



Calendar of Events

- Talent Show and Dinner (5:00 p.m.) – May 3rd
- Men’s Group Meeting (6:30 p.m.) – May 4th
- Women’s Bible Study (9:30 a.m.) – May 6th
- Council Meeting (6:30 p.m.) – May 6th
- Youth Meeting (10:30 a.m.) - May 10th
- Women’s Bible Study (9:30 a.m.) – May 13th
- Spring Clean Up (6:30 p.m.) – May 13th
- Trustees Meeting (6:30 p.m.) – May 13th
- Rummage Sale First Drop Off (9:00 a.m.- noon) – May 16th
- Youth Meeting (10:30 a.m.) - May 17th
- Election Day – May 19th
- Epilogue (11:30 a.m. Roma’s Italian Kitchen) – May 20th
- Council Meeting (6:30 p.m.) – May 20th
- SPRC (6:30 p.m.) – May 21st
- Pentecost - May 24th
- Rummage Sale Last Drop Off (9:00 a.m.- noon) – May 30th

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



Rev. Kathleen Schoeneck

From the desk of our bishop, Rev. Scot will be OUR district superintendent as of 7-1-26.

Dear Friends,

It is with great joy that I announce that Rev. Scott Gallagher will begin serving as a Conference Superintendent of the Western Pennsylvania Conference beginning July 1, 2026. Rev. Gallagher will begin to meet with the cabinet and join in cabinet discussions but will continue in his current appointment in Garden City until the end of June 2026. As a spiritual leader, Scott’s guiding scripture as he accepts this appointment is, “I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you (us) will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.” (Philippians 1:6)

Rev. Gallagher shares the following thoughts about accepting this appointment:

“Today, I humbly accept the invitation of Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball to serve my Conference family as a Superintendent. As with every appointment I have been blessed to receive and every board and committee that I have been asked to serve, I do so prayerfully with trust in the Holy Spirit to guide, equip, and strengthen me for the journey ahead.”

“Throughout my ministry, it has been my hope and intention to care for and support both the congregations and communities I have been called to serve, as well as my friends and colleagues throughout the connection. Whether referencing Wesley’s term ‘a people called Methodists’ or the phrase ‘we are a connection,’ the core message is that we are the Church, the Body of Christ. I believe that in the very depth of my being. Even when I use the words, ‘I’ or ‘me’ the truth is that there is no singularity or independence. I am the sum of the relationships with family, friends, colleagues, and those whom I just met. I am forever grateful for each person I have met along the way and look forward to each new relationship.”



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“I look forward to coming alongside the clergy and congregations to whom I am called to serve. I am excited about all we can accomplish together. It is in this spirit that I look forward to the ministry that we will do together, praising God all the way.”

Please offer Rev. Gallagher, his wife Sharon and their daughters and grandchildren your prayers and support as he takes on this new appointment. Along with our lay and clergy spiritual leaders from across the Conference, he and we together will be focusing on engaging, equipping, and leading congregations to the active and life changing mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

I celebrate this appointment as together we seek to love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in this world that needs to encounter the transforming power of Jesus Christ.

Peace, Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball

“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 06/07	R. Estes 10:30 a.m.	R. Estes 6:30 p.m.	J. Kot 10:00 a.m.
MAY 13/14	J. Kot 10:30 a.m.	C. Kot 11:30 a.m.	H. Kendall 10:00 a.m.
MAY 20/21	R. Pike 10:30 a.m.	K. Fisher 6:30 p.m.	R. Fisher 10:00 a.m.
MAY 27/28	C. Spicher 10:30 a.m.	J. Goodman 11:30 a.m.	J. Rhone 10:00 a.m.

