

The Leighton News
Week of November 8, 2015

On The Calendar This Week:

Sunday, November 8:

Sunday's Message: - "Can You Hear the Music?" Galatians 1:6-24

The Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship is hosting a bake sale in the Lobby. Your donation provides you with delicious homemade baked goods and supports missionaries and mission organizations around the globe.

Parish Nurse, Linda McBride, is taking blood pressure readings in Pastor Dave's office. Stop by before or after the worship service.

Children ages 4-7 will be dismissed during the worship service to go to Children's Church which is held down the Children's Wing.

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.

Child Protection Class will be held in the Prayer Room at 11:00 a.m. All those age 12 on up interested in helping with children/youth ministries are required to take this class.

Sunday School classes for all ages are held each Sunday from 11:00 a.m.-Noon.

G.L.U.E. Youth Group tonight for all 6th-12th grade students from 5:45-8:00 p.m. at the church. Bring your friends!

Christmas Choir Practice 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Monday, November 9:

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

Tuesday, November 10:

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

Wednesday, November 11:

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)

BAKE SALE THIS SUNDAY

The Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship is hosting a bake sale on Sunday before and after the worship service. All items are available for a donation which will support missionaries and mission organizations around the world supported through the Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship, a mission-minded group of women who meet once a month.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2016 NOW AVAILABLE

Offering envelopes for 2016 are available to be picked up. You will find them on a table just outside the main entry doors to the Sanctuary.

If you do not have envelopes already and would like some for the coming year, please contact [Stacey Aman](#) in the church office.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays (616) 891-8028

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

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

WHAT IS PIONEER CLUBS®?

Pioneer Clubs is for kids age 4-6th Grade and meets Wednesdays from through March 30th from 6:15 p.m.-8:00 p.m. There is no cost to participate. Kids learn to make Christ

Lord in every aspect of life through Bible exploration, memorizing Scripture, playing games, singing, and building skills like cooking, woodworking, etc. while earning badges along the way. Children are welcome to Pioneer Clubs anytime. Registration forms are

available in the Lobby for those who have not yet registered and are also attached.

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.

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

PRAYER MEETING

Prayer Meeting meets weekly on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Lounge.

Everyone is welcome to come and pray for our church, needs lifted up within our church, our community, nation, and leaders.

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

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

All adults are welcome to come to Bible study on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Library. The group is currently studying the book of Revelation using Chuck Swindoll's material. Come and get a mid-week spiritual pick-me-up! Questions can be directed to Mike Horton at (269) 792-4519.

"THE CHRISTIAN AND WITNESSING" CLASS COMING

Do you feel God laying it on your heart to share with others how Christ has made a difference in your life, but you aren't sure how to witness to them? Are you fearful about telling others about Christ; afraid of offending them, rejection, or doing an inadequate job of representing Christ?

Bonnie Adams and Judy Terpstra feel God calling them to lead a class on "*The Christian and Witnessing.*" To better prepare for the class, they are asking that those interested please sign up in the Lobby or contact either of them.

Meeting date, time, and start date, will be announced soon.

Contact [Bonnie](#) or [Judy](#) if you are interested in participating in this class or have any questions.

ANGEL TREE COMING NOVEMBER 15TH

The Angel Tree is coming November 15th. Angel Tree is a ministry of Prison Fellowship, making Christmas brighter for children with incarcerated parents. Select the name of an “angel” from the tree, purchase the gift listed on the tag, and return it wrapped by December 6th.

CIRCLE OF JOY WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP

The Circle of Joy Women’s Fellowship November gathering is Monday, November 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Lounge. Daniel Schutte from the Inner City Church Planting Mission will be sharing about reaching the lost in downtown Grand Rapids and around the world. Refreshments provided.

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

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

Tuesday, November 24th at 7:00 p.m.

Pie & Ice Cream Social in the Lobby After the Service

Friends and family are welcome!

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.

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 Monday, November 16th in the Prayer Room from 6:00-7:00 p.m. For more information, contact

[Judy Hanlon](#)

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone at Leighton for your prayers during my dad's illness. Thank you for the flowers, cards, love, and support you all have shown to my family during this very difficult time after my dad's passing. Words cannot express how much we appreciate all the love and kindness that has been shown to us.

