



Leighton Church

Proclaiming New Life in Jesus Christ

Pastor Dennis A. Weeks

Week of March 2, 2025

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

4180 2nd Street
Caledonia, MI 49316

(616) 891-8028

office@leightonchurch.org

www.leightonchurch.org

Office Hours: 9a-3p

Tues/Wed/Thurs

Sunday Worship: 9:30a

Nursery provided for infants-age 3

Sunday School: 11:00a

Classes for children, youth & adults

Board of Elders:

Scott Pollmann (Chairman),
Todd Galloway, Wayne
Ingersoll, Jerry Slagh, Doug
Thaler, Pastor Dennis Weeks

***Hearing assist system
available from the sound booth
at the back of the Sanctuary.***

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Worship Services on
YouTube

@leightonchurch7311

Sunday, March 2	Youth Group 4:45-7:15p
Monday, March 3	Gym in Use 5:30-6:45p Men's Basketball 7p Worship Team Planning Team 6:30p
Tuesday, March 4	NO Adult Bible Study Pastor's Café 2-3p Leadership Team Meeting 6:30p
Wednesday, March 5 Ash Wednesday	Family Dinner 5:15p Wednesday Night Kids 5:45-7p NO Adult Bible Study Prayer Meeting 6:15p Men's Group 6:30p Praise Team Practice 7p
Thursday, March 6	JOY (Just Older Youth) Lunch 1p
Saturday, March 8	CPR/First Aid/AED Training for Health and Safety Team Members 9a-2p
Sunday, March 9	<i>Daylight Savings Begins</i> First Sunday of Lent Youth Group 4:45-7:15p



Would you like prayer for healing? Prayer for struggles in your life? Prayer for wisdom and discernment?

The Board of Elders are available for prayer at the end of the worship service each Sunday. Just come forward to the altar or to the front pew.



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

Here's a fun way to tune in to what is being taught during the worship service, get into the music, and learn about Jesus and God's Word.

Pick up a clipboard out of the blue tub in the Lobby, fill out the sermon notes paper and turn it in to Rebecca Shanahan or Valerie Lepeak after the service to get a prize.

There's a spot for you to write the name of the sermon, 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.

Immediately following the children's message, kids age 4 thru 2nd Grade are dismissed to go to Children's Church, which meets in Room 3.

In Children's Church, kids have their own time of worship, Bible lesson, craft and more!

PARENTS....after the worship service, please proceed to Room 3 to get your children and take them to their Sunday School class.