MAY

BIRTHDAYS

Kurt Crays	05/03
Kathy Fisher	05/03
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
Carol Welch	05/08
Tyler Logan	05/10
Betty McKnight	05/11
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
Alysa Frith	05/24
Sean Marsden	05/24
Michael Paul	05/24
Kevin Currier	05/25
Colin Keith	05/25
Cathy Fresch	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

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

Advent by Candlelight

Ladies of Lakewood – we need your help. With Pam Anthony’s passing, UWF is looking for someone to take over Advent by Candlelight. It was such a beautiful evening preparing our hearts for the Christmas Season. We all know how Pam prepared the program and Fellowship Hall – with such enthusiasm and love and we do not expect anyone to plan such extravagance but a “simple” get together would be wonderful. If anyone is interested, please see Debbie Bisbee.

United Women in Faith

UWF will be holding a small luncheon and small gift for the preschool teachers on May 15 to show Lakewood's appreciation for the great job they have done this year! It will also be a working morning to begin the early preparations for the rummage sale. We will be helping them move the toys and some furniture out of their classrooms and from the stage. If you would be interested in helping, please let Debbie Bisbee know at (814) 897-6785.

UWF would like you to remember as you are doing your spring cleaning, to keep in mind our annual rummage sale which will be June 4 for Friends and Family, Friday, June 5 from 12 p.m. until 6 p.m. and Saturday, June 7 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The first drop off will be Saturday, May 16 from 9 a.m. till noon and the second will be Saturday, May 30, from 9 a.m. until noon. This year Bonnie Truchanowicz and her sister Betty Bowers will be in charge of the actual sale. These ladies have been helping at the sales for years, and graciously volunteered to give Sharon and Bonnie H. a break! If you have a problem getting your rummage to church, call Sharon (814) 833-0980 and a pickup can possibly be arranged. Also, if you have questions before the actual sale Sharon or Bonnie H will be glad to answer them.

A Segment from Finance

Thanks to your faithful and committed giving, Lakewood will enter May with contributions exceeding expenses by about \$2,000!!

Perhaps a bit early but, we’re entering - hopefully - the nice weather season. Please don’t forget Lakewood during your vacations and long weekends. Your giving allows the church to help others experience the love of Jesus every week of the year.

Please follow the trends in the weekly bulletin. Each gift is important to the church no matter the size.

God Loves a Cheerful Giver!

Council Update - May 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](#). There will be a **Help Session** after church on **May 10 in Fellowship Hall** if you have questions or need help creating your profile.

Ministry Action Plan

Church Council has been prayerfully working to renew and strengthen our ministries so they can better serve the needs of our congregation and community. ***We invite everyone to share their gifts and talents by getting involved in at least one ministry.*** To help you learn more, we will be creating short videos highlighting each ministry, which will be shared during worship services and on our website.

Welcome to Lakewood Campaign

We have had many visitors searching for a church to call home, and we want them to know there is a place for them here at Lakewood. To help share that message, we are creating a commercial that highlights our welcoming community and the many ways people can connect and belong.

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 Association 250th Celebration: July 3

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. We are beginning to plan how Lakewood can be part of this event, and we would love your help. If you have ideas or would like to get involved, please reach out to a council member. As plans take shape, we will be sure to share updates with you!

The next Council meetings will be Wednesday, May 6 and Wednesday, May 27 at 6:30 p.m.

THANK YOU LAKEWOOD

A few weeks ago Faith Circle invited everyone to donate funds to support EUMA's efforts in assisting their residents when transitioning into permanent housing. This assistance was in the form of Welcome Home Kits. These kits contain the necessary start up items for a kitchen and bathroom. With the generous donations received, Faith Circle was able to purchase **SEVEN Welcome Home Kits!** Each Kit is valued at approximately \$350. All items purchased are stored at the Refuge but are available to any individual or family transitioning to permanent housing from one of EUMA's current housing sites. Thank you for your joyful and intentional contributions (2 Corinthians 9:7) as we continue to support this local mission!

The West Millcreek Food Pantry

We served 146 families in the rain on Tuesday, April 14. When you are out shopping, please think about your neighbors who need to consider what they are able to purchase. Our shelves need your help with tuna fish and jelly. Thank you for helping us stock our shelves.

LITTLE LESSONS

Updates from Lakewood Preschool

Exciting activities at our preschool are still happening! Millcreek Karate visited recently and had a 30 minute karate session with our pre-K kids.

