Real Connections
NOVEMBER 2026 Newsletter

Calendar of Events

Prayer Group (6:00 p.m.) – November 2nd

Election Day Bake Sale (Fellowship Hall) – November 3rd

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

Choir Practice (7:00 p.m.) – November 5th

UWIF Meeting (10:00 a.m.) – November 7th

Prayer Group (6:00 p.m.) – November 9th

Missions Meeting (6:30 p.m.) – November 10th

Women's Bible Study (9:30 a.m.) – November 11th

Trustees (6:30 p.m.) – November 11th

Choir Practice (7:00 p.m.) – November 12th

Prayer Group (6:00 p.m.) – November 16th

Women's Bible Study (9:30 a.m.) – November 18th

Epilogue Group (11:30 a.m. Zem Zem Shrine Club) – November 18th

Council Meeting (6:30 p.m.) – November 18th

SPRC Meeting (6:30 p.m.) – November 19th

Choir Practice (7:00 p.m.) – November 19th

Prayer Group (6:00 p.m.) – November 23rd

Women's Bible Study (9:30 a.m.) – November 25th

Prayer Group (6:00 p.m.) – November 30th



Rev. Kathleen Schoeneck

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This is from the WPAUMC newsletter. I knew the writer, and wanted to share it with you all.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Kathleen

A Prayer for November

Gracious God, how can we express our thankfulness for the abundance of your mercies and the riches of your grace? Were we to write one million hymns, or draft one billion thank you notes, we would only scratch the surface of the height and depth of your love for us.

Everything that we have is a gift from your hand. We thank you for breath in our lungs, food on our tables, roofs over our heads, and clothes on our backs. We thank you for family and friends, colleagues and mentors, pastors and community leaders. We thank you for the freedoms we enjoy, the servants who protects us, and this land that we call home. We thank you for fall foliage, heat for our homes, and the rhythms of work and rest.

Above all, we thank you for Jesus Christ. While we were trapped in sin, and hostile toward you, Christ died for us, giving full expression to your unfailing love for us. As those so dearly loved by you, may we in turn extend your love to others. Turn our gratitude into generosity, prompting us to give others reason to be thankful. Make us merciful toward the broken, hospitable to the stranger, companions to the lonely, servants to the needy, and advocates for the oppressed. By your Spirit, may our posture of thanksgiving sanctify us, so that we more perfectly reflect the image of Christ.

This, we pray, in the mighty and strong name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

-Submitted by Rev. Tom Parkinson, Dutilh UMC, Central District

MISSION STATEMENT

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

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.

Come anytime!
Attendance is not mandatory.

November 1:	**Youth meeting at Lakewood 10:30 a.m.—11:45 a.m.**
November 8:	**Youth meeting at Lakewood 10:30 a.m.—11:45 a.m.**
November 11:	**Presentation to Trustees at Lakewood 6:20—7:00 p.m.**
November 15:	**Roller Skating at Gem City Skate 4:00—6:00 p.m.**
November 22—29:	**No Meeting**
December 6:	**Family Event: Advent by Candlelight 6:00—8:00 p.m.**
December 13:	**Youth meeting at Lakewood 10:30—11:45 a.m.**
December 20:	**Progressive Christmas Party 3:45—8:00 p.m.**

Contact Information
For questions and concerns please contact us any time.

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OCTOBER 2026 ATTENDANCE:

Average attendance for weekly in-person worship: 72

Average views of weekly livestream (Youtube): 87

Average weekly combined “attendance” for October: 159

Average weekly combined “attendance” to-date: 139

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Delaney Helsley	11/01
Cynthia Schneider	11/01
Jessie Vogt	11/02
Autumn Ferrante	11/04
Jennifer Sitter	11/04
Sharon Swanson	11/05
Mark Kennedy	11/06
Curt Spicher	11/06
Jailyn Bull	11/09
Robert Helsley Jr	11/09
Timothy Reinke	11/09
Beverly Shrum	11/09
Patricia Wilcox	11/11
Christine Tolbert	11/12
Susan Kardos	11/14
James Kell	11/15
Annastassia Pons	11/15
Beatrice Parker	11/16
Donna Moren	11/17
Sam Hasley	11/18
Julie Kostek	11/18
Ann Randall-Dill	11/18
Sara Renshaw	11/18
Emily Killian	11/19
Rachel Marsden	11/19
Carol Overbeck	11/19
Debbie Bisbee	11/20
Bonnie Patterson	11/22
Jeffrey Vogt Jr.	11/22
Judy Lipsitz	11/23
Becky Crays	11/24
Peter DeSantis	11/27
Rachel Dunmire	11/29
Norma Buerk	11/30
Jeanie Elwell	11/30
Madelyn Killian	11/30

Men's Group

The election day bake sale is on Tuesday, November 3. If you are making anything you can drop them off Monday during church hours or at 6:00 p.m. Monday evening. You can also drop them off at 931 Oakmont Ave on Monday.

