

The Leighton News
Week of October 11, 2015

On The Calendar This Week:

Sunday, October 11:

Sunday's Message: - "Money-The Excellent Gift" - Luke 16:1-13

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 Sunday at the church from 5:45—8:00 p.m. If you are going to the Tenth Avenue North Concert on October 25th, your signed permission tickets and \$5.00 payment are due Sunday, October 11th.

Monday, October 12:

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

Tuesday, October 13:

6:30 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting (Pastor's office)

Wednesday, October 14:

5:30 p.m. Family Dinner (Family Center)
6:15 p.m. Pioneer Clubs for kids age 4 thru 6th Grade
6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice (Sanctuary)
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study on Revelation (Library)
6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting (Lounge)

STEWARDSHIP SERMON SERIES IN OCTOBER

Throughout the month of October, Pastor Dave will be giving a series of sermons based on John Wesley's classic sermon, "The Use of Money." The series is called Earn Save Give. Each week, we will be challenged to rethink how we manage the money and resources God gives us and how to be good stewards of the money and resources given to us.

On the last Sunday of October, the 25th, there will be opportunity during the morning worship service to pledge your gifts to God to use for His ministry at Leighton Church in 2016. Following Sunday School, there will be a potluck luncheon for everyone as a celebration of thanks to God for the gifts and resources He provides. Bring a dish to pass and your table service. Beverages will be provided.

ADULT BASKETBALL MONDAY NIGHTS!

All adults are welcome to come Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Center for pick-up games. Contact [Doug Thaler](#) for more information.

FAMILY DINNER WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Family Dinner will begin Wednesday, October 14th
Dinner will be served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Family Center
Everyone is welcome to come!
All food and beverages provided.
Donations are appreciated to support this ministry.

PIONEER CLUBS

REGISTER YOUR KIDS FOR PIONEER CLUBS TODAY!

Pre-registration for Pioneer Clubs begins today!
Click [here](#) to get a registration form or pick one up in the Lobby.
There is no cost to participate.

Pioneer Clubs is for kids age 4-6th Grade and meets Wednesdays from October 14th-March 30th from 6:15 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Take a night off from cooking, come early, and enjoy dinner together in the Family Center from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

NON-PERISHABLE SNACK ITEMS NEEDED FOR PIONEER CLUBS

Snacks are served to the kids each Wednesday night.
Your donation of non-perishable snack items is greatly appreciated. Please place your donations in the basket in the Lobby.

Suggested snacks are: raisins, cookies, crackers, fruit snacks, chips, etc.

OLD MAGAZINES WANTED

Rather than placing your old magazines in the recycle bin, bring them to church for Pioneer Club kids to use for various craft/lesson projects. Place the magazines in the marked basket in the Lobby. Magazines with photos of animals, people of all ages, nature, and food will be most helpful.

For more information about Pioneer Clubs or how you can help with Pioneer Clubs, contact Club Coordinator, [Allison Draaisma](#).

PRAYER MEETING

Prayer Meeting will begin meeting weekly on Wednesdays starting October 14th. Everyone is welcome to come and pray for our church, needs lifted up within our church, our community, nation, and leaders.

6:30 p.m. in the Lounge

Questions can be directed to Nancy Geertman (616) 891-8935 or Alverna Truax (616) 891-8219.

BE PART OF THE CHRISTMAS CHOIR!

Help make this year's Christmas Eve service special by joining the Christmas Eve Choir. No prior choral experience is necessary. Just bring your voice. Men, women, and teens (must be at least 14 years of age), come and sing classic Christmas hymns together and lead our congregation in worship on

Thursday, December 24th at 7:00 p.m.

Rehearsals will be on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. starting on November 1st. Men, basses and tenors are always needed!

Add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Lobby by October 25th or e-mail [Josh Webb](#)

CIRCLE OF JOY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The October Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship gathering is Monday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m.

