



Leighton Church

Proclaiming New Life in Jesus Christ

Rev. David L. McBride, Pastor

Week of June 12, 2022

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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Caledonia, MI 49316
(616) 891-8028
office@leightonchurch.org
www.leightonchurch.org
Office Hours: 9a-3p
Tues/Wed/Thurs

Sunday Worship: 9:30am
Sunday School: 10:45 am for adults

Board of Elders:
Art Hooker, David Kaechele
Scott Pollmann (Chairman),
Mark Schiefela, Doug Thaler,
Wayne Ingersoll,
Pastor David McBride

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Sunday, June 12	Pastor Dave's Last Sunday Retirement Open House Noon-3:00 p.m.
Monday, June 13	Youth Mission Work Day Men's Basketball 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 14	Youth Mission Work Day Board of Elders Meeting 6:30p Ballfield in Use 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 15	Youth Mission Work Day Praise Team Practice 6:30 p.m. Ballfield in Use 5:30-8:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 16	Youth Group Trip to Michigan Adventure Ballfield in Use 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 19	<i>Happy Father's Day!</i> Brad Cramer Preaching Guest Missionaries: Shad & Sarah Deal
Monday, June 20	Mission Team Meeting 6:30pm Men's Basketball 7:00 pm Circle of Joy 7:00 p.m.



Children, Teens and Adults Digging Deeper into God's Word. 10:45-11:45 a.m.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND LOCATIONS:

Age 2 thru 4th Grade—Room 3: Luann Snyder & Noreen Ingersoll

5th-12th Grades-Rooms 12/13: Mark & Ronda Kaechele

Adults: Rooms 7/8: Bill & Stacey Aman

Adults: God's Plan Always Prevails: God Leads Godly Leaders—Lounge: Doug Thaler

Adults: Deliver Us: God Redeems His People—Rooms 15/16: Drew Corwin



Kingdom Kids is the summer Children's Church program for kids age 3 through 2nd grade.

During the worship service, children will be dismissed to go to Room 3 (where Children's Church is currently held) for Bible teaching, craft, and play time if time allows.

Kingdom Kids will not be held on July 3rd or September 4th.

This summer, the youth group is using the GROW app for weekly lessons. The icon you see below is what the app looks like.

1. Open the app and select custom code (at the top of the screen). There is a new code each week. Watch the weekly newsletters, Facebook and email for the codes!
2. After you enter the code, go back to choose the volume.
3. Select the month and week you are on (you can even go back and do lessons that you may have missed or wish to do again!)

Material will be loaded by Sunday evening each week. Contact Brian Smith if you have any questions (616) 881-1488 or youth@leightonchurch.org



**This week's theme is "Guiding Light".
Use code ZCLN**



Happy Retirement, Pastor Dave!



Today we honor and celebrate the pastoral leadership and ministry of Rev. David L. McBride.

It is a day of mixed emotions; we are sad to see Pastor Dave and Bonnie leave us, but we wish them many blessings and joy in their retirement years.

So we send them off with love, gratitude, and God's blessings for what He has in store for them.

You are welcome to join us for an open house today from Noon-3:00 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall for a meal and fellowship as we send Pastor Dave and Bonnie off into this new phase of life.

Thank you, Pastor Dave & Bonnie, for your dedication and faithful witness in your ministry to the people of Leighton Church. You are loved and will be missed!

NEW ADDRESS FOR PASTOR DAVE & BONNIE



David & Bonnie McBride
23062 110th Avenue
Tustin, MI 49688

Pastor Dave: (989) 763-2931
Bonnie: (989) 763-0888

On Tuesday, June 14th, Mary Reed will celebrate her 94th birthday. Let's shower her with love and birthday wishes by sending her birthday cards.

Cards may be sent to:

Mary Reed

c/o Carveth Village

690 W. Main Street, Room 163

Middleville MI 49333



**SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS SUMMER'S
BACKYARD PICNIC FELLOWSHIPS**

Friday, June 24th at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 24th at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 21st at 6:00 p.m.



Art & Connie Hooker host the picnics in their backyard. All food and beverages provided. Come for fellowship, sit by the fire, take a wagon ride through the woods. Friends & family welcome!

