

Lacey United Methodist Church

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

Ministers: All of Us

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Head Ushers: Cindy Dreher & Rick Waddell

Junior Head Ushers: Kenshin Frangos & Abby Michalkowski

Counters: Rose Coram, Judy Mihalkovitz, Cynthia Pedemonti, Rich Rosfjord

Thank You to All Who Share Their Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, Witness & Time!

<>< *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; Mihalkovitz/Przybylski Families; Marjorie Moore; Bev Krott; Joan Marie Michalkowski; Charles Cometa Jr.; Peggy LaPorta; Sandi Smith; George K.; Terry S.; James & Becki; Millie L.; Jim M.; Pat O'Brien; Gesine Klein; Tony Kosciuk, Dee & Jessica Maffucci; Bob & Peg Bea; Joan McGavin; Cindy Dreher; Nancy Dean; Shannon Kelly Callahan; Macon & Allyson Cotton; Lisa Burger; Patricia Potter; Sally & Trevor Potter; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; BettyAnn Britton; Tommy Britton; Dawn Marie Kuch; Gail Matuska; Phyllis Smith; Bill Jones; Rosalie Mulvaney; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Sue & Rich Newman; Bill Hults; Bill & Becky Buglione; Melody Pryor-Tasco; Lorraine, Katrina & Peter Borchester; Sally & Don McErean; Ray MacPherson; Hunter; Pat Grant; Ellie Keyworth; Deb Burnette; Shannon, Noel, & Brandon Weaver; Larry Radomski; our whole Church Family.

For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss ~ Covid19 Victims; Louis D'Autorio Family; Bob Kmiechick Family; Bill Krott Family; Denise Springer Family; Larry McGavin Family.

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ Celebrating Ray MacPherson who turned 95 on October 25th! Thanks be to God for answered prayer!

For Those Serving in the Military ~ Peter Borchester; Jordyn Breur; Luke Derflinger; Randall D. Donithan; Ellen Hammer; Gavin Hammer D'Adamo; Raymond Kitson; James Lubbers; T. Ryan McDonald; Ryan Palmieri; Daniel Schenker; Jason Schenker; for all Soldiers; Sailors; Marines; Airmen; & 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; Kúrios' Kids; 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 Dr. Gina Hendrickson; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas ~ People of East Timor, Indonesia, Philippines; Arizona, Arkansas; 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 Mike Pence, Gov. Murphy, NJ Officials working to end CoVid19; Praying an

November 15, 2020

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

Today, we continue the Sermon Series "Kingdom Stewardship".

Prelude

Welcome

***Praise Song ~**

Lonely Voices

(Please reflect as Sherry Exel & Cynthia Pedemonti share their musical gifts)

Opening Prayer

Children's Message

Ministry of Giving & Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn ~**

Seek Ye First #405

(Please reflect as Sherry, Cynthia, and Dawn share their musical gifts)

Scripture ~ Matthew 6:25-34

Message: "Kingdom Stewardship: The Priority"

***Praise Song ~**

All Good Gifts

(Please reflect as Dawn shares her musical gifts)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn ~**

God Will Take Care of You #130 Vs. 1&3

(Please reflect Dawn shares her musical gifts)

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

All Music Used with Permission – CCLI#2274807

Lonely Voices

Lonely voices crying in the city,
Lonely voices sounding like a child.
Lonely voices come from busy people,
Too disturbed to stop a little while.
Lonely voices fill my dreams,
Lonely voices haunt my memory.

Lonely faces looking for the sunrise,
Just to find another busy day.
Lonely faces all around the city,
Men afraid, but too ashamed to pray.
Lonely faces do I see,
Lonely faces haunt my memory.

Lonely eyes, I see them in the subway,
Burdened by the worries of the day;
Men at leisure, but they're so unhappy,
Tired of foolish roles they try to play.
Lonely people do I see,
Lonely people haunt my memory.

Abundant life He came to truly give man,
But so few His gift of grace receive.
Lonely people live in every city,
Men who face a dark and lonely grave.
Lonely faces do I see,
Lonely voices calling out to me.

Opening Prayer

Generous God,
in abundance you give us things both spiritual and physical.
Help us to hold lightly the fading things of this earth and grasp
tightly the lasting things of your kingdom, so that what we are
and do and say may be our gifts to you through Christ, who
beckons all to seek the things above, where he lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Ever vigilant God, you watch over us every night as we sleep
and every day as we rise to do our work and as we gather at
tables to feast on the food you provide. Your care for us is
never ceasing. We long to be as vigilant as we strive to be the
kingdom-ready church you desire here on earth. Help us to
keep our eyes and ears open to the needs around us. May we
give so generously that when it is time to close our eyes in
sleep, we will rest knowing we have been faithful and vigilant
in our caring and compassion. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

Seek Ye First #405

Seek Ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you,
Al-le-lu, Alleluia.

