

LUMC'S COMMUNITY REVELATIONS

September 2021 / Volume 4, Number 8

Lacey United Methodist Church

203 West Lacey Rd., PO Box 151,

Forked River, NJ 08731

Church Office: (609) 693-5222

Pastor Cell: (845) 893-9157

laceyumcnj@gmail.com // www.laceyumc.org

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

Ministers: All of Us

Pastor: Jonathan Campbell

Lay Leader: Ed Wojciechowski

Admin. Assistant: Joann Michalkowski

Pianist / Choir Director/ Chimes Director: Dawn Slate

Facility Maintenance / Grounds: Mike Orlick

Trustee Chair: Bill Jones

Church Council Chair: Rich Rosfjord

Staff Parish Team Chair: Kenneth King

Children – Youth Education: Eric DeLa Cruz

Finance Chair: Steve Michalkowski

Head Counter: Rich Rosfjord

Thrift Shoppe: Elaine Brandt

Mission: Donna Jones

Outreach: Pastor Jonathan Campbell

Worship: Dawn Marie Kuch

Hot Lunch Mission: Roseann DePasquale / Ed Weisbrot

Summer Lunch Mission: Sherry Exel / Gail Matuska

Submissions to this newsletter can be sent to:

donnieg777@hotmail.com

live music and games. Contact Donna Jones, you may want to bring your own chair!

BEHAVE LIKE A CHRISTIAN

Romans 12: 9 – 21: *Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.*



Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

LUMC CHURCH PICNIC



The Community Picnic originally scheduled for Sunday, September 12th will now be a church member picnic instead. It is still taking place on the same day but instead of the Forked River Fire Department Gazebo, it is now being held at the home of Donna and Bill Jones, which is located at 202 Station Drive in

Forked River. If you are bringing a friend or relative to church for Rally Day, you can still bring them to the barbecue.

Volunteers and donations are still needed! There are still plans for Laura McDonald or Elaine Brandt for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS THIS MONTH



Sign up your children for Sunday School by Sunday, September 12th. Registration forms are available at www.laceyumc.org or by contacting the LUMC Office at (609) 693-5222 or laceyumcnj@gmail.com. The first day of Sunday School is Sunday, September 19th. Volunteers are still needed! Contact Eric DeLa Cruz to assist with the classroom duties or for more information.

YOUTH GROUP RETURNS

On Friday, September 10th, the Youth Group will be meeting at 6:00pm. This is for youth in 5th Grade or higher. Contact April Rucki or the LUMC Office at (609) 693-5222 for more info.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES COMING SOON

Confirmation Classes will be forming soon. This is for those youth in 5th Grade or higher. Please contact the LUMC Office to get full registration details.

DRAMA CLUB WELCOMES NEW ADDITIONS

The Drama Club would like to welcome back Isabelle and Gia Van Arsdale. They were both pre-Covid members of the troupe and the sisters both appeared in "Straight Outta Bethlehem." In addition, the young actors are very excited about filming the announcements for Sunday services. With very little chance for rehearsal, they are able to add a fresh feel to each service. As of right now, all of their rehearsing and filming is done during our Tuesday evening sessions. The hope is to eventually have some of the youth perform live at some of the services. We are always accepting new members. Contact Dominic at donnieq777@hotmail.com for more info.

SERMON SERIES PLANNING SESSION



Please contact the LUMC Office if you are interested in helping us plan the upcoming sermon series.

SERVICES MOVED TO YOUTUBE

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

THE NORTHERN SHORE DISTRICT CHARGE CONFERENCE

The Northern Shore District Charge Conference will be held virtually on Thursday, October 7th at 7:00pm. The Presiding Elder will be Ed Davis. All church conference paperwork is due on Monday, September 20th. Invitations will be emailed.

LACEY DAY

Lacey Day will be celebrated on Saturday, September 25th, from 12:00pm until 4:00pm in Gille Park. Volunteers are needed to work the LUMC booth. Let Joann Michalkowski know if you can help out at the booth.

LUMC NEW BIRTH COMMITTEE PROVIDE LINKS

With the 2022 General Conference feeling like light years away, the LUMC New Birth Committee offered two links to articles that may help one make informed choices. They are:

<https://wesleyancovenant.org/2021/08/12/what-should-our-church-be-doing-right-now/>

and

<https://rmnetwork.org/2021/02/25/what-is-most-just-in-the-midst-of-injustice/>

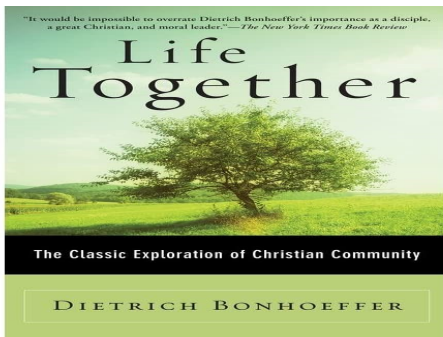
Excerpt from the Wesley Covenant Association article: “Worship makes all the difference in how we live our lives and our witness. In worship, our perspective is focused on God and God’s purposes. In worship, God’s possibilities and our limitations become apparent. In worship, we are awakened and filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit, so we can be the living sacrifices God seeks to deploy in the world. In worship, we are invited and empowered to become more like Jesus in our character. And worship is not a once-a-week experience that occurs on Sunday morning; it should be a daily practice.”

Excerpt from the Reconciling Ministries Network article: “RMN supports both the Christmas Covenant and the Protocol for Reconciliation and Grace through Separation. We call for a continued moratorium on charges against LGBTQ United Methodist clergy and clergy who perform same-sex weddings, as is the call of the Protocol. These two pieces of legislation complement each other and will be taken up in 2022 when delegates will have a more equitable opportunity to debate and amend them...Continue to love one another. Continue to do ministry in your area. Continue to pray and to dream and to be.”

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Pastor Jonathan.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The United Methodist Men will be meeting for breakfast at 6:30am on Saturday, October 9th. After breakfast, they plan to visit a member or friend of the congregation who is in dire need of some chores being done around their house. All men are welcome!



BOOK STUDY BEGINNING

Pastor Jonathan will be beginning his six-week study this month on the book, “Life Together,” which deals with the subject matter of building a strong Christian community. The study will be taking place at Pastor Jonathan’s home and is limited to 10 people. Check with the LUMC Office at (609) 693-5222 to see if the first group still has room. Depending on the demand, other groups may be scheduled!

*“Come on and rise up,
take a breath, you’re alive
now*

+++++

*Can’t you hear the voice
of Jesus calling us*

+++++

*Out from the grave like
Lazarus*

+++++

*You’re brand new, the
power of death couldn’t
hold you*

+++++

*Can’t you hear the voice
of Jesus calling us*

+++++

*Out from the grave like
Lazarus”*

+++++

Cain

HOLY GROUNDS COFFEE HOUR



The Holy Grounds Coffee Hour will be relocating to Fellowship Hall soon. Volunteers are needed to help with this mission. Their responsibilities include making coffee, cutting up and plating desserts, wiping down tables and cleaning up after coffee hour is over. Many thanks to those who have hosted in the past, and in advance to all who will host sometime in the future. Please contact Pastor

Jonathan if you would like to help with this mission.

+++++



HOT LUNCH PROGRAM & HOPE CHEST FOOD PANTRY

Available Tuesdays & Thursdays at 12pm!

**LACEY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
PO Box 151
Forked River, NJ 08731