

Calendar of Events

Women's Bible Study (9:00 a.m.) - October 1st

Choir Practice (7:00 p.m.) - October 1st

World Communion Sunday – October 5th

Youth Group (10:30 a.m.) - October 5th

Men's Group Meeting (6:30 p.m.) – October 6th

Women's Bible Study (9:00 a.m.) – October 8th

Trustees (6:30 p.m.) - October 8th

Choir Practice (7:00 p.m.) - October 8th

Council Meeting (6:30 p.m.) – October 9th

UWF Meeting (10:00 a.m.) - October 11th

Pastor Appreciation Day – October 12th

Missions Meeting (6:30 p.m.) – October 14th

Women's Bible Study (9:00 a.m.) – October 15th

Epilogue (11:30 a.m. Roma's Italian Kitchen) – October 15th

Choir Practice (7:00 p.m.) – October 15th

SPRC Meeting (6:00 p.m.) – October 16th

Foodless Food Drive (Narthex) – October 19th

Youth Group (10:30 a.m.) - October 19th

Women's Bible Study (9:00 a.m.) – October 22nd

History of Presque Isle (6:30 p.m.) – October 22nd

Choir Practice (7:00 p.m.) - October 22nd

Foodless Food Drive (Narthex) – October 26th

Women's Bible Study (9:00 a.m.) – October 29th

Choir Practice (7:00 p.m.) – October 29th



Rev. Kathleen Schoeneck

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Meet our new district superintendent for the September 1, 2025 to July 31, 2026 year!

Rev. Lisa A. Grant

Lisa A. Grant is a retired elder(2022) in the Western Pennsylvania Conference

of the United Methodist Church. She served as lead pastor at Edinboro UMC, Christ Community UMC in Butler, First Bethel UMC in Bethel Park, and Epworth UMC in New Castle. Her ministry began as an associate pastor for Christ UMC in Bethel Park. She has also served the Annual Conference as the Director of Connectional Ministries.

Lisa is a native of Union City, PA who received her Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania (now Penn West University: Edinboro) and her Master of Divinity degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Her continuing education and professional development focused on spiritual formation, stewardship, worship arts, and United Methodist studies. She completed the two-year Academy for Spiritual Formation (#21) and has attended several five-day academies. She wrote the first manual for accountable covenant discipleship for youth.

Retreat and small group experience has made her a frequent leader for special events across the conference. She has also been a resource leader for numerous schools of mission in several Annual Conferences and Jurisdictional settings. The passion of her ministry is "the process of being conformed to the image of Christ by the work of the Holy Spirit for the sake others."

She is currently exploring the gifts of Celtic Christianity. Her joy comes from engaging with others who desire to go deeper in their faith journey.

In her spare time, Lisa will read, watch old movies, and spend time with family and friends.

We Welcome Rev. Lisa back to the Erie District!

God's Peace,

-Rev. Kathleen



LITTLE LESSONS Updates from Lakewood Preschool

Our Lakewood Preschool has rebounded from the COVID slowdown! ALL of the Pre-K and 3 year old classes are full! Additionally, there are about 60 children registered for the Toddler and Me classes which are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Please remember that for the safety of the children and staff, all doors must be kept locked. The doors are unlocked during arrival time, 9:45 - 10:00 a.m. The Toddler and Me classes will enter through the rear doors into Fellowship Hall. If you see any of our little folks and their family, please give them a warm Lakewood welcome!

A SEGMENT FROM FINANCE

Thank you for your continued giving to Lakewood. Because of your commitment to your church, Lakewood is able to help others learn and know the love of Jesus. Lakewood is able to help others because of your time and financial commitments. The community is a better place because of your gifts. We will enter October with expenses and contributions about equal. Thank you!

Please follow the weekly giving trends in the bulletin. Your giving is a blessing!

God Loves a Cheerful Giver!

2025 SCHOLARSHIPS

Lakewood 2025 scholarship applications are now available in the Narthex. Applicants should be members of Lakewood United Methodist Church, attending a college, trade school or advanced education beyond high school. A short essay is required with your application including information about (you) the applicant, your goals and how you will use the scholarship money. Please return your application and essay in an envelope marked "Trustees" to the church office as soon as possible.

