



Leighton Church

Proclaiming New Life in Jesus Christ

Rev. David L. McBride, Pastor

Week of November 7, 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 7	<i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i> Mission Team Meeting in the Sanctuary right after worship Youth Group 5:15-7:30 p.m.
Monday, November 8	Circle of Joy at Jean Bender's 1:30 p.m. Prayer Gathering 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 9	Board of Elders Meeting 6 pm "You in God's Word" Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 10	Kids Worship 6:00 p.m. Tween Girls Bible Study 6:00 pm Praise Team 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 14	Guest Missionary: Zach Motts Speaking during worship Youth Group 5:15-7:30 p.m.
Monday, November 15	Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball 7:00 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!

44 pledge cards were submitted
(1 more than last year)



15 of those 44 pledged an increase in their giving
for 2022.

The total committed for 2022 is \$187,285.28.
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!



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.

Get connected!
Join a Sunday Morning
Small Group!

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



Monday Nights 7:00 p.m. in the Family Center

Games are pick-up games. Come when you can and enjoy playing basketball. Open for high school age on up.

Questions can be directed to Doug Thaler (269) 795-9909

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 8, 22, & 29

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



**Sunday Nights
5:15-7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7, 14, & 21**

Friends. We want them. We need them. 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

Volunteer Day at Lavender Life Farm



On October 20th, four people from Leighton Church helped pack Xander stuffed animals to be shipped out of state for children in foster care. In fact, almost 3,000 were packed that day.

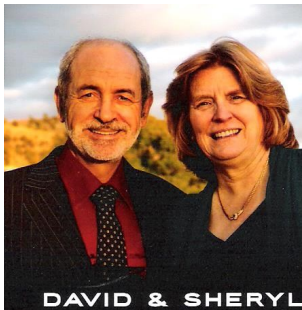
We have another opportunity to help on Thursday, November 11th from 9:00 am-12:30 p.m. Lunch is provided. Lavender Life Farm is located at 464 Stanton Farms Drive, Caledonia

If you would like to help, contact Luann Snyder by Sunday, November 7th. (616) 891-8348



Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH AT 1:30 P.M.



All women are invited to Jean Bender's home for a time of fellowship. Guest speaker, Sheryl Olmedo, missionary in Spain, will be sharing about the ministry she and her husband have to residents and tourists in Nerja, Spain.

The Circle of Joy has supported Sheryl for decades. She is in the States for a short time and this is the only opportunity we could get together with her. Please join us!

Jean Bender's home is located at 3050 N. M-37 Hwy, Middleville



The regular Circle of Joy meeting for November is MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH AT 7:00 P.M.

Becky from Degage Ministries will be sharing how Degage is impacting lives of those who struggle with homelessness through their various ministries. She'll also be giving an update on the expansion project at Degage.

All women are welcome! Refreshments served afterward. Questions can be directed to Jean Bender
(269) 795-3458

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 (note change of date)



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

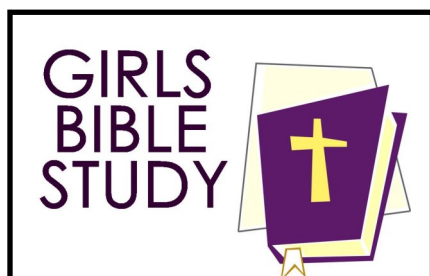


Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 p.m.

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

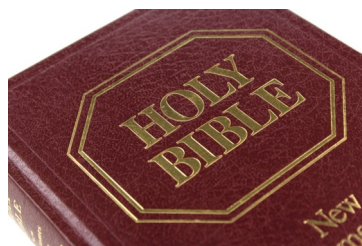
For kids age 3 thru 5th Grade to experience God's story in fresh, fun, meaningful ways.

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



"You in God's Word" Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Are you looking to get more out of reading your Bible? Do you wish you knew how to really study, understand, and apply the Scriptures that you are reading?

