

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

June 2 ~ 7:00 p.m. Missions Committee Mtg
June 5 ~ 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Rummage Sale
June 6 ~ 9:00 to 1:00 p.m. Rummage Sale
June 7 ~ Church Service Summer Hours Begin
8:30 am and 10:00 am
~ Prayer and Anointing after each service
~ 11:15 a.m. Sunday School Teachers Meeting
June 9 ~ 6:30 p.m. SPRC Meeting
June 11 ~ 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting
June 11 - 14 ~ Annual Conference - at Grove City
June 17 ~ 11:15 Epilogue at Venango
June 22 ~ 6:30 VBS Decorations Committee Pizza and
Salad Party
June 24 ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Church Council Meeting
June 25 ~ 7:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee Meeting
June 27 ~ 11:00 - 1:00 p.m. Bike Rodeo

Summer Service Hours
8:30 am and 10:00 am
June through August



WORDS TO LIVE BY

“Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.”
— John Wesley

LAKWOOD ATTENDANCE

The average worship attendance during the month of May was 155. The average worship attendance for the year is 162.



Lakewood Window

Lakewood United Methodist Church

June, 2015

Thanks Dad, For The Best Day Ever

Sometimes we men are so results-driven we forget that relationships don't necessarily work that way. Case in point. One day a successful businessman took his 12-year old son fishing. The night before, they organized all the fishing poles and tackle, secured the boat on the car and went out and bought the bait.

Early the next morning they set out for the lake. They rowed to what seemed like a good spot and fished...for hours. They tried first this place, then another...but to no avail. Not a nibble. Not a bite. They didn't catch a single fish. At the end of the day they packed up their gear and drove home mostly in silence. It seemed like a wasted day.

Later that night, while preparing for bed, the father mentioned to his wife what a waste of time he thought the whole venture had been. "I don't think so," she countered. "I have something I think will change your mind."

She went into the other room and returned with the son's diary. She said that while helping him do his homework, he had shown her what he had written for that day's entry: "*Best day of my life. Dad and I went fishing.*"

As fathers, sometimes it's just our presence that counts to our children. That's the "results" to them. Perhaps you've heard the old cliché? How do you spell *love*? Answer: T-I-M-E.

One family counselor I know says that the only way to ensure his children are on his busy calendar is by putting them on his busy calendar! You can open his organizer and see their names right there along with his other appointments. This little practice has helped him keep his children a true priority in his life.

The Bible tells us that as fathers we are to rear our children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. But we can't do that very well when we're constantly out of the house and away from them.

How about you? Does your child need your undivided time and attention? Ask God to help you make your family the priority He wants it to be.

Who knows? You may yet treat your child to the best day of his or her life! And maybe even yours.

Adapted from "Quiet Whispers from God's Heart for Men" by Steve Farrar 1999



Rev. Bob Lewis

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Taking a Vacation?

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul." Psalm 23:1-3a.

Are you taking a vacation this summer? Where are you going – any place special or just a stay-cation, where you stay at home?

I recently took a mini-vacation in order to go canoeing. Over the Memorial Day weekend I went paddling on the lower French Creek and the Clarion River, two beautiful stretches of water. I enjoyed being outdoors, sharing time with a friend and observing the beauty of God's Creation.

And for the first time in many years, I slept in on a Sunday morning. I *didn't* go to a worship service. In a way, for this preacher, it felt good to break the routine. But something unexpected happened on Monday morning. I felt odd, out of sorts, off-kilter.

As much as I enjoyed canoeing, I had not been connecting with God. I was doing my own "thing." I was out of my routine – not having my daily prayer and devotions. And I truly missed worshipping with a faith community. Sure, a little extra sleep felt good, but I was feeling disconnected from God.

How easy it is for many people to slide into a routine where they leave God out of their lives – forgetting to talk to Him, failing to notice and give thanks for God's many blessings and losing that conscious awareness of God's presence. We can easily become mindless in going about our business, in a kind of spiritual sleep.

