



Calendar of Events

Women's Bible Study (9:30 a.m.) – April 1st

Men's Group Meeting (6:30 p.m.) – April 6th

Women's Bible Study (9:30 a.m.) – April 8th

Trustees Meeting (6:30 p.m.) – April 8th

Reverend Dr. Barry Ball (6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall) – April 9th

UWIF Meeting (10:00 a.m.) – April 11th

Monday Night Prayer Time (6:00 p.m.) – April 13th

Missions Meeting (6:30 p.m.) – April 14th

Women's Bible Study (9:30 a.m.) – April 15th

Epilogue (11:30 a.m. Colony Restaurant) – April 15th

Council Meeting (6:30 p.m.) – April 15th

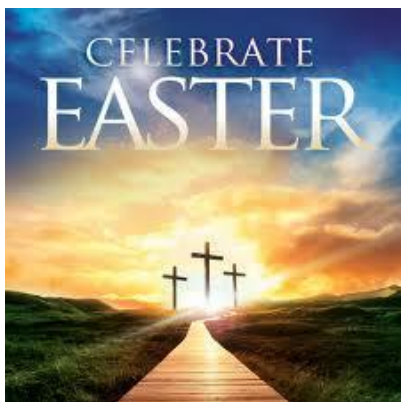
SPRC (6:30 p.m.) – April 16th

Worship Committee Meeting (12:00 p.m.) – April 19th

Women's Bible Study (9:30 a.m.) – April 22nd

Preschool Art Show (6:30 p.m.) - April 22nd

Women's Bible Study (9:30 a.m.) – April 29th



Rev. Kathleen Schoeneck

This article is from [UMC.ORG/Discipleship](https://www.UMC.org/Discipleship)

It reminds me that Sunday worship is important, but our Lenten worship that moves us into the Easter season is a new beginning, not an end:

“It’s Easter! We arrived! Or did we? As worship leaders, I’m sure we all hope we’ve arrived because that means the chance to rest is just within reach. We know how much energy we will put into planning and preparing for a joyous Easter celebration. We’ll transform the sanctuary into a flower-filled and/or color-filled expression of joy and new life. We’ll rehearse the choir, gather the musicians, prepare a special organ voluntary, add a few extra band members, and prepare a heartfelt Easter sermon. We’ll plan for additional people and extra enthusiastic singing. We’ll share traditions that hold meaning for our congregations. And then...what? We take a nap (hopefully), maybe take a day off, and then we go right back to planning worship for the next week.

I don’t say that to discourage us—not at all! All the extra work and time we put into Easter is worth it. We are celebrating the Resurrection, the miracle that death is not the end, and God’s steadfast love endures. This is worth pulling out all the stops! And Easter means a new start for all of us. Just as we journey with the disciples to the cross, we come with them again to the empty tomb, a turning point in our journey that redefines our trajectory, redirects our priorities, and realigns our love for God and neighbor.

So, as you plan Easter worship, add in a few hints about the journey ahead. Remind your congregants that Easter is not the end, but a new start, a time to recharge and prepare for the journey ahead. Talk about the guidance Easter gives us for day-to-day Christian life. Practice finding the joy of Easter in ordinary things. Enter into the characters of the Easter story and consider how their lives might have been changed by Easter in real and substantive ways. How might putting ourselves in Mary’s or Peter’s or the guards’ shoes help us live as Easter people today? Above all, help those gathered know and experience that we don’t go on this journey alone. Easter is a new start for all of us who journey together in grace as the Body of Christ, for it is the good news that binds us together and empowers us to continue on the path set before us.” (Dr. Lisa Hancock, Director of Worship Arts Ministries)



A SEGMENT FROM FINANCE

Lakewood will enter April with expenses equal to contributions. Thank you for your giving during the first three months of the year. It is a blessing to have the givers that Lakewood has. Your faithful giving allows the church to remain vital by being able to support our youth and Wesley Woods while sending volunteers to Red Bird Mission to name a few of the current outreach missions we have happening.

Please review the weekly giving numbers in the bulletin. The smallest gift has a big impact.

Happy Easter! God loves a cheerful giver.

