# <> Lacey United Methodist Church Prayer Page ><> <>> YOUR WILL, LORD GOD, BE DONE ~ NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS, NOTHING ELSE <>

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Peggy Rafuse; Brian Callaghan; Chip & Bonnie Marshall; Laura & Tim McDonald; Robert Rockafellow; Joan McGavin; Lisa Smith; Sue Smith; Samantha Maida; Sue Bolanwski; Joe McGuiggan; Irene; Lorraine & Robert Soehl; Cynthia Pedemonti; Dave C.; Luke Denning; Jaden Maggio; Alease & Ken King; Donna Craft; Annabelle Littlefield; Doug Hopkinson; Karen Knapp; Sharon Callaghan: Tom C: Neil Barnett: Dan: Jaime: Al F.: Carol D.: Susan Smith: Hannah Maloney; Eddie Grant; John R.; Phyllis Smith; Louis Potter; Dottie Connolly; Sheryl Lutgen; Lois Pozsar; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Andrea Almeida; Frank & Mary Timmerman; Peg Bea; Lorraine, Katrina & Peter Borchester; our whole Church Family.

For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss ~ Family of Tristan Baluski; Family of Joseph E. Cuneo; Family of Susan Schlotter.

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ For the Birth of Avery Ray McDonald – parents Logan and Jenna; grandparents Laura and Tim McDonald! Thanks be to God for answered prayer!

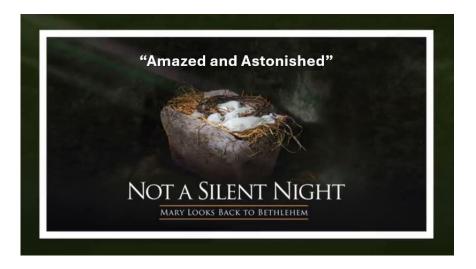
For Those Serving in the Military ~ Peter Borchester; Jordyn Breur; Luke Derflinger; Ellen Hammer: Gavin Hammer D'Adamo: Raymond Kitson: T. Ryan McDonald: Ryan Palmieri; Daniel Schenker; Jason Schenker; for all Soldiers; Sailors; Marines; Airmen; and Guards-Men/Women of our Armed Forces.

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 Cynthia Moore-Koikoi; DS Rev. Ronell Howard: Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas ~ People of Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam; Washington, West Virginia; Lacey Township Committee, Leaders & First Responders: Senators: Congressmen and leaders of our United States of America: Uniting of all American political parties; President Donald Trump & Vice President JD Vance; Gov. Murphy; Praying an outpouring of God's spiritual renewal and healing of all the people of America.





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Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Helen Dela Cruz

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Lacey UMC is called to teach, serve, and love individuals so they will follow Jesus Christ and help us transform the world. Teach, Serve, Love.

Welcome in the Name of Jesus Christ to All Visitors, Members, Family and Friends!
\* Please feel free to rise in body or spirit

Prelude and Welcome

\*Hymn Emmanuel, Emmanual

**UMH 204** 

\*Call to Worship

Here, in this place, we discover the great things God has done. In story and song, in silence and sacrament, we are reminded that God's relationship with us lasts forever. Here, with these people, we find our true home. where we can run home laughing, after being lost for so long. Here, during this holy season, we hear those promises made so long ago. Of the One who repairs all our mistakes, of the One who reshapes our brokenness.

Young Disciples' Time

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy

Hymn Make Me a Channel of Your Peace TFWS 2171

Prayer of Illumination

Gracious God, we ask that your Holy Word might prepare our hearts and minds to know that Jesus is the one we seek in this season of Advent. Amen.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:41-51; Matthew 5:43-48

Message: Not a Silent Night: "Amazed and Astonished"

\*Hymn Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (vs. 1,3) UMH 384

\*Affirmation of Faith UMH 882

**Announcements** 

The Prayers of the People

Offering

Anthem: Waiting for a Miracle

\*Doxology UMH 95

\*Prayer of Dedication

Generous God who calls us to rejoice, you fill the hungry with good things and you help your people in need. Receive the gifts we offer, we pray, and make them, and us, joyful and patient signs of your coming justice and glory. Amen.

