

<>< *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; Nick Juliano; Marjorie Moore; Rachel C.; Louise; Michelle Reyes; Pete & Kathy Jensen; Judy Mihalkovitz; Virginia Schoeneberg; George Reid; Will Cotton; Dawn Slate; Carole Exel; Karen; Tom & Mary; Terry H.; Peg Bea; Davette & Leslie Bivins; Lizzie Britton; Linda & John Ansbach; Evelyn Handchen; Patricia Potter; Michael Potter; Sara Carpini; Joseph; Rosalie Mulvaney; Ed & Monique Wojciechowski; Beccari Family; Emmett & Gloria Bivins; Ellen Larney; Brittney; Diane Collins; Rick & Ashleigh Handchen; Marousis Family; George & Adrienne Melnyk; Ike & Joan Icenhower; Thomas Helle; Susan Schlotter; Daryl Simmons; Dee & Paul Burrowes; Colleen Brandt; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Barkley Family; Bev Krott; Charles Cometa Jr.; Peggy LaPorta; Sandi Smith; Gesine Klein; Joan McGavin; Cindy Dreher; Nancy Dean; Allyson Cotton; Lisa Burger; Patricia Potter; Sally & Trevor Potter; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; BettyAnn Britton; Tommy Britton; Dawn Marie & Stash Kuch; Kyle Kuch; Gail Matuska; Phyllis Smith; Bill Jones; Sue & Rich Newman; Bill Hulst; Bill & Becky Buglione; Melody Pryor-Tasco; Lorraine, Katrina & Peter Borchester; Sally & Don McErlean; Hunter; Pat Grant; Bill Keyworth; Deb Burnette; Shannon, Noel, & Brandon Weaver; our whole Church Family.

For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss ~ Covid19 Victims; Jilly K. Family; Ray MacPherson Family; Frank Nordyk Family; Larry Radomski Family; Peg Cotton Family; Ann Taylor Family..

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ Thanks be to God for answered prayer! For the birth of James Frederick Stapleton!

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; 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.

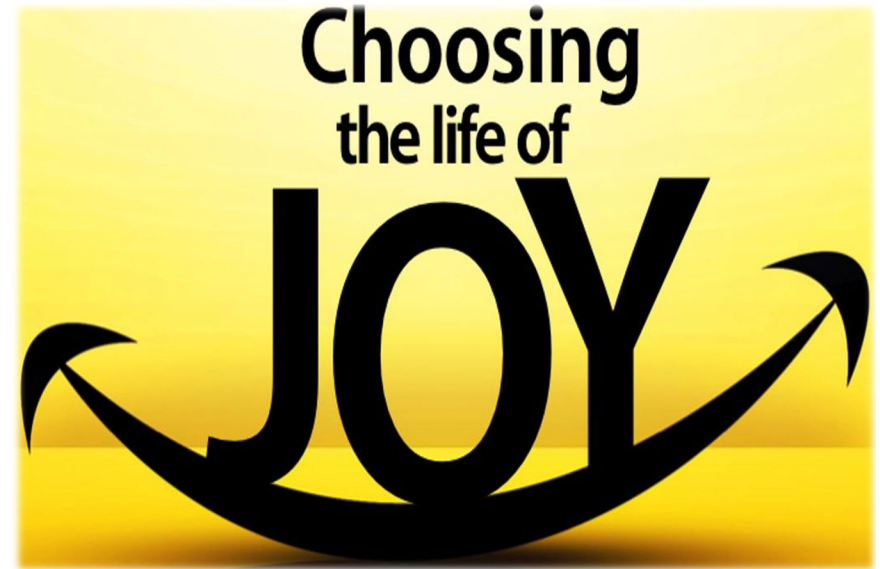
For Greater NJ Annual Conference ~ Bishop John & Beverly Schol; DS Rev. Héctor A. Burgos; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas ~ People of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen; 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 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

January 16, 2022



Humor

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

Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Diane Collins

Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Dominic Gregoria

Music Director: Dawn Slate Welcoming Team: Virginia Schoeneberg

Head Ushers: Sherry Exel & Rick Waddell

Junior Head Ushers: Kenshin Frangos & Abby Michalkowski

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

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

** Please feel free to rise in body or spirit*

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Prelude

Peace Like A River

Offered by Betty Carhart & Bob Pentland

Welcome

Call to Worship

In your kingdom, Lord, **there are no favorites**, all are equal, all carry the image of the one who made all things, **and all are welcome in your home**. Such love, **beyond our imagining**. Such love, **that could die for us**. Such love **sown into hearts**, that we might display its beauty **through our lives and words**. Thank you Lord!

