

The Leighton News
Week of January 10, 2016

On The Calendar This Week:

Sunday, January 10:

Sunday's Message: - Beginning a new sermon series "CHALLENGING THE WORLD."
The first message in this series is called "What we believe dictates how we live!"
Romans 12:1-2

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.

G.L.U.E. Youth Group Sunday night from 5:45-8:00 p.m. for all 6th-12th grade students at Scott & Misty Getter's home located at 4084 Schad Road, Middleville.

Monday, January 11:

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

Tuesday, January 12:

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

6:30 p.m. Mission Team Meeting (Room 7/8)

Wednesday, January 13:

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. Adult Bible Study (Library)

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

Thursday, January 14:

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

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Saturday, January 16:

8:30 a.m. Breakfast until 10:00 a.m. (Family Center)
9:00 a.m. Youth Archery until 10:30 a.m. (Family Center)
Noon-6p Kitchen & Family Center Reserved

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.

YOUTH & ADULT ARCHERY

YOUTH ARCHERY

Youth Archery is gearing up for another season.

Saturdays January 9-February 27 in the church Family Center.

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](#)

A participation form is attached.

ADULT ARCHERY

Adults are invited to come and shoot archery on Thursday nights in the Family Center at 7:00 p.m starting January 14th.

Bring your own equipment. High school students (9th grade on up) are welcome to come, but must have an adult with them. For more information, contact [Steve McBride](#)

CIRCLE OF JOY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

All women are invited to the January Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship.

Monday, January 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Lounge

Refreshments served afterward. Contact [Jean Bender](#) for details

VBS DECORATIONS TEAM

It's the start of a New Year, and VBS Coordinator, Cindy Herring, has been thinking about VBS 2016, Ocean Commotion, for several months now.

While actual dates for VBS have not been finalized, Cindy would like to get a jump start on decorations.

If you'd like to assist her with decorations, come on Tuesday, January 19th at 7:00 p.m. to Room 9.

Contact [Cindy](#) if you are interested, but can't attend on the 19th.

SOUP SUPPER FAMILY DINNER, JANUARY 27TH

Family Dinner on Wednesday, January 27th will feature a soup buffet. If you would be willing to cook a pot of soup, please sign up in the Lobby or contact [Renee Seeley](#).

Soup would need to be at the church by 5:00 p.m. January 27th. For more information or if you have questions, please contact [Renee Seeley](#).

MISSIONS SUNDAY

Sunday, January 31st is Missions Emphasis Sunday with special guest, Zach Motts, missionary to Japan through World Gospel Mission.

During the worship service, everyone will have an opportunity to submit a pledge toward Faith Promise, the fund that supports missionaries and mission organizations.

The Mission Team is providing lunch at Noon for everyone to come and enjoy.

Mark your calendar for Missions Sunday 2016 and plan to join in!

50+ MINISTRY SPECIAL EVENT OUTING

The 50+ Ministry of Leighton Church is organizing a special event outing to those age 50 and up to go to the Blue Gate Theater in Shipshewana, Indiana

to see the musical *“The Home Game—a son’s journey, a father’s hope”*

Friday, May 13th

Tickets cost \$32/person for groups of 12+

Reservations and payment due **January 24th.**

Sign up in the Lobby or contact Jean McCaul

(616) 698-6799 or jeanmccaul@gmail.com

Make checks payable to Jean McCaul

The show begins at 1:00 p.m.

Meet at Leighton Church at 9:00 a.m. to carpool or meet the group there.

It’s sure to be a fun day together with dinner afterward

(not included in ticket cost).

Flyers are attached or available in the Lobby if you want to share the information with friends or family members.

THANK YOU!

Leighton Church Family,

I want to thank everyone who participated in my mother, Barbara Aubil’s, funeral service. It was a lovely service that celebrated her life and love for her church.

Special thanks to Pastor Dave who did such a wonderful job. True to his word; a lovely, respectful farewell until we meet again. So many remarked to me afterwards what a truly lovely service it was. Thank you, Leighton, for the flowers you sent.

Also thank you to her Sunday School class for the hydrangea plant. I will plant it outside in the spring and keep enjoying it for years to come thinking of my wonderful mother when I see it blooming again.

Thank you to all the ladies who prepared and served us the wonderful lunch after the service. It was very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

The Family of Barbara Aubil

Sherry, Wayne, Bret, Nathan & Lucas

NEED A BULLETIN FROM A PREVIOUS SUNDAY?

Did you miss a Sunday or two or misplaced your bulletin from the previous Sunday?

Extra copies of bulletins from the previous two Sundays are available in the literature

rack on the table right outside the main entrance to the Sanctuary.
You can also receive an e-bulletin each week. Contact [Stacey](#) in the church office if you'd like to receive e-bulletins.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

With severe winter weather in the forecast for the coming week, here's a reminder of Leighton's Inclement Weather Policy.

If Thornapple-Kellogg schools is closed or cancels evening sporting events, church events are cancelled.

The church voicemail will have a message stating closure information, an e-mail will be sent out, and cancellation notice will be posted on the following TV and radio stations:

WWMT Channel 3, WZZM Channel 13, WOTV 41, WOOD TV 8, and WXSP
WCSG 91.3 on the radio or wcsq.org

If bad weather occurs on Saturdays during archery season or Sunday mornings causing worship service to be cancelled, the same media formats will be used for notification.

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.

TRANSPORTATION TO YOUTH GROUP NEEDED

Looking for a couple to transport teens to youth group on Sunday nights. Teens live within a mile or two radius of the church. If you are able to help each Sunday night, or even just once or twice a month, please contact [Misty Getter](#).

SERVICE IN ACTION

COFFEE SERVERS:

January 10—Brad & Lori Cramer

January 17—Open

January 24—Open

PROVIDING TREATS FOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:

January 10—Judy Hanlon & Noreen Ingersoll

January 17—Jerry & Crystal Mulero

January 24—To be Determined

GREETERS:

January 10—Dale & Lois Byars

January 17—Mike & Valerie Lepeak

January 24—Don & Jan Geukes

NURSERY:

January 10—Cindy & Rebecka Thaler

January 17—Renee & Amanda Seeley

January 24—Cindy Herring & Stephanie Aman

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS:

January 10—Josh & Robbi Hilton

January 17—Sam Farmer & Bonnie McBride
January 24—Jonathan & Amanda Athearn

CHILDREN'S CHURCH HELPERS:

January 10—Josh & Stephanie Aman
January 17—Kaylie & Nathan Taylor
January 24—Amanda, Ana, & Emeline Seeley

MEET THE AUTHOR AND BOOK SIGNING AT BAKER BOOK HOUSE

Mahtob Mahmoody, author of the international bestseller, "*My Name is Mahtob,*" will be at Baker Book House on Thursday, January 14th at 7:00 p.m. Her book not only tells of her escape from Iran, but also her escape from a life of fear. She will share her story that depicts the profound resilience of a wounded soul healed by faith in God's goodness and in his care and love.

Baker Book House is located at 2768 East Paris Avenue SE, just north of 28th Street.
(616) 957-3110 or <http://bakerbookhouse.com>

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 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.

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.

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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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