

The Leighton News
Week of January 31, 2016

On The Calendar This Week:

Sunday, January 31 – Missions Sunday:

Welcome to Zach Motts, missionary to Japan. Zach will be bringing the message to us this morning and speaking to adults in the Sanctuary during the Sunday School hour. Sunday's Message – "Who Needs Light?" Matthew 5:14-16. Everyone will have an opportunity to commit to supporting global missions by pledging to support Faith Promise.

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.

Lunch is being provided by the Mission Team at Noon in the Family Center. Everyone is invited to come.

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, with special guest, Zach Motts.

Monday, February 1:

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

Wednesday, February 3:

5:30 p.m. Family Dinner (Family Center)

6:15 p.m. Pioneer Clubs Movie Night

6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting (Lounge)

6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study (Library)

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

Thursday, February 4:

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

Saturday, February 6:

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)

MISSIONS SUNDAY

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

The schedule for Sunday will be as follows:

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Zach Motts presenting the message

Commit to support missions through Faith Promise by completing pledge cards

11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School classes in Sanctuary to hear more about Zach's ministry in Japan

Noon—Missions Team providing lunch for everyone in the Family Center featuring ham and baked potatoes.

5:45 p.m. G.L.U.E. Youth Group at Getter's with Zach Motts Speaking. All 6th-12th grade students welcome.

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY

Sunday, January 31st is Friendship Sunday.

Everyone is asked to wear a name tag in an effort to get to know one another. Name tags will be available in the Lobby.

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](#)

SPECIAL PIONEER CLUBS MOVIE NIGHT

Wednesday, February 3rd will be a movie night at Pioneer Club. The students as well as the teachers have worked hard and we want to give them a fun night off with a movie.

Feel free to wear PJs.

Families are welcome! Dinner will start at 5:30 and will be served by the G.L.U.E youth group. Donations welcome, proceeds will go towards the youth group's mission trip to Puerto Rico.

The title of the movie that will be shown has yet to be determined. Watch the bulletin for further details.

Contact [Allison Draaisma](#) for more information.

DINNER THEATER AT LEIGHTON CHURCH – SAVE THE DATE!

All adults (single or married, young or more experienced in life) are invited to Dinner Theater, a fun evening out featuring a catered dinner and "Contents Under Pressure," a comedy improv team from Master Arts Theater.

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

Reservations due by February 7th by signing up in the Lobby or contacting Connie Hooker (616) 891-8742.
Cost is \$16.00/person.

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.

Friends and family members welcome!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016

Vacation Bible School 2016 is coming!

Sunday, June 26-Thursday, June 30 from 6:00-8:40 p.m.

(NOTE: This is earlier than we normally hold VBS. Mark your calendar!)

This year's theme is:

Ocean Commotion Diving into Noah's Flood

Throughout the week, kids age 4 on up through 6th grade will learn to stand for God, obey God, trust God, thank God, and fear God.

Many volunteers are needed to make Vacation Bible School happen. Teens and adults are needed for the various areas:

Group guides (lead kids from snacks to games to crafts, etc.)

Teachers & Helpers (3 different age groups)

Toddler Team (leader & helpers)

Games (leader & helpers)

Music (leader & helpers)

Snack Station (leader & helpers)

Crafts (leader & helpers)

Registration

Security

Decorations

Prayer Team

Volunteer sign up begins Sunday, February 7th.

Contact [Cindy Herring](#) for more details

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR VBS

Thank you to those who came to the VBS Decorating meeting on January 19th. A number of great ideas are in the works and some supplies are needed to work on decorations projects. If you can supply any of these items, please place them in the Lobby in the bin labeled VBS supplies.

Pool Noodles (all colors)
Green streamers (variety of shades)
Blue streamers (variety of shades)

Contact [Cindy Herring](#) for more information.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Take note of what is happening at Leighton Church in the month of February. Print off the attached February calendar or check out the online calendar at www.leightonchurch.org/calendar

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 31—Shawn & Faith Eaton
February 7—Wayne & Noreen Ingersoll
February 14—Gary & Jean McCaul

PROVIDING TREATS FOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:

January 31—Amanda Athearn & Jean Bender
February 7—Bob & Connie Blain and Amanda Brandt
February 14—Shirlee Cheers

GREETERS:

January 31—Todd & Judi Galloway
February 7—Terri & Samantha Farmer
February 14—Tim & Sue Brown

NURSERY:

January 31—Jake & Allison Draaisma
February 7—Mark & Ronda Kaechele
February 14—Jonathan & Amanda Athearn

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS:

January 31—Sam Farmer, Robbin Hilton
February 7—Mike & Christine Syswerda
February 14—Sam Farmer, Jerry & Crystal Mulero

CHILDREN'S CHURCH HELPERS:

January 31—Sam Farmer, Robbin Hilton
February 7—Britney Bredeweg, Sam Farmer
February 14—Sam Farmer, Emily Mulero

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.

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.

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 for complete information and locations.

RETREAT FOR LAY SERVANTS & LAY SPEAKERS

Do you feel the Lord calling you to serve Him by becoming a certified Lay Speaker, which is someone who can fill the pulpit while a pastor is away on vacation or off on extended leave?

The West Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church is hosting a weekend retreat which includes 3 courses needed to become a certified lay servant or lay speaker.

April 22 & 23 at Lake Michigan Camp in Pentwater, MI

Cost is \$100 for overnights which covers class material, food & lodging

Or \$75 for those who would commute (this cost covers meals & class materials).

The courses offered at the retreat include:

Basic Lay Speaking, Wesleyan Heritage, & Worship Design

To register and make a class selection, contact Jody Pratt at prattgji@hughes.net or 269-792-0481. Individuals are welcome to take classes even if not seeking Lay Servant or Lay Speaking certification. Participants must register.

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