

The Leighton News
Week of December 13, 2015

On The Calendar This Week:

Sunday, December 13 – Third Sunday of Advent:

Sunday's Message: - Advent Series "*A Fearful Christmas Story*" – "Believe the Impossible" Luke 1:26-38

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.

Sunday School classes for all ages are held each Sunday from 11:00 a.m.-Noon. A complete list of classes and their locations is located on the back of the bulletin.

G.L.U.E. Youth Group tonight from 5:45-8:00 p.m. for all 6th-12th grade students.

Christmas Choir Practice tonight 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 14:

6:00 p.m. Circle of Joy Women's Christmas Party
(see inside for details)

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

Wednesday, December 16:

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. Prayer Meeting (Lounge)

6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice (Sanctuary)

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR LEIGHTON CHURCH FAMILY

Save on postage and bring Christmas cards for your church family to be distributed at church. Beginning this Sunday, a table will be in the Lobby for cards to be dropped off & picked up. Cards are arranged in alphabetical order by last name.

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.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR ALL WOMEN

The Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship is hosting its Annual Christmas Party for all women of Leighton Church.

Monday, December 14th at 6:00 p.m. at
Art & Connie Hooker's home (contact the [church office](#) for directions)

Bring a dish to pass. Table service and beverages provided.

If you'd like, bring a \$5.00 gift to exchange.

Secret Pals, bring a gift for your pal and discover who your
Secret Pal has been this year!

Contact Connie Hooker or [Jean Bender](#) for information.

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 attached for those who have not yet registered.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PIONEER CLUBS AS SUBS ONCE A MONTH

Several more adult volunteers are needed to help just once a month with Pioneer Clubs. Roles include helping in classrooms, helping in the Nursery, or where needed. Your help is needed as a substitute just one Wednesday night a month from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

For more information about Pioneer Clubs or how you can help with Pioneer Clubs,

contact Club Coordinator, [Allison Draaisma](#).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY DINNER

Each Wednesday night during the Pioneer Clubs season, dinner is prepared and served in the Family Center from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come! There is no set cost, but donations are appreciated to help cover expenses. Come and enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship with your church family.

IT'S A CHRISTMAS PARTY! PLEASE COME!

You and your family are invited to the home of
Todd & Judi Galloway
4500 2nd Street, Caledonia

Saturday, December 19th at 7:00 pm

For a time of cookies, caroling around the piano, games, fun and laughter.
Merry Christmas!
We hope to see you there!

RSVP (616) 275-1068

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Parents, do you need a night out where you can finish your Christmas shopping without the kids or would you like help wrapping presents?

On Tuesday, December 22nd, the youth and adults going on a mission trip to Puerto Rico next summer will be offering these services from 4:00-9:00 p.m. at the church. Drop off your kiddos or bring your gifts to be wrapped. Your donation will not only give you a night out and gifts wrapped, but will support the team going to Puerto Rico in July of 2016. Contact [Misty Getter](#) for details.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

Thursday, December 24th at 7:00 p.m.
Friends and family members are welcome.
Come and celebrate the Christ of Christmas – the greatest gift of all!

YOUTH ARCHERY

Youth Archery is gearing up for another season.

Bring the kids to learn to shoot archery or to fine tune the skills they already have.

Equipment is provided or bring your own.

Enjoy breakfast from 8:30-10:00 and shoot archery from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Family Center. No cost to participate, but donations appreciated to help cover the cost of breakfast and archery equipment. For info, contact [Eddy Landon](#)

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

In lieu of Christmas cards, those listed below have given gifts in honor of you, their Leighton Church Family, to various missionaries/organizations.

Wishing you a Christ-filled Christmas!

Barb Moore has given food to the Leighton Church food pantry.

Nancy Geertman has given a gift to Scott & Jenni Pollmann, missionaries in Alaska, toward the purchase of their Honda (4-wheeler).

THANK YOU!

Pastor Dave & Volunteers,

The phrase is simple and the words are few, but behind them is a whole lot of appreciation.

Thank you so much for the awesome service you gave for Tyler . It was a wonderful good-bye. Thanks again for everything!

~Lynn Kroll

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.

CHURCH COOKBOOKS

Church Cookbooks are available now for just **\$5.00!**

Cookbooks make great Christmas gifts!

Contact [Stacey Aman](#) or [Jean Bender](#) if interested in purchasing one.

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:

Today—Mike & Valerie Lepeak

December 20—Kate Webb & Bonnie McBride

December 27—Todd, Jodi, Ashley & Andrea Smith

PROVIDING TREATS FOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:

Today—Loyd Elwood & Joyce Gackler

December 20—Jackie Corwin & Tina Peck

December 27—Todd, Jodi, Ashley & Andrea Smith

GREETERS:

Today—Todd & Judi Galloway

December 20—Mike & Christine Syswerda

December 24—Doug & Judy Hanlon

December 27—Clay & Luann Snyder

NURSERY:

Today—Ronda Kaechele, Rachael Getter & Steven Vannette

December 20—Jonathan & Amanda Athearn

December 27—Mike & Christine Syswerda

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS:

Today—Sam Farmer, Josh & Robbi Hilton

December 20—Becca Getter, Britney Bredeweg

December 27—Sam Farmer, Bonnie McBride

CHILDREN'S CHURCH HELPERS:

Today—Sam Farmer, Kaylie & Nathan Taylor

December 20—Jonathan & Amanda Athearn

December 27—Sam Farmer, Sarah Getter, Gabby Nicholson

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](mailto: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. 5

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

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.

43rd ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS JURIED SPIRITUAL ART SHOW

Coming February 12-24, 2016 to Grand Rapids First Church located at 227 Fulton St. East, Grand Rapids.

Celebration of the Arts began in 1972 as part of the Music and Arts Ministry of First Church. In its 43rd year, Celebration has grown to represent one of the largest juried

sacred art shows in the country. It features artists from throughout the Midwest in a variety of media including oils, acrylic, watercolor, sculpture, fiber, photography, and more. During the 13 day festival, there are many individual events including concerts, drama, and art activities.

This year's juror is Mark Mehaffey, a nationally recognized artist and signature member of the National Watercolor Society and the American Watercolor Society.

Cost is \$20.00 for the first entry, \$10 for the second entry.

Media accepted are oils, acrylics, watercolors, prints, drawings, sculpture, ceramics, fiber, textiles, collage, photography, multi-media, etc.

For more information go to www.thecelebrationofthearts.com.

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