



Leighton Church

Proclaiming New Life in Jesus Christ

Rev. David L. McBride, Pastor

Week of November 21, 2021

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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www.leightonchurch.org
Office Hours: 9a-3p
Tues/Wed/Thurs

Sunday Worship: 9:30am
Sunday School: 10:45 am for
children, teens, adults

Board of Elders:

Drew Corwin, Chairman
Art Hooker, David Kaechele
Scott Pollmann, Mark
Schiefla, Mike Shanahan
Pastor David McBride



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Sunday, November 21	Brad Cramer Preaching Angel Tree Ministry Starts Youth Group 5:15-7:30 p.m.
Monday, November 22	Prayer Gathering 6:30 p.m. "You in God's Word" Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 23	Thanksgiving Worship Service 7p Praise Team Practice 8:45 p.m.
Wed. November 24	Church Office Closed No Wednesday Night Ministries
Thurs. November 25	Happy Thanksgiving! Family Center & Kitchen in Use
Sunday, November 28	First Sunday of Advent No Youth Group
Monday, November 29	Prayer Gathering 6:30 p.m. Missions Team Meeting 6:30p Men's Basketball 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 30	Board of Trustees 6:30 p.m. "You in God's Word" Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.



Children's Church is for kids age 4 through 2nd Grade. Kids will be dismissed during the worship service to attend their own time of worship in Room 3.

In Children's Church, kids will enjoy singing, crafts, games, and a snack.

Questions can be directed to Diane Norris (269) 491-8968
Or Rebecca Shanahan (616) 312-3070

THANK YOU for your faithful response to
Stewardship Sunday!

49 pledge cards were submitted
(6 more than last year)



15 of those 49 pledged an increase in their giving
for 2022.

The total committed for 2022 is \$202,425.60.
Last year, \$181,861.68 was pledged for giving in
2021.

If you did not submit a pledge card, you may still
do so. Cards can be found on the information
table in the Lobby.

Ministry cannot happen without you. Thank you!



Get connected!
Join a Sunday Morning
Small Group!

Small Group Adult Classes Sunday Mornings 10:45-11:45 a.m.

Three adult classes are offered on Sunday mornings.

Doug Thaler is teaching a class which will meet in the
Lounge. The topic of the class is:

*"God's Plan Always Prevails: God Leads Godly
Leaders"*

Drew Corwin is teaching a class which will meet in
Rooms 15/16. The topic of the class is:

"Follow Me: God is Faithful to His People"

Pastor Dave and Bill & Stacey Aman are team
teaching a class which meets in Rooms 7/8. The topic
of the class is the book of Philippians.

FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN NURSERY AGE-5TH GRADE

Dear Parents,

As you are well aware, fall has arrived and in fact, Thanksgiving is just around the corner! With this in mind, we are so pleased that our fellowship time is resuming, in the gym rather than the Lobby, between the worship service and Sunday School. We look forward to this informal time of connecting with our brothers and sisters in Christ and the sense of “normalcy” that it brings.

With this change, however, comes some concerns regarding our Children’s Church and Sunday School class format. The worship service is typically concluding around 10:30; thus, we would like to have our Sunday School classes begin at 10:50 with a reminder bell at 10:45 to “make your way to class, please.”

With this in mind, we are asking parents of children nursery age through 5th grade to gather your children after the service, whether they are with you in worship, in Children’s Church, or in the Nursery, and have them join you for fellowship time. When the first bell prompts us that Sunday School is about to begin, please see your child/children to their class. This allows Children’s Church leaders and Sunday School teachers time to participate in fellowship and children are not alone in the classrooms for any length of time. Teachers will plan to be in their classrooms by 10:45 to welcome the children and begin their classes at 10:50.

We plan to ring the bell again at 11:45 notifying teachers that there are 5 minutes until classes end. As parents, please make every effort to gather your children from class as close to 11:50 as possible so that our classes can conclude in a reasonable time frame.

We appreciate each one of you and are so thankful for the opportunity to nurture your children in their relationship with Jesus. We trust that this arrangement will allow us all to enjoy a time of fellowship as well as provide a safe environment for all.