Communion Hymn

You Who Are Thirsty

TFWS 2132

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

We give thanks, O God, that you are unchanging, that your concern for justice and righteousness was so strong that you came in human form to share that concern with us in person. We confess that all too often we hesitate to speak or act when we see people being treated unjustly. Forgive us, O God, for the times when we have been happy to hear the gospel without truly living it. Forgive us for uncaring attitudes when we base our opinion of another person's worth on what they own, or how they look; on what they say, or how they live, rather than accepting them for who they are—people made in your image. Forgive us when our longing to live simply and with humility is defeated by selfish desires—for pursuing profits before seeking your will. Forgive us for placing our hope in other than the Christ-child born in a poor stable. Our hope lies in the promise of your mercy, O God, extending to those who fear you from generation to generation. Heal, restore and bless us, we pray, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord. 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

The Reception

Prayer of Gratitude

\*Hymn Angels We Have Heard on High (vs. 1) UMH 238

Benediction

Postlude

Mission Statement: Lacey UMC is committed to creating inspiring worship, enriching teaching, and hands on service opportunities so that individuals become passionate followers of Jesus Christ.

#### **FINANCIAL STATISTICS**

Statistics for Dec. 7: Attendance ~ 63 in-person Offerings: \$1585.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,254.26 Plate: \$87.00 Hot Lunch: \$20.00 Summer Lunch Program: \$100.00 Discretionary: \$249.00 Joy of Angels Deposit: \$2,319.65

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.

Breakfast with the Pastor: January 12th at 9:30 AM

Location: Kristy's, Waretown. Everyone is welcome!

# **WAYS TO GIVE**



Visit our website laceyumc.org or click the link below to set up electronic giving.



#### IN PERSON

VIA TITHING **ENVELOPE** cash/check



#### MOBILE GIVING

Donate to Lacey UMC by using the venmo app on your tablet or phone.

# Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe

# **Normal Hours of Operation:**

Thursday: 8:00AM – 4:00PM Friday: 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Saturday: 10:00AM - 4:00PM

The Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe is a vital mission of Lacey UMC. Volunteers are needed to work during the hours of operation. Contact Maddie Stapleton or Laura McDonald to learn more!!!

### **County Support Services at LUMC**

Dec. 23 10AM-1PM: Board of Social Services will be in Fellowship Hall to provide info. about their services. Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for Sunday, December 21- Luke 1:26-38 Wednesday, December 24 – Luke 2:1-7

No prior experience necessary...all you need is a desire to sing!

### **Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...**

\*canned pasta/ravioli \*snacks 'soups

bottled juices frozen dinners frozen pizza

**SHALOM Mission Needs** paper towels – thank you!

#### Hat/Glove Drive

We are collecting adult size hats and gloves for those in need. Donations can be left in the basket at the Sanctuary entrance or dropped off at the LUMC Office during the week.

## Opportunities to Grow in Faith

Dinner Bible Study: Tuesdays at GPM in Fellowship Hall Bible Study: Thurs. at GPM in the Connolly Center Conf. Room Please contact Pastor Jonathan or the LUMC Office for more

Women's Ministry: You're Invited to attend NY Eve Dinner Concert at 6:30pm at American's Keswick in Whiting! For tickets and information call 800-453-7942. Contact Dawn at 732-232-7270 if you would like to car pool.

### **Christmas at Lacey UMC**

Wed., Dec. 17 7:00 PM – Blue Christmas Worship Service at FR Presbyterian Church, 131 N. Main St. Forked River

**Wednesday, Dec. 24** – Christmas Eve Worship Services:

7 PM: Family Candlelight Service

10 PM: Traditional Candlelight Service

Sunday, Dec. 28 – 9AM Breakfast and Carols in Fellowship Hall

Please remember to submit your 2025 vouchers for payment by December 31st. Thank you!

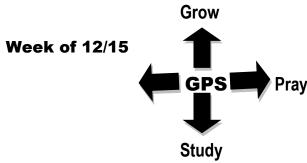








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Study
Monday- Psalm 148
In what ways does the Psalm challenge you to show reverence for God in your daily life?
Tuesday- Colossians 3:12-17
Reflect on the virtues listed in verses 12-14. Which of these do
you struggle with the most? How can you practice these more
intentionally?
Wednesday- Luke 2:41-51
How did Jesus interact with the teachers of the law, and what
does this tell us about Jesus?
Thursday- Luke 2:41-51
What emotion did Mary say they experienced while searching for
Jesus? How does sorrow/distress play a part in seeking Jesus today?

Friday- Mattnew 5:43-48 Who were the enemies of the Jews at this time? Why might the
feel justified in hating them?
Saturday- Matthew 5:43-48
Are there any biblical examples of people who loved their
enemies? What can we learn from them?
Notes: