

# LUMC'S COMMUNITY REVELATIONS

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## Lacey United Methodist Church

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Witness Coordinator: Donna Jones

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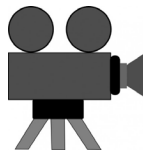
## PRESSING TOWARD THE GOAL

**Philippians 3: 12 – 16:** *Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

*Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind.*

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## MEDIA TEAM



Volunteers are needed to join our Media Team! Contact Steve Michalkowski at (732) 300-1956 to learn more.

You can now watch Sunday Service by clicking on <https://youtube.com/channel/UC9ShWURuTPdbtQbihxNelvA>. As of Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, we have been broadcasting Worship Service exclusively on our YouTube channel: Lacey United Methodist Church.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be resuming on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the LUMC Office for more details and to sign up.

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## CALLING ALL CHILDREN & YOUTH

**Sunday School:** All are welcome! (K – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade) Children begin their 9am Sunday Service in worship and transition to Sunday School immediately after the Children's Message from Pastor Jonathan.

**Confirmation Class:** Forming soon. (5<sup>th</sup> Grade & older)

**Youth Group:** Fridays at 6:30pm. (5<sup>th</sup> Grade & older)

*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.*

## MONTHLY PASTOR'S BREAKFAST



Please join Pastor Jonathan for breakfast on Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, at the Lacey Perkins (113 South Main Street in Forked River) at 9:00am. Everyone is welcome to be part of the food, fellowship, and fun! For more information, contact Pastor Jonathan at (845) 893-9157.

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## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES



+ Wednesday mornings at 9:00am.

+ Thursday evenings at 6:45pm.

Contact the LUMC Office to obtain the link to join in on the discussions.

+ Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm at the home of Donna Jones.

Please contact Donna at (609) 276-7383 for more information.

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## UPDATED HEALTH AND SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

- > We will return to offering communion using pre-filled, individually wrapped communion cups only. <
- > Everyone in attendance at worship service is encouraged to wear a mask. Fully vaccinated individuals are not required to wear masks, but it is encouraged. In accordance with CDC recommendations, individuals who are not fully vaccinated should wear masks. <
- > All ushers and greeters will be wearing masks. <
- > Participants at the Hot Lunch Program are encouraged to wear a mask anytime they are not seated at their tables. Servers will be wearing masks. <
- > Please maintain social distance when appropriate. <

Please feel free to contact the LUMC Office at (609) 693-5222 with any questions or concerns you may have.

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## PARTY CANCELLED

The Epiphany Party, which was scheduled on January 9<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm until 6:00pm has been cancelled due to the rise in Covid cases. This was going to take place at the Parsonage.

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## THRIFT SHOPPE NOW OPEN WEDNESDAYS

The Joy Of Angels Thrift Shoppe is now open on Wednesdays! The current hours of operation are Thursdays from 8:00am until 11:00am and Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00am until 1:00pm. Volunteers are still needed to extend the hours of operation even more. Please see Elaine Brandt to learn how you can help!

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## LITURGIST LIST STARTED FOR 2022

With the New Year having arrived, a new list has been started for those who would love to serve as a liturgist. Rose Coram will be handling the duties on January 9<sup>th</sup>, with Diane Collins filling the role on January 16<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to be considered to take on the role of liturgist on any given Sunday, please contact Dominic Gregoria at (732) 904-9945 or [donnieg777@hotmail.com](mailto:donnieg777@hotmail.com). Thank you for contributing to our Sunday services!

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## LUMC MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE



There is still plenty of merchandise left over from our last fundraiser. There are tee shirts available for \$15, as well as hoodies for \$35. In addition, there are also sweatshirts, key chains, magnets and mugs. Maybe, there is someone you missed on your Christmas shopping list. Or maybe you just want to get someone a faith-based reminder of how important they are to you. Either way, why would you want to look any further than your own church? I just happened to be in the LUMC Office one day and noticed the variety of merchandise still left sitting in bins. Let's help by getting rid of these leftovers and raise money for the church at the same time.



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## DRAMA CLUB RETURNING SOON



Provided there are no unexpected shutdowns, the Drama Club will be returning on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. There was no session on December 28<sup>th</sup> and there will also be no session on January 4<sup>th</sup>. This well-deserved two-week break was given to our young actors to coincide with their holiday break from school and to retool the program for when they return.

It should also be mentioned that Alyssa Pentland, Abby Michalkowski and Carly Carpini did a wonderful job at the Christmas Eve Family Service. It was also great to see past Drama Club members in attendance. In addition, Leslie Weishaar did a great job with assisting in helping the youth

prepare for their performance. Things are expected to be turned up a notch when our sessions return.

This would also be a great time for someone new, or someone who was involved pre-Covid, to sign up to be a part of this talented group. Everyone who signs up will need a parent or guardian to fill out a form that would allow the participant to be photographed or filmed. This is for church use only, such as service videos or church promotions. Some of the topics we cover include improv, character study, acting techniques, stage directions, preparation exercises, as well as many other theatrical and film subject areas. To sign up, just contact Dominic at [donnieg777@hotmail.com](mailto:donnieg777@hotmail.com), with "Drama Club" written in the subject area.

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## POSITIVE NEWS

With many negative things out there infecting our world, I would like to fill this newsletter with positivity. If someone did something nice for you, or you did something nice for someone, I would like to hear about it. Write a small paragraph about the incident and I will try to fit it in an upcoming issue of this newsletter. There are many Christians working their ministry as Christians out there and it would be nice to hear about it. Just send your submissions to the email address listed in the above article. God Bless All Of You, Dominic!

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**“There’s joy in the house of the Lord**

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**Our God is surely in this place**

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**And we won’t be quiet**

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**We shout out Your praise.”**

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**Jonathan Lindley Smith  
&  
Philip David Wickham**

**A THREE STEP MORNING PRAYER FROM A NATIVE AMERICAN**

**First Step:** Plant your feet firmly on the earth. Using your five senses, give thanks to our Creator God for the countless ways God comes to us through creation – for all the beauty that your eyes see, for all the sounds that your ears hear, for all the scents that you smell, the tastes that you taste, for all that you feel (the sun, wind, rain, snow, warm, or cold). Pray this day that you may be open and attuned to the countless ways that our Creator God comes to us through your senses, through the gifts of creation.

**Second Step:** Let go of all the pain, struggle, regret, failures, garbage of yesterday – step out of it – leave it behind – brush the dust of it from your feet.

**Third Step:** With this third and final step, step into the gift of the new day, full of hope, promise, and potential. Give thanks for the gift of this new day, which God has made!

Credit: José Hobday

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*THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PRAYED FOR THE ALMEIDA FAMILY, AS THEY ARE ALL DOING BETTER WITH THEIR COVID FIGHT! GOD IS GOOD! ALL THE TIME! & ALL THE TIME! GOD IS GOOD!*

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