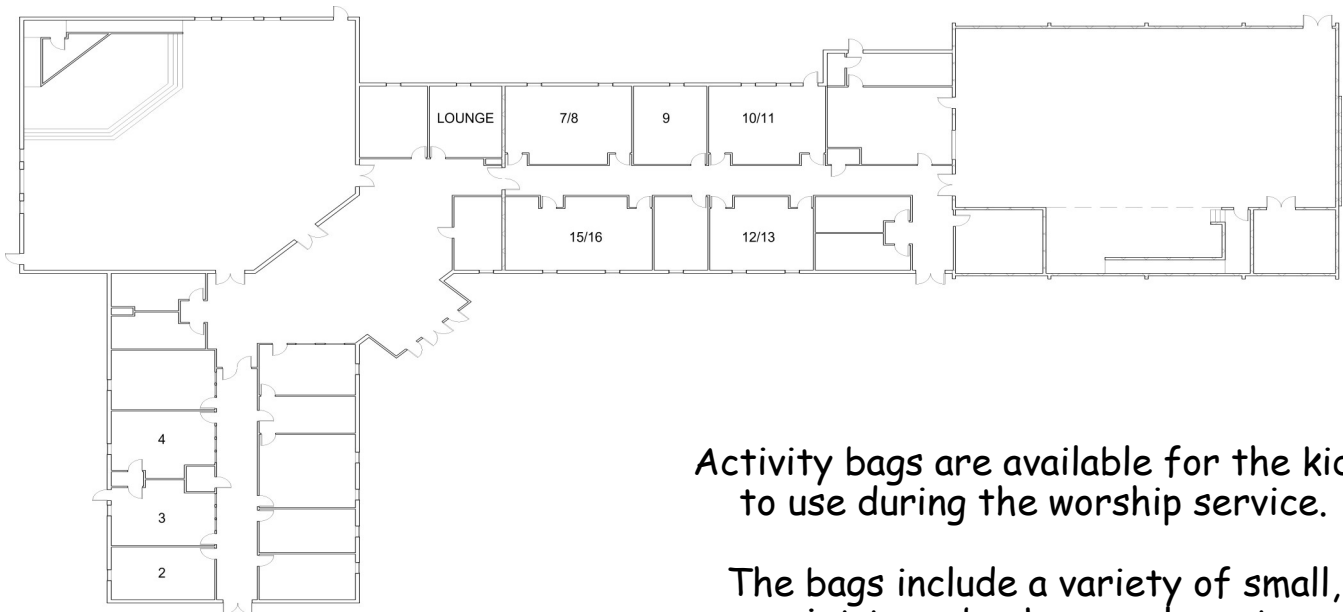


Sunday School Classes For Children, Teens & Adults 11:00-Noon

Toddlers-Preschool: Britney Bredeweg (Room 4)
 Young 5's-2nd Grade: Jan Geukes & Terri Farmer (Room 3)
 3rd-5th Grade: Nancy Slagh (Room 2)
 6th-8th Grade: Cindy Herring (Room 9)
 9th-12th Grade: Butch Klooster (Youth Room—Rooms 10/11)

Adults:

"Calling, Character, Conviction: Lessons on Leadership in the Historical Books"
 Doug Thaler—Lounge
 "The Body of Christ Alive" John VanderMeer—Rooms 15/16
 The Book of Galatians Pastor Dennis—Rooms 7/8
 All Belong Special Needs Adults: Connie Blain (Rooms 12/13)



Activity bags are available for the kids to use during the worship service.

The bags include a variety of small, quiet toys, books, puzzles, etc.

The bags will be on a rack near the main entry to the Sanctuary. There will be blue bags for boys and pink bags for girls.

Please place the bags in the white return basket after the worship service. Return all contents with the bags.



Jr & Sr High Youth Group Sunday Nights 4:45-7:15p

Games...Snacks...Relevant Bible Teaching

Youth Group Sunday, March 2nd.
Invite your friends to come along.

The discussion topic is:
THE MAKING OF; a series on Spiritual Growth

Kids can access the lesson by using the
Grow Code XUKU

Questions? Contact Brian Smith
(616) 881-1488 or Youth@leightonchurch.org

Youth Group Snacks

Youth Group meets on Sunday nights from 4:45-7:15 p.m.
Part of the weekly meetings is snack time.

The Youth Group is seeking donations of snacks or folks to bring in snacks for the group. You are also welcome to stay and serve the group to get involved and connected with them.

Sign up in the Lobby for the date that works best for you. A reminder will be emailed to you a week prior to your scheduled date. If you deliver snacks, please arrive by 5:15

Snack suggestions include: Fruit, Ice Cream, Chips, Doughnuts, Cookies, Veggies & Dip, etc. Provide enough for 20 people.

Only 2 more Sunday night's needed: March 30 and April 27!



Questions?

Contact Terri Farmer
(616) 780-8444



Are you unable to attend services on Sunday because you are ill, unable to get-out or out of town? Now you don't have to miss a worship service!!

Sunday morning worship services are recorded and posted on the church YouTube channel on Mondays.

Subscribe to the church's YouTube channel and get notifications when the sermons are uploaded OR visit the church website to be directed to YouTube to watch services.

Questions? Contact Jerry Slagh
worship@leightonchurch.org



Bibles for the World invites you to pray for the Muslim world during the month of Ramadan (February 28- March 29).

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. During this time, Muslims worldwide observe this as a time of fasting, prayer, reflection, and community.

Bibles for the World has put together a prayer guide booklet which takes you to places and people groups around the world and shares testimonies of those who have had a personal encounter with Jesus in their reading of the Bible and trusted Him for salvation. The booklet also gives suggestions for how you can pray.

Pick up a free copy in the Lobby and pray for the Holy Spirit to touch the hearts of the Muslim people.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

No Bible Study March 4th TUESDAY MORNINGS

NOW thru APRIL 1st

9:30-11:00 a.m. in Room 9

Answers in Genesis Bible Curriculum Unit 5
Digging deeper into the book of Genesis and
the accounts of Jacob & Esau, the life of
Joseph and Israel's Blessing.
Led by Cindy Herring

Pastor Dennis is hosting the Pastor's Café every Tuesday afternoon from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Come and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and visit with Pastor Dennis. It's an informal time to get acquainted, ask theological questions, or just chat. No appointment is necessary. If Tuesday afternoon doesn't work for you, contact Pastor Dennis to set up another time that is more convenient for you.



Office 616-891-8028 ext. 2001

Cell: 517-424-5581

Email: pastor@leightonchurch.org

Community Dinner
Friday, March 7th
4:30-7:00 p.m.



