

LUMC'S COMMUNITY REVELATIONS

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Lacey United Methodist Church

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A CALL TO REPENTANCE

The
Season
of
Lent



Joel 2: 12 – 17: “Now, therefore,” says the Lord,
“Turn to me with all your heart,
With fasting, with weeping, and
With mourning.”
So rend your heart, and not your
garments;
Return to the Lord your God,
For He is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger, and of great
kindness;
And he relents from doing harm.

Who knows if He will turn and relent,
And leave a blessing behind Him –
A grain offering and a drink offering
For the Lord your God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion,
Consecrate a fast,
Call a sacred assembly;
Gather the people,
Sanctify the congregation,
Assemble the elders,

Gather the children and the nursing babes;
Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber,
And the bride from her dressing room,
Let the priests, who minister to the Lord,
Weep between the porch and the altar;
Let them say, “Spare Your people, O Lord,
And do not give Your heritage to reproach,
That the nations should rule over them.



Why should they say among the peoples, “Where is their God?”

Join us on Sundays at 9AM for virtual worship!

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/LaceyUMCNJ/> or Web: laceyumc.org



LENTEN VESPERS

Join Pastor Jonathan for Lenten Vespers on Wednesdays at 5:30pm during Lent. Each week Pastor Jonathan will lead evening prayers and teach about different spiritual disciplines that will strengthen your faith journey. The services will be streamed live on LUMC's Facebook page and LUMC's website. If you know someone that doesn't have internet access, they can call and listen to the service. Please call the office and let Joann know the person(s) that would like to listen to the service by phone. Please remember these services are virtual only; there will not be in-person services on Wednesday nights.

COMMEMORATIVE BRICK PAVER ORDERS

The first round of Commemorative Brick Paver orders will be submitted on March 15th. The brick pavers will be placed around the bell enclosure, flag pole, and LUMC sign. All previously placed orders will be submitted on March 15th. A 4 X 8 inch paver is \$50.00 (includes 3 lines with 18 characters per line, including spaces). An 8 X 8 inch paver is \$100.00 (includes 6 lines with 18 characters per line, including spaces). Symbols, which are optional, are \$10.00. If you didn't receive an order form via email, you can order directly at www.bricksrus.com/order/lumc . Contact Elaine Brandt at (732) 991-2155 or the LUMC Office for more info.

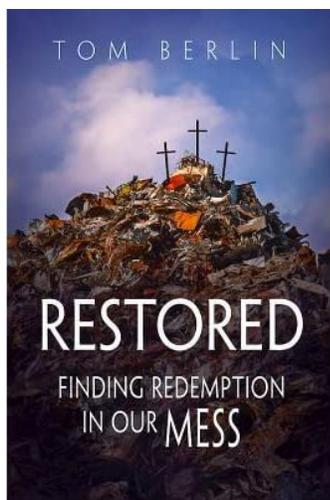
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

*We are in need of additional ushers at Sunday worship service. Usher responsibilities include ensuring proper safety protocol is being followed and guiding guests to and from their seats. If interested, please contact Sherry Exel at (609) 290-6682 or the LUMC Office for more info.

*We are forming a committee to discuss upcoming events and fundraising opportunities for 2021. If you would like to be a part of the committee or have suggestions for ways we can move forward with events this year, please reach out to the LUMC Office.

RESERVE YOUR SEAT

In-person worship has resumed. Due to social distancing protocol, advance reservations are required! Please contact the LUMC Office with questions concerning in-person worship.



LENTEN BOOK STUDY HAS BEGUN!

Pastor Jonathan has been leading a Lenten Book Study on the book "Restored: Finding Redemption In Our Mess" by Rev. Tom Berlin. If you would like to grow spiritually this Easter Season, this study is a wonderful opportunity. If you would like to be a part of the book study, please contact the LUMC Office at (609) 693-5222.