4456 Patterson Road, Middleville
Picnics are cancelled if it's raining.



**Guest Missionaries Coming
Sunday, June 19th
Shad & Sarah Deal
Braden & Brice**

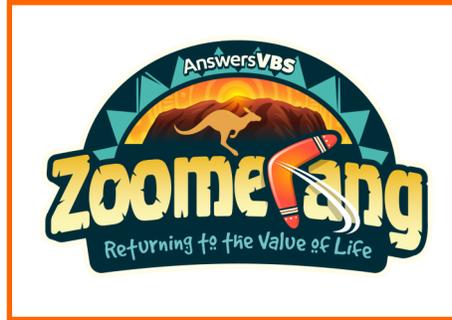
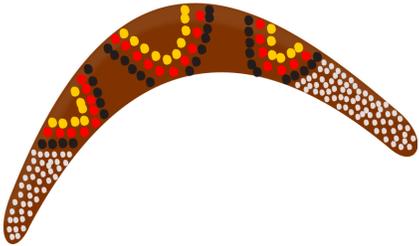
On Sunday, June 19th, we will welcome guest missionaries, Shad & Sarah Deal and their two sons; Braden & Brice.

The Deal's are mentoring missionaries in training at the Ethnos360 training center in Missouri. They help men and women; couples and individuals, in training work through the emotions of moving to a foreign land, walk them through what they might expect when they arrive in the mission field, and shepherd them in their spiritual journey of following God in their calling to the mission field.

Shad & Sarah will be sharing briefly during the worship service. During the Sunday School hour, students in 5th-12th grade and adults are invited to gather in the Sanctuary to hear more extensively about their ministry.

Vacation Bible School 2022

June 26th-30th 6:30-8:30 p.m.



Registration is open for Vacation Bible School!!

Registration for VBS is open through June 22nd.

Registration is exclusively online.

Visit www.leightonchurch.org/childrens-ministry/

If you don't have online access, contact Stacey in the church office to get your kids registered.

(616) 891-8028

VBS is for kids age 3 through 6th Grade
(entering in the fall).

Invite your family, friends & neighbors.

It going to be ace!! (ace is Australian lingo for excellent!)



The following items are needed for VBS snack preparation. Sign up in the Lobby for the items you wish to donate.

Please bring items by **SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH** (with the exception of watermelon and blueberries)

- 2 large bags of chocolate Rolo candies
- 1 tubs of chocolate frosting
- 1 tubs of white frosting
- 8-11 oz boxes of Scooby Doo Graham Crackers (bone shaped)
- 6 boxes of red, white & blue popsicles

BRING ON SUNDAY, JUNE 26th
4 large seedless watermelon
6 pints of blueberries.

Contact Terri Farmer with any questions.
(616) 780-8444



PRAYER PILLOWS—Let our missionaries know that we are praying for them and supporting them by writing words of prayer, encouragement and support on pillowcases. When they lay down to sleep at night, they can drift off to sleep reading prayers and encouraging words.

Pillowcases for **Terry & Melinda Ganka** are out for your signatures, words of encouragement, prayers, or scripture passages. Terry & Melinda and their 3 boys are serving the Lord in Papua New Guinea. Terry is the flight coordinator for the Ethnos360 Aviation Ministry there. He coordinates flights going in and out of the area and arranges for supplies to be shipped in.



Stop by the display table in the Lobby to sign the pillowcases.



UPcoming
Meetings

Board of Elders

Tuesday, June 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Mission Team Meeting (date change)

Monday, June 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Special Church Conference

Tuesday, June 21st at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School Teacher & Discipleship Ministries Meeting

Tuesday, June 21st at 7:00 p.m.



This past week, a letter was sent to all members and friends of Leighton Church announcing the appointment of Rev. David Meister as the pastor of Leighton Church effective July 1, 2022.

The first order of business before Pastor David arrives is approving his salary. This is done at an all-church conference meeting with District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Margie Crawford.

The meeting will be held on
Tuesday, June 21st at 6:30 p.m. in Rooms 7/8
This is an open meeting. All are welcome to attend.



Teacher Meeting

Questions?

Contact Sarah Geers (616) 299-6898

Christine Syswerda (616) 534-3324

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES LEADERS' MEETING

All Sunday School teachers, youth leaders and workers, children's ministry leaders and anyone interested in being a part of any of the Leighton Church Discipleship ministries are to attend an upcoming meeting on

Tuesday, June 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The agenda for the meeting is to discuss upcoming fall ministries (Sunday School, Youth Group, Kids Worship, Adult Bible Studies, etc.) All teachers and leaders currently involved in these ministries as well as those who wish to volunteer in any of these areas are to attend.