~Scott, Terri & Samantha Farmer

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 - Our church family is blessed to have a team of volunteers who give of their time each week to clean our facility. One more person is needed to join the team. Cleaning can be done when it fits your

schedule (day or evening). Average time per week is about one hour. Duties include mopping kitchen, cleaning classroom tables in East wing, dusting in the Lobby, Prayer Room, & Sanctuary, and cleaning the coffee bar area. If interested, please contact [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:

November 8—Kate Webb & Stephanie Aman

November 15—Open

November 22—Wayne & Noreen Ingersoll

PROVIDING TREATS FOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:

November 8—Jan Geukes & Johanna Tolan

November 15—Linda Horton & Connie Hooker

November 22—Noreen Ingersoll & Jean McCaul

GREETERS:

November 8—Gary & Jean McCaul

November 15—Randy & Bonnie Adams

November 22—Jim & Bonnie Ciluffo

NURSERY:

November 8—Eric & Tina Peck; Gabby Nicholson

November 15—Cindy & Rebecka Thaler

November 22—Renee & Amanda Seeley

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS:

November 8—Brad & Sarah Geers

November 15—Sam Farmer, Mike & Christine Syswerda

November 22—Brad & Sarah Geers

CHILDREN'S CHURCH HELPERS:

November 8—Josh & Stephanie Aman, Emeline Seeley

November 15—Sam Farmer, Sarah Getter, Gabby Nicholson

November 22—Becca Getter, Britney Bredeweg

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")
wall hanging that looks like tree branch
2 round frameless mirrors

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 13 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 and it has been sent 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.

SON-LIFE CAMP & RETREAT CENTER NEEDS SECRETARY

SON-Life Camp & Retreat Center is accepting applications for a part-time secretary. If you are interested in joining their ministry, submit an application and resume by mail or to hope@son-lifecamp.org. Applications and a job description can be found on the camp website at www.son-lifecamp.org

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.

Please call Jean Bodo, Thrift Store Director (616) 681-HOPE ext. 106 if interested in any other volunteer positions listed.

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.

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.

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS GRIEF SUPPORT EVENT

Those grieving the loss of loved ones are hit particularly hard during the holidays. Matthyse Kuiper DeGraaf Funeral Services is hosting a community grief support event on Saturday, November 14th from 10:00 am-11:30 am at Rush Creek Bible Church in the Fireside Room. This is a free interactive community grief support event led by Rev. Gene Pearson, MA in Professional Counseling, Licensed Professional Counselor, State of Michigan, and Certified Professional Empowerment Coach.

Coffee and cinnamon rolls will be served.

Please RSVP by Friday, November 6th by calling Marilyn at (616) 534-5417. Rush Creek Bible Church is located at 2334 – 76th Street SW, Byron Center

AMERICA'S GOT TALENT FINALISTS, THE SONS OF SERENDIP TO PERFORM AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

First United Methodist Church in downtown Grand Rapids is excited to announce the Sons of Serendip are coming Sunday, November 8th at 4:00 p.m. Finalists from *America's Got Talent*, Sons of Serendip is a musical group of four friends, who through a series of serendipitous events, came together in graduate school at Boston University. Micah Christian, a teacher from Randolph, Massachusetts, is the lead vocalist of the group; Cordaro Rodriguez, an attorney from Charlotte, North Carolina, is the pianist and guitarist; Kendall Ramseur, a performer and cello instructor from Charlotte, NC, is the cellist and vocalist; and Mason Morton, who is a teacher from Atlanta, GA, is the harpist for the quartet. They have each been playing their instruments since childhood, but in 2014, they came together to begin what they hope will be a long beautiful journey of creating music that touches people's hearts. They hope that their music will resonate deeply with listeners and that, in some way, it will make their lives a little better-even if just for a moment. Visit www.sonsofserendip.com.

The concert will be held in the Sanctuary of First United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 8th at 4:00 p.m. First UMC is located at 227 East Fulton. All tickets are general admission and doors open at 3:00 p.m. All are invited to a pie social following the concert in the lower level of the church. Tickets are required and are available at grfumcsos.eventbrite.com for \$30 each plus service fee.

"THE DROP BOX" FREE FILM SCREENING

Grand Rapids Right to Life is hosting a free screening of the film "The Drop Box." Pastor Lee built a box that has received over 600 unwanted babies who would have been abandoned on the streets of Seoul, South Korea. Following the screening, a Q&A session will be held with Kristi Gleason, International Programs Director, and Alison Adema, International Services Coordinator from Bethany Christian Services. Don't miss this one-night-only opportunity on Thursday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. at Grace Bible College located at 1011 Aldon Street SW, Wyoming. For more information call 616-532-2300 or e-mail info@grrtl.org.