It's not that they, or I, were doing anything *bad*, in fact we may very well be engaging in good behaviors, like exercising, taking time for our family, or pursuing a favorite hobby. Good stuff! But God slowly gets edged out of the picture. Instead of mindful awareness of God, we go about our business in a mindless way, unaware.

Are you taking a vacation this summer? Well, good for you! I pray, however, that you find ways to keep your conscious awareness of God's presence alive when you're out of your daily routine. Take along a daily devotion. Make time for daily prayer. Find a church, wherever you are, to worship on Sunday morning. Keep in touch with Lakewood through the weekly emails, or read a sermon online at our website, www.lakewooderie.org. Make an effort to stay spiritually alive and in touch with God.

Imagine what would happen if God took a vacation from us! Horrors! Don't you drift away from God and allow your relationship with Him to grow stale while you're away. In other words, don't take a vacation from God. I'll look for you in church, next time you're in town.

~ Love in Christ, Pastor Bob

PS – Don't forget your offering envelopes while you're away on vacation. Lakewood doesn't get a vacation from its monthly bills. And thanks for your support!

Genesis 1:31 (NIV)

³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

WALK TO END HOMELESSNESS – Join EUMA for the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community on **Sat, June 6th** at Presque Isle State Park, Beach One. This event is presented and organized by Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield for nonprofits like EUMA, so 100% of the money you raise for your 5K walk (or optional one mile walk) will assist us in ending homelessness in Northwestern PA. Registration starts at 7:45AM and the Walk starts at 9 AM. Register online from our website at www.euma-erie.org, and be sure to check out the challenge from our executive director.

Team - Christ UMC is only \$120 ahead of Team Lakewoodians. The team who donates the most dollars earns the honor of having the director, Kurt Crays, walk from the Refuge out to our church. Lakewood is a little further than Christ Church. Let's really make Kurt sweat by winning the title. Please, won't you donate to the Lakewoodian team, or become a walker and help get sponsors? Thanks!

UMW RUMMAGE SALE NEWS

By the time you are reading this the Spring Rummage Sale will be in full swing! Set up will be June 1st- June 4th if necessary. If you could spare an hour or two, we would really appreciate your time. People will be at the church from 9 am straight thru into the evening for set up. We have sitting jobs, standing jobs, sorting and display design! The preschool is selling their extra chairs at the rummage sale to raise money for new chairs. Something for everyone!

Lunch, snacks and drinks will be provided. You may also drop off rummage during these hours. On Thursday evening we will be having a "Friends & Family Sale" 5 pm-8 pm. On Friday June 5th the sale will be open to the public from 5 pm-8 pm, and 9 am- 1 pm on Saturday.

Don't panic if you haven't done your spring cleaning yet! We will be having our fall sale the end of August. Rummage can be left on the stage all summer! Any left over shoes will be donated to the shoe collection for the Refuge and books will be saved for the September book

Next UMW Meeting .

A summer breakfast picnic is planned for July 11, at Bev's House starting at 9:00 am. Bring a breakfast item and ideas to share.

HOT DOG AND BAKED GOODS SELLERS NEEDED!

The Paraguay Mission team needs your help on Saturday, June 6, during the Rummage Sale, to help with the hot dog and bake sale. A sign up sheet with times is in the Narthex or you can contact Jackie Garnon. Thank you!



\$1100 RECEIVED BY OUR CHURCH!

With our Energy cost - savings program in which many of you are participating, the church has currently received credits of over \$1100. If you would like to participate in guaranteed savings on both your gas and electric bills, and help the church even more, contact Fred or Jackie Garnon, 833-3267, to enroll.

