

<>< *Lacey United Methodist Church Prayer Page* ><>

<>< YOUR WILL, LORD GOD, BE DONE ~ NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS, NOTHING ELSE ><>

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Covid sufferers & Care Givers; Lois Pozsar; Patrick Jemas; Paul H.; Helen Wooley; Gary; Sally Potter; Gary; Levi Kern; Greg R.; Frank Huscha; Rich Rosfjord; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Sara Carpini; Ronnie Sadowski; Nancy & Rev. George Reid; Dorothy Cochran; Andrea Almeida; Betty Carty; Cindy Kuch; Linda & John Ansbach; Bill Wehner; Rich C.; Chris Mignone; Denise Applegate; Randy M.; Michelle Reyes; Lois; Sue & Rich Newman; Dawn Slate; Gail Matuska; Monika & Fred Sisbarro; Marilyn Slate; Shirley; Aubrey; Betty Carhart; Rosalie Mulvaney; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Frank & Mary Timmerman; Cynthia Pedemonti; Andrea Schenker; Helen DeLa Cruz; Peg Bea; Shannon Callaghan; Will Cotton; Carole Exel; Patricia Potter; Susan Schlotter; Joan McGavin; Phyllis Smith; Bill & Becky Buglione; Lorraine; Katrina & Peter Borchester; Sally & Don McErlean; Pat Grant; our whole Church Family.

For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss ~ Phil DePasquale Family; Mandie Buron Family; Vincent Mielnicki Family; Eugene Dow Family; Kim Hoffman Family; Rita Peters Family; Wright Family.

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ For the birth of Levi Jared Kern to parents Luke & Evelyn Kern! Thanks be to God for answered prayer!

For Those Serving in the Military ~ Peter Borchester; Jordyn Breur; Kevin Carhart; Luke Derflinger; Randall D. Donithan; Ellen Hammer; Gavin Hammer D'Adamo; Raymond Kitson; T. Ryan McDonald; Ryan Palmieri; Daniel Schenker; Jason Schenker; for all Soldiers; Sailors; Marines; Airmen; and Guards-Men/Women of our Armed Forces.

For the Ministries of our Church ~ Bible Studies; Christian Education; Community Outreach; DOC Connection Ministries; Extension Ministries; Finance Team; Healing Ministries; Hope Chest Food Pantry; Hospitality & Welcoming Team; Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe; Music Programs; How It Works and Why; AA Group; Senior Ministries; SHALOM for the Homeless; Stewardship Team; Summer Lunch for Lacey's Kids; The Tuesday & Thursday Hot Lunch Mission; Youth Ministries.

For Greater NJ Annual Conference ~ Bishop John & Beverly Schol; DS Rev. Ronell Howard; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas ~ People of Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela; North Carolina, North Dakota; Lacey Township Committee, Leaders & First Responders; Senators; Congressmen and leaders of our United States of America; Uniting of all American political parties; President Joe Biden & Vice President Kamala Harris; Gov. Murphy, NJ Officials working to end CoVid19; Praying an outpouring of God's spiritual renewal and healing of all the people of America.



Lacey United Methodist Church

October 1, 2023



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Head of the Church ~ Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God
Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Barbara Birdsall
Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Dominic Gregoria
Music Director: Dawn Slate Special Music: Betty Carhart
Guest Music Director: Christine Urban
Welcoming Team: Lori Osborn & Deb Waddell
Head Ushers: Sherry Exel & Rick Waddell

Thank You to All Who Share Their Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, Witness & Time!
All Music Used with Permission – CCL#2274807

Welcome in the Name of Jesus Christ to All Visitors, Members, Family and Friends!

** Please feel free to rise in body or spirit*

Prelude, Welcome, and Announcements

***Hymn *Since Jesus Came into My Heart* TFWS 2140**

***Call to Worship**

God is calling you today. **Help us to hear God's call in our lives.**

God needs your gifts and graces to help others.

May we use the blessings which God has given us to benefit others. Come, let us worship and celebrate God's love for us.

Let us show our faithfulness in our words and actions. Amen.

Prayers for Healing

Prayer for Illumination

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul.

Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalter: Psalm 146 UMH 858

Gospel Lesson: Mark 12:28-31

Message: "How to Work for Racial Justice"

***Hymn *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* UMH 526**

***Affirmation of Faith UMH 886**

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Anthem: Gospel Medley

***Doxology UMH 95**

Prayer of Dedication

Holy God of infinite patience and grace, we bring our offerings today knowing that our actions too often don't live up to our intentions and aspirations. When calling ourselves Christians, we announce ourselves as followers of Christ, knowing how many times our choices have made us unrecognizable as his disciples. Yet you wait patiently for us to find our way back to the path. May our giving this day and our living reflect our desire to be on the path that would be recognized as faithful to the Savior, in whose blessed name we pray. Amen.