ADOPTION IS SUPER GATHERING

Are babies ever unwanted? How much does adoption cost? Do birth moms have to say goodbye to their babies forever? Grand Rapids Students for Life will learn the answers to these questions and more during National Adoption Month. Students may come and share their own adoption stories, too. Join the fun with Erin, student coordinator, at the "Adoption is SUPER" gathering on Tuesday, November 17th at 4:00 p.m. at the Grand Rapids Right to Life office located at 2340 Porter Street SW, Wyoming. For more information or to RSVP, contact Erin at 616-532-2300 or info@grrtl.org.

FREE SCREENING OF "GOD GREW TIRED OF US"

Bethany Christian Services is hosting a free screening of the movie "God Grew Tired of Us" on Thursday, November 12th at 6:30 p.m. at Celebration! Cinema South located at 1605 Eastport Dr., Grand Rapids (Kalamazoo Ave & M-6 area). Free pop and popcorn included.

REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT FOSTER PARENTS URGENTLY NEEDED!

There is an urgent need for foster parents willing to open their hearts and homes to refugee and immigrant youth. These young people desperately need a loving and accepting foster home to welcome them to our country and prepare them for future independence.

Bethany Christian Services provides foster care for refugee and immigrant youth between the ages of 13 and 17 who have been separated from their home and family due to war, abuse, or community violence. They have no adult caregiver and are eligible for protection in the U.S.

Learn more at a no commitment information meeting on either November 3rd or December 7th 6:00-8:00 p.m. or 10:00am-Noon. RSVP is required and can be done by calling 616-224-7540 or e-mail refugeefostercare@bethany.org. Meetings are held at 1050 36th Street, Suite 400, Grand Rapids.

FOSTER HOMES NEEDED FOR YOUTH IN NEED OF SPECIAL CARE

Bethany Christian Services is seeking loving foster homes for two youth in need of special care. One is a teen from Africa who suffered injuries while escaping an attack on his village and is now wheelchair bound. He needs a handicap accessible home. The other is a 7-months pregnant girl from Central America. If you would like to learn more about accepting one of these youth into your home, contact Ana Jose at (616) 965-8027 or ajose@bethany.org.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

First United Methodist Church of Holland is hosting its 54th Annual Bazaar, "A Lakeshore Christmas" on Thursday, November 12th from 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Coffee and homemade goodies will be served from 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Luncheon available from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Meals, including children's, are available to take out.

You'll find attic treasures, tree decorations, cookie corner, country store, bargain boutique, table decorations, Christmas treasures, and handicrafts of all kinds.

The church is located at 57 West 10th Street, Holland.

KINGS CHORALIERS CONCERT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

You're invited to a community concert at Lowell United Methodist Church located at 621 E. Main Street, Lowell. The concert features The King's Choraliars this Sunday, November 8th at 3:00 p.m. This popular group will sing a repertoire of spirituals, anthems, and hymns in a variety of styles ranging from classical to contemporary. The concert is free, but an offering will be collected.

VETERANS DAY EVENTS AT MARTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Veterans Day Breakfast at Martin United Methodist Church located at 969 E. Allegan Street, Martin. Breakfast will be on Wednesday, November 11th from 7:30-9:30 a.m.

Veterans are invited to enjoy breakfast at no cost. This event is open to the public.

Donations will be accepted for the Martin UMC food pantry.

In the evening, the Cub Scout Pack #3017 and their leaders will be honoring veterans from 6:30-8:30 p.m. with coffee and cake.

LAY SERVANT CLASSES REGISTRATION OPEN

Lay Speaking Ministries is hosting lay speaking classes on Saturday, January 23, 2016 and Saturday, February 6, 2016 at Grand Rapids Trinity United Methodist Church located at 1100 Lake Drive SE. Those completing lay speaking classes receive certification to speak at area churches filling the pulpit for pastor's.

Classes are held both dates from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. with lunch provided. Both basic and advanced courses are offered on both dates.

Basic class is \$25.00 which includes materials and lunch.

Advanced classes are \$25 which includes lunch.

There must be at least 10 registrations to hold class.

To register, call Jody Pratt at 269-792-0481 or prattjji@hughes.net.

Saturday, February 13th is held as an alternate date in the event of a weather cancellation. For more details on lay speaking classes, you may also talk to [Jim Ciluffo](#) who has taken the basic course.

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