTEER CUSTODIAN NEEDED AT SON-LIFE CAMP**

SON-Life Camp & Retreat Center in Wayland, MI is looking for a volunteer to clean cabins and restrooms one day a week during the summer months. If you are interested, or for more information, please contact Hope at (269) 792-2081.

**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.

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