



Calendar of Events

Monday Night Prayer Time (6:00 p.m.—7:00) – June 1st

Rummage Sale Friends and Family (5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.) – June 4th

Rummage Sale (12:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.) – June 5th

Rummage Sale (9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.) – June 6th

Graduation Sunday (9:30 a.m. Sanctuary) - June 7th

Youth Meeting (10:30 a.m.—11:45 a.m.) - June 7th

Monday Night Prayer Time (6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.) – June 8th

Trustees Meeting (6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.) – June 10th

Monday Night Prayer Time (6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.) – June 15th

Preschool Summer Camp (10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.) - June 22nd—June 26th

Monday Night Prayer Time (6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.) – June 22nd

Epilogue Group (11:30 a.m. Smuggler's Warf) – June 17th

SPRC Meeting (6:30 p.m.) – June 24th

Seawolves Night (6:05 p.m. UPMC Park) – June 25th

Save the Dates

Lakewood Association 250th Celebration (5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Lakewood Park) - July 3rd

Kick Off Event (Asbury Park) - August 9th



Rev. Kathleen Schoeneck

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This article is from the UMC website:

“Who are United Methodists?”

The United Methodist Church is a global denomination that opens hearts, opens minds and opens doors through active engagement with our world.

The mission of The United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

A United Methodist is someone who joins in that mission by putting faith and love into action. We believe that God loves all people, and that we share in expressing that love. So the United Methodist tradition emphasizes God’s grace and in serving others. We believe that Jesus Christ is the fullest expression of God’s love--showing us the fullness of God’s care through Jesus’ teachings, death and resurrection.

John Wesley started the Methodist movement in 18th century England. His teachings on practical divinity (living out our faith) and appeals to reason and experience form important aspects of United Methodist practice today.

Who are the people of the United Methodist Church?

The United Methodist Church is a worldwide connection of more than 12 million members in Africa, Asia, Europe and the United States. We are the person next door, the church on the other side of the country, and the worshipping community across the globe. Together, we share a legacy of living as disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing God’s love both in what we say and how we serve our neighbors.

The United Methodist Church is a member of the [World Methodist Council](#) — which ties together Methodist denominations worldwide.

What do United Methodists believe?

The United Methodist Church shares a great deal with other Christian denominations. We believe God’s grace is open to all, and therefore practice “open Communion”-- meaning that anyone may participate in receiving Communion. We believe salvation is an open gift from God, accepted by individuals according to their own free will. The United Methodist denomination is a “big tent” theologically, providing space for theological discourse and, at times, disagreement.

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Like many other Christian groups, we affirm the beliefs expressed in the Apostles Creed. These include:

- The belief in one God, who is the Creator and sustainer of the universe.
- The belief in the Trinity, that there is one God in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- The belief in the divinity of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who is fully human and fully divine.

What do United Methodists do?

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, taught that we pursue our faith in community and action with others. We practice a social holiness. We insist that personal salvation always involves Christian mission and service to the world. The United Methodist Church has a long history of action and advocacy for social justice.

United Methodists are active in their communities and in the world through a variety of ways, including:

- Participating in local mission projects and service initiatives
- Supporting global mission efforts through the United Methodist Committee on Relief ([UMCOR](#)) and other mission organizations
- [Advocating for social justice](#) and working to address issues such as poverty, hunger, and inequality
- Providing educational and vocational training opportunities
- Offering counseling, support groups, and other forms of pastoral care
- Creating and supporting community development programs”

May we be united in the work of the Kingdom of God!

- Pastor Kathleen

A SEGMENT FROM FINANCE

Despite the price of gas, groceries and other life essentials, you continue to make Lakewood a priority. Thank you for your continued financial commitment to Lakewood. Your faithfulness is an ongoing blessing that can't be mentioned enough. Your giving enables Lakewood to help others experience the love of Jesus. Thank you for helping the church help the community. We will enter June with contributions exceeding expenses by approximately \$2,500.

Please remember your church if you're away now that summer is upon us. Follow weekly giving trends in the bulletin.

God Loves a Cheerful Giver!



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Trinity Gerarde	06/01
Betty Adams	06/04
Jerry Kardos	06/04
Megan Fisher	06/05
Trevor Casane	06/06
Charlotte Clark	06/12
Frank Lamanna	06/12
Rodney Logan	06/13
Marjorie Wagner	06/17
Don Adams	06/20
Chris Kell	06/21
Marty Blair	06/22
Judith Faustine	06/23
Sandy Whitford	06/24

MEN'S GROUP UPDATES

The election day bake sale made \$455.

There is a Seawolves night on Thursday, June 25. Please sign up in the Narthex by June 19. We are charging \$5/ ticket and the Men's Group will cover the rest.

There will be no Men's Group meetings until October.

GRADUATES

On June 7, we are excited to celebrate the achievements of Lakewood's graduates from high school, trade school and college. If you or your loved one who attended Lakewood UMC is graduating, please send an email to secretary@lakewooderie.org with the following information: name of the graduate, photo, name of the school, degree and future plans.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Are you a recent graduate or know someone who is? If you are a member of Lakewood Church and plan to continue your education, academic or technical trades training, we encourage you to apply for a Lakewood UMC Scholarship. Applications are in the back of the Sanctuary. Return completed applications to the Church Office no later than September 30. Applications will be reviewed by the Trustees at the September meeting.



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.