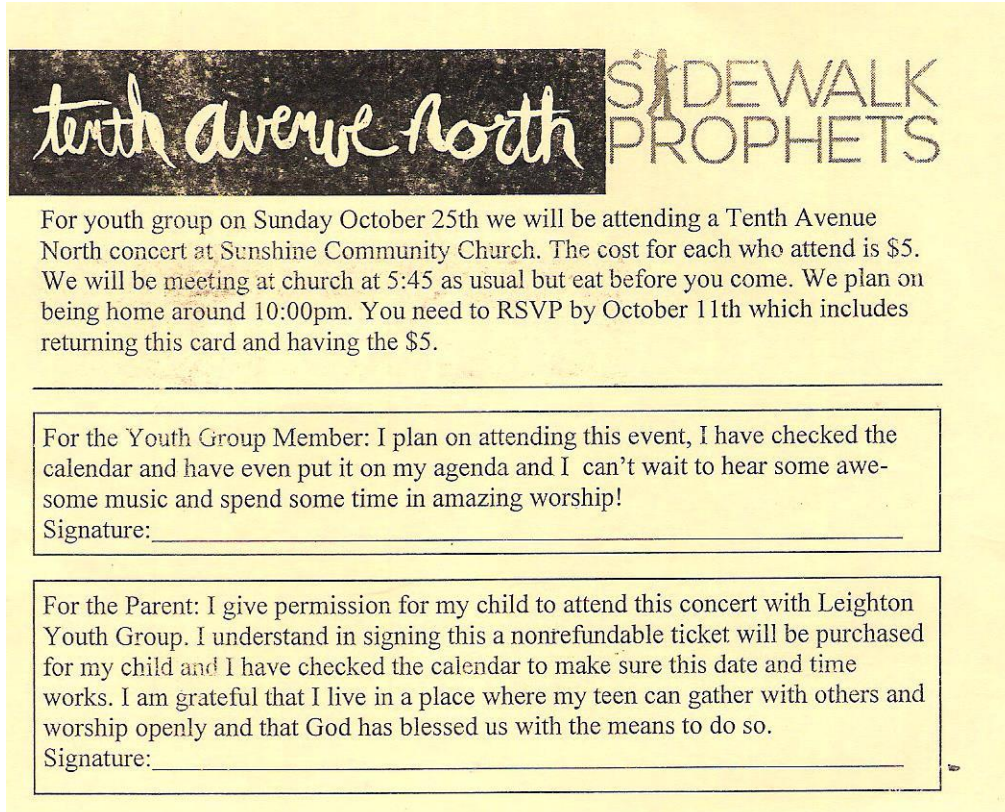
Bring your sewing supplies for a sewing project! All women are welcome.

Refreshments served afterward.

For more information on what sewing supplies to bring, contact [Alverna Truax](#).

G.L.U.E. YOUTH GROUP CONCERT EVENT

On Sunday, October 25th, the G.L.U.E. Youth Group will be going to see Tenth Avenue North and Sidewalk Prophets in concert. The ticket below must be signed by the youth group member and their parent and turned in **THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH** along with \$5.00 towards cost of the ticket. Use the ticket below, in Sunday's bulletin, or see Misty Getter for tickets.



tenth avenue north SIDEWALK PROPHETS

For youth group on Sunday October 25th we will be attending a Tenth Avenue North concert at Sunshine Community Church. The cost for each who attend is \$5. We will be meeting at church at 5:45 as usual but eat before you come. We plan on being home around 10:00pm. You need to RSVP by October 11th which includes returning this card and having the \$5.

For the Youth Group Member: I plan on attending this event, I have checked the calendar and have even put it on my agenda and I can't wait to hear some awesome music and spend some time in amazing worship!
Signature: _____

For the Parent: I give permission for my child to attend this concert with Leighton Youth Group. I understand in signing this a nonrefundable ticket will be purchased for my child and I have checked the calendar to make sure this date and time works. I am grateful that I live in a place where my teen can gather with others and worship openly and that God has blessed us with the means to do so.
Signature: _____

PIE SALE FUNDRAISER FOR MISSION TRIP

There are a group of adults and teens from Leighton going to Puerto Rico in July of 2016 on a mission trip. To raise funds toward the cost of the trip, the group is selling homemade Dutch Apple pies for \$10.00 each. Pies are frozen ready to bake. See [Misty Getter](#) or [Tina Peck](#) if interested in buying a pie.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that you can find not only events happening at Leighton, but also community events and job openings in the weekly Leighton News e-newsletter? Send your e-mail to the [church office](#) to get the Leighton News in your inbox each week or log on to the [church website](#) and click on Leighton News.

