

**The Leighton News**  
**Week of January 17, 2016**

**On The Calendar This Week:**

**Sunday, January 17:**

Sunday's Message: - Continuing the sermon series "CHALLENGING THE WORLD." The second message in this series is called "There is no absolute truth." John 8:31 and John 14:6

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 18:**

- 7:00 p.m. Adult Basketball (Family Center)
- 7:00 p.m. Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship (Lounge)
- 7:00 p.m. Discipleship Team Meeting

**Tuesday, January 19:**

- 6:30 p.m. Board of Elders (Pastor's Office)
- 7:00 p.m. VBS Decorations Meeting (Room 9)

**Wednesday, January 20:**

- 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 21:**

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

**Saturday, January 23:**

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)

1:00 p.m. Kitchen & Family Center Reserved until 4 p.m.

**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 in full swing.

Saturdays through 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 27<sup>TH</sup>**

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 featuring ham and baked potatoes for everyone to come and enjoy.

In the evening, Zach will be speaking at G.L.U.E. Youth Group at 5:45 p.m.

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.

### **DINNER THEATER AT LEIGHTON CHURCH – SAVE THE DATE!**

All adults are invited to Dinner Theater, a fun evening out featuring a catered dinner and drama team from Master Arts Theater.

Saturday, February 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center

Reservations are due by February 7th by signing up in the Lobby or contacting Connie Hooker (616) 891-8742. Cost will be announced next Sunday.

The G.L.U.E. Youth Group will be offering child care in the children's wing. There is no set cost, but donations appreciated.

Watch for more details next week!

### **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](http://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 17—Jonathan & Amanda Athearn

January 24—Doug & Cindy Thaler & Family

January 31—Shawn & Faith Eaton

#### **PROVIDING TREATS FOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:**

January 17—Jerry & Crystal Mulero and Nona Steeby

January 24—Stacey Aman & Judi Galloway

January 31—Amanda Athearn & Jean Bender

#### **GREETERS:**

January 17—Mike & Valerie Lepeak

January 24—Don & Jan Geukes

January 31—Todd & Judi Galloway

#### **NURSERY:**

January 17—Renee & Amanda Seeley

January 24—Cindy Herring & Stephanie Aman

January 31—Jake & Allison Draaisma

#### **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS:**

January 17—Sam Farmer & Bonnie McBride

January 24—Jonathan & Amanda Athearn  
January 31—Sam Farmer, Robbin Hilton

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH HELPERS:**

January 17—Kaylie & Nathan Taylor  
January 24—Amanda, Ana, & Emeline Seeley  
January 31—Sam Farmer, Robbin Hilton

**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.

### **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](mailto:prattjji@hughes.net).

Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



### **43<sup>rd</sup> 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 43<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.thecelebrationofthearts.com).

### **FRANKLIN GRAHAM'S PRAYER TOUR OF AMERICA**

Franklin Graham, son of evangelist Billy Graham, is traveling to all 50 states in 2016 to hold prayer rallies, to preach the Gospel, and to challenge believers to take a stand and take action. He'll be urging Christians to vote, to live out their faith in every part of their lives, and to pray for our nation just as Nehemiah cried out to God to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem and restore hope to His people.

Follow Franklin Graham's journey or even join Michigan's prayer team.

Go to [www.decisionamericatour.com](http://www.decisionamericatour.com) for complete information and locations.

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