A new program was added called Tiny Tots Play which is for children 18 months to three years with an adult. This huge success was offered on April 14 and 16.

Our Preschool will be having a Summer Camp June 22-26. This is for children ages 3–5. For more information contact the director at lakewooderie.org/preschool. Please pass on this information to family and friends.

Hope you have a great summer!



MEN'S GROUP UPDATES

The Men's Group will host a dinner and talent show on Sunday, May 3 at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. You don't have to bring anything or do a talent. Please come and enjoy the dinner and show.

The Men's Group will have their meeting on May 4 in the church library at 6:30 p.m.

The Trustees are planning a clean up day for the church grounds at 6:00 p.m. on May 13. Pizza and pop will be provided. There will be a short trustees meeting afterwards.

Erie City Mission Volunteers Needed

Are you looking for an opportunity to directly serve those in need? Lakewood volunteers are needed on **Sunday, May 17** 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 or Chris Paul 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 1:00. We usually need about 10 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 17, there will be additional opportunities to serve in 2026 on **July 15, September 20, and November 15**.



APRIL 2026 ATTENDANCE:

Average attendance for weekly in-person worship: 83

Average views of weekly livestream (Youtube): 51

Average weekly combined "attendance" for April: 134

Average weekly combined "attendance" to-date: 122



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.

- 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**
- June 7: **Youth meeting at Lakewood 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**
- June 13-19 **Red Bird Mission Trip**

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

Contact Information

For questions and concerns please contact us anytime.

Jackie and Jeremiah Bull

Home: 814-833-4520

Call or Text: 814-323-6805

Email: missjackie77@hotmail.com

Worship Updates

Pentecost: On May 24, please join us in celebrating Pentecost, the Birthday of the Church! Let's fill the sanctuary with joy by wearing red!

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.

Insomnia

Harvard Medical School | Division of Sleep Medicine | Sleep and Health Education

Healthy Sleep Hygiene

- **Identify and rid of barriers to restful sleep** such as caffeine, long naps, use of electronics at bedtime.
- **Reduce time in bed awake** to increase sleepiness.
- **Stick to a sleep schedule**, even on the weekends.
Bed time: _____ Wake time: _____
- **Keep your bedroom for sleeping and intimacy**, do not work, watch TV, or eat in bed.
- **Do not watch the clock** to prevent anxiety or pressure to fall asleep.
- **Avoid caffeine and alcohol** close to bedtime.
- **Avoid smoking**, especially in the evening since nicotine often disturbs sleep.
- **Avoid greasy or “heavy” foods** close to bedtime but ensure your eating habits are regulated so hunger does not disturb your sleep.
- **Limit excessive fluid consumption** close to bedtime to limit the need for nighttime bathroom trips.
- **Get regular exercise** to improve sleep quality and increase sleepiness. It is best you finish exercising at least two hours before bedtime. A hot shower or bath after exercise may further promote deep sleep.
- **Limit noise distractions** by sleeping in a well-insulated room or using earplugs or a white noise source.
- **Keep your room dark and cool**. Use light-blocking curtains or eye covers, if needed.
- **Restrict your time in bed** to only the amount of sleep you need to feel refreshed the next day and limit fragmented, shallow sleep. On average, adults require 7.5-8 hours of sleep each night.
- **Reserve an hour before bedtime** to wind down. Put away electronic devices and engage in relaxing, restful activities like reading or meditation.
- **Do not take problems to bed**. If you need time to process your thoughts or plan the next day, reserve 15-30 minutes beforehand to make a “worry list” or “to-do list” to address after a restful slumber.
- **If you are having difficulty falling asleep, get out of bed**. When you try harder to fall asleep, it often makes it more frustrating and difficult to do so. Leave the bedroom and do something relaxing like reading in dim light. Return to bed only once you feel sleepy and wake up at your usual wake time.

Remember these recommendations are to help promote good healthy sleep. If you have sleeping disorder like insomnia, then implementing this healthy sleep hygiene alone may not treat your condition. Make sure to discuss concerns with your doctor.