



Leighton Church

Proclaiming New Life in Jesus Christ

Rev. David W. Meister

Week of September 18, 2022

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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Caledonia, MI 49316
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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, youth & adults

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

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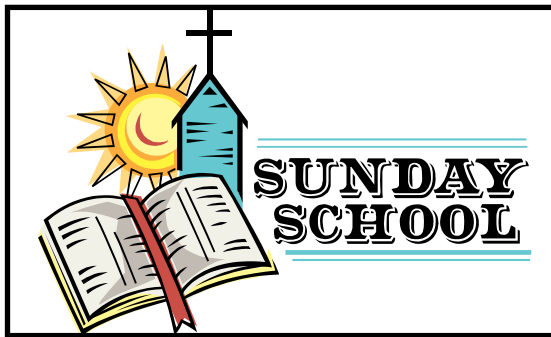
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Sunday, September 18	Good Samaritan Fund Offering Information Session concerning the Future of the UMC 10:45am Youth Group Kicks Off 4:45-7pm Ballfield in Use 6:30-8:00pm
Monday, September 19	Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship 7:00pm Men's Basketball 7:00pm
Tuesday, September 20	Adult Bible Study 9:30-11:00am Finance Committee 6:30pm
Wednesday, Sept. 21	Praise Team Practice 6:30pm Membership Class 6:30pm
Sunday, September 25	Information Session Concerning the Future of the UMC 10:45am Youth Group 4:45-7:00pm Ballfield in Use 6:30-8:00pm

INFORMATION SESSIONS CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Board of Elders is hosting two sessions to provide information from the Good News organization about the current state of the United Methodist Church and what the future holds. The Good News organization has been the classical evangelical witness and ministry for renewal and reform within the United Methodist Church since 1967.

All adults and high school students are invited to attend both sessions:
Sundays, September 18th AND 25th at 10:45 am in the Sanctuary
Questions can be directed to Scott Pollmann, Board of Elders Chairman
(616) 438-5360 or scott.pollmann@gmail.com



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

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, TEACHERS & LOCATIONS

Toddlers, Preschoolers & Young 5's: Connie Blain & Britney Bredeweg (Room 4)

Kindergarten-2nd Grade: Jan Geukes & Terri Farmer (Room 3)

3rd-5th Grades: Jackie Corwin (Rooms 12/13)

6th-8th Grades: Cindy Herring (Room 9)

9th-12th Grades: Brad & Sarah Geers (Rooms 10/11)

Adults:

Young Adult/Career: Mark & Ronda Kaechele (former library room)

Drew Corwin (Rooms 15/16) - Studying the Book of Revelation

Bill & Stacey Aman (Rooms 7/8) - Studying the Book of Genesis

Doug Thaler (Lounge) - Studying the Book of Acts

Kids age 4 thru 2nd Grade will be dismissed to Children's Church immediately following the Children's Message during the worship service.

Kids will have their own time of worship with a Bible lesson, craft, and music.

Children's Church is held in Room 3, down the kids' wing.





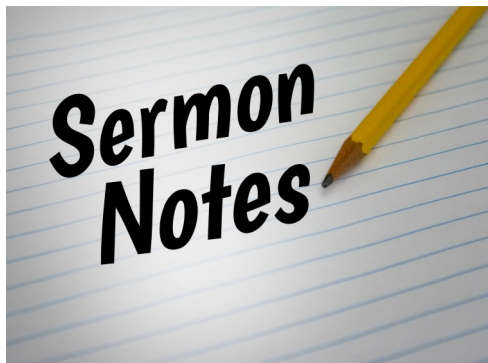
"God's Word is the Foundation of Our Faith"

**TUESDAY MORNINGS FROM 9:30-11:00 AM
SEPTEMBER 13-NOVEMBER 8
LED BY CINDY HERRING IN THE OLD LIBRARY ROOM AT CHURCH**

Maybe you have questions about the validity of the Scriptures? Perhaps you think that the Bible is an old book that doesn't pertain to life today. Or maybe you'd just like to learn more about God; His existence, how He works through the Scriptures, and how you can rely on God's Word for all of life's situations.

This study is for men and women of all ages, all spiritual maturity levels, and all phases of life.

It's not too late to join the study! If you would like to participate, but didn't sign up, please contact Cindy Herring at (616) 299-0083 or bigcowdoc@yahoo.com



Hey kids....3rd-8th Grade...