Those who do not have Internet access or aren't computer savvy can get the information from the Goods & Services and Helping Hands bulletin boards located down the north hallway.

GUITAR GROUP

Do you have a desire to learn to play the guitar, but didn't want to spend a lot of money on lessons? Perhaps you know how to play the guitar a little bit, but would enjoy getting together with others and play. If you answered "yes" to either of these questions, then Monday night Guitar Group is for you. There is no cost to participate, but you must bring your own guitar.

Lessons are in a group setting and are CD/DVD based. Guitar Group meets the third Monday of each month (NOTE NEW MEETING SCHEDULE) in the Prayer Room from 6:30-7:30 p.m. For more information, contact [Judy Hanlon](#)

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.

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.

CLEANING CREW VOLUNTEERS - Did you know that Leighton Church is cleaned by an entirely volunteer team? Each week, a number of people clean different areas of the church. More volunteers are needed to join the cleaning crew. Only a few hours of your time each week is needed. The current need is help with vacuuming, cleaning tables in classrooms and straightening paper and books in the pews. If interested, contact [Bill Aman](#) or [Jackie Corwin](#).

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).

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:

October 11—Art & Connie Hooker
October 18—Kate Webb & Diana Smith
October 25—Wayne & Noreen Ingersoll

PROVIDING TREATS FOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:

October 11—Stacey Aman & Brown Family
October 18—Amanda Brandt & Allison Draaisma
October 25—Shawn Eaton & Nona Steeby

GREETERS:

October 11—Clay & Luann Snyder
October 18—Tim & Sue Brown
October 25—Tom & Ora Lou Smith

NURSERY:

October 11—Brad & Sarah Geers
October 18—Michael & Christine Syswerda
October 25—Jonathan & Amanda Athearn

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS:

October 11—Josh & Robbi Hilton
October 18—Sam Farmer, Bonnie McBride
October 25—Michael & Christine Syswerda

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.

Electric Range (must go!!)
wooden frame mirror (15 1/4" x 23")
record player/tape player in console
wall hanging that looks like tree branch
2 round frameless mirrors
Portable electric heater

ANTIQUES:

Old suitcase
wicker picnic basket with colored dishes
2 gallon crock
metal bread box
carpet sweeper
large brown jug
2 flower pictures
oval mirror (gold frame)
table lamp

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Your donations of non-perishable food items to our food pantry give assistance to the 10 families that regularly visit our pantry (regularly means at least once a month). Any items you can donate are appreciated. Food items are collected each Sunday during the offering time.

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

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

FALL RETREATS AT CAMP BARAKEL

Camp Barakel, located in Fairview, MI, is offering a variety of camps and retreats this fall including Men's Retreats (Oct. 16-18).

Camp Barakel is an oasis where you can be encouraged and recharged. The weekend schedule always includes a mix of fellowship and solitude, activity and rest, laughter and thoughtfulness. The staff of Camp Barakel loves Jesus Christ and loves to present him as the true rest for all souls. Claim a spot in one of their events and drink in the beauty of a northern Michigan autumn on one of these Christ-exalting weekend.

Visit www.campbarakel.org for complete registration information.

COMPASSIONATE CARE DIRECTOR JOB OPENING

Project Hope/Annetta Jansen Ministries is now accepting applications through October 19th for a Compassionate Care Director. Hours: Minimum 25-Maximum 32 per a four day week. Prior experience in Social Work is preferred.

Must have a strong Christian faith and be a member of a Bible believing church. Needs to be able to establish relationships quickly and be filled with compassion. Computer skills are a must, being proficient in Microsoft Office including Word, Excel and Power Point, accompanied with excellent verbal and written communication skills.

Please send applications, complete with references to:

Project Hope
Attn: S. Zuidersma
P.O. Box 241
Dorr, MI 49323

Or e-mail to sandyzprojecthopene@yahoo.com

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.