Church Council is Working on a Busy Agenda with our Church Committees

Trustees-

- ◆ Currently making plans to update the Sound System in the sanctuary with an improved booth for the sound and projection and better vision for the congregation.
- ◆ Live streaming of services is also being looked at to better serve our shut-ins.
- ◆ The Fellowship Hall needs renovation to make it more attractive and functional for church activities.
- ◆ Safe Sanctuary: The new policy that meets Conference guidelines will be voted on soon.
- ◆ Painting projects around church
- ◆ Organizing storage areas

Missions Report-

- ◆ Chris Paul reported our church will be serving at the City Mission again in July. Look for the dates and sign up sheet in the near future.
- ◆ The Habitat for Humanity home is still in progress, and the shoe collection is in full swing. The Highmark Walk is coming up June 6th. So far Pastor Chris Paul, and Lisa Karle are the "Lakewoodians" walking, but members of the congregation are sponsoring them. Pastor Bob reported that in our contest with Christ UMC, they are ahead of us in pledges by \$120. Pastor Bob encouraged us to spread the word to pledge so the head of EUMA would have to walk to Lakewood (which is farther than Christ UMC! As Pastor Bob says, "Let's make him sweat!")

Evangelism- The Popcorn Pop-In ministry is going well.

- ◆ The 4th of July parade is being headed up by Jeremiah Bull.
- ◆ Jeff Barr is looking into the possibility of an evening at a Sea Wolves game.

Paraguay Mission Team

Our trip is fast approaching! We asked Sue Givens (director of New Horizon School in Paraguay) to provide a list of useful items that we could bring to the children. A box will be set up in the Narthex for donations. We will be collecting donations through the end of June. Thank you for your continued support.

Art Supplies:

Construction paper (This is a luxury in Paraguay and very much enjoyed by the children)
White board markers dry erase – Colors!
Colored pencils (They do not need crayons)
Sharpies, fine and broad - Colors! (They do not need the big or coloring type markers)
Stickers

Clothing: (all sizes - doesn't have to be new, just in good condition)

Sweatshirts - zip up is good, but any kind
Sneakers
T-shirts
Casual dresses
Shorts outfits

Toys:

Matchbox Cars
Frisbees
Deflated soccer balls, volley balls, basketballs



LIBERTY HOUSE REFUGE FOOD PANTRY

All of these ministries share the same need.

Food and Personal Care Items

Cereal, peanut butter, coffee, sugar, ketchup, mustard, toilet paper, laundry soap, dish soap, hand soap, shampoo, a variety of food items.

There are containers in the Narthex for your donations



Got
Shoes?

Lakewood is still collecting old shoes for missions. EUMA and All God's Children Ministries/Ramps of Hope are holding the Third Annual Shoe Drive to raise funds for our missions. Our congregation is doing a great job of collecting old, unwanted pairs of shoes (in any condition). The shoes will be recycled through Funds2orgs, and our missions will receive money based on a per pound rate.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CONSIDERING NEW MINISTRY

The "Birthday Bag Ministry" for Children of food pantry clients would serve about 100 children under the age of 12. UMW is considering contacting other churches in Millcreek to see if they are interested in helping us with this big undertaking. Each bag would contain a cake mix, frosting and candles and a small age - appropriate gift or two. Without this ministry, some of these children won't be able to celebrate their special day.



CALLING ALL BAKERS!!

Your donation of yummy goodies (including things like Chex mix) is needed for Friday evening and Saturday, June 5 and 6, during the Rummage Sale. Items packaged in small amounts sell better, for example 2, 4 or 6 cookies in a baggie. Cupcakes did not sell well last year. You can drop off your donation anytime on Friday or Saturday. Proceeds benefit this summer's mission trip to Paraguay. Thank you for all of your help!

All Sunday School classes (preschool – Adult) are participating in a Mission project for April and May. We have collected money for the Refuge each Sunday to Help the Homeless. Currently there are 10 families at the refuge, consisting of 22 Children. Our total Sunday donations were **\$97.00** and EUMA will matched this for a total of **-----!**

WHO IS GOING TO PARAGUAY?

We have 8 people from Lakewood and 1 from Fairview UMC going to Paraguay. Lisa Medina and Fred and Jackie Garnon will be there for 2 weeks, July 24 - August 8. Richard and Margueritta Estes, Sue Hoffer, Russ and Kathy Fisher and Samantha Cox will be in Paraguay July 31 - August 8. We covet your prayers. Monetary donations may be designated on your envelope for Paraguay. If you choose to write a separate check, it can be made out to LUMC Paraguay Fund. With our own personal financial commitments and various fundraisers, we are nearing the needed amount and ask for your support in reaching our goal. Gracias!