June 7: **Graduation Sunday – Last Meeting**

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

June 13 - 19: **Red Bird Mission Trip**

Our Youth Group has had a wonderful year of connecting, growing in faith, and serving others. We are thankful for all the students, leaders, and families who made this year so meaningful. We wish everyone a safe and blessed summer and look forward to seeing you again when Youth Group resumes on **September 13!**

Contact Information

For questions and concerns please contact us any time.

Jackie and Jeremiah Bull

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Council Update - June 2026

Lakewood Association 250th Celebration: July 3 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm

The Lakewood Association will be hosting a special 250th Celebration in the park on July 3! This is a wonderful opportunity for us to connect with our neighbors and share God's love within our community. Our church will be participating with a Hospitality Tent featuring free freezer pops, a craft table with bracelet-making and patriotic treat crafts, a Kids on Wheels Parade, Sonlight Puppets, a Prayer Wall, and giveaways to help us connect with families and neighbors throughout the event. Volunteers are needed to help make this outreach opportunity a success, and we invite everyone to be part of this exciting day of connection, fellowship, and service!

Ministry Action Plan

We invite everyone to prayerfully consider sharing their gifts and talents by becoming involved in at least one ministry. To help the congregation learn more about each ministry, short videos highlighting ministry opportunities will be shared during worship services and posted on our website. In the weeks leading up to the videos, Council members will also use the "Message from the Youth" time to share a "Message from Council," offering scripture connections, personal reflections, and insights connected to the featured themes. We are excited to see how God will continue to work through our church as we build real connections, grow in faith, and serve others together.

Celebration / Kick Off Event: August 9

Mark your calendars for August 9 as we come together to celebrate this new chapter and kick off our ministries! Join us for a picnic at Asbury Park as we gather in fellowship and excitement for what's ahead. More details will be shared soon—we hope to see you there!

Lakewood Tagline

Council has adopted the tagline: ***Real Connections, Growing Faith, Serving Others***. This tagline reflects our mission to build meaningful relationships within our congregation and community, deepen our faith through worship and service, and share God's love by serving others. We look forward to living out this mission together through our ministries, events, and community connections.

Instagram: LakewoodErie

Our Instagram account is making a comeback! This outreach platform will be led by our youth, with the official kickoff taking place during the Red Bird Mission trip. We are excited to see how this renewed presence will help us share our mission, highlight ministry moments, and stay connected as we live out our tagline: ***Real Connections, Growing Faith, Serving Others***.

Coming Soon . . . Lakewood Apparel

The next Council meeting will be Wednesday, July 1 at 6:30 p.m.



MAY 2026 ATTENDANCE:

Average attendance for weekly in-person worship: 75

Average views of weekly livestream (Youtube): 45

Average weekly combined "attendance" for May: 120

Average weekly combined "attendance" to-date: 122

Please pray for our Lakewood Red Bird Mission team as they prepare to go and serve the Lord in Beverly, KY from June 14-19.

Red Bird Mission Team

- Jeremiah Bull
- Jackie Bull
- Becca Turner
- Greg Stelter
- Karen Jakiel
- Ann Bortner
- Christine Kell
- Jabin Bull
- Jailyn Bull
- Denny Belknap
- Chris Paul
- Trinity Gerarde
- Neal Gerarde
- Miya Mims
- Danta Mims
- Jenna Bull
- Jailyn Easley
- Kathy Fisher
- Russ Fisher



For more information on the Red Bird Mission, please visit <https://www.redbirdky.org/>

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



TRACY AND ASBURY

The Tracy and Asbury Backpack program has concluded another year of providing food for students in need. Weekly, we packed 69 bags for Tracy and 29 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 25 of 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.

If you would like to become a part of this ministry next school year, please contact Maria Spicher at mespicher56@gmail.com or 814-397-8545.

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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 12TH—15TH

6-8 PM

Come join us as we take a safari through tropical islands as we learn how Jesus comes to seek and to save us!

Dear Parents & Youth:

Come and explore God's Word as we learn how our loving God helps us face our challenges. Join us on an exciting adventure as faith takes us exploring through the tropics. As we trek along, we will explore new places, make memories, discover how to live out God's love in our everyday lives and feel God's presence with us wherever we go!

Explorers will navigate caves, rivers, volcanoes and lush vegetation as they learn that God is with them in whatever situation they face. We will discover timeless Bible stories that show how people from the Old and New Testaments journeyed with God through many locations and situations and found strength in God's presence wherever they went.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 12th—Wednesday, July 15th

6 pm—8 pm join us for some real fun and Bible adventures as we trek along God's path!

For fun we ask that your kiddo wear a t-shirt to match the color of the day. This is not a requirement, so please don't go out and purchase new clothing.

Sunday—green Monday—yellow Tuesday—orange Wednesday—red

Immanuel and Lakewood Methodist Churches are working together to make this VBS 2026 Tropic Trek with God a fun and meaningful experience as the kiddos learn that God is always present. Should you have any questions, or would like to register please feel free to contact us at (814) 833-4062.

Luke 19:10 "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

******Those who trek along with us may donate a nonperishable food item to help stock the Little Pantry to help those in need.******



**Tropical Trek Vacation Bible
School**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church
Registration**

July 12th—July 15th

Childs Name: _____

Childs Gender : _____ Childs Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Last School Grade Completed: _____

Name of Parent: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip _____ Phone: _____

Email address: _____

I grant Immanuel Lutheran / Lakewood UMC the right to take photos of my child I connection with VBS and agree they may use such photos as publicity, illustration and Web content

Parent Signature: _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

In case of emergency contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