Sincerely,
Your Discipleship Team
Christine Syswerda
Bonnie McBride



Toddlers & Preschoolers—Room 4: Connie Blain & Britney Bredeweg

Young Five’s, Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grade—Room 2
Jan Geukes & Terri Farmer

3rd & 4th Grade—Rooms 12/13: Jackie Corwin

5th & 6th Grade—Room 14: Sarah Geers

7th & 8th Grade—Room 9: Cindy Herring

9th-12th Grade—Rooms 10/11: Brian & Jill Smith



Christmas Celebrations

As you make your plans for Christmas parties and celebrations, put these events on your calendar as well.

Church Family *Christmas* Party

Sunday, December 5th at Noon

Potluck luncheon will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

Bring a dish to pass and your table service.

Beverages will be provided.

A fun gathering for the church family to celebrate the Joy of the season!



Monday, December 13th at 6:00 p.m.

All women are welcome to come to this annual gathering at Connie Hooker's home for a night of fellowship, music, and good food! Bring a dish to pass. Table service and beverages provided. Bring a \$5.00 gift to exchange.
4456 Patterson Road, Middleville (616) 891-8742



Live Nativity

Wednesday, December 15th at 6:00 p.m.

Relive the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem, the hardships of finding a place to stay, the joy of the birth of Jesus, and the worship of the shepherds.

An event for all ages! (Dress warm! This is held outside!) Refreshments and activities for the kids will be held in the Fellowship Hall afterward.

NEEDED: Volunteers and animals to be part of the live nativity. Contact Robbi Hilton (616) 217-7532



7:00 p.m.

**Celebrate! Jesus is born!
Christmas Carols! Christmas Message!
Candlelight!
Friends and family welcome!**



Sunday Nights

5:15-7:30 p.m.

Nov. 21

No Youth Group Nov. 28

Friends are a vital part of our life, but friendships can be difficult. How do I know that someone is really my friend? What does it mean to be a good friend? How does being a Christian affect how I relate to others?

All students in 6th-12th grades are welcome to get answers to these questions at youth group this month as we talk about friendship. Your friends are welcome!

Questions can be directed to Brian Smith,
Director of Youth Ministries
youth@leightonchurch.org or 616-881-1488



Tuesday, November 23rd

7:00 p.m.

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." ~Colossians 2:6-7

We have much to be thankful for. Come for this special service giving thanks to God for the many blessings we receive each day, but most of all, for His unending love and grace.
Friends and family welcome!

After the service, pie and ice cream, provided by the Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship, will be served in the Fellowship Hall. Donations appreciated for the Circle of Joy for the mission work they support.



Orders for poinsettias are being accepted now through December 5th

Use the order form on the next page to place your order. You may dedicate your poinsettia in honor and/or in memory of your loved one(s).

Poinsettias will be placed around the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 19th. You are welcome to take your poinsettia home after church on that Sunday, but preferably after the Christmas Eve Service.

Questions can be directed to Stacey Aman in the church office.



Orders due December 5th

Cost:

- \$4.50 each for 4" (5 blooms)
- \$6.25 each for a 6" (4-7 blooms)
- \$16.00 each for an 8" (8-12 blooms)
- \$25.50 for a 10" (16+ blooms)

To successfully place your order please follow these steps:

1. Put your name and phone number on the order form.
2. Indicate whether you are purchasing poinsettias in memory or in honor and the person's name(s).
3. Indicate the number of poinsettias you'd like to order by color and size.
4. Total your order and attach a check made out to Leighton Church or cash in the exact amount.
5. Place your order in the offering plate or forward to the church office by December 5th

Your Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Poinsettia Color	Quantity of 4"	Quantity of 6"	Quantity of 8"	Quantity of 10"	Total
Red					
Pink					
White					
Marble					

Poinsettias will be on display

in the Sanctuary December 19th-24th.

Take your poinsettia home Dec. 19th

after worship or after Christmas Eve Service the 24th.

Your name will be on the pot.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

NOVEMBER MISSION PROJECTS



Throughout the month of November, donate the following new or like new items in the designated box in the Lobby for Mel Trotter's Code Blue Drive:

Men's Jeans (size 32-40 waist and 32 length)
Winter Boots (men's sizes 9-15 and women's sizes 6-12)
Sweatpants size L-4XL



Throughout the month of November, donate the following new or like new items for Pregnancy Resource Center. Place items in the pack 'n play in the Lobby.