Angie Walker Guest Speaker at Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship

Angie Walker, her husband, Chris, and their family are missionaries in Papua New Guinea. Angie is in the U.S. and is scheduled to return to Papua New Guinea within the next month.

Angie will be the guest speaker at the June Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship gathering on

Monday, June 20th at 7:00 p.m.

The Walker's have, along with the rest of the world, experienced many changes in their ministry due to COVID. They have also dealt with Chris' identity being stolen, and the people that they minister to in Mibu being threatened and attacked by a criminal gang. Angie will share her perspective on all of these events as well as what it takes to follow God in a remote part of the world and raise a family in the midst of that.

All ladies are welcome! Refreshments served afterward.

Questions? Contact Jean Bender (269) 795-3458 or
mjbhorseranch@yahoo.com

A standup guy

During the pandemic, a Maryland man used "dad jokes" to lift neighbors' spirits. Tom Schruben jotted down a joke-of-the-day on a curbside whiteboard. Hearing people chuckle and chat eased the isolation.



Schruben and his wife, Ann, became intentional about seeking joy after two of their children died. They vowed to "find happiness again" and share it. For Father's Day last year, Schruben held a Bad Dad Joke contest, donating entry fees to a local charity. Here are a few of his favorites:

- If two vegans get into an argument, is it still considered a beef?
- I ordered a chicken and an egg from Amazon. I'll let you know.
- What do you call a bear with no teeth? A gummy bear.



The church's digital sign at the corner is going to need to be upgraded in the coming year. The framework for the sign will remain the same, but the digital sign is old (12-13 years old) and parts are becoming difficult to find.

The current sign has 24 panels. 18 of the 24 panels have been replaced. These panels are no longer being manufactured so when the supply of these panels is exhausted, the sign will need to be replaced. The estimated cost for a new digital sign is \$16,000. To-date, **\$4,070 has been given.**

If you wish to contribute toward this need, you may make checks payable to Leighton Church and designate your gift SIGN or give safely and securely online and select the Sign Upgrade Fund. www.leightonchurch.org/give

Questions can be directed to Chris Herring, Board of Trustees Chairman (616) 437-3484 or herring@iserv.net



**Servers needed for Coffee Fellowship:
June 19 & 26th
Sign up at the Coffee Bar if interested.**

Contact Nona Steeby if you'd like to provide cookies. (616) 891-1567 or iamsteeby@gmail.com

Ora Lou Smith has a new address and is exclusively using her cell phone. Her address and phone number are as follows:

Ora Lou Smith
4317 Kalamazoo Drive
Caledonia MI 49316
(616) 648-7158

Please make note of it.





Degage Ministries, located in the Heartside District of Grand Rapids, works to reflect the love of Christ to all who come through their doors by building relationships and offering programs that foster dignity and respect.

Degage has been in the process of expanding their facility to offer new and better ministries to the hurting and homeless in Grand Rapids. Degage Ministries is excited to announce the opening of their new Community Center and Dining Room! You are invited to come and see this amazing new space on Monday, June 13th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. In this new space, patrons will enjoy meals and build relationships with other in the community. The new entrance is located on the northwest corner of Sheldon Avenue and Cherry Street. Cookies and coffee will be served.

Last year, the kids who attended Vacation Bible School at Leighton Church held a coin drive to raise money for the expansion project at Degage Ministries. The kids donated \$1,279.70! If you go to Degage Ministries, look for the brick on the courtyard that reads "Leighton Church VBS 2021."

Your gifts to the Leighton Church Faith Promise Missions Fund supports the ministry of Degage Ministries and 11 other faith-based organizations around the world. Thank you!



Service in Action

How do I get involved?

