



Calendar of Events

Men's Group (6:30 p.m., Library) – May 6th
Women's Bible Study (9:30 a.m., Library) – May 7th
Prayer Group (6:30 p.m., Library) – May 7th
Puppets (7 p.m.) - May 7th
SPRC (6:30 p.m.) – May 8th
Rummage Sale Drop-Off (9 a.m. – Noon, Fellowship Hall) May 10th
Missions (6:30 p.m.) – May 13th
Outreach (6:30 p.m.) – May 13th
Women's Bible Study (9:30 a.m., Library) – May 14th
Prayer Group (6:30 p.m., Library) – May 14th
Trustees (6:30 p.m.) – May 14th
Puppets (7 p.m.) May 14th
Election Day Bake Sale (Fellowship Hall) - May 20th
Preschool Graduation (11 a.m., Sanctuary) May 21st
Women's Bible Study (9:30 a.m., Library) – May 21st
Prayer Group (6:30 p.m., Library) – May 21st
Epilogue (12 p.m., Zem Zem Shrine Club) – May 21st
Worship Committee (12 p.m.) May 18th
Puppets (7 p.m.) - May 21st
UWF: Preschool Clean-up & Luncheon (9 a.m. – Noon) - May 23rd
Rummage Sale Drop-Off (9 a.m. – Noon, Fellowship Hall) May 24th
Confirmation Sunday (9:30 a.m. Service) - May 25th
Coffee in the Narthex (10:30 a.m.) - May 25th
Women's Bible Study (9:30 a.m., Library) – May 28th
Prayer Group (6:30 p.m., Library) – May 28th
Puppets (7 p.m.) – May 28th



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Faith Gives Us Spiritual Power

In God's world, people are more important than facts or methods or curriculum. Who you are as a teacher is of primary importance. Your faith in God and love of all God's people will have the greatest influence on students. This is true whether you teach children, youth, or adults. When asked, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "*The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'* The second is this, '*You shall love your neighbor as yourself*'" (Mark 12: 28-31a).

THE POWER OF INFLUENCE

Jesus' Great Commandment (Mark 12: 28-31a) must inform all that teachers say and do. Jesus' life shows us how to live this way. Jesus lived in right relationship with God and people. His human life is a model for teaching that still influences people two thousand years later.

Many beginning teachers feel insecure about the knowledge and teaching skills they think they lack. While it is important for teachers to prepare by increasing knowledge, learning teaching skills, and planning, even beginning teachers must consider the great influence they have just by being in the teaching role. While our actions, both conscious and unconscious, may be based on our own experience, knowledge, culture, and even economic and social situation, we need to remember that God has given humans the ability to make choices about our words and actions. Our choices can add to or subtract from good in the world. Teachers need to think about the power they have and take seriously the responsibility to use their power thoughtfully and wisely.

Our United Methodist heritage provides a guideline for teachers in their relationships with students. Around 1739, John Wesley established the General Rules for all who met together to grow in faith. The first of the General Rules established by John Wesley is to do no harm. The second is to do good of every possible sort. The purpose of doing good is not to earn God's approval. Rather, when we engage in acts of compassion, mercy, and justice, we allow God to be active in our lives. These actions become channels through which we can receive God's love.

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

Kathy Fisher	05/03
Scott Beach	05/04
Frances Skellie	05/04
Loren Cicero	05/05
Scott Moren	05/05
Dolores Schmidt	05/05
Daniel Boccio	05/06
David Estes	05/08
Vincent Ferrante	05/08
Tiffany Dickinson	05/10
Tyler Logan	05/10
Betty McKnight	05/11
Jessica Apthorp	05/12
William Darnell	05/12
Marla DeSantis	05/12
Sherry Hartman	05/12
Joanie Counts	05/14
Cindy Minnick	05/14
Joseph Currier II	05/21
Mike Hess	05/22
Nancy Lamanna	05/23
Alysa Frith	05/24
Sean Marsden	05/24
Michael Paul	05/24
Kevin Currier	05/25
Colin Keith	05/25
Audrey Lawton	05/25
Brittany Metzler	05/25
Katrina Lewis	05/26
Cathy Fresch	05/27
Sydney Moore	05/27
Dominic Pratt	05/27
Charlotte Killian	05/28
Courtney Stoll	05/28
David Briggs	05/29
Charles Brown	05/29
Joseph Dzeskiewicz	05/29
Patty Rhone	05/31

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A resource for learning and teaching (some are free) is available though: [UMC.org/ Discipleship Ministries](http://UMC.org/DiscipleshipMinistries)

Scroll down to: Welcome to Discipleship Ministries eLearning.