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR PROJECT HOPE

A benefit concert for Project Hope is being held on

Sunday, October 11th at 7:00 p.m. at

Rush Creek Bible Church located at 2334 – 76th Street SW, Byron Center

Performing are The Hoppers and Triumphant Quartet

Admission is Free!

SON-LIFE CAMP & RETREAT CENTER FALL CLEAN-UP DAYS

SON-Life Camp and Retreat Center is having its annual Fall Work Days on Saturday, October 31st and Monday, November 2nd from 9:00 am-3:00 p.m. It is a time to clean up the camp, complete projects, and winterize before winter sets in. Come for one day or both, or even just a few hours. More hands make less work. Cider, doughnuts and lunch will be provided. To RSVP, or for more details, contact SON-Life Camp at (269) 792-2081 or office@son-lifecamp.org.

KIDS LIFE BIBLE CLUB NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Paris Ridge Elementary, part of the Caledonia School System, is seeking volunteers to help with the after school Kids Life Bible Club that will be meeting on Thursday afternoons after school is dismissed. Volunteers are needed to serve snacks, lead singing, greet kids as they come, listen to kids say their memory verses, and be involved with puppet ministry.

Volunteers can be as young as middle school age on up to retired adults. A background check will be conducted on all volunteers. There is no cost to you as a volunteer and all materials are provided.

For more information, contact Tonya at (616) 437-0948.

Paris Ridge Elementary is located north of Leighton Church, off 2nd Street between 146th and 108th Streets.

CHRISTMAS ROCKS II

Thurlow Spurr and the CMI Michigan/Ohio Concert Choir present Christmas Rocks II, another powerful Christmas Celebration.

Sunday, November 8th at 2:30 p.m. in Lansing at the Holt Performing Arts Complex.

Ticket prices range from \$18-\$38 and can be obtained by calling 1-800-993-7464 or online at www.cmichoir.org.

HELP SYRIAN REFUGEE YOUTH

What you able to do to provide assistance to Syrian refugee youth who have no parents to care for them? Since the beginning of the civil war in Syria in 2011, more than four million refugees have fled their homes in Syria in pursuit of safety in neighboring countries. Of these four million individuals, nearly half are children. Will you consider sharing your home in West Michigan with a Syrian youth? If you would like to make a positive impact locally on this global issue, please call Ana Jose at Bethany Christian Services at 616-965-8027 or e-mail her at ajose@bethany.org

BAKED POTATO SUPPER FUNDRAISER

Alto UMC is also hosting a baked potato supper on Saturday, November 7th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Cost for adults is \$7.00, children 6-12 is \$4.00. A bake/craft sale will also be held at this time. A freewill offering will be collected with proceeds supporting the church's building fund. Alto UMC is located at 11365 64th Street SE.

WOMEN AT RISK BENEFIT AT CALEDONIA UMC

The women of Caledonia United Methodist Church are hosting a jewelry open house for the Women at Risk organization. The event will be held at the Caledonia UMC located at 250 Vine Street, Caledonia on Thursday, October 15th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. All proceeds from the event will benefit Women at Risk International, an organization which helps to create circles of protection around at-risk women and children. Through working with community groups, this organization helps to provide safe places for healing from abuse, human trafficking, exploitation, and more. All jewelry is made by the women around the world seeking refuge through Women at Risk, so all items are unique.

GRAPEVINE HARVEST CRAFT SHOW

Northlawn UMC is hosting a craft show on Saturday, November 7th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. There will be 60 craft booths along with a bake sale, coffee shop, cookie walk, and attic treasure room. Lunch will be available from 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. All proceeds to support Northlawn UMC ministries. Northlawn UMC is located at 1157 Northlawn NE, Grand Rapids.

ANNUAL ROAST BEEF DINNER AT MARTIN UMC

Martin United Methodist Church is hosting its annual roast beef dinner on Friday, October 16th from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Dinner includes roast beef and all the fixings, dessert and beverage. Cost is \$10/adult, \$7.00/children 6-12 years of age, and free for children age 5 and under.

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