Please Sign the pew pads. It assists the Pastor.

SERMONS ON LINE

If you missed a Sunday Worship Service, Pastor Bob's sermons are posted on our web site (www.lakewooderie.org). Go to the home page and click on the "Home" button and a menu will drop down. Locate the link "Sermons" and click on it and a list of sermons will show up. Find the Sunday date or the sermon title you are interested in, click on it and the sermon will appear. You can read it on line or print it out. May's sermons :

May 3rd - "Love is a Verb"

May 10th - "Salute to Mothers"

May 17th - " Lift Jesus Higher"

May 24th - "What Does the Lord Require?"

Guest Speaker (No transcript)

May 31st - "Wisdom: Making good Choices"

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY

James MacDonald

Condolences to Millie MacDonald upon the death of her son, James MacDonald, who passed away Friday, May 21, 2015. Services were held Wednesday, May 27th, at Burton All Faiths Chapel, with burial with full military honors at Erie County Memorial Gardens.

Epilogue Meets June 17th

Attendees will meet at the church at 11:15 am and carpool to Venango Valley Inn. Please contact Karen Mencer at 864.1683 with your reservation.

WESBURY SUNSET AUXILIARY NEWS

There have been several generous donations over this past year to the Sunset Auxiliary for our (Methodist) Wesbury Retirement Community, 31 North Park Avenue in Meadville. Many of Lakewood's members joined the Sunset Auxiliary on Wesbury Sunday last May. Thank you also to our anonymous donors for their generosity. Your kindness has blessed and touched many lives.

The Sunset Auxiliary raised nearly \$5000 from the Annual Chicken & Ribs Barbeque, rummage and book sales to purchase the following items for Wesbury residents: a gas grill for the Memory Support Center, a DVD player for the Memory Support Center, Cribbs Dining Room Sweepers, High Intensity lighting for the Cribbs Library and chairs for the lounge area outside the Cribbs Dining Room.

Wesbury residents are very grateful to the Sunset Auxiliary and the network of churches (like Lakewood) for the many necessities they have purchased for them over the years.



KIDS' BICYCLE SAFETY RALLY

3856 West 10th Street (2 blocks west of Powell Avenue)

Free and Open to All

June 27, 2015

11 am to 1 pm

Riding Course, Games, Bike & Helmet inspection, Snacks

Sponsored by: Lakewood UMC Cub Scout Pack 104

With support from:

LECOM, Safe Kids Erie, Erie Co. Dept. of Health, & AAA



June

BIRTHDAYS

6/1 BELKNAP Jr., Denny
6/3 KNIGHT, Charles
6/4 ADAMS, Betty
6/5 FISHER, Megan
6/5 PATTERSON, Brian
6/6 CASANE, Trevor
6/6 GWITT, Stephanie
6/6 SPORE, Joshua
6/9 FOURSPRING, Phyllis
6/12 LAMANNA, Frank
6/12 LEWIS, Barbara
6/13 LOGAN, Rodney
6/13 WILKINSON, Jeff
6/15 KARLE, James
6/18 BROWN, Carl
6/20 ADAMS, Donald
6/21 KELL, Christine
6/21 WILKINSON, Kieren
6/22 BLAIR, Martha
6/22 SKELLIE, Sara
6/23 FAUSTINE, Judith
6/23 REA, Kaine
6/24 KETTERING, Lynn
6/24 WHITFORD, Sandy
6/25 DAVIS, Jennifer
6/25 SCHMIDT, Katelynn
6/27 LAPP, Margaret
6/27 PENCE, Logan
6/28 FARVER, Betty
6/28 MYERS, Zachary

Proverbs 9:11 (NIV)

For through wisdom your days will be many, and years will be added to your life.