Smorgasbord

On the menu:

Baked Chicken, Ham, and Corned Beef & Cabbage

A variety of sides, salads, desserts, and beverages

Welcome Corners United Methodist Church, 3185 N Broadway/N M-43 Hwy, Hastings

Cost is: \$15/adult , \$5 kids age 4-12, no charge for kids under 4



WANTED: Men, Women, & Teens to Volunteer and Help with Vacation Bible School!

Sign up today to help with Vacation Bible School!

Sunday, June 22–Thursday, June 26

6:30–8:30 p.m. for Preschool–6th Grade

Many open positions available!!

See the list below and the sign up in the Lobby TODAY!

Sign up sheets are located at the VBS display!

Assistant Director

Prayer Coordinator

Craft Coordinator

Music Coordinator

Sound/AV Coordinator

4Y–Y5 Coordinator

Science Coordinator

Carpenter Joe's Craft Assistant
(4)

Carpenter Joe's Science
Assistant

Toddler 4Y–Young 5's
Assistant (3)

K–1 gr Truth Teacher

K–1 gr Truth Assistant

2–3 gr Truth Teacher

4–6 gr Teacher Assistant

4–6 gr Group Guide (3)

Group Floater (3)

Registration/Sign In

Water Helper

Time Keeper

Substitute (3)

Drama (3) 1 Adult 2 Teens or
Collage Age

As Needed if Available (2)

Sheriff & Deputy Memory Verses



**The Last Wednesday Night Supper and Wednesday Night Kids Program
will be March 26th!**



5:15-6:00 p.m. in the gym
All are welcome!
March 5th Menu:

Surprise!

Donations appreciated to help off-set
expenses.



For kids age 4 on up
5:45-7:00 p.m.

This week's topic is:

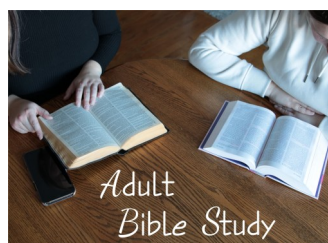
Continuing the Study of Prayer



All are welcome to
come to pray over the
needs in the church,
community and
around the world.

6:15-7:00 p.m.

In the Prayer Room
Led by Pastor Dennis
& Kelli Weeks



No Bible Study March 5th

A foundational study of God, His
Word, and the Trinity

For men and women of all ages
and phases of life.

5:45-7:00 p.m. in Room 9

Thru March 26th

Led by Cindy Herring

(616) 299-0083

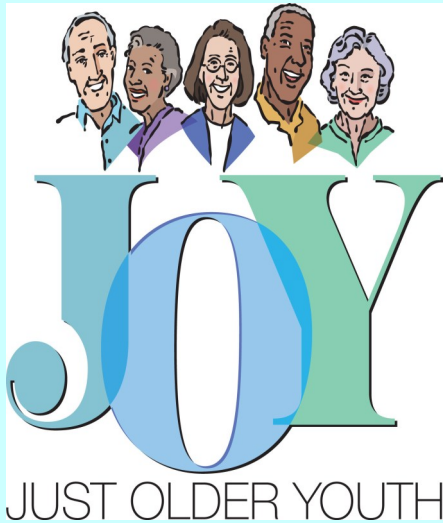
bigcowdoc@yahoo.com



6:30 p.m. in Rooms 15/16
For men of all ages and phases of life.
The group is studying the book of
Philippians.

Led by C.J. Yarrington

616-366-3387



JOY Lunch (Just Older Youth)

1st & 3rd Thursday of each month
Everyone age 50 on up is welcome!

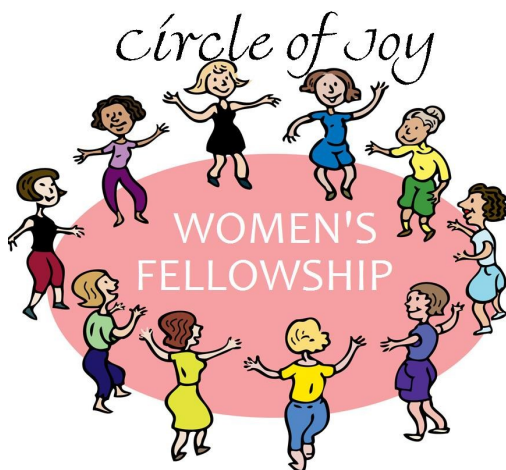
Invite a friend or two.

Next Luncheons: March 6th & 20th at 1:00p.m.

Meet at Curley Cone

12850 W. M-179 Hwy, Wayland

Questions? Contact Luann Snyder (616) 891-8348



Monday
March 17th
1:30 p.m.

The Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship is
meeting on Monday, March 17th at 1:30 p.m.
in the Lounge

All ladies are invited to work on a project for
the Shoebox Ministry, and sort towels in the
kitchen.

Refreshments provided.

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



Six teens and three leaders are going to minister to the Dakota tribe at Lake Traverse Reservation in South Dakota June 15-20. Through Youthworks, the group will be working with other youth groups to complete service projects. Come and support the youth! They'll be serving hamburgers, fries, and vanilla milkshakes.

The goal is to raise \$2,000.00.

Advanced Reservations can be made by:

Signing up in the Lobby

Payment:

Cash or checks payable to Leighton Church can be given to Terri Farmer
OR

Go to www.leightonchurch.org/events

To pay safely & Securely by credit/debit/Google Pay/PayPal/Venmo or
ACH.

Questions? Call Terri Farmer (616) 780-8444

Jill Smith (269) 795-4212



Desserts Needed!

There will be a Sign Up Sheet in the Lobby for anyone that would like to donate a dessert for the auction.



REACH THE FORGOTTEN
JAIL MINISTRY

Reach The Forgotten is a jail house ministry that teaches incarcerated men and women how to experience new life in Christ and develop healthy family, church, and community relationships. They are a relational ministry that compassionately helps inmates break free from destructive behaviors, and put their faith and hope in the Lord.

Reach The Forgotten works with inmates from the Barry County Jail. One of the programs at the jail is the Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) class, a treatment program that helps people change their thinking patterns and behaviors. Inmates learn how they have hurt themselves and others, and how important relationships are to fix. Once these relationships are fixed they see their future with a new outlook and take accountability for the things they would have blamed others for in the past. This allows inmates to set goals, increase self confidence, and develop concern for others.

Another class at the Barry County Jail, Healing the Wounded Hearts, encourages and provides wisdom to the inmates that attend. Clint, chaplain Miss Sallie, and two self-proclaimed old crazy hippies, speak to the inmates and teach them how to communicate with God, understand forgiveness, and heal. There is no judgement about their past and this life changing support is possible through this ministry.

Reach the Forgotten is funded through local support and depends on local partners, especially churches.

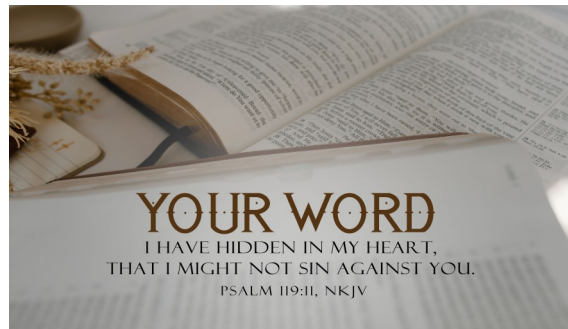
Your gifts to the Faith Promise Missions Fund of Leighton Church supports the ministry of Reach the Forgotten. You can find more information at their website jailministry.com. Thank you for giving! Check out the literature rack in the Lobby for newsletters from missionaries and mission organizations.

From this To this

Patty Hoekstra is collecting old t-shirts to make into jump ropes to put in the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. If you have old t-shirts that you'd like to get rid of, please put them in the designated box in the Lobby.

The shirts can have holes and stains on them.

Questions? Contact Patty at 269-804-7887 or pcookies68@gmail.com



“For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?”

~2 Corinthians 6: 14

Give us this day our daily bread. Many Christians attend church on Sunday, walk out the doors, and do not partake of the “daily bread” again until next week.

They spend the other six days chewing on the deadly bread of this world. They mix it with the everlasting Bread of Heaven and come up with a toxic fusion.

In the physical, if we combine two foods that do not agree, it upsets our stomachs. Many Christians deal with upset spirits and unsettled souls because they continue to mix the worldly with the heavenly. Good and evil do not belong together. Light and darkness cannot share the same space. God and Satan cannot be partners.

We cannot eat deadly bread and have the power to shine as the light of the world for Him. We cannot expect God to erase six days of worldly impact in one hour on Sunday morning.

Take a moment to examine your heart. Have you ingested something that is causing upset and turmoil? Have you welcomed something that has no business in your life? Seek His forgiveness, and be cleansed by the washing of the water by His Word (Ephesians 5:26).

THE CHALLENGE

Confess and commit to the Lord that you will make His Word your daily bread, that you will collect the manna that He sends by reading His promises and standing on His truth. Let it be so.

Do You Have Bibles You No Longer Use Lying Around Collecting Dust?

There are people around the world who would cherish a Bible and missionaries are looking for Bibles to use as they minister to people.