Baby Wipes, Pacifiers
Receiving Blankets
18 month-2T boy & girl fall/winter clothing
Newborn-3 mos. Girls fall/winter clothing
Baby toiletries (baby wash, shampoo, lotion, diaper rash cream)



The Prison Fellowship Angel Tree will be in the Lobby starting November 21st



1. Select the name of an angel, a child with an incarcerated parent, off the tree.
 2. Purchase the gift listed on the angel.
 3. Wrap the gift and return it to the tree by December 12th.
- Suggested gift value \$20.

Questions? Contact Cindy Punt. (616) 482-9293

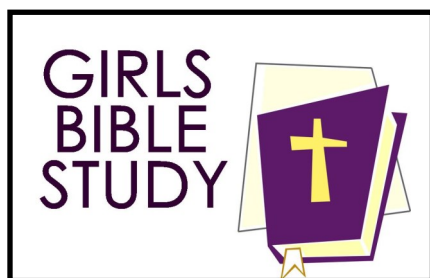


Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Looking for a meaningful mid-week activity for your kids? Bring them to Kids Worship!

For kids age 3 thru 5th Grade to experience God's story in fresh, fun, meaningful ways.

Questions? Contact Robbi Hilton (616) 217-7532



A Bible study for girls age 10-12 in Room 14 on the book of Ruth: Becoming a Girl of Loyalty on how to be loyal, loving, and godly.

Questions? Contact Sarah Geers (616) 299-6898

Schedule:

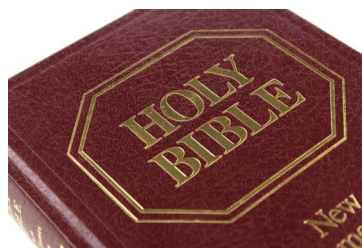
No Wed. Night Ministries Nov. 24

December 1st

December 8th

December 15th - Live Nativity

No Wed. Night Ministries Dec. 22 and 29



"You in God's Word" Bible Study

6:30 p.m.

Meeting Schedule:

Monday, November 22nd (in Rooms 15/16)

Tuesday, November 30th (in Rooms 7/8)



Prayer Gatherings

Our nation is in a downward spiral.

Followers of Christ are being harassed, intimidated, and attacked due to their commitment to Christ. What can we do? PRAY!

You are invited to come to Room 7/8 on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

for a time of devotions, Bible based discussion and prayer for needs both near and far.

Prayer Gathering will meet
November 22, 29, & December 6

For more information, contact
Bonnie McBride (616) 891-1646



Missions Team
Monday, Nov. 29th
6:30 p.m.
Rooms 15/16

Board of Trustees
Tuesday, Nov. 30th
6:30 p.m.
Rooms 15/16



All year long, but especially during this season, we're grateful for our wonderful partners like you! Our faithful supporters are the reason that thousands of Michigan inmates are hearing about Jesus Christ's offer of salvation, some for the very first time.

Jon, a former inmate says, "During my time in jail, the chaplains and volunteers helped me to develop a sense of what it means to be obedient to the Bible's principles for the sake of reverence and love of Jesus Christ. The Lord has a strange habit of turning the hardest exteriors into the softest interiors."

On behalf of the staff and chaplains of Reaching the Forgotten:

Happy Thanksgiving!

Your gifts to the Leighton Church Faith Promise Missions Fund supports the ministry of Reaching the Forgotten along with 11 other faith-based organizations around the world.

Upcoming Missionary Visit

It has been a joy and a blessing to connect with missionaries over the past several months. We have one more family coming: Noah & Liz Kamper on December 12th. We will be taking a special offering that morning to help the Kamper's purchase a new car when they return to Costa Rica in the new year.



Noah & Liz Kamper
Sunday, Dec. 12th

Wear your red Missions shirt!

Service in Action

Greeter Ministry:

November 21: Jan Geukes & Kim Bender
Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Serv: Clay & Luann Snyder
November 28: Scott & Terri Farmer

Intercessory Prayer:

November 21: Alverna Truax
November 28: Michael & Christine Syswerda
December 5: Kim Bender

Nursery:

November 21: Christine & Ava Syswerda
November 28: Lori Haselden & Ian Norris
December 5: Brad & Sarah Geers

Hand2Hand Delivery:

November 22: Lori Haselden
December 1: Jan Geukes
December 8: Luann Snyder

How do I get involved?

