

<>< *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; Keith Gibbons; Christine Morgan; Joseph Ensinger; Michelle Reyes; Hudson Hendrixson; Jeff Merceron; Mrs. Nunez; Lois Pozsar; Patrick Jemas; Paul H.; Helen Wooley; Gary; Sally Potter; Gary; Levi Kern; Greg R.; Frank Huscha; 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.; Chris Mignone; Denise Applegate; Randy M.; 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; Don McErlean; Pat Grant; our whole Church Family.

For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss ~ Sally McErlean Family; Jayson Cugliari Family; Don Reppert Family; Daniel Watkins Family; Kevin McGrath 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; 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 Iran, Iraq, Syria; Florida, Georgia; 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; Praying an outpouring of God's spiritual renewal and healing of all the people of America.



Lacey United Methodist Church

January 7, 2024



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Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Sally Potter
Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Dominic Gregoria
Music Director: Dawn Slate
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 *Abide with Me* **UMH 700**

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn** *Great is Thy Faithfulness* **UMH 140**

***Call to Worship**

Come into the land of God. **We come seeking the land of love.**

Live as the people of Christ.

We gather to grow as a community of love.

Follow in the ways of the Lord. **We move forward on the path of love.**

Come, young and old, friend and foreigner, for all are welcome here.

We come to live and grow in the love of Christ.

Praise God for this wonderful gift!

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.

Hebrew Scripture Lesson: Ruth 1:1-18

Message: Rebuild: "Rebuilding with Ruth and Naomi"

***Hymn** *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* **UMH 133**

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

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Anthem: I Almost Let Go

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of justice and love,
transform these offerings, that they may be gifts of justice and love
for a world in need of hope and help. Let love flow through these
offerings, that they may become gifts of love for the world. Amen.

Hymn *Come to the Table of Grace* **W&S 3168**

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

Helper God, be the hope that overcomes our despair; be the love that overcomes our hatred; be the mercy that overcomes our sin. Set us free from the prisons of our own making, and release us from the bonds that bind us. Forgive us and watch over us. Welcome us home into the loving arms of your mercy. In Christ's name, we pray. 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

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

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** *Blessed Assurance* **UMH 369**

Benediction

***Postlude** *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me* **TFWS 2151**

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 December 31, 2023 (Love Feast Service):

The statistics for the week of December 31, 2023 will be included in the next bulletin. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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.

Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...shelf-stable milk and juice!
Drop off at the LUMC office during the week or after worship.

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



Please help us complete the Sanctuary Altar Flooring

All you have to do is buy ShopRite cards through LUMC! ShopRite makes a \$50 donation to LUMC for every \$1,000 we sell in ShopRite gift cards! Cards are available through the LUMC Office.

Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe

Normal 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 – 4:00PM

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.



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

LUMC: Facebook, Instagram, & YouTube

Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe: Facebook

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
January 14th – Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10*

Epiphany Party at the Parsonage – TODAY from 3PM to 6PM

Please join Pastor Jonathan as we celebrate Epiphany Sunday!

The parsonage is located at 744 Devon Street, Forked River.

Offering Envelopes for 2024 are available!

The envelopes are on the table as you walk into the Sanctuary.

Don't have an envelope number yet? No problem!

Available numbers are highlighted in yellow on the sign-up sheet – simply write your name on the corresponding line and take a box to start using this week!

Please remember to write you envelope number on the front each week to ensure we record your giving correctly!

Upcoming Meetings

Fundraising: Date/Time TBD

Trustees/Church Council: January 8th beginning at 5:30PM

Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: January 8th at 9:30 AM
at Lacey Perkins. Everyone is welcome!

☞☞ Membership Class – January 2024!!! ☞☞

Please contact Pastor Jonathan at 845-893-9157 if you would like to join the LUMC family!

Visioning Retreat – Saturday, January 20th

Members of Church Council are encouraged to attend.

More details to follow...

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!! 📞

“Friends in Faith” invite you to see **Rabbit Hole** at OCC's Grunin Center for the Arts on **Feb. 23rd at 7:30PM!**

Tickets are \$12 for seniors and \$15 for adults. Deadline to purchase is January 17th. **ALL** are welcome and invited.

Please visit grunincenter.org for more info. about the play.

Contact Diane Collins at 609-618-7346 to order tickets!