Greeter Ministry:

June 12: Art & Connie Hooker
June 19: Jan Geukes & Kim Bender
June 26: Michael & Christine Syswerda

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

Intercessory Prayer:

June 12: Debi Warren
June 19: Jean McCaul
June 26: Chris Herring

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

Nursery:

June 12: Robbi & Anabelle Hilton
June 19: Cindy Herring & Rylee Norris
June 26: Lori Haselden & Ian Norris

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

Coffee Bar:

June 12: Art & Connie Hooker
June 19: Andy & April Taylor Family
June 26: Servers Needed

Contact Connie Hooker if you'd like to serve coffee (616) 891-8742
Or sign up at the Coffee Bar

Provide Treats for Coffee Fellowship:

June 12: Jackie Corwin & Terri Farmer
June 19: Jan Geukes & Joyce Gackler
June 26: Nona Steeby

Contact Nona Steeby if you'd like to provide refreshments for Coffee Fellowship (616) 891-1567 or iamsteeby@gmail.com

Kingdom Kids Children's Church:

June 12: Diane & Rylee Norris
June 19: Robbi & Anabelle Hilton
June 26: Christine & Ava Syswerda

Contact Sarah Geers.
(616) 299-6898 or
sarahgeersbb@gmail.com

Church Yard & Ball field Mowing:

June 16: CHURCH—Bill Aman
BALLFIELD—C.J.. Yarrington
June 23: CHURCH-Eddy Landon
BALLFIELD—Mike Syswerda
June 30: CHURCH-Josh Hilton
BALLFIELD—Dave Kaechele





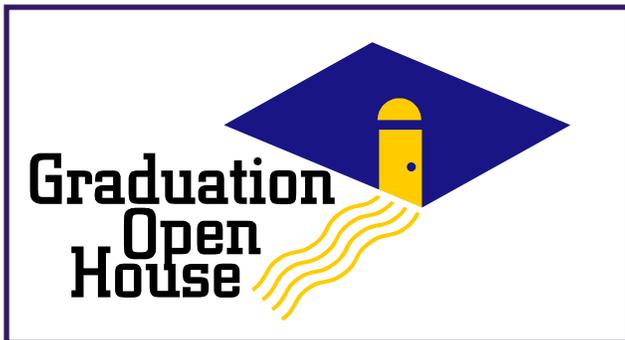
SUMMERFEST AT SON-LIFE CAMP

SON-Life Camp & Retreat Center's annual Summerfest is coming Saturday, June 18th. It's a **FREE EVENT** with fun for all ages starting at 3:30 p.m. **Games** for the kids! The **waterfront** will be open! New this year, **archery and tomahawks** for kids age 8+ staffed by the camp's amazing summer staff.

Dinner will be served from 4:30-6:00 p.m. (donations accepted). The fundraising **auction** begins at 6:00 p.m. Bring your camp chair along.

All proceeds will go toward the ministry of SON-Life Camp & Retreat Center.

SON-Life Camp & Retreat Center is located at 189—126th Avenue, Wayland



**You are invited to
celebrate the graduate
at this open house:**

Adam Phillips

Son of Don & Mary Phillips
Graduating from Thornapple-Kellogg High School

Celebrate at a Graduation Party
Saturday, June 18th
3:00-6:00 p.m.
12185 Green Lake Road, Middleville



Bake-Less Bake Sale to support the Circle of Joy

Dear Leighton Family,

After a lonely, uneventful couple of years for our Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship due to the pandemic, we are in need of your help. We are asking you if you'd support our "bake-less" bake sale. In doing so, we can continue to spread the love to others both locally and internationally.

How does a "bake-less" bake sale work? Instead of baking or purchasing an item for us to sell, we are asking you to NOT bake. Don't go buy ingredients or slave over a hot oven. Simply contribute what you might have spent on ingredients to the Circle of Joy.

We appreciate your contribution no matter the amount. Please make your check payable to "CIRCLE OF JOY" and place it in the offering plate or mail it to Connie Hooker, Circle of Joy Treasurer, at 4456 Patterson Road, Middleville MI 49333. You may also give safely and securely online at www.leightonchurch.org/give and select Circle of Joy.

We look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your helping us focus on the ministries we support, which include:

- Becky Martin (missionary in Nepal)
- David & Sheryl Olmedo (pastors in Nerja, Spain)
- Shad & Sarah Deal (missionaries in the U.S.)
- Daniel Schutte & Inner City Church Planting Mission based in Grand Rapids
- The Pregnancy Resource Center
- Maoz Israel
- Bill & Lydia Allshouse (overseeing missions in the Americas)
- Bob & Lisa Margaron (missionaries in Stockton, California)
- David Eschenbach (missionary in Peru)
- Providing diaper bags filled with essentials to parents of newborns
- Coordinating luncheons for funerals

Together we truly can make a difference and we so appreciate your support.

Circle of Joy
Jean Bender, President
Connie Hooker, Treasurer