



# Leighton Church

Proclaiming New Life in Jesus Christ

Rev. David L. McBride, Pastor

Week of December 5, 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, December 5	Second Sunday of Advent Church Christmas Party & Potluck Lunch Noon Youth Group 5:15-7:30 p.m.
Monday, December 6	Men's Basketball 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 7	Finance Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 8	Kids Worship 6:00 p.m. Tween Girls Bible Study 6:00 pm Praise Team 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 12	Third Sunday of Advent <b>Red Shirt Sunday</b> Guest Missionaries: Noah & Liz Kamper Angel Tree Gifts Due Last day for donations for Mel Trotter & Pregnancy Resource Center Youth Group 5:15-7:30 p.m.
Monday, December 13	Men's Basketball 7:00 p.m. Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship Christmas Party at Hooker's 6:00 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



### 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!**



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



**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!**



Throughout the month of December, the discussion at youth group will focus on CHRISTMAS! The world tells us that Christmas is all about gifts, but the Bible tells about the greatest gift of all, Jesus!

All students in 6th-12th grades are welcome to join us and get the truth about Christmas. Your friends are welcome!

Youth Group meets  
Sunday nights 5:15-7:30 p.m.  
Dec. 5, 12 & 19

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



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.



Save money on postage and bring Christmas cards for your church family to church.

Tables will be set up in the Lobby starting Sunday, December 5th.

Arrange cards on the table alphabetically by last name.

To help address your cards, pick up a sheet listing the names of those who are currently attending and addresses of those who are away.



## 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



## 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!

## MISSION PROJECTS



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**

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 last day for donations for  
Mel Trotter and Pregnancy Resource Center  
is December 12th.**

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Visit the Prison Fellowship Angel Tree in the Lobby



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

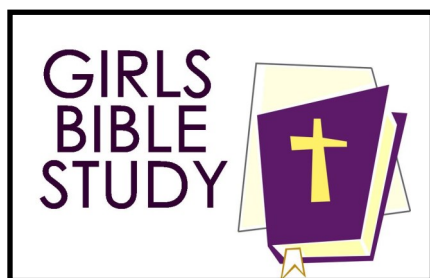


# Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 p.m.

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:

December 8th

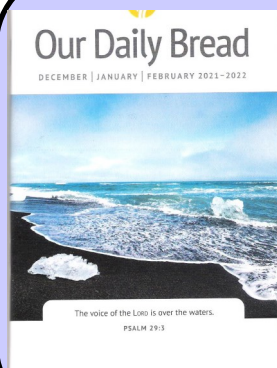
December 15th - Live Nativity

No Wed. Night Ministries Dec. 22 and 29



## Prayer Gatherings

Prayer Gatherings are being cancelled indefinitely due to various reasons. Thank you to those who attended and lifted our nation, our leaders, and needs of those in our church and community up in prayer.



## FREE Devotional Books

Regular print edition of Our Daily Bread (December-February) and Large Print edition of Our Daily Bread (January-March) are available in the Lobby

# Missionary UPDATE

Dear Leighton UMC,  
Thank you for having me back to share about our ministry in Japan. It was great to be with you, see so many faces again that I recognized, and talk and eat doughnuts together. Thank you for your kindness and support for so many years.



Blessings,  
Zach & Esther Motts



Dear Leighton UMC,  
It was a joy to be with you in October. You are such a blessing to us and our ministry in Honduras. Thank you for your prayers and financial support. We are happy to share that we have our plane tickets to return to Honduras. We fly out on December 14th! We plan to be there for 2 1/2—3 1/2 years. We appreciate your continued prayers for our ministry with the local people and for the ministry of El Sembrador, providing Christian education to children and teens.

God's blessing upon you. Merry Christmas!  
Gary & Laura Griffin

*Your gifts to the Leighton Church Faith Promise Missions Fund supports the ministry of Zach & Esther Motts and Gary & Laura Griffin along with 14 other missionaries 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. The Kamper's will share briefly during the worship service and in more detail during Sunday School. Join us in the Sanctuary during the Sunday School hour to hear about how God is changing lives in Costa Rica. 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

## How do I get involved?

### Greeter Ministry:

December 5: Michael & Christine Syswerda  
December 12: Chuck & Jane Hannan  
December 19: Randy & Sharon Grinage

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

### Intercessory Prayer:

December 5: Kim Bender  
December 12: Mike & Sandy Shanahan  
December 19: Debi Warren

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

### Nursery:

December 5: Robbi & Zoey Hilton  
December 12: Brad & Sarah Geers  
December 19: Cindy Herring & Rylee Norris

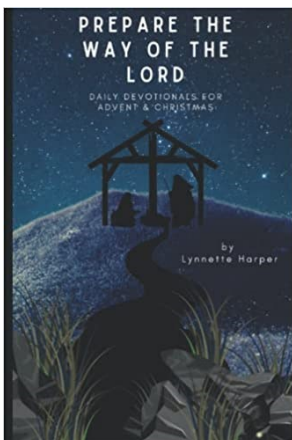
Contact Sarah Geers. Nursery staff must undergo background checks and attend Child Protection Class. (616) 299-6898 or sarahgeersbb@gmail.com

### Hand2Hand Delivery:

December 15: Lori Haselden

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


## Former Leighton Church Attender Publishes Advent/Christmas Devotional



Former Leighton attender, Lynnette (Cruff) Harper has published a book of daily devotions for Advent and Christmas.

Lynnette wrote this book for her adult children who, at the time, lived in 4 different states. She felt an Advent devotional would be a special way to connect. She shared the prototype versions with two congregations where she served as pianist and was strongly encouraged to get it published. It is now available on Amazon.com in ebook (\$2.99) and paperback (\$4.99). Just search Lynnette Harper.

Lynnette shared that she has wonderful memories of her years here at Leighton Church and wished to share this with the people so special to her.



# 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](http://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](http://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](http://Platformtickets.com)



Josh and Robbi Hilton are starting a new venture, a non-profit to support foster families and adoptive families. They are opening their barn as a farm market and bakery with the proceeds supporting those fostering and adopting children because they have lived that life and know how hard it can be.

They aren't officially opening until June of 2022, but they do have an event planned for Sunday, December 12th—Sunday with Santa!

1:00-5:00 p.m. There will be doughnuts, coffee, and more!  
Kids can decorate cookies and participate in an elf hunt and of course,  
pictures with Santa!  
Donations will be accepted for the support of foster/adoptive families.  
Join in the fun at 2893—108th Street, Caledonia  
Follow them on Facebook under Hilton Haus



# 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 still has 6 families out of 37 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](http://meltrotter.org/shop)**