Stacey Aman is leading an 8-week Bible study written by Judi Galloway. This is a practical application study that will teach you techniques and reliance on the Holy Spirit to glean more from God's Word through daily readings and note taking creating the habit of daily Bible reading.

This is open to men and women and people of all spiritual maturity. You can still join us. Lessons are not based on previous week's material.

Questions can be directed to Stacey at Stacey.aman@leightonchurch.org

Meeting Schedule:

Tuesday, November 9th
Tuesday, November 16th
Monday, November 22nd
Tuesday, November 30th
Monday, December 6th



Spenser was the youngest person in the Mel Trotter Ministries' Step-Up Recovery program when he entered in late 2020, a broken man who knew he needed help. Spenser started smoking weed at age 14, moving easily into abusing alcohol and drugs and eventually into dealing drugs. He was never arrested, never received a DUI or had brushes with the law, a fact he considers a miracle.

After couch surfing and moving in with friends in 2020, a close family friend who worked at Mel Trotter recommended Spenser go and apply for the Step-Up inpatient program. Spenser did and was accepted.

His life is completely different now and headed in a new direction. After graduation from Step-Up, he'll continue outpatient therapies. He is enrolled in Cornerstone University's Professional & Graduate Studies program and will work toward a degree in Human Services. Ultimately, he says he'd like to work somehow with recovery. He's now living with family.

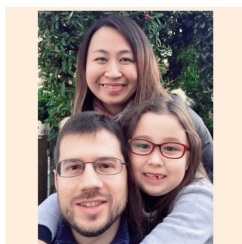
This is a critical season for Mel Trotter; preparing to serve hundreds of people for Thanksgiving, providing warm clothing for winter, and preparing for Christmas. See page 6 for information on items Leighton Church is collecting for Mel Trotter Ministries.



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

Upcoming Missionary Visits

We have missionaries coming to Leighton in the coming months to share what is happening in their mission field. Mark these dates on your calendar and wear your red shirts!



Zach & Esther Motts
Sunday, Nov. 14



Noah & Liz Kamper
Sunday, Dec. 12th

Service in Action

How do I get involved?

Greeter Ministry:

November 7: Art & Connie Hooker
November 14: Scott & Terri Farmer
November 21: Jan Geukes & Kim Bender

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

Intercessory Prayer:

November 7: Chris Herring
November 14: Drew & Jackie Corwin
November 21: Alverna Truax

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

Nursery:

November 7: Christine & Ava Syswerda
November 14: Cindy Herring & Rylee Norris
November 21: Christine & Ava Syswerda

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

Hand2Hand Delivery:

November 10: Luann Snyder & Jean McCaul
November 17: Lori Haselden
November 22: Lori Haselden

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



To Our Leighton Church Family,
Thank you to everyone who sent cards and messages and called us during Jerry's dad's battle with cancer and after his death. We appreciate the beautiful flowers sent to the funeral and are grateful to Pastor Dave for attending the service. It all has meant so much to us, Jerry's mom and siblings.

Thank you,
Jerry & Crystal Mulero
Emily, Jeremiah & Jeremy

Dear Church Family,

I just want to thank you so much for the flowers, calls, text messages, cards, and especially the prayers you have given me over these past two weeks on the loss of my mom. I am so thankful for each one of you, and for the love I have felt from you. Drew and I are so thankful for such a loving church family. We have felt all of your prayers. We love you all!

~Drew & Jackie Corwin



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



First UMC of Holland Presents
"A Candy Cane Christmas"
60th Annual Holiday Bazaar

Friday, November 12th 9:30 am-3:00 pm
Attic Specials, Tree Decorations
Cookie Corner, Country Store
Bargain Boutique, Home Décor, Christmas Treasures

Coffee & Homemade Goodies 9:30-11:00 am
Luncheon 11:30 am-1:00 pm
Meals are available to take out.
Masks strongly recommended.

First United Methodist Church of Holland
57 West 10th Street, Holland

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