You're growing up and are too old to attend Children's Church, so what do you do during church? How about tuning in to what Pastor Dave is teaching on?

Pick up a clipboard out of the blue tub in the Lobby, fill out the sermon notes paper and turn it in to Sarah Geers or Mark Kaechele after the service to get a prize.

There's a spot for you to write the name of the sermon (hint....watch the screen!), words you didn't understand, what verses were read from the Bible, and the name of a song that was sung during the service.

After awhile, you'll discover how much you've learned about God and how the Bible is important in developing a relationship with Him.

For Jr & Sr High Youth
Sundays Starting Sept 18
4:45-7:00 pm



A new season of Youth Group gets underway on September 18th.

New topics!
Fun games!
Great snacks!

Invite your friends to come along!
Questions? Contact Brian Smith, Director of Youth Ministries
youth@leightonchurch.org or 616-881-1488



Outdoor Movie Night
For Jr & Sr High Youth

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14TH 6:30-9:45 P.M.
AT BRIAN & JILL SMITH'S HOME
11924 SAPLING DRIVE, MIDDLEVILLE

"American Underdog"

The inspirational true-story of Kurt Warner and his journey from stocking shelves at the supermarket to becoming a legendary two-time NFL MVP, Super Bowl MVP and Hall of Fame quarterback. Rated PG.

Popcorn, hot dogs, snacks and drinks provided.
Dress accordingly to be outside. Bring a blanket or chair to sit on.
In case of rain, this event will be moved to the church.
Questions? Contact Brian Smith 616-881-1488

Pastor Dave will be holding Membership Classes for anyone interested in learning more about Leighton Church; it's leadership structure, Statement of Faith and what it means to be a member of the church.



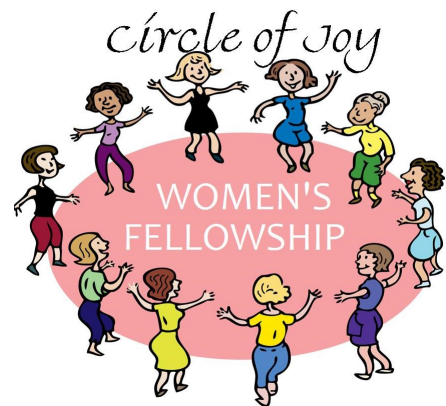
Classes are scheduled for:
Wednesdays, September 21st and 28th at 6:30 p.m. in Rooms 7/8

There is no obligation to join the church.
For questions or if you are planning to attend, please contact
Pastor Dave
(269) 876-7204 or pastor@leightonchurch.org

All women are invited to the September gathering of
CIRCLE OF JOY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Monday, September 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Judi Galloway will be sharing a unique method of Bible study called S.O.A.P. She will lead the group through the technique and provide Scripture to practice on.

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



STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS MONTH IS COMING IN OCTOBER

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY—OCTOBER 2ND

KIDS WORSHIP FALL FUN FIESTA KICK OFF—OCTOBER 5

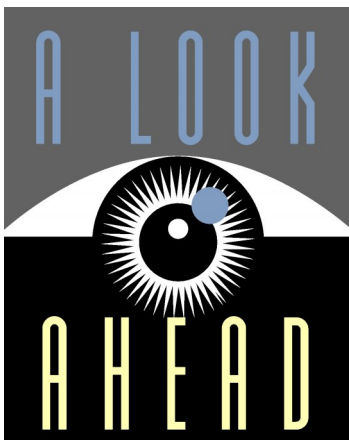
BIBLE STUDY FOR TWEENS (4TH-6TH GRADES) - OCT. 5

FAMILY DINNERS 5:30-6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS OCTOBER 12-MARCH 29

YOUTH GROUP MOVIE NIGHT—OCTOBER 14

CHILI COOK-OFF/TRUNK OR TREAT—OCTOBER 29





FALL FUN FIESTA KIDS WORSHIP KICK-OFF

A new season of Kids Worship is kicking off on
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH FROM 5:30-7:00 PM
With a Fall Fun Fiesta for kids in Kindergarten—3rd Grade and their families.

There will be crafts, snacks, and games, pizza and ice cream!!
There's no cost to attend.

To make the fall fiesta fun, your help is needed. Needed are people to:

- ⇒ Host games
- ⇒ Help with Face Painting
- ⇒ Help with easy-to-do crafts
- ⇒ Help serve food
- ⇒ Donate candy for the pinata
- ⇒ Donate small prizes for game winners

If you can help, please contact Robbi Hilton at (616) 217-7532 or rhilton@bethany.org
Prize donations and candy donations may be placed in the marked bin in the church Lobby.



With the offering now being collected during the worship service, ushers are needed to collect the offering. Rather than have the same people do it every week, we are looking for men and women (high school age on up) to sign up to commit to serve as an usher for a month at a time.

The sign up sheet is on the information table in the Lobby.
Questions can be directed to Wayne Ingersoll (616) 550-5995

On Sunday, September 25th, we will be singing mostly hymns during the worship service.



If you like to sing or have an interest in joining the praise team and would like to see what it's like, here's your opportunity to join the INSTANT CHOIR which will lead singing that Sunday!

You **must** be able to come to praise team practice on Wednesday, September 21st at 6:30 p.m. and be at least 15 years of age. It's a one-time commitment. If all goes well, we may offer this again in the future.

Questions? Contact Jerry Slagh at worship@leightonchurch.org

COMMUNITY GARDEN STAND



The Community Garden Stand is located by the 142nd Avenue church driveway. The veggie stand is a busy place; people are picking up and dropping off veggies.

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.

On Sunday, September 18th, a special offering will be collected for the Good Samaritan Fund of Leighton Church.

The Good Samaritan Fund offers financial assistance to those in the congregation and community who need help paying medical bills, rent/mortgage/utility payments, gas and/or food.

Please prayerfully consider how you can give to help those who need help getting through a tough time.





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

The first two food deliveries for Hand2Hand have taken place. We are providing food on the weekends for 10 children who attend Paris Ridge Elementary School in the Caledonia School District.

Thank you to everyone who has donated food to get us started for the year. The items needed are listed below, but the greatest need is applesauce cups and granola bars. These two items are given out weekly.

Donations may be placed in the designated box in the Lobby. Monetary donations are also appreciated and are used to buy food items needed.

Questions about Hand2Hand and how you can get involved may be answered by contacting Lori Haselden, Coordinator. (269) 838-5941 or lghaselden@gmail.com

Hand2Hand Food List

BREAKFAST

Individual servings boxed cereal
Oatmeal packets
PopTarts
Applesauce Cups
GoGo Squeeze Yogurt
Pancake Mix
Pancake Syrup (small plastic bottles)

MISCELLANEOUS

100% Juice Boxes
Resealable Quart Bags
Resealable Sandwich Bags

LUNCH/DINNER

Knorr Alfredo Noodle Packet
Knorr Mexican Rice Packet
1 lb dy spaghetti
Canned chicken/tuna
Boxed Scalloped Potatoes
Cheesy Tuna Helper
Mac and Cheese
Fruit cups
Peanut Butter (15-16 oz)
Strawberry or Grape Jelly
(Plastic Jars Only)
Condensed Chicken Noodle Soup
Canned Vegetables:
 Corn, Cut Green Beans, Black Beans,
 Green Peas, Tomatoes w/onion and
 green chilies
Canned beef stew or Chunky beef soup
Cheese Pizza Kits (Chef Boyardee)

SNACKS

Granola Bars
Trails Mix (individual packets)
Fruit Snacks
Teddy Grahams (individual bags)
Fish Crackers (individual bags)
Microwave Popcorn
Rice Krispy Treats
Crackers and Cheese
Crackers and Peanut Butter
Short Slim Jims or similar meat sticks



pregnancy resource center

The Pregnancy Resource Center in Grand Rapids offers a number of services and ministries to those in unplanned or crisis pregnancies. They also offer an educational program at many of the area public schools called “Willing to Wait”, now known as “W2W Healthy You.”

The Pregnancy Resource Center has trained staff that lead the “W2W Healthy You” courses. Marge is one of the instructors. Recently she taught the curriculum at the Juvenile Detention Center. Marge was feeling a bit anxious about her presentation to these students. She prayed for the Lord to give her a heart for these students and to the Lord’s love to them.

Soon after the class began, students began opening up. They participated in activities, laughed, and seemed to let some light into their place of despair.