Ask, and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and Ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Seek Ye first, the kingdom of God,
And His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Scripture Reading ~ Matthew 6:25-34

²⁵ "Therefore, I say to you, don't worry about your life, what you'll eat or what you'll drink, or about your body, what you'll wear. Isn't life more than food and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds in the sky. They don't sow seed or harvest grain or gather crops into barns. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you worth much more than they are? ²⁷ Who among you by worrying can add a single moment to your life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothes? Notice how the lilies in the field grow. They don't wear themselves out with work, and they don't spin cloth. ²⁹ But I say to you that even Solomon in all of his splendor wasn't dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If God dresses grass in the field so beautifully, even though it's alive today and tomorrow it's thrown into the furnace, won't God do much more for you, you people of weak faith? ³¹ Therefore, don't worry and say, 'What are we going to eat?' or 'What are we going to drink?' or 'What are we going to wear?' ³² Gentiles long for all these things. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ Instead, desire first and foremost God's kingdom and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore, stop worrying about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

All Good Gifts

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand
He sends us snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain
The breezes and the sunshine and soft refreshing rain

All good gifts around us, are sent from Heaven above
So thank the Lord, oh, thank the Lord for all His love

We thank Thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good
The seed time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food
No gifts have we to offer for all Thy love imparts
But that which Thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts

All good gifts around us, are sent from Heaven above
So thank the Lord, oh, thank the Lord for all His love

Prayer of Confession

O God, we want to have our cake and eat it, too: we want to be a friend of the world and still be your friend.
Yet, Jesus taught us: "No one can serve two masters."
Give us strength and courage to get our priorities straight:
help us to seek your kingdom first.
Help us to live faithfully and joyfully in the world,
and to be friends with the people you call us to serve.
Help us also to remember that our best relationship is the one we have with you,
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

"The wisdom from above is first pure,
then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield,
full of mercy and good fruits,
without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy" (James 3:17).
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven,
and we are given a new way to live.
Let us accept God's grace,
and live new lives of faith, obedience, and joy.

God Will Take Care of You #130 Vs. 1&3

Be not dismayed whate'er betide
God will take care of you
Beneath His wings of love abide
God will take care of you

God will take care of you
Through every day, o'er all the way
He will take care of you
God will take care of you

All you may need He will provide,
God will take care of you!
Trust Him, and you will be satisfied,
God will take care of you!

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Through every day, o'er all the way.
He will take care of you
God will take care of you.

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.

*Scriptures to read & pray over in preparation for Nov. 22
Luke 14:28-30*

If you would like to place flowers on the Altar on a certain date in honor or in remembrance of a loved one, please contact the LUMC Office.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

November 1, 2020

Attendance ~ 31 In-Person; 130 via Facebook Views
Envelope Offerings ~ \$1,455.00 Plate ~\$66.00
Offerings via Vanco ~ \$608.08 Media Upgrade ~ 800.00

November 8, 2020

Attendance ~ 27 In-Person; 91 via Facebook Views
Envelope Offerings ~ \$2,570.00 Plate ~\$2.00
Offerings via Vanco ~ \$748.45 Media Upgrade ~ \$2,500.00

Thank you for your continued support of LUMC! We GREATLY appreciate your generosity! 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. GNJAC has set up separate accounts for every local Church if you would like to use your credit or debit card to share your tithe and offerings you may do so by visiting gnjumc.org/onlinegiving.

Thank you and God bless you!!

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



Shop Online? Here are two ways you could earn donations for LUMC!

- ✓ umcmarket.org - You earn for LUMC every time you click through the umcmarket.org site to shop. Sign up for free at umcmarket.org!
- ✓ [amazonsmile.com](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2279634) - Support LUMC by starting your Amazon shopping at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2279634>

Holiday Farmer's Market at LUMC
Monday, November 23 11AM-5PM

Hanging of the Greens – Saturday, November 28th
Our annual tradition of decorating the Sanctuary for the Christmas season! **Starting at 8am** – all are welcome to join the fun!

NEW DAY! Virtual Bible Study Opportunities

Thursdays 9:00 AM & 6:45 PM

Please contact the LUMC Office if you would like to receive the virtual link!

Northern Shore District Church Conference

Tuesday, November 24, 2020 7:00 PM

The Conference will be virtual this year. Please contact the LUMC Office 609.693.5222 if you would like to receive an invite!

In-Person Worship has resumed.

Volunteers are needed to assist with various worship roles (including ushers, counters, etc.). Space is limited due to social distancing practices. Please contact the LUMC Office 609.693.5222 or laceyumcnj@gmail.com to register to attend, volunteer, or obtain a copy of LUMC's re-opening guidelines.

Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe

New Hours of Operation:

Thursdays ~ 8:00AM – 11:00AM

Fridays & Saturdays ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM

Donation Drop-Off:

Thursdays from 8:00AM-11:00AM

♪ ♪ Do you have a favorite hymn that you hope to hear during Worship? Our Worship Team would like to hear from you! Please email your 5 favorite hymns/praise songs to laceyumcnj@gmail.com.

The next hymn we share may be one of your favorites! ♪ ♪

If you would like to have a Hymnal from the Sanctuary to assist in worshipping with us via LUMC FaceBook and Website please contact Joann in Church Office – 609-693-5222

Memorial Brick Orders for The Bell Enclosure Walk Way

4" x 8" Brick / 3 lines / 18 characters each line including spaces = \$50
8" x 8" Brick / 6 lines / 18 characters each line including spaces = \$100

See Elaine Brandt for more information.