

<>< *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; Nancy & Rev. George Reid; Dorothy Cochran; Andrea Almeida; Betty Carty; Cindy Kuch; Linda & John Ansbach; Bill Wehner; Rich C.; Connie I; 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; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; 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 ~ Covid19 Victims; Virginia Schoeneberg Family.

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ 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.

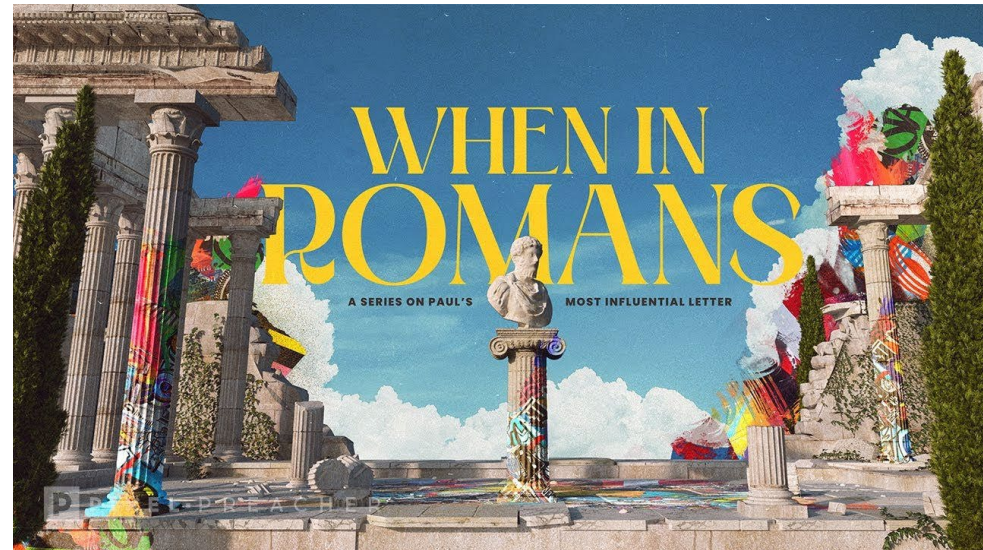
For Greater NJ Annual Conference ~ Bishop John & Beverly Schol; DS Rev. Ronell Howard; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas ~ People of Djibouti, Somalia; Illinois, Indiana; 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

July 16, 2023



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Head of the Church ~ Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God

Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Ed Weisbrot

Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Dominic Gregoria

Music Director: Dawn Slate Special Music: Betty Carhart

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!

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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** *This Is the Day* **UMH 657**

***Call to Worship**

Despite hardship, our ancestors dared to dream God-sized dreams. **Praise God for hope-filled dreams.** Do it again, Lord. Dream big dreams through us today! **Praise God for new dreams for our generation.** Invisible God, be visible through our faith today. **Praise God who empowers us with faith to see what others miss.** Will we stop building a better future because of evil? **No! Our God will deliver us from evil!** Will we concede our neighborhoods because evil walks the streets? **No! God will judge all evildoers! Come now, Lord, and fulfill your dreams in us today!**

Young Disciples' Time

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.

New Testament Lesson: Romans 8:12-17, 20-25

Message: "The Resurrection of Everything"

***Hymn** *For the Beauty of the Earth* **UMH 92**

***Affirmation of Faith** **UMH 887**

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Anthem: Graves Into Gardens

***Doxology** **UMH 95**

Prayer of Dedication

Creator God from whom all blessings grow: as we dedicate our tithes and offerings, we acknowledge that you have blessed us to be the fertile soil from which the good news of your kingdom will spring forth. Move us, we pray, beyond seeing our role as passive or powerless, depending totally on the quality of the seed and the expertise of the planter. Remind us that you are counting on us for fruitfulness, demonstrating for the world your love, grace, and power as we bear fruit that eases the suffering sick, feeds the hungry, brings justice to the oppressed and love and compassion to those who feel disconnected or forgotten. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

Hymn *A Place at the Table* **W&S 3149**

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you plant each of us like seeds in the same field and together we are nourished and nurtured by the sun We sway in the wind and are refreshed by the rain. We are blessed by the knowledge that you want us to grow towards what you call us to be. When we deprive others of that same opportunity, **forgive us.** When we want to uproot those whom we believe do not belong in our part of the field, **forgive us.** When we label others as good or bad rather than accept them for who they are, **forgive us.** When we are reluctant to acknowledge that we ourselves are a mixture of weeds and wheat, **forgive us.** When we are afraid to look into the fields of our own lives to see what is growing there, **forgive us.**

A Time of Silent Confession and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

O God, you know us inside and out, through and through. **You search us out and lay your hand upon us.** You know what we are going to say even before we speak. **So we pray that you will help us to reach out to the uprooted and rejected,** the lonely and the outcast, **and to develop and grow the good in ourselves, in others, and in the world.** This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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 character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us, Amen.

The Reception

Prayer of Gratitude

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise you for feeding me with the life-giving body and blood of your beloved son Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and everlasting life; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

***Hymn** *Hymn of Promise* **UMH 707**

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.

Reminder: There will **not** be a Trustee or Church Council meeting in July. The next meetings will be on Mon., Aug. 21st.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Statistics for the week of July 9, 2023:

Attendance ~ 37 in-person; 24 via YouTube

Offerings: \$997.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,333.68

BlueClaws Tickets: \$345.00 Hospitality: \$47.00

Discretionary: \$138.00 Funeral: \$200.00

Weekly Deposit from Joy of Angels: \$1,076.00

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 rear table as you exit 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



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.

Volunteers are needed to join our team of counters. Counters alternate weeks and we can work around your schedule. Please contact Rich at 732-501-8135 if you can help!

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
July 23– Romans 8:12-17, 20-25*

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 6:45pm.

☀ **Summer Lunch Program for Lacey's Kids** ☀

We are collecting **kid-friendly soup** to be distributed to participants. Drop off to Judy Mihalkovitz on Sundays or to the LUMC Office during the week.

We're also accepting donations of reusable shopping bags!

Bake Sale at the Lacey Farmers' Market

When: Friday, July 21

Bakers and volunteers needed to help make the bake sales a huge success! Please contact Debbie at 732-966-4632 to sign-up as a baker and/or booth volunteer. Thank you!!!

Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: August 14th at 9:30 AM

at Lacey Perkins. Everyone is welcome!

Friends in Faith Meeting – Aug. 8th (no meeting in July)

6:30PM in Fellowship Hall

Contact Dawn Marie at 732-232-7270 for information.

All women are welcome to join us!

Join our media team!!! The media team coordinates the live stream, sound, and video screen presentation during worship.

Contact Steven at 732-300-1956 to learn more!!

Save the Date for These Upcoming Events

Month of July: Food collection for the Lacey Food Bank

Sept. 30: Lacey Day at Gille Park

October 21: Car & Truck Show

This Fall: Drama Club

Details to follow...

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!



We're social! Like & follow us on...

LUMC: Facebook, Instagram, & YouTube

Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe: Facebook