Odd's n Ends

Welcome back to Jen Thomas in the Nursery.

New Church Directory will be Available Soon.

The Lakewood Association yard sale will be June 13.

Camping Opportunities

There are many camp choices - where the summer camping adventure begins!

Camp Allegheny, Camp Jumonville
Wesley Woods

Check the list of many camping opportunities on the bulletin board outside of the church office. There is one that is just right for you! Sign up to reserve a spot. And why not invite a friend or two to experience church camp with you?

Congratulations Graduates

Wherever you go,
go with all your heart.



- Confucius

Carl Brown - McDowell High School

Cindy Brown - Penn State Behrend, Nursing degree

Amy Estes - Villa Maria Academy

Jamie Lewis - McDowell High School

Andus Logan - Walters State College,
Associate degree in Business

Tyler Logan - King University, BA in Youth Ministry

Samantha McClelland - McDowell High School

Kat Dolan - Nova Southeastern University.

Sarah Bull - Nova Southeastern University.

Both Kat and Sarah earned a Master of Arts Degree in Teaching and Learning K-12 Technology Integration.

Church League Softball

Tony Roussos is working with Summit UMC looking for a place to play. When this is accomplished a date for the first game will be chosen. Come out and play or cheer for the team.

New Custodian Hired

Financial News:

Thanks to your continued financial generosity, Lakewood has erased its budget deficit and will be entering the summer months with contributions being slightly greater than expenses. Let's keep this trend going! When vacations and weekend trips abound, please remember to do your part. Lakewood needs your continued support.

May you always have enough. May Lakewood always have enough because of you.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."(1 Peter 4:10)

THANK YOU to our Sunday School Teachers for sharing your gifts: Pre School - Bev Shrum and Megan Lewis, K2 - Jessie Vogt, 3-5 Grade - Nora Smith, 6-8 Grade - Pam Anthony, 9 - 12th Grade - Larry Thompson, Adults - Mary Gieb and Jim and Lisa Karle. Enjoy your Summer and God Bless!

The Road to Emmaus: A Walking and Wellness Campaign

It's finally summer! The good weather beckons us to spend more time outdoors being active. This is a perfect time to become involved with our first wellness event here at Lakewood. The newly formed Lakewood Health Ministry Team is offering a summer walking campaign entitled "The Road to Emmaus: A Walking and Wellness Campaign."

The Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-49) tells the story of two disciples who, unknowingly, share their journey with Christ, and experience all dimensions of well-being. They walked together accompanied by Christ (physical well-being). They talked, listened and told the story (emotional well-being). Christ interpreted scripture and taught them (intellectual) well-being). They talked and discussed (social well-being). Christ broke bread with them and their eyes were opened (spiritual well-being). Christ received their generosity and stayed with them (financial well-being).

In this story, we are reminded that Christ walks with us. Through the grace of Christ Jesus we have the promise of abundant life---here and now. We invite you to walk The Road to Emmaus and bring a friend or two.

This campaign was designed to integrate faith and health. As you walk you are invited to ponder questions related to each dimension of the Wholeness Wheel. Each week encourages you to practice a new spiritual discipline. It is our hope that throughout the journey you will grow in your relationship with God and become more centered, as well as gain awareness of those dimensions of the Wholeness Wheel that are in need of nurture in yourself.

After seven weeks of walking, reflecting and practicing spiritual disciplines you will be invited to set a SMART Goal. We encourage you to find an accountability partner who will support you, check in with you and pray for you as you seek to make a lifestyle change---for your well-being.

Blessings to you as you seek to live out your baptismal call: to live well as a whole and holy person of God---so that you might pass on the faith!

That it may be well with you,

Lakewood Health Ministry Team

The Road to Emmaus Walking and Wellness Campaign (free!) will begin the week of July 12 and end August 30. The Road to Emmaus packets will be available in the narthex the last week in June and first week of July. Please sign up in the narthex and take a packet if you are going to participate. Let this be a journey that will strengthen your faith and nurture each part of your being!