



# Leighton Church

Proclaiming New Life in Jesus Christ

**Pastor Dave Meister**

## Week of July 10, 2022

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

4180 2nd Street  
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(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 Dave Meister



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Monday, July 11	Men's Basketball 7:00 pm
Tuesday, July 12	Joint Meeting of Leadership Team & Board of Elders 6:30pm
Wednesday, July 13	Ballfield in Use 5:30-8:00 pm Praise Team Practice 6:30 pm
Monday, July 18	Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship 7:00 pm  Men's Basketball 7:00 pm
Wednesday, July 20	Ballfield in Use 5:30-8:00 pm Praise Team Practice 6:30 pm
Saturday, July 23	North Wing Cleaning & Maintenance (done by BCCS)  Men's Shooting Event at Hooker's 1:00 pm
Sunday, July 24	Backyard Picnic Fellowship At Hooker's 6:00 pm



# 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: God the Creator: Our Beginning, Our Rebellion & Our Way Back—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 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](mailto:youth@leightonchurch.org)



**This week's theme is "Familia".  
Use code EDSF**



# **WELCOME PASTOR DAVE & DENISE MEISTER!**



## **Welcome, Pastor Dave & Denise Meister!**

Help Pastor Dave and Denise get acquainted with the Leighton Church Family. There are a lot of names and faces for Pastor Dave & Denise to put together. Throughout the month of July, everyone is asked to wear a name tag to help them out. Name tags are available in the Lobby.



## **How do I contact Pastor Dave Meister?**

**Pastor Dave Meister Cell: (269) 876-7204**

**Pastor Dave Meister Office: (616) 891-8028**

**E-mail: [pastor@leightonchurch.org](mailto:pastor@leightonchurch.org)**

**In the office Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays**

**The parsonage phone is being disconnected since Pastor Dave will not be living there full-time.**



On behalf of Denise and I and the Meister Family, I just wanted to extend to all of you a very special "Thank You" for our warm welcome last Sunday and a special "Thank You" to the Staff Parish Relations Committee for the wonderful 4th of July picnic style meal following Sunday School. Denise and I feel so blessed and truly honored that the Cabinet and Bishop has appointed me to serve this congregation. I truly look forward to doing ministry together for years to come. May God continue to be with each of us as we journey together. God Bless!

Your New Pastor,  
Pastor Dave #2



The Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship is seeking a volunteer who has experience coordinating funeral luncheons to assist Ronda Kaechele for the months of July, August & September.

The Funeral Luncheon Committee purchases food items for sandwiches, chips, salads, and beverages and seeks volunteers from within the congregation to prepare cakes and jello salads for any funeral luncheons held at Leighton Church.

Anyone interested in helping to coordinate the meals or has questions can contact Jean Bender (269) 795-3458 or [mjbhorseranch@yahoo.com](mailto:mjbhorseranch@yahoo.com)

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There are a few Sundays this summer when substitutes are needed to teach children/youth Sunday School classes.

If you would be willing to fill in on occasion, please contact Christine Syswerda or Sarah Geers.

Christine (616) 534-3324 or [mncsyswerda@yahoo.com](mailto:mncsyswerda@yahoo.com)

Sarah (616) 299-6898 or [sarahgeersbb@gmail.com](mailto:sarahgeersbb@gmail.com)



## COMMUNITY GARDEN STAND

The Community Garden Stand has been placed by the 142nd Avenue church driveway. If you have extra produce from your garden, place it on the stand for those in need in our community to have access to fresh vegetables.



# MEN'S EVENT

## Men's Shooting Event Saturday, July 23rd 1:00pm Art & Connie Hooker's Home Sign up deadline is July 17th.

Guys of all ages are invited to gather together for a fun afternoon shooting sporting clays at Art & Connie Hooker's home  
4456 Patterson Road, Middleville  
Saturday, July 23rd at 1:00 p.m.

Unlimited shooting. Bring your own shotgun shells (7.5-9 shot allowed)  
Eye & ear protection required.  
Brats provided afterward.  
Cost—\$15 per shooter all inclusive

Interested in attending but don't have a gun, shells, or ear/eye protection?  
Contact Wayne Ingersoll or Eddy Landon for more information.  
Wayne (616) 550-5995 or (269) 795-7414  
Eddy (269) 838-9220

Reserve your spot by July 17th! Sign up in the Lobby or online.

### JULY BACKYARD PICNIC FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY, JULY 24TH 6:00 P.M.

ART & CONNIE HOOKER'S HOME  
4456 PATTERSON ROAD, MIDDLEVILLE

Enjoy an evening of food and fellowship in the beauty of Art & Connie's backyard.  
Hot dogs, chips, side dishes and beverages all provided.

Bring your lawn chair along if you'd wish.  
Take a wagon ride through the woods.  
Sit and visit with friends; old and new!  
Invite your friends to come along!

In case of rain this event will be cancelled.



Join us at the  
**Backyard  
Picnic  
Fellowship**



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, **\$4,100 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](http://www.leightonchurch.org/give)

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



## **Servers needed for Coffee Fellowship July 17 & 24**

**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](mailto:iamsteeby@gmail.com)**



### **Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship Monday, July 18th**

**7:00 p.m. All women welcome!**

Guest Speaker: Dan Schutte, Inner City Church Planting Mission of Grand Rapids  
Hostess: Jean McCaul

All women are welcome to come and hear how the Inner City Church Planting Mission is impacting the Grand Rapids area and regions around the world with the life-changing message of the Gospel. Refreshments served afterward.

