

<>< *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; Levi Kern; Greg R.; Frank Huscha; Phil & Roseann; 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.; 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; 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 ~ Mandie Buron Family; Vincent Mielnicki Family; Eugene Dow Family; Virginia Schoeneberg Family; Deb Burnette Family; Dory Peck 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.

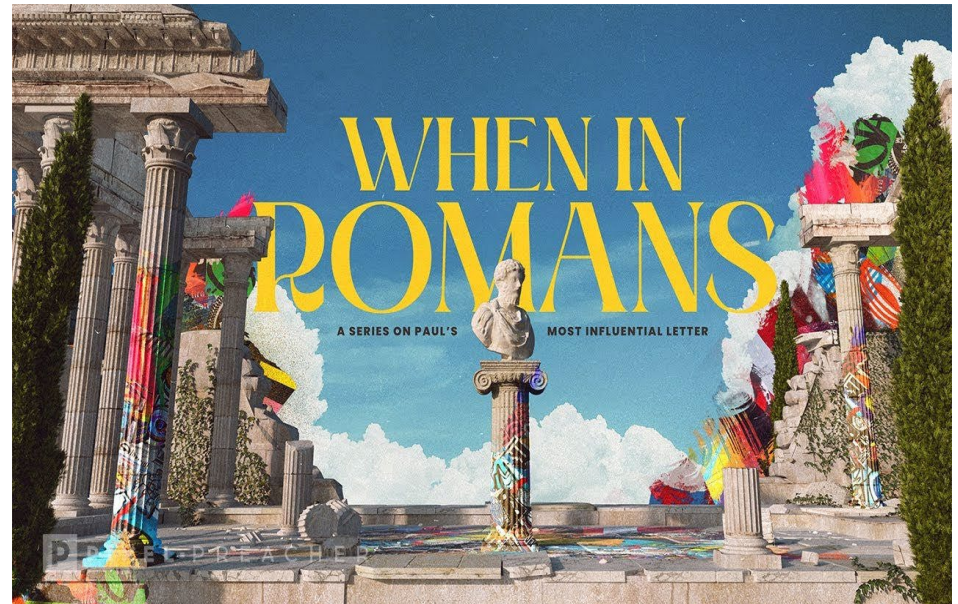
For Greater NJ Annual Conference ~ Bishop John & Beverly Schol; DS Rev. Ronell Howard; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas ~ People of Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo; Missouri, Montana; 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

September 3, 2023



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Head of the Church ~ Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God
Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Leah Kern
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!
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** *Thank you, Lord* **UMH 84**

***Call to Worship**

Pilgrims on the way, when we feel lost and ask for a sign to show us the way out of our confusion, **we remember that when we gather to worship, we find God in our midst.** When we face obstacles and barriers that keep us from the life God has called us to, **we remember that God is always at work among us, protecting and tending our well-being.** When cannot find our way out of conflict and discord, **we remember that God calls and equips us for the work of reconciliation.** When we struggle to pay attention to how God is at work all around us, **we remember God's call to sit, eat, and tell one another the stories of God's faithfulness.** Pilgrims on the way, when we watch for signs of God among us, **let us remember that we too are signs of God's presence for others! 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.

New Testament Lesson: Romans 16:1-7, 25-27

Leader: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message: "The End is Just the Beginning"

***Hymn** *Revive Us Again*

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

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Anthem: The Family of God

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

Prayer of Dedication

Generous and giving God, you have offered us a deep and soul-satisfying relationship with you, one that extends far beyond our earthly journey; and too many of us have opted for a "faith-lite" experience. One day a week or a couple of times a month has been a better fit. We have rejected what you so generously offer us, even as we

dwell in and are sustained by your vineyard. As we offer our gifts this day, may we better receive the relationship you offer us and may we walk more closely. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn *Blessed Assurance* **FWS 369**

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

A Time of Silent Confession and Reflection

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ. We confess that we fear what is different. We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who don't look like we look, love like we love, or vote the way we vote. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love. God forgive us and guide us we pray. Amen.

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.

***Hymn** *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*
FWS 2223

Benediction & *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 August 27, 2023:

Attendance ~ 49 in-person; 23 via YouTube

Offerings: \$1,062.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,059.14
Plate: \$103.00 Discretionary: \$80.00 Hospitality: \$79.00
Bounty of the Bay: \$140.00 Facebook Donation: \$11.00
Weekly Deposit from Joy of Angels: \$1,377.25

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.

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
September 10 – Amos 5:21-24; Luke 4:16-20*

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 6:45pm.

Bake Sale at the Lacey Farmers' Market

When: Friday, September 29th

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: September 11th at 9:30 AM

at Lacey Perkins. Everyone is welcome!

Upcoming Meetings

Friends In Faith: Tuesday, Sept. 5th at 6:30 PM

Fundraising: Monday, Sept. 11 at 6:00 PM

Trustees/Church Council: Sept. 18 beginning at 5:30PM

Lacey Day Sept. 30th 12pm-4pm Gille Park

Please let Joann know if you can help out at the LUMC booth!

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!

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.

Central District Church Conference

Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 7:00 PM

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

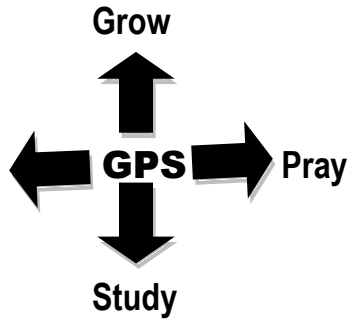
HARVEST FEST ~ November 18th 9AM – 2PM

BAKED GOODS | HOMEMADE SOUPS & CHILI |

PICS WITH SANTA | CRAFTS | VENDORS

Contact the LUMC Office 609.693.5222 for more information.

Week of 9/4



Monday- Romans 16:1-16

Romans 16, shows Paul treating women as equals in God’s family and valued ministry partners. What are some ways female pastors and teachers have guided and enriched your faith journey?

Tuesday- Romans 16:1-16

What does Paul’s matter-of-fact listing of so many varied women tell you about the vital role women played in the early Christian’s sharing of the gospel?

Wednesday- Romans 16:17-27

As we finish this study of Romans, what have you learned about God’s amazing plan to restore and save you (and the whole world)?

Thursday- Romans 16:17-27

How are you being called to help God restore the world?

Friday- Romans 16

What can you learn from Paul about how to deal with individuals you disagree with?

Saturday- Read Romans 16

Pray for someone with whom you disagree, and pray also for yourself, that you may recognize their good qualities.

Notes:
