



Calendar of Events

Women's Bible Study (9:30 a.m. Library) – June 4th

Prayer Group (6:30 p.m. Library) – June 4th

Puppets (7:00 p.m.) - June 4th

Council (6:30 p.m.) – June 4th

Rummage Sale Friends and Family (5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall) - June 5th

Rummage Sale (12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall) - June 6th

Rummage Sale (9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall) - June 7th

Pentecost Sunday – June 8th

Missions (6:30 p.m.) – June 10th

Outreach (6:30 p.m.) – June 10th

Prayer Group (6:30 p.m. Library) – June 11th

Trustees (6:30 p.m.) – June 11th

Puppets (7:00 p.m.) - June 11th

Graduation Sunday – June 15th

Prayer Group (6:30 p.m. Library) – June 18th

Epilogue (12 p.m. Zem Zem Shrine Club) – June 18th

Puppets (7:00 p.m.) June 18th

SPRC (6:00 p.m.) – June 19th

Prayer Group (6:30 p.m. Library) – June 25th

Puppets (7:00 p.m.) – June 25th

Please note: Rev. Kathleen will be away from June 5-10. If you need a pastor, please call Rev. Bill Hastings of Asbury UMC at 814-833-9053.



Rev. Kathleen Schoeneck

Do you ever wonder why we celebrate our high holy days? Our next celebration is Pentecost, on Sunday, June 8, 2025.

On Pentecost Sunday, we remember the day all of the disciples received the Holy Spirit in a special way. The story in Acts 2 describes a powerful wind and tongues of fire as the Holy Spirit was poured out on people from all over

the world who came to Jerusalem to celebrate a Jewish feast. At the first Pentecost over 3,000 people were baptized, creating the first church. This is why Pentecost is known as the birthday of the Christian church.

The word Pentecost comes from a Greek word meaning fiftieth. The Jewish Festival of Pentecost (called Shavuot, meaning “weeks” in Hebrew) falls on the fiftieth day after the original Passover. On that day, God gave the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. The Christian festival of Pentecost falls on the 50th day after the resurrection of Jesus.

Pentecost for Christians culminates the celebration and work of the church begun on Easter Day. In much of early Christianity, Easter Day (not Pentecost) became the primary day for baptisms. After their baptism, the newly baptized were then trained in basic Christian doctrine, including the meaning of the sacraments they had now experienced, as they prepared to take up their ministries in the life of the church. On Pentecost, Christians primarily celebrate the commissioning of new members into ministry. Some do this through services of confirmation on Pentecost. And still others have also, historically, offered baptism on Pentecost as well.

Two colors are historically associated with Pentecost. Red is a visual reminder of the “tongues of fire” that empowered the apostles and others to proclaim the good news of Christ’s resurrection in many languages to the crowds of pilgrims from many lands (Acts 2:3). White was used in some places, including England, where Pentecost had also become a day for baptisms by the Middle Ages. Whether it happened at Easter or Pentecost or at some other time, those being baptized were given new white robes to wear as a sign they had taken off the world, died to sin, and were raised with the risen Christ to new life. This is why Pentecost may also be referred to in English as “Whitsunday” or “White Sunday.”

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Trinity Gerarde	06/01
Betty Adams	06/04
Jerry Kardos	06/04
Megan Fisher	06/05
Trevor Casane	06/06
Joshua Spore	06/06
Charlotte Clark	06/12
Frank Lamanna	06/12
Barbara Lewis	06/12
Rodney Logan	06/13
James Karle	06/15
Marjorie Wagner	06/17
Carl Brown	06/18
Donald Adams	06/20
Eric Detar	06/21
Christine Kell	06/21
Marty Blair	06/22
Judith Faustine	06/23
Sandy Whitford	06/24
Kevin Dickinson	06/30

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The Season after Pentecost is the time of the church year to support new disciples and the whole congregation in living out the gifts we have been given in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit.

May we live out Pentecost at every moment of our lives!

- Rev. Kathleen



RUMMAGE SALE

Lakewood's Rummage sale is just around the corner and we will need lots of help prior to the sale and the days of the sale.

DATES AND TIMES OF SET-UP:

June 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Come anytime those days to help setup.

DATES AND TIMES OF THE SALE:

Thursday, June 5 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, June 6 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, June 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday, June 8 clean up immediately after church

Anytime you can come and help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

United Women in Faith will not have a meeting in June.

Council Update - June

Pathways to Intentional and Innovative Ministries Recommendations: Council met on Saturday, April 5 to develop a definition and vision for **Prayer and Connecting with our Community**. On April 23, we worked on goals for each of the 4 focus areas. The following is a summary of the outcomes. Our next steps include developing action steps and a timeline.

DISCIPLESHIP

- Definition:** Discipleship is strengthening our relationship with Jesus so that we may grow to love and serve God and to help others to do the same.
- Vision:** To make disciples of Jesus by strengthening personal relationships with Jesus so that all may grow to love and serve God.
- Goal:** Provide 3 church wide growth opportunities to strengthen personal relationships that are accessible to all.

MINISTRY

- Definition:** Ministry is a calling from God to recognize and fulfill a need by using our gifts, talents, and skills.
- Vision:** To fulfill a need for anyone and everyone using our gifts, talents, and skills to share and experience the love of Jesus.
- Goal:** Conduct a review of Lakewood's current ministries and the needs of the church to determine suitability for continuation or initiation.

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

- Definition:** Being a good neighbor by listening, acknowledging, and supporting the needs of others.
- Vision:** To love one another by supporting the needs of our neighbors with our time, resources, and relationships so that all may grow in faith.
- Goal:** Build a direct line of communication with the Preschool to build connections and relationships.

PRAYER

- Definition:** An act of partnering with God to unleash His blessings and fulfill His purposes on Earth.
- Vision:** To understand God's will by strengthening our relationship with Him knowing that He hears us and responds in His way.
- Goal:** Explore ways to connect people with opportunities for individual and communal prayer with our congregation.

The next Council meeting will be June 4 at 6:30 pm.



MAY 2025 ATTENDANCE:

Average attendance for weekly in-person worship: 78

Average views of weekly livestream (Youtube): 37

Average weekly combined "attendance" for May: 115

Average weekly combined "attendance" to-date for 2025: 122

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



SUMMER TRACY BACKPACK FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The Tracy and Asbury Backpack program has concluded another year of providing food for students in need. Weekly, we packed 56 bags for Tracy and 20 bags for Asbury. We are so thankful for your commitment to this ministry to address food insecurity in our community.

A great big THANK YOU to ALL the Lakewood volunteers who helped somehow this year. Whether you were a pickup and/or delivery driver, team leader and/or food packer, your efforts are appreciated. Thank you, for giving of your time and energy to help with this vital ministry.

Second Harvest Food Bank is expanding the Tracy Backpack program through the summer months. Volunteers at SHFB will pack bags of food for distribution at Tracy school.

We are in need of a driver to pick up the pre-packed bags of food from SHFB at 10:30 a.m. and deliver to Tracy school on the following Tuesdays: June 24, July 8, and July 29.

If you are interested and able to help with picking up food from SHFB and delivering to Tracy School on one or more of the listed dates, please contact Maria Spicher at mspicher@roadrunner.com or 814-397-8545.

LAKWOOD GREETERS

Thank you to each person who has volunteered to greet us each Sunday as we come to worship. We appreciate your willingness to open the doors and welcome us to worship each week.

If there is a Sunday you would like to be a greeter, please contact Maria Spicher at mspicher@roadrunner.com or 814-397-8545. It's a nice way to meet new folks and welcome all our Lakewoodians each week.

LAKWOOD PRESCHOOL

Our preschool is accepting registrations for the 2025-2026 school year. To download the registration form go to <https://lakewooderie.org/preschool>. For more information or to schedule a tour please call 814-833-5787.

Applications can be mailed to: Lakewood Preschool, 3856 W 10th Street, Erie PA 16505, dropped in the locked mailbox at the 10th Street entrance, or emailed to lakewooderiepreschool@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued support of Lakewood Preschool.

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

Forest Park Laymans League

The Beginnings of Lakewood Church

Submitted by Curt Spicher

Recently, while cleaning out an old safe in the church we came across several old journals and records from past years at Lakewood. One of those was a journal with the minutes from meetings that took place in 1926 and 1927 that laid the foundation for Lakewood. Over the next few months I hope to use the monthly newsletter to share some of what is in that journal.

The cover of the book is titled "1926 Minute Book of the Forest Park Laymans League Here is recorded the foundation of the Lakewood Methodist Church".

The first meeting of the Forest Park Laymans League took place on Friday, November 12, 1926. The meeting took place at the school house. Weather that day was typical for mid November in Erie, cloudy with a high temperature of 40 and a low of 23. The meeting was attended by "several persons interested in the idea of forming an organization and acquiring land, on which they could eventually erect a church building, to take care of the district covered by Lakewood School." At the first meeting it was agreed that all the men present would contribute the sum of \$1 each per month for three years. Provisions were made for an individual to opt out earlier if "for some reason, did not see his way clear to sign up for the full term." It was decided at this meeting to begin the search for a suitable tract of land to build a church in the district. They agreed to meet again on November 23, at the School House, "to consider any proposals from the people who might have suitable real estate for sale. Any person who might have a location in mind was invited to get the price, terms, etc. reduced to writing and bring it to the attention of the meeting to be held on November 23." Those in attendance were: Mr. Frank Root, Mr. John Hamlet, Mr. J.C. First, Mr. A.H. Hedderick, Mr. H. L. Robins, Mr. H. C. Taylor, and Mr. R. E. Robinson. The meeting was adjourned and because it was the most popular automobile of the time several probably left in their Ford Model T.

In the next newsletter we will read about what occurred at subsequent meetings of the Forest Park Laymans League in late 1926 and early 1927 laying the ground work for Lakewood Church.

MEN'S GROUP NEWS

The Men's Group will not meet again until August 5.

The election day bake sale was a success and raised \$415.

The Men's Group is planning a Seawolves outing on July 24. Your price is \$5 if you want to attend. There will be a signup sheet in the Narthex until July 13.

Future plans: Pancake Breakfast on September 21, and a planetarium trip in October.

A SEGMENT FROM FINANCE

With long weekends and vacations upon us, please remember your church while you're away.

Your gift giving to Lakewood is a blessing. Thank you.

We will enter June with contributions and expenses equal. Thank you for your faithful commitment.

Please follow the weekly giving trends in the bulletin.

God Loves a Cheerful Giver!



Lakewood Youth News

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

The youth of Lakewood would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support and generosity. Because of your faithful giving to both our youth ministry and the church, nine youth and four adult leaders will be attending *Uth 4 Missions* in Jumonville this July.

Uth 4 Missions is a special initiative organized by the WPAUMC Conference that engages young people in hands-on mission work throughout southwestern Pennsylvania. This week is a meaningful highlight in the lives of our youth—a time for spiritual growth, building lasting relationships, and embracing the call to serve others.

This opportunity would not be possible without your continued generosity and encouragement. Thank you for investing in the lives of our young people. Please keep our team in your prayers as we prepare for this journey, happening July 14–18.

Lakewood Happenings

- Camp scholarships are open for Wesley Woods! Please contact Greg Stelter by email at greg.stelter@gmail.com for more information.
- There are no more Choir rehearsals on Thursdays for the remainder of this season. Rehearsals will be at 9:00 am on Sunday. Choirs last Sunday is June 8.
- Carolyn Sanford has officially retired from her music ministry here at Lakewood. We thank her for graciously sharing her gifts and talents, and filling our sanctuary with beautiful music for so many wonderful years!
- We are in need of some help with comfort food for Funeral (Bereavement) Dinners here at Lakewood. If you are willing to prepare food for grieving families of Lakewood please contact Bonnie Heiges at 814-833-1787 (home phone) or 814-737-3329 (cell phone).

- Congratulations to our recent 2025 Confirmands:

Jenna Bull

Trinity Gerarde

Charlotte Killian

Madelyn Killian

Mady Rosendahl



LAKEWOOD PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

**\$150
PER
CHILD**

**14-18
July**

**Age
3-5
years**

**COME JOIN US
THIS SUMMER**

**MUSIC & DANCE, SPORTS &
GAMES,**

ARTS & CRAFT AND MORE!

**CHILDREN MUST BE
POTTY TRAINED**

**ALL KIDS FROM 3-5 YEARS ARE
WELCOME. YOU DO NOT NEED
TO BE ENROLLED IN OUR
PRESCHOOL.**



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