Mission Statement:

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

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



OCTOBER SCHEDULE TRACY AND ASBURY

DATE	PICKUP DRIVER	PACKING TEAM	DELIVERY DRIVER
OCT 01/02	R. Estes	R.Estes	J. Kot
	10:30 a.m.	6:30 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
OCT 10/11	J. Kot	C. Kot	H. Kendall
	10:30 a.m.	11:30 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
OCT 17/18	R. Pike	K. Fisher	R. Fisher
	10:30 a.m.	6:30 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
OCT 24/25	C. Spicher	J. Goodman	J. Rhone
	10:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
OCT 29/30	C. Spicher	M. Spicher	C. Spicher
	10:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

UWF will be having a Foodless Food Drive benefitting the West Millcreek Food Pantry on the last two Sundays in October. Sunday, October 19 and Sunday, October 26 we will be in the narthex after the worship service to gratefully receive your donations. This has been a really hard year for food pantries. Between budget cuts and rising prices many are struggling. Millcreek isn't usually thought of as a food insecure area, but I think you would be surprised at how many people in our neighborhoods need our help! Please give what you can, every donation makes a difference.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, October 11 at 10 a.m. in the library. We will be discussing Advent by Candlelight!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Danny Bortner 10/01 Rae Lynn Belknap 10/02 **Bonnie Heiges** 10/02 Lisa Medina 10/02 Kim Bowers 10/04 Sarah Bull 10/05 Charles Gierach 10/05 BaileyGrace Sitter 10/05 Pat Abraham 10/06 Danielle Bennett 10/06 Lauren Steele 10/09 10/13 Nancy Briggs David Buerk 10/16 John Kot 10/16 Sadie Ferrante 10/17 Joan Galbraith 10/18 Russell Lasher 10/18 10/19 Rose Helsley Aaron Patterson 10/20 Alyssa Jackson 10/21 Patricia Flick 10/22 10/22 Anita Seon Christian Olson 10/23 Dominic Hoffer 10/24 David Garnon 10/28 Joel Vogt 10/28 Jeffrey Stoll 10/29 Berry Day 10/31 Alana Reinke 10/31 Susan Toner 10/31

Council Update

<u>Discipleship Survey:</u> Council is asking that you take a few minutes to share your thoughts on discipleship at our church. Your feedback will help us better serve our community and support your spiritual growth. All responses are confidential.

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.

Please consider how you are currently strengthening your relationship with Jesus and how we as a church can support your growth.

Click on the following link to participate in the survey: Discipleship Survey

<u>Ministry Reflection:</u> Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts and reflections about the ministry at Lakewood. As you respond, consider your personal experiences with ministry at our church, areas where you have seen growth and impact and opportunities for improvement or new ideas. You can do this as an individual or with a small group of people.

Be honest, respectful, and prayerful in your reflections. All responses will remain confidential and will be used to guide future ministry planning.

Click on the following link to share your thoughts on ministry: Ministry Reflection

The next Council meeting will be Thursday, October 9 at 6:30 p.m.

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



SEPTEMBER 2025 ATTENDANCE:

Average attendance for weekly in-person worship: 71

Average views of weekly livestream (Youtube): 49

Average weekly combined "attendance" for September: 120

Average weekly combined "attendance" to-date for 2025: 119



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.

October 5: Youth meeting at Lakewood 10:30 am – 11:45 am

October 12: Adventure Erie Mini Golf 1:00 – 3:00 pm

October 19: Youth meeting at Lakewood 10:30 am – 11:45 am

October 26: District Youth Event: Halloween Party

South Harborcreek UMC 4:00 – 7:00 pm

November 2: Youth meeting at Lakewood 10:30 am – 11:45 am

November 9: Youth meeting at Lakewood 10:30 am – 11:45 am

November 16: Event TBD

November 23: Youth meeting at Lakewood 10:30 am – 11:45 am

November 30: Youth meeting at Lakewood 10:30 am – 11:45 am

December 7: Youth meeting at Lakewood 10:30 am – 11:45 am

December 14: Youth meeting at Lakewood 10:30 am – 11:45 am

December 21: Christmas Progressive Dinner

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

MEN'S GROUP UPDATES

The Men's Group will be meeting on Monday, October 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the church library.

There will be a speaker from Presque Isle's education department on Monday, October 22 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Women's Bible Study

The Wednesday morning women's Bible study group will now be meeting at 9:00 a.m.