United Women in Faith

UWIF will be meeting in November on Saturday, November 14. Sunday, November 1 will be the last day of our Foodless Food Drive for the West Millcreek food pantry. We signed up 5 or 6 new families this past Tuesday. Please remember the need is great!. We will also be collecting canned sweet potatoes for the pantry to give out for Thanksgiving! Also, don't forget to sign up for the new family Advent celebration!

LITTLE LIONS

Updates from Lakewood Preschool

October was an eventful month! It was fire safety month and we had a fire truck come visit the preschool. We just had our Halloween parties on Thursday and Friday. There is a lot of fall and Halloween artwork currently on display in the hallway.

We still have lots of exciting things planned, such as our food drive, kindness counts day, and we will be disguising turkeys.



CONGRATULATIONS to Don and Betty Adams on their 65th Wedding Anniversary.

Don and Betty were high school sweethearts and graduated together from McDowell in 1958.

They wed on November 25, 1961 at First Christian Church in Erie.

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."

Matthew 25:35



NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

TRACY AND ASBURY

DATE	PICKUP DRIVER	PACKING TEAM	DELIVERY DRIVER
NOV 04/05	R. Estes 10:30 a.m.	R. Estes 6:30 p.m.	J. Kot 10:00 a.m.
NOV 11/12	J. Kot 10:30 a.m.	C. Kot 11:30 a.m.	H. Kendall 10:00 a.m.
NOV 18/18	R. Pike 10:30 a.m.	K. Fisher 6:30 p.m.	R. Fisher 10:00 a.m.
NOV 23/24 MON/TUE	C. Spicher 10:30 a.m.	J. Goodman 10:00 a.m.	D. Turner 10:30 a.m.

Erie City Mission Volunteers Needed

Are you looking for an opportunity to directly serve those in need? Lakewood volunteers are needed on Sunday, November 15 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 p.m. We usually need about 10 volunteers so please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve.

Erie County CROP Hunger Walk

The Lakewood United Methodist Church team walked in the 51st annual Erie County CROP Hunger Walk on September 27. 11 people walked as part of the Lakewood team. Thanks to the generosity of the Lakewood congregation and the efforts of the volunteer walkers, Lakewood raised **$1,765** to help support food insecurity and safe water initiatives around the world. Thank you, Lakewood!

Council Update – November 2026

Our church ministries continue to make exciting progress as we seek to grow in faith, strengthen connections, and serve our neighbors. Here are a few updates on what God is doing through Lakewood!

Online Directory
We have made great progress on our online directory! We are working to add missing photos and connect with members who are unable to attend in person before moving forward with printing a picture directory. We are hopeful to have printed copies available in the new year.

Planning Retreat
Our overnight Planning Retreat will take place February 12–13 at the Edinboro Camp and Retreat Center. This will be a special time to pray, discern God's direction, and discuss next steps for growing faith within our church. Together, we will explore how we can strengthen discipleship and prepare to meet the needs of our neighbors.

Prayer Ministry
God is using our Prayer Ministry to reach beyond the walls of our church and into the community! More than 400 people viewed our Facebook post about the opportunity to pray at the Westlake Fire Department. The ministry continues to explore creative ways for people to experience prayer and deepen their connection with God. An Advent Prayer Service is also being discussed for December.

Mission Ministry
Lakewood has a heart for missions and supporting those in need. The Mission Ministry is looking for ways to expand our outreach and create more opportunities to serve. They would love to involve more people in planning and developing mission opportunities. If you have a passion for serving others or ideas for reaching our community, consider getting involved!

Family Outreach
Family Outreach is excited about building stronger connections between our church and preschool families! They are reimagining our annual Advent by Candlelight family event to make it more welcoming and inviting for new families. The team is also looking to grow the ministry by forming a planning team and surveying preschool families to learn more about their needs and how our church can support them.

As we continue to grow, we are reminded that real connections, growing faith, and serving others happen when we work together to share God's love. Thank you for the many ways you support the ministries of Lakewood and help us live out our mission in our church and community!

The next Council meeting will be Wednesday, November 18.