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Health Ministry Monthly Topic:

TRAVEL HEALTH KIT



For all of us who enjoy traveling nationally or internationally, consideration should be given to developing a Travel Health Kit. The more information you can provide in time of medical need the greater the likelihood of being treated accurately and efficiently.

The CDC says:

- * a travel health kit is only useful if it is accessible, it should always be with the traveler
- * travelers should carry enough prescription medication for the trip plus an extra supply in the event of a delayed return home
- * for some medications (i.e. pain relievers) and supplies (i.e. needles, syringes), travelers may need to carry a letter from the prescriber on letterhead stationery
- * travelers with pre-existing conditions should wear a medical bracelet
- * each kit should include: names/contact information for family members and health care providers, health insurance information, copy of prescriptions, vaccination information
- * for foreign travel know the contact information for U.S. embassy or consulate in that country

The CDC provides detailed information and examples on traveling with prescription medications, OTC (over the counter) medicines, medical supplies, basic first aid, and traveling with children at www.CDC.gov



Enjoy safe and healthy travel!

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

Council Update - May

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 May 21 at 6:30 pm.



APRIL 2025 ATTENDANCE:

Average attendance for weekly in-person worship: 88

Average views of weekly livestream (Youtube): 44

Average weekly combined "attendance" for April: 132

Average weekly combined "attendance" to-date for 2025: 124

“I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.”

Matthew 25:35



MAY SCHEDULE TRACY AND ASBURY

DATE	PICKUP DRIVER	PACKING TEAM	DELIVERY DRIVER
MAY 07/08	R. Estes 10:30 a.m.	R. Estes 6:30 p.m.	J. Kot 10:00 a.m.
MAY 14/15	J. Kot 10:30 a.m.	S. Pike 11:30 a.m.	H. Kendall 10:00 a.m.
MAY 21/22	R. Pike 10:30 a.m.	K. Fisher 6:30 p.m.	R. Fisher 10:00 a.m.
MAY 28/29	C. Spicher 10:30 a.m.	J. Goodman 11:30 a.m.	J. Kell/J. Rhone 10:00 a.m.

MEN'S GROUP NEWS

The Men's Group would like to thank everyone who made the dinner and talent show a success!

The next meeting is on Tuesday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Library.

The Men's Group will sponsor an election day bake sale on Tuesday, May 20 from 7 a.m. until we run out of goods. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex if you would like to work a 2 hour shift to sell the goods. We will be setting up, bagging, and pricing the goods on Monday the 19th.



We have something to celebrate!!

MyLakewood Campaign

As of April 7th 2025 - the sanctuary remodel project (2021-2024) has been fully paid off!

Thank you to all who gave their time and contributions to make this possible.

Can you still give to the Capital Campaign?

Yes! Your continued contributions will go toward future building projects.

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.

Volunteers Needed at the Erie City Mission



Are you looking for an opportunity to directly serve those in need? Lakewood volunteers are needed on Sunday, May 18 to help with preparing and serving a meal and providing fellowship at the Erie City Mission, 1023 French Street. There is a sign-up sheet in the church lobby. Contact Lisa Medina at lmedmex@aol.com if you have additional questions. Volunteers meet at about 9:15 a.m. at the City Mission (entrance behind the building). Volunteers are usually done by 12:30 or 1 p.m. We usually need about 10-12 volunteers so please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry but are unable to serve on May 18, there will be additional opportunities to serve in 2025 on July 20, September 21, and November 16.



Lakewood Youth News

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

Meeting Schedule

Students in grades 6th - 12th are welcome to join us.

**Event dates and times are subject to change as District Youth Events are scheduled
and opportunities and projects arise*

May 4: **District Youth Event: Worship and Bowling**

May 11: **Youth Sunday - Lakewood 9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.**

June 1: **Youth Family Picnic - Bulls' Land - 4:00—7:00 p.m.**

July 14 - 18: Uth 4 Mission Jumonville

Contact Information

For questions and concerns please contact us any time.

Jackie and Jeremiah Bull

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**United
Women
in Faith**

Our annual Rummage Sale is only a few weeks away so continue collecting your precious rummage! The sale is **JUNE 5, 6, and 7**. The drop off dates are **MAY 10 and 24**, 9 a.m. to 12 noon on both days. We do not want any **HOLIDAY DECORATIONS** or **ELECTRONICS**. We are accepting both summer and winter clothing, all household items, linens, toys, tools, and anything else you have around the house.

UWF ladies: We are providing the preschool Teacher Appreciation Lunch on Friday, May 23 and we will stay after and clear out their rooms preparing for the rummage sale. Please let Debbie know if you can help with the lunch and/or clearing the rooms. We will NOT have a meeting this month.



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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