



Calendar of Events

Advent by Candlelight (6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall) – December 2nd

Women's Bible Study (9:30 a.m. Library) – December 3rd

Charge Conference (6:30 p.m. Sanctuary) – December 3rd

Girl Scouts (6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall) – December 4th

Men's Group Meeting (6:30 p.m. Library) – December 8th

Women's Bible Study (9:30 a.m. Library) – December 10th

Puppet Show (During 9:30 a.m. Service) – December 14th

Epilogue (11:30 a.m. Olive Garden, 5945 Peach St) – December 17th

Women's Bible Study (9:30 a.m. Library) – December 17th

Girl Scouts (6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall) – December 18th

UWIF Cookie Sale – (10:30 a.m. Narthex) December 21st

Christmas Eve (Special Music 7:30 p.m.; Worship 8:00 p.m.) – December 24th



Rev. Kathleen Schoeneck

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I can't believe we are in Advent 2025! As you may remember, the word "Advent" means "arrive" or "coming". In this season, we mark the waiting time to celebrate the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. Advent is also the time we wait for Jesus' fulfillment of his second coming. At that time all the promises of conquering violence, sin and eliminating death will be fulfilled. It will truly be God's full Kingdom "on earth as it is in heaven." (Matt. 6:10).

This Advent, I'm attempting to present the sermons on the over arching theme, "Waiting for Christmas". The sermons will be:

1. November 30th "Waiting for God to Act"
2. December 7th "Waiting for God to Vindicate"
3. December 14th will be our puppet ministry team
4. December 21st "Waiting for Guidance"
5. December 24th "Waiting for Fulfillment"

May God empower our witness to the power and promises of the season!

God's Peace,

-Rev. Kathleen Schoeneck

A SEGMENT FROM FINANCE

Thank you for your continued giving to Lakewood. Let's make this season of giving a great one! We will enter December with expenses exceeding contributions by about \$8,000.

This year our Holiday Offering will be split between the Millcreek Food Pantry and Lakewood's budget. As our budget is running behind, we will use a portion of these funds to supplement our current deficit. Thank you for all that you give. You help the community and the church with your giving.

Please continue to follow the weekly giving figures in the bulletin. Your giving is a gift.

God loves a cheerful giver.

Christmas Cookie Sale

The annual UWF Cookie Sale will be on Sunday, December 21 after the worship service. We will also have coffee for you to enjoy. Bakers and buyers are needed! Please sign up in the narthex to let others know what you will be baking. Feel free to bring your own container for your purchases, or one will be provided.

Cost remains \$5 a dozen and proceeds will benefit the Red Bird Mission Trip.

Any questions, please contact Kathy Fisher at 814-434-0433.

LITTLE LESSONS

Updates from Lakewood Preschool

The Annual Pre-K Thanksgiving Feast was enjoyed by all.

The 3s class will enjoy making a traditional Gingerbread House later this month.

The Pre-K classes are working hard on their Christmas program, which is on December 12. All are welcome to attend.

The winter Toddler and Me class, for children 18 months through 3 years of age will begin in January.

We're excited to announce that in January we will be starting an additional 3 year old class due to high interest.

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



DECEMBER SCHEDULE TRACY AND ASBURY

DATE	PICKUP DRIVER	PACKING TEAM	DELIVERY DRIVER
DEC 03/04	R. Estes 10:30 a.m.	R. Estes 6:30 p.m.	J. Kot 10:00 a.m.
DEC 10/11	J. Kot 10:30 a.m.	C. Kot 11:30 a.m.	H. Kendall 10:00 a.m.
DEC 17/18	R. Pike 10:30 a.m.	K. Fisher 6:30 p.m.	R. Fisher 10:00 a.m.

Please note only 3 weeks due to Christmas break.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Howard Sissem	12/01
Rose Miller	12/02
Hatcher Helsley	12/03
Carter Moren	12/04
Rebecca Turner	12/05
M J Giacomelli	12/06
Robert Yates	12/07
Jillian Seon	12/09
Russ Fisher	12/11
Craig Welch	12/12
Thomas Johnson	12/13
Ralph Ednie	12/16
Fenton James	12/18
Jerolyn Thompson	12/18
Mary Beth Renshaw	12/19
Avalynn Sitter	12/19
Ezra Sitter	12/19
Amanda Paul	12/20
Bruce Platz	12/22
Carol Wingerter	12/22
Christopher Paul	12/25
Roger Pike	12/27
Barbara Gerarde	12/30
Cathy Smith	12/30

Help Support Our Neighbors' Place

The Our Neighbors' Place overflow shelter is up and running for the season. Our Neighbors' Place (ONP) is administered by EUMA but staffing for the overflow shelter is supplemented by volunteers. The ONP overflow shelter will be housed in a single location for the season, 450 East 16th Street (between Parade and Wallace) and Lakewood's help is needed.