Often, we make a mess of our lives and wonder if there is any redemption. In this book, pastor and author Tom Berlin helps us see our mess through the eyes of Christ to find redemption and restoration. Using Scripture, devotional tools, and the writings of Ignatius of Loyola, John of the Cross, St. Augustine, John Wesley, Evelyn Underhill, and others, Berlin encourages reflection and meditation through our own brokenness. Only then can we focus on the cross as the place where we truly surrender control, leave our mess, and find redemption.



YOU WILL BE MISSED

When I received the phone call of Fred Weidemann's passing on Valentine's Day it felt like my heart just sank. After I realized what I had just been told, tears just came down my cheeks as if a faucet was just turned on. I watched the beautiful memorial service that was held via Facebook and it was apparent how many people loved this man. I know that if we weren't in the middle of a pandemic, there would have been people standing outside to honor Fred! Kenny Pitman and Chip Marshall sang an appropriate Vince Gill song in Hawaiian shirts

as a tribute to Fred. *Go rest high on that mountain. Son, your work on earth is done. Go to heaven a-shoutin'. Love for the Father and the Son.*

Frank Coram, who was in Flipside with Fred, performed "The House of the Rising Sun" on acoustic guitar to finish off the service. Flipside performed Classic Rock from the 50s, 60s and 70s. Elaine Brandt also mentioned the Alan Price-penned tune made famous by The Animals in her speech. Brandt was one of many who rose to say kind words about the man. Pastor Jonathan even emphasized how important music was to Fred. *Oh, how we cried the day you left us. We gathered around your grave to grieve. Wish I could see the angels' faces. When they hear your sweet voice sing.*

I didn't know Fred as long as many of those who spoke, but the man made a lasting impression. I actually first met him before I attended LUMC at a Wizards of Winter concert at the Count Basie Theater in Red Bank. Rick and Debbie Waddell introduced Lori and I to him and Darlene. Always smiling, his witty comments, along with Ed Weisbrot's, kept me going during the rehearsals for "Three Wise Men and a Baby." I do have to say that I felt a little intimidated singing next to him in the show after hearing his vocal prowess with the Praise Team and the Lacey Guys. I knew I would get a "like" on my Facebook Page from him when I posted info about the New York Yankees. Fred, it was a pleasure knowing you in this life and just like everyone who has conversed with you at some point, I was made the better for it.

God Bless, Dominic Gregoria

SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS

Lacey UMC is excited to welcome everyone back to Sunday School! Sunday School will be resuming in-person on March 14, 2021 and will take place in Fellowship Hall following safety protocol (masks, social distancing, etc.) already in place. Children will start the morning in worship and transition to Sunday School after the Children's Message from Pastor Jonathan. Please let us know by March 5th if your children are interested in participating in Sunday School. If you have any questions, contact the LUMC Office at (609) 693-5222 or Eric De La Cruz at (609) 709-9713.

EASTER PLANT ORDERS

Orders are being taken for the 2021 Lacey UMC Easter Plant Sale. They are on a first-come, first served basis. Unfortunately, there is no choice of color for flowers. Payment is due when the order is placed. Orders are due by Sunday, March 28th. 6-inch pots include Daffodils (\$6.00), Hydrangeas (\$17.00) and Easter Lilies (\$8.00). 8-inch pots include Hyacinths (\$10.00) and Tulips (\$15.00). For info or orders, contact LUMC Office or Monique at Sunflowers Florist at (732) 492-1494.

Free
Boxed Meal
Distribution

Call to register!
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
12:00PM - 1:00PM

If you wish to participate, please contact the LUMC Office to tell us how many meals your family needs. Meals will be distributed behind the church building. A church member will place the meals in your car. Home delivery is not available.

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*“And just when I
ran out of road*

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*I met a man I
didn't know*

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*And he told me
that I was not
alone.”*

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***Maverick City
UPPERROOM
&
Dante Bowe***

LACEY UMC'S HOPE CHEST

FOOD PANTRY

Open Tuesdays & Thursdays

12PM - 2PM

You do not need to register in advance to visit the food pantry!

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