Questions can be directed to Jean Bender (269) 795-3458 or [mjbhorseranch@yahoo.com](mailto:mjbhorseranch@yahoo.com)



## **Chris & Angie Walker**

### **Papua New Guinea**

Chris and Angie Walker and their two boys, Titus and Baruch, are serving the Lord in Papua New Guinea; located in the southwestern Pacific. The Walker's share an urgent prayer request for the people of Mibu, whom they minister to.

Several months ago, the Leighton Church family was praying for this region as the people were being attacked by a group called the Headwater Gang. The Gang has ramped up activity again. It is election time in Papua New Guinea and the Headwater Gang has threatened to disrupt the election process for their district.

On Wednesday, July 6th, the Headwater Gang attacked a village in Nankina, specifically targeting another missionary translation office/helper's house (from another organization-missionaries are not onsite). Reports are that the radio and equipment has been damaged, the translation helper's daughter raped and possibly taken into captivity, and the helper himself injured or worse. There are rumors circulating that the gang is threatening to attack targets much closer to Mibu this weekend. Pray for protection for the people and for peace in this land. May the Headwater Gang be overcome with the Holy Spirit and turn from their evil ways.

The Walker's also share an update on the family. On June 10th, Titus and Baruch finished school locally in Michigan as the family had been in the U.S. taking care of personal matters after Chris' identity had been stolen. On June 12th, Chris, Titus and Baruch traveled back to Papua New Guinea. Angie had started the online portion of the final level of training for Educational Therapy a few weeks earlier. On June 19th, Angie traveled to Idaho for a week of residency training. Last week, Angie boarded a series of 6 flights to join the family in Papua New Guinea. It was a bit stressful with cancelled flights, super tight connections, delayed flights, and in the end—lost luggage. They are all thankful to be back in the country where their heart is, preparing to jump in to the full routine of their ministries.

Please Pray:

- For Angie's back to find their way to her
- For the Defense Force to be able to follow through on their promise of going interior to protect the election process and potentially defuse gang activity
- God will once again show himself strong on behalf of the Mibu church and the gang's attempts at an attack on Mibu-land will be symied, confused and blocked.

*Your gift to the Leighton Church Faith Promise Mission Fund supports the ministry of Chris & Angie Walker and 13 other missionaries around the world. Thank you for giving!*

# Service in Action

## How do I get involved?

### Greeter Ministry:

July 10: Jan Geukes & Kim Bender  
July 17: Scott & Terri Farmer  
July 24: Randy & Sharon Grinage

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

### Intercessory Prayer:

July 10: Alverna Truax  
July 17: Kim Bender  
July 24: Mike & Sandy Shanahan

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

### Nursery:

July 10: Sarah & Makiah Geers  
July 17: Scott & Terri Farmer  
July 24: Cindy Herring & Karyn Blank

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

### Coffee Bar:

July 10: Mike & Sandy Shanahan  
July 17: Servers Needed  
July 24: 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:

July 10: Valerie Lepeak & Diane Norris  
July 17: Sharon Grinage & Sharon Kaechele  
July 24: Rebecca Shanahan & Ora Lou Smith

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:

July 10: Jill & Annah Smith  
July 17: April Taylor & Valerie Lepeak  
July 24: Connie Blain & Jean McCaul

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

### Church Yard & Ball field Mowing:

July 14: CHURCH—Brad Geers  
BALLFIELD—Scott Farmer  
July 21: CHURCH—Mike Punt  
BALLFIELD—Drew Corwin  
July 28: CHURCH—Andy Taylor  
BALLFIELD—Todd Galloway





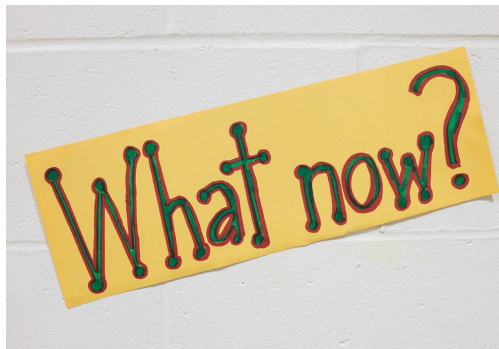


**PRAYER PILLOWS**—Let our missionaries know that we are praying for them and supporting them by writing words of prayer, encouragement and support on pillowcases. When they lay down to sleep at night, they can drift off to sleep reading prayers and encouraging words.

Pillowcases for **Gary & Laura Griffin** are out for your signatures, words of encouragement, prayers, or scripture passages. Gary & Laura are serving the Lord in Honduras at El Sembrador, a Christian boarding school, and in the area surrounding the school where Laura is teaching English and art classes to elementary children.



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



With the recent Supreme Court ruling overturning Roe v. Wade, what does this mean for the state of Michigan?

Resources from the Pregnancy Resource Center and Grand Rapids Right to Life share the following:

In 1846, a law was passed in Michigan banning all abortions with the exception of the “life of mother.” This decision was challenged in 1931 and 1973 and upheld both times by Michigan’s Supreme Court. Currently, Governor Whitmer has filed a suit in the Michigan Supreme Court saying this law is unconstitutional. Planned Parenthood has a petition drive going on trying to collect 425,000 good signatures by July 11th to allow voters to vote on this at the upcoming election.

If this amendment is successful, state laws that could be overturned include the ban on tax-funded abortions, the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban, the Born Alive Infant Protection Act, the parental consent requirement for children seeking abortions, the waiting periods and informed consent requirements for women seeking abortions, the licensing and health and safety regulations for abortion facilities and Michigan’s ban which was passed in 1846, slightly revised in 1931 and affirmed by Michigan voters in 1972.

For more information, visit [SUPPORTMIWOMENANDCHILDREN.ORG](http://SUPPORTMIWOMENANDCHILDREN.ORG)