Clothing

Lakewood will be collecting clothing items for distribution at the overflow shelter. Items for donation include new underwear (boxer briefs for the men), socks (moisture wicking please), emergency thermal blankets (must be able to handle below 30 degree temp), sweatpants, t-shirts, and sweatshirts. If you are interested in donating any of these items, there are collection boxes located at Lakewood.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Thanksgiving Blessings - We all want to thank the Lakewood Preschool for their generous donations to the West Millcreek Food Pantry. They collected two large bins of nonperishable food to be donated! To the teachers, students, and parents thank you for helping us feed our neighbors! We hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

There will be no meeting in December! We will be having a Christmas Cookie sale on Sunday, December 21. We hope you will share some of your special season favorites for the sale! Enjoy the Advent Season and Merry Christmas to all!



NOVEMBER 2025 ATTENDANCE:

Average attendance for weekly in-person worship: 69

Average views of weekly livestream (Youtube): 48

Average weekly combined "attendance" for November: 117

Average weekly combined "attendance" to-date for 2025: 119



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.

December 7: **No meeting**

December 14: **Youth meeting at Lakewood 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

December 21: **Christmas Progressive Dinner 3:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

December 28: **No meeting**

January 4: **No meeting**

January 11: **Youth meeting at Lakewood 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

February 13-15: **Wesley Woods Retreat**

A new calendar will be provided in January 2026.

***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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Mission Statement:

We will strengthen opportunities for spiritual growth that fosters genuine relationships by serving our church and community.

Council Update - December 2025

A Community Shaped by Devotion: *The early church devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to breaking of the bread and prayer. -Acts 2:42* This devotion resulted in many signs and wonders and a community committed to serving and worshiping the Lord. What would our church look like if the Holy Spirit moved through our church with the same fire and wind that the people felt on Pentecost? What kind of revival experience would we have? How many people would we bring to Jesus? May we be that kind of community. May we be people whose lives reflect the love, unity, and generosity of Jesus.

Online Directory: Thank you for your patience as we had to work through the logistics of creating an online directory that will not only connect you with all the members of the church but also accommodate the mode in which you feel most comfortable including a printable directory with pictures. We have made the first step with the expectation that we will begin connecting you to the picture directory in the beginning of 2026.

Evaluating Current Ministries: We have developed guiding questions to help us discern how best to support our church's ministries and to reflect on whether each one still aligns with our mission and vision, may need adjustments, or is being called in a new direction. The purpose is not to judge or diminish the work already being done, but to prayerfully ensure that every ministry continues to serve our congregation and community well.

Preschool Connection: The Lakewood Preschool program is excited to bridge a connection between their students and families and our church. With lots of excitement over the possibilities, we are going to begin with a church wide project. We will have an event in which we make journals for the preschoolers to use in their classrooms. More information to come as the planning comes together. We are inviting our families to the December 14 worship service as the Puppets will be performing their Christmas show. We ask that you welcome the families and take the first step to build a connection and relationship with them.

Community Connection: We have created a survey to get to know our neighbors and to gather information on how we can best serve their needs. Our next step is to determine the best ways to connect with them and encourage them to complete the survey.

Prayer: The best way to build the church and to connect ourselves with God's plan is through prayer. Over the next few months you will be provided prayer opportunities that will be encouraging and supportive in challenging people to take the next steps in their prayer life. God calls us to build a relationship with Him and this begins with prayer.

The next Council meeting will be Wednesday, January 21 at 6:30 pm.



2026 FLOWER CALENDAR

The flower calendar for 2026 is now available and hanging in the hallway on the bulletin board. Please reserve your dates for flowers to remember your loved ones who have passed away or to honor a special event. If you need a date that is not available, please email or call Marygrace, secretary@lakewooderie.org or 814-833-4131. Thank you.