Mission Cry is seeking new or used Bibles (all versions, foreign languages too). Mission cry is an organization located in Fowlerville, Michigan, that collects Bibles and Christian literature and ships these items to equip orphans, evangelists, pastors, and missionaries for works of service.

Bring your Bibles to donate to Mission Cry now through March 9th. Place them in the designated box in the Lobby.



BIBLE DRIVE

Please drop your used or new Bibles in the designated box to donate to Mission Cry. These Bibles will be sent overseas and given freely to people who cannot afford them. *English and Spanish Bibles are accepted.*

Empowering native missionaries since 1956. We have done this by asking people to share their bookshelves that are filled with Bibles and Christian books. Once we have received those materials, we send them around the world, sowing God's Word into the lives of those who cannot afford it.

Mission Cry is equipping orphans, evangelists, pastors and missionaries for the works of service. We have set up Distribution centers across the globe, Lending libraries, Bible College libraries, and Crusades. We have begun to distribute our very own Mission Cry Bible with the G300 Discipleship Program.

When you give financially; sponsor the Mission Cry Bible; or donate Bibles, commentaries, and Christian books, you are becoming a book missionary and aligning yourself with the mission, letting the world hear your Mission Cry!



200 Free St · Fowlerville, MI 48836
(517) 223 - 3193 · www.missioncry.com



Answers in Genesis Men's Conference

March 21-22, 2025

1 Ark Encounter Drive
Williamstown, KY 41097

As the culture drifts from the truth revealed in God's Word, many fall victim to the dangerous, anti-God ideologies being promoted in society today. Amidst the chaos, men often seek to find their identity, meaning, and purpose from sources that only want to destroy them.

Answers in Genesis has a powerful group of biblical speakers lined up to equip men to be who God has called them to be. The speakers will share what God's word says about identity, purpose, and how you can fulfill your calling as a godly man.

Register today: AnswersForMen.org

\$99 per person and includes a 3-day Bouncer Pass to The Creation Museum & Ark Encounter



To My Leighton Church Family,

Thank you for the cards, prayers, phone calls, and beautiful flowers following the death of my brother, Larry. I appreciate your care and thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

Anona Steeby

Service in Action

How do I get involved?

GREETER MINISTRY: March 2: Scott & Terri Farmer March 9: John VanderMeer & Jean Bender March 16: Tim & Rebecca Shanahan, Keagan and Larkin	Get involved: Diane Porter, Coordinator (616) 888-0071, dianepor93@gmail.com
Intercessory Prayer: March 2: Mike & Christine Syswerda March 9: Mike & Linda Horton March 16: C.J. Yarrington	Get involved: Alverna Truax, (616) 275-0061, truax616@gmail.com Pray during the worship service. Serve every 6-8 weeks.
Nursery: March 2: Robbin Hilton & Lauren Risner March 9: Justin & Amanda Brandt March 16: Kelli & Celia Weeks	Get Involved: Rebecca Shanahan (616) 312-3070, rebeccashanahan84@gmail.com Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done.
Coffee Bar: March 2: Butch Klooster & Devin Marcott March 9: Syswerda Family March 16: Servers Needed	Get Involved: Contact Connie Hooker (616) 891-8742 or sign up at the Coffee Bar
Treats for Coffee Fellowship: March 2: Lori Haselden & Colin Mead March 9: Jamie Shira & Cindy Thaler March 16: Judy Hanlon & Tamera Kennedy	Get Involved: Contact Nona Steeby, (616) 890-4387
Acolytes: March 2: Abbi Pollmann & Isabella Brandt March 9: Emilee Taylor & Helena Weeks March 16: Celia Weeks & Olivia Taylor	Get Involved: Luann Snyder (616) 891-8348, luannlewis@yahoo.com
Children's Church: March 2: Lauren Risner & Britney Bredeweg March 9: Diane & Rylee Norris March 16: Valerie & Hollie Lepeak	Get Involved: Rebecca Shanahan (616) 312-3070, rebeccashanahan84@gmail.com Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done.
Youth Group Snacks: March 2: Carol Hammond March 9: Joy Rogers March 16: Brian & Jill Smith	Get Involved: Sign up in the Lobby or contact Terri Farmer (616) 780-8444 or farmert7796@gmail.com
Sermon Notes Hand Out Teams March 2: Elijah Weeks & Brian Smith March 9: Amanda Smith & Violet Rogers March 16: Jack & Ava Syswerda	Get Involved: Jr & Sr High Students interested in helping, contact Brian Smith (616) 891-8028 ext. 2004 or youth@leightonchurch.org