One of the students entered the class with a confident swagger and a hard demeanor that kept the other students at a distance. By the end of the week, this student had softened. In her feedback on the course, she wrote, “In W2W, I learned that love isn’t about sex.”

More than 6,500 students receive sexual and relational health instruction annually through the eight-session “W2W Healthy You.” This program is made available free of charge to more than 65 schools and churches throughout the Greater Grand Rapids community

During this back-to-school season, pray over the leaders of this educational ministry and for the students who go through the sessions to be open to the Lord to speak to their heart.

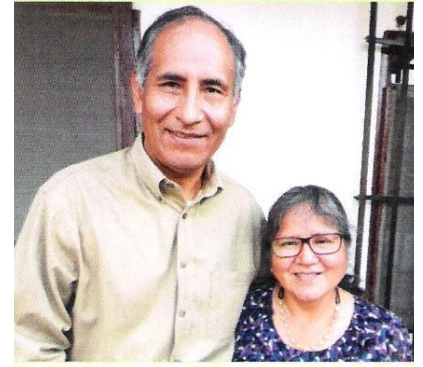
Your gift to the Leighton Church Faith Promise Mission Fund supports the ministry of The Pregnancy Resource Center and 11 other faith-based organizations around the world. Thank you for giving!



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 **Gabriel & Gloria Martinez** are out for your signatures, words of encouragement, prayers, or scripture passages. The Martinez's are ministering to couples and young adults in Bolivia, South America.

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



SIGN UPGRADE NEEDED

The church's digital sign at the corner needs to be upgraded in the coming months. The framework for the sign will remain the same, but the digital sign is old (12-13 years old) and parts are no longer available.

The current sign has 24 panels. 18 of the 24 panels have been replaced. These panels are no longer being manufactured. More and more panels continue to go out as the weeks go by. It is easy to see the panels that are no longer working.

The estimated cost for a new digital sign is \$16,000. To-date, **\$4,570 has been given.**

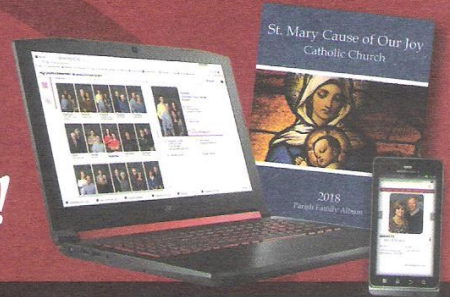
If you wish to contribute toward this need, you may make checks payable to Leighton Church and designate your gift SIGN or give safely and securely online and select the Sign Upgrade Fund. www.leightonchurch.org/give

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



Be Part of Our New Church Directory!

*Dear Church family,
It's time for a New Directory!*



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!

*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*



**Make your appointment at church on Sunday mornings or online
Throughout the week. www.leightonchurch.org/church-directory/**

Photography Dates:

Thursday, September 29th 3:00-8:30 p.m.

Friday, September 30th 3:00-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 1st 10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



Service in Action

Greeter Ministry:

September 18: Michael & Christine Syswerda
September 25: Randy & Sharon Grinage
October 2: To Be Determined

Intercessory Prayer:

September 18: Michael & Christine Syswerda
September 25: Kim Bender
October 2: Drew & Jackie Corwin

Nursery:

September 18: Christine & Ava Syswerda
September 25: Cindy Herring & Karyn Blank
October 2: Valerie & Hollie Lepeak

Coffee Bar:

September 18: Andy & April Taylor
September 25: Mark, Ronda & Luke Kaechele
October 2: Servers Needed

Provide Treats for Coffee Fellowship:

September 18: Christine Syswerda & April Taylor
September 25: Cindy Thaler & Nona Steeby
October 2: Tena Vander Schuur

Candle Lighters:

September 18: Keagan Shanahan & Olivia Taylor
September 25: Anabelle Hilton & Abbi Pollmann
October 2: Makiah & Amelia Geers

Church Yard & Ball field Mowing:

September 22: CHURCH—Mike Punt
BALLFIELD—Todd Galloway
September 29: CHURCH-Bill Aman
BALLFIELD—Dave Kaechele
October 6: CHURCH-Eddy Landon
BALLFIELD—Tyler/Ian Norris

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

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

Contact Luann Snyder
(616) 891-8348 or
luannlewis@yahoo.com