Hymn *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* UMH 404

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

How often, O Lord, have we believed that the greatest commandment is our love for ourselves solely. We have not heard the cries of those in need; we have turned our backs on opportunities to serve you by serving others. Many times we have thought only of our own wants and desires and ignored the needs of others. Help us to truly understand the commandments to love you with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind. Let us care for our neighbors both far and near. Bring us back to your loving light. For we ask these things in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Time of Silent Confession and Reflection

The Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Prayer of Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread and The Sharing of the Cup

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs from under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to partake of this Sacrament of your Son Jesus Christ, that we may walk in newness of life, may grow into his likeness, and may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Reception

Prayer of Gratitude

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Praise Song *Praise Him

Benediction and *Postlude

The vision and mission of Lacey United Methodist Church is to welcome, nurture and serve all. Sharing God's grace with open arms.
Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the Glory of God.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Statistics for the week of September 24, 2023:

Attendance ~ 50 in-person; 16 via YouTube

Offerings: \$1,600.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,078.66

Plate: \$61.00 Discretionary: \$266.00

Bounty of the Bay: \$525.00 Harvest Fest: \$105.00

Weekly Deposit from Joy of Angels: \$2,557.00

Thank you for your continued support of LUMC! If you are able, please explore giving on-line by using Vanco for electronic giving (details below) or mail your tithes and offerings to LUMC PO Box 151 Forked River, NJ 08731. Thank you and God bless you!!

Reminder: The basket on the side table as you walk up the center aisle is for giving to the Pastor's discretionary fund which enables us to directly help members of our community who are in need.

Electronic Giving is Here! Follow these easy steps:

1) Visit our website at laceyumc.org

2) Click **Electronic Giving**, then follow the instructions

Or scan the image you see here to locate the giving page:

Contact the LUMC office for more information 609.693.5222



Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...bottled juice & snacks!

Items can be dropped off at the LUMC office during the week or after worship service on Sundays. Thank you!

ShopRite Gift Card Fundraiser

ShopRite makes a \$50 donation to LUMC for every \$1,000 we sell in ShopRite gift cards! Cards are available through the LUMC Office. All you have to do is buy cards through LUMC and shop at ShopRite!

Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe

Hours of Operation:

Tuesday ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM

Wednesday ~ 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Thursday ~ 8:00AM – 4:00PM

Friday ~ 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Saturday ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM

Extended Hours!!!

↪ The Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe is a vital mission of Lacey UMC.
Volunteers are needed to help extend the hours of operation.

Church Conference - Tues., Nov. 7 at 7:00 PM

The Conference will be virtual this year. Details to follow...

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
October 8 – Psalm 124 (UMH 846); Matthew 16:13-20*

Praise Team Practice – Wednesdays at 6:00PM

We are excited to announce Christine Urban will be leading our Praise Team in Dawn's absence. Interested in joining Praise Team? No prior experience necessary; all you need is a desire to sing! Please contact Christine at 609-693-6853 for more info.

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 6:45pm.

Upcoming Meetings

Fundraising: Monday, Oct. 9 at 6:00 PM

Trustees/Church Council: Oct. 23 beginning at 5:30PM

BOUNTY OF THE BAY Tuesday Oct. 3rd 6:00pm-8:00pm
Appetizers, Entrees and Desserts from local restaurants.
\$35 Adults / \$10 children 8 yrs. and under Silent Auction!

Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: October 9th at 9:30 AM
at Lacey Perkins. Everyone is welcome!

Car & Truck Show Saturday, October 21st 9AM – 2PM
Food | Music | Trophies | Vendors
Cars: \$15 Pre-Registration \$20 Day of Event
Visit laceyumc.org for more info and a registration form.
Volunteers are needed to help make the Car & Truck Show a huge success! Please speak to Dominic to sign-up.

Corner Stone Ceremony and Celebration

Sunday, October 22nd following worship!

The corner stone, containing the time capsule, is ready to be placed in position! The ceremony will take place in front of the Sanctuary immediately following worship. Join us as we celebrate during Holy Grounds coffee hour in Fellowship Hall after the ceremony!

HARVEST FEST ~ November 18th 9AM – 2PM

**BAKED GOODS | HOMEMADE SOUPS & CHILI |
PICS WITH SANTA | CRAFTS | VENDORS**

We are looking for volunteers to bake and prepare pies and goodies.
Baking date TBD. Watch this space for details.
Contact the LUMC Office 609.693.5222 for more information.