Contact Diane Porter, Greeter Ministry Coordinator
(616) 617-0269 or
dianeporter93@gmail.com

Contact Alverna Truax
(616) 891-8219. The Intercessory Prayer team is actively praying during the church service. Serve every 6 to 8 weeks.

Contact Sarah Geers. Nursery staff must undergo background checks and attend Child Protection Class. (616) 299-6898 or sarahgeersbb@gmail.com

Contact Lori Haselden, Hand2Hand Coordinator
(269) 838-5941 or
lghaselden@gmail.com

For laughs (or groans!) around your table

Knock knock. Who's there? Arthur.
Arthur who? Arthur any leftovers?

Why was the Thanksgiving soup so expensive?
It had 24 carrots.

If you use boxed mashed potatoes ...
... Great-Grandma will turn over in her gravy.

My family said, "No more Thanksgiving jokes." ...
... but I said I couldn't just quit cold turkey.





JOB opening

Leighton Church is seeking a part-time (15-18 hours per week) worship leader/music program director. The purpose of this position is to oversee, coordinate, and give leadership to weekly worship services and further develop music ministry programs. We are looking for a vibrant Christian with a calling and gifts for service in the area of music with experience in leading praise teams in mostly contemporary music. A complete job description and application can be found at www.leightonchurch.org/job

Upcoming Concerts in Grand Rapids

United & Chris Tomlin

Coming to the Van Andel Arena
Downtown Grand Rapids
March 1, 2022

A great night of worship with
Joel Houston, Taya Gaukrodger,
Benjamin Hastings, Jad Gillies &
Jonathan Douglass and Chris Tomlin
Tickets on sale now!
Ticket prices range from \$20—\$295
(VIP Experience)

Get your tickets at
Tomlinunited.com

Gaither Vocal Band

The Gaither Vocal Band Spring
Tour is coming to Grand Rapids!

March 17, 2022
Grand Rapids First
2100 44th Street SW, Wyoming

With special guests
Ladye Love Smith
Gene McDonald
Kevin Williams

Ticket prices range from \$25-\$38
Get your tickets at
Platformtickets.com



PROJECT HOPE CHRISTMAS MINISTRY

Project Hope is planning their annual Christmas Ministry to help families in need with Christmas gifts for their children. The families must live in the areas of Burnips, Dorr, Hopkins, or Moline. Families may sign up by November 26th for this ministry event which takes place on December 9th.

Contact Kaye Evans, Compassionate Care Director
(616) 681-4673 ext. 13



Looking for ways to give back this season or gifts that also help others?

ADOPT-A-FAMILY through the Pregnancy Resource Center's Cradles of Grace Ministry

The Pregnancy Resource Center's Cradles of Grace Ministry has 37 families who need assistance this Christmas. Items needed are listed by family and include household items, gift cards, clothing, toys, etc. Gifts are due on Monday, December 6th at the Pregnancy Resource Center in Wyoming. This is a great opportunity for families, small groups, Sunday School classes, etc.

Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0845aba82ba5ff2-cradles2>

YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT PURCHASE SUPPORTS INDIVIDUALS ON A TRANSFORMATIONAL PATH TO A MORE STABLE LIFE!

Purchase items from the Mel Trotter online store and a portion of your purchase supports individuals in Mel Trotter's many life-changing ministries.

Items available include:

inFable brand socks—\$20.00

Book: David Crow—The Pale-Faced Lie: A True Story \$16.95

Book: Cross Addicted: Breaking Free from Family Trauma and Addiction \$14.99

Book: Remorseless: Learning to Lose Labels, Expectations, and Assumptions
Without Losing Yourself \$14.99

Cedar Nesting Tables (set of 3) \$35.00

Cedar Grilling Planks (set of 10) \$10.00

Cedar Serving Tray \$25.00

Charcuterie Board Starting at \$25.00

DIY Log House Bird Feeder Kit \$20.00

Reclaimed Oak Candle Holder Starting at \$10.00

Arch Cutting Board \$30.00

Visit meltrotter.org/shop