“I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.”
Matthew 25:35



APRIL SCHEDULE TRACY AND ASBURY

DATE	PICKUP DRIVER	PACKING TEAM	DELIVERY DRIVER
APR 02-10	NO SCHOOL	EASTER VACATION	
APR 15/16	J. Kot 10:30 a.m.	C. Kot 11:30 a.m.	H. Kendall 10:00 a.m.
APR 22/23	R. Pike 10:30 a.m.	K. Fisher 6:30 p.m.	R. Fisher 10:00 a.m.
APR 29/30	C. Spicher 10:30 a.m.	J. Goodman 11:30 a.m.	J. Rhone 10:00 a.m.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Megan Freed	04/02
Alice Vollentine	04/02
Terra Gerarde	04/03
Reece Stoll	04/03
Suzie Rosendahl	04/04
Sarah Heilmann	04/05
Roy Schoen	04/06
Jackie Garnon	04/09
Anders Logan	04/09
Chuck Minnick	04/09
Janey Morell	04/10
Gloriann Geib	04/12
Karen Boyd-Mencer	04/13
Julie Goodman	04/13
Cheryl Darnell	04/14
Katy Gilchrist	04/15
Camila Xelo	04/15
Erin Estes	04/16
Jackie Bull	04/17
Noah Currier	04/17
Rebecca Currier	04/18
Karen Gierach	04/18
Lillie Stoll	04/18
Karen Jakiel	04/19
Mary Kay Keith	04/19
Debbie Turner	04/19
Dennis Burkhardt	04/21
Wilma Hermansen	04/21
Shannon Ryan	04/21
Marjorie Graham	04/22
Anita Muenz	04/22
Lynn Delio	04/24
Pat Jones	04/24
Miles Kovski	04/24
John Marsden	04/25
Linda Lasher	04/27
Rolf Daeschner	04/28
Dixie Lapadat	04/28
Judith Randolph	04/28
Elliott Thomas-Sitter	04/28
Hampy Truchanowicz	04/29

Monday Night Prayer Time

Please join us on Monday, April 13 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Lakewood Prayer Chapel (off the sanctuary). This prayer hour has a new format which will include a weekly focus and special prayer intention. Monday, April 13 the focus will be Gratitude and the special intention is for those who have Dementia or Alzheimers.

This is a comfortable, welcoming, covenant space to gather in the presence of God. You don't need to pray out loud unless you want to – you can simply participate by being present. We plan to meet every Monday for one hour – there is no commitment – come when you can or feel called to be there. Everyone is invited.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Medina, Margueritta Estes or Jackie Bull.

WELCOME HOME KITS

Faith Circle has purchased items for two Welcome Home Kits that EUMA provides to those individuals and families as they transition into their own homes. A complete Kit will be on display in the Narthex on Sunday, April 19. Each Kit is valued at approximately \$340.00. Anyone interested in making a monetary donation toward an additional Kit can do so at that time. Your continued support of this local mission is a blessing as we help those in need take the next step in their journey.

Please contact MJ Giacomelli at 814-746-6580 or mjrg54@gmail.com with questions.

Men's Group Update

Men's group will be hosting a talent show/dinner on Sunday, May 3 at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We are changing things this year and asking you to bring your best soup to share. You can bring a dessert if you don't want to bring soup. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you plan to share and show your talent, please inform Jeremiah Bull.

On Tuesday, May 19 there will be an election day bake sale. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you can work a 2 hour shift.

United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith will be meeting in the church library at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 11. We will be discussing the appreciation luncheon for the preschool teachers and the rummage sale. All women of the church are invited!

Council Update - April 2026

Online Directory: The time has finally come to begin our first ever online directory! Once your email has been added to the directory, you will receive an email that will allow you to create an account for you and each member of your family. Additional help will be provided as we begin this process. The platform is called [Online Member Directory](#).

Ministry Action Plan: Church Council has been prayerfully working to reorganize, redesign, and revitalize our ministries to better meet the needs of our congregation and community. We invite you to explore the five ministry areas below and find ways to get involved and serve.

- **Prayer Ministry:** Offers a weekly hour of prayer with a focused intention, providing a welcoming space to grow in connection with God and one another.
- **Home Care Ministry:** Supports members who worship from home through phone calls, cards, visits, communion, and other care, helping them stay connected to our Lakewood family.
- **Family Outreach Ministry:** This ministry will be part of our broader Outreach Ministry focusing on building relationships with preschool families by partnering with the preschool and creating opportunities for them to connect with the church through events and engagement.
- **Missions Ministry:** Serves the community and beyond through local, national, and international mission projects, including partnerships with organizations, collections of needed items, fundraising, and mission trips.
- **Health Care Ministry:** Cares for the physical, emotional, and practical needs of our congregation through programs like Tracy Backpacks, Produce Express, transportation, health education, grief support, and ongoing encouragement.

Church Celebration: As part of our Pathways to Intentional and Innovative Ministries, which began in Fall 2022 to help us discover faithful ways to share the Good News of God's love in our community, we are called to celebrate the fruitfulness of this work. We will gather to celebrate our plans and invite your support and interest in serving in implementing this ministry plan.

Mark your calendars for August 9! More exciting news and details to come.

The next Council meeting will be Wednesday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m.

PRESQUE ISLE SPRING CLEAN UP

Lakewood Members and Community to Participate in Presque Isle Spring Clean Up

Your Lakewood Missions Team has arranged for the congregation and the Lakewood community to again participate in this year's Presque Isle Spring Clean Up. We are told this is the 70th year for the Spring clean up. The date is Saturday, April 25 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This volunteer community service project coincides with the United Methodist Church's "Festival of God's Creation" Sunday on April 26th.

We are reaching out to other ministries, our youth, and the community. So please consider volunteering and inviting someone from the community. A sign-up sheet and more detailed information will be provided throughout the month of April prior to the Clean Up.

LITTLE LESSONS

Updates from Lakewood Preschool

Our preschool had some special visitors in March. A few of the Seawolves players and C Wolf came to see us! We also had someone demonstrate and teach us Irish dancing.

Please make your calendars for our Annual Art Show on April 22 from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Preschool graduation will be on May 13 at 11 a.m.

Thanks to all who bought popcorn, our fundraiser was a huge success!

RECAPTURE PROJECT

In October of 2025, our Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball launched the Recapture Project. Its purpose is to focus on capturing (and retelling) the mission and ministry stories of our local churches and surrounding communities, as well as re-establishing connections, building relationships and capturing additional information about the lay leadership and lay ministries within our local churches. Rev. Barry Ball (the Bishops' husband) will be coming to talk and listen to Lakewood UMC on Thursday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m. Please try to attend. This time fits in well with Lakewood's vision of reconnection with our neighborhood and the growth of our current ministries.

West Millcreek Food Pantry

We thank you for your donations to our food pantry. In spite of the cold temperatures, 103 families came to pick up their food this past Tuesday. The shelves are bare of canned vegetables, which we hope you will be able to help us provide this month. Thank you as always for your continued generosity!

Our vision is to glorify God by helping people to discover, experience, and know the love and presence of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER FOR DISCERNMENT

God, Our Father,

You have a plan for each one of us, You hold out to us a future full of hope. Give us the wisdom of your Spirit so that we can see the shape of your plan in the gifts you have given us, and in the circumstances of our daily lives. Give us the freedom of your Spirit, to seek you with all our hearts, and to choose your will above all else.

Amen.



MARCH 2026 ATTENDANCE:

Average attendance for weekly in-person worship: 73

Average views of weekly livestream (Youtube): 45

Average weekly combined "attendance" for March: 118

Average weekly combined "attendance" to-date: 118



Lakewood Youth News

Helping youth to discover, experience and know the love and presence of Jesus Christ.

Meeting Schedule

Students in grades 5th – 12th are welcome to join us.

We will now be meeting every week! Come anytime!
Attendance is not mandatory.

- April 5: **No meeting - Happy Easter**
- April 12: **Youth meeting at Lakewood 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**
- April 19: **Youth meeting at Lakewood 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**
- April 26: **Youth meeting at Lakewood 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**
- May 3: **Lakewood Talent Show 5:00 p.m.**
- May 10: **Youth meeting at Lakewood 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**
- May 17: **Youth meeting at Lakewood 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**
- May 24: **No meeting - Happy Memorial Day**
- May 30: **Family Picnic at Bull's Land**

***Dates and events are subject to change as opportunities arise or change.**

Contact Information

For questions and concerns please contact us anytime.

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