Young Disciples' Time

***Hymn**

God of Grace and God of Glory UMH 577

Prayer for Illumination

Since we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth, make us hunger for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

New Testament Lesson: Acts 16:25-34

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 1:8-14

Message: The Life of Joy: "Humor"

***Praise Song**

Holy, Spirit, You Are Welcome Here

Pastoral Prayer

Ministry of Giving and Prayer of Dedication:

God of justice and mercy: The temptation is strong to make our gifts to you on Sunday feel as if we've done all that is expected, then wake up on Monday and live like all the rest of the world. Deep in our souls, we know that's not what Christ called us to do, but the safe road is so much easier. God of compassion, embolden us to be involved in some "good trouble." Embolden us to stand out against the backdrop of a world that says, "take care of your own." Embolden us to use our voices to speak on behalf of the voiceless, to use our ears to hear the discouraged and defeated, and to use our

arms to help the weak and powerless. In the name of the one who conquered death. Amen.

***Praise Song**

I Love You Lord

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith. **Through your Spirit we stand in the assurance of your acceptance.** Forgive us when we are shackled by our narrow understandings of discipleship and our clouded sense of purpose. **Through your Spirit we are drawn into the illumination of your empowering love.** Forgive us when we are frightened of the future or pull back from the demand of your calling. Forgive us when we fail to sense your presence in our past, to acknowledge your grace in the present moment, **and to trust you for our future. Through your Spirit we offer ourselves in discipleship. We stand together as your disciples. We seek renewed and renewing faith. Touch us now with your Spirit, Lord. Touch us now with your Spirit.**

(Time of Silent Confession and Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

God of freedom, Paul and Silas worshiped you, even when they were flogged and imprisoned. Transform our hearts so that we may also rejoice in you at all times and in all situations. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Gratitude

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that, when we were still far off, you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us so we and all your children shall be free and the whole earth live to praise your name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Praise Song**

I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy

Benediction

***Postlude**

In Moments Like These

Offered by Betty Carhart & Bob Pentland

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.

Volunteers are needed to join our Media Team!

The media team coordinates the live stream, sound, and video screen presentation on Sundays.

Contact Steven Michalkowski 732-300-1956 to learn more!!

FINANCIAL STATISTICS – January 9, 2022 **Attendance ~ 34 in-person; 31 via YouTube**

Envelope Offerings ~ \$1,280.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$1,101.29
Plate ~ \$10.00 Bayshore Fellowship Rent ~ \$1,273.08
Memorial ~ \$360.00 Discretionary Fund ~ \$23.00

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!!

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>

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



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!

Memorial Brick Orders

4" x 8" Brick / 4 lines / 18 characters each line including spaces = \$50
8" x 8" Brick / 6 lines / 18 characters each line including spaces = \$100
Contact Elaine Brandt for more information. Please visit our website or contact the LUMC Office for an order form!

♪♪ LUMC Music Ministries ♪♪

Please reach out to Dawn Slate if you are interested in joining!

Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
January 23 – Philemon 1:7-16

Bible Study Opportunities

- ✚ Wednesday mornings at 9:00am.
- ✚ Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm at the home of Donna Jones. Please contact Donna at 609-276-7383 for more information.
- ✚ Thursday evenings at 6:45pm.

FUNDRAISING TEAM MEETING - TUESDAY, JAN. 18TH
6:00PM IN THE MUSIC ROOM

☼United Methodist Women Meeting ☼

Thursday, January 20th at 6PM at Perkins, Forked River.
Contact Monique at 732-492-1494 for more information.

Drama Club at LUMC – Tuesdays 5pm-6:30pm

Contact Dominic 732.904.9945 or donnieg777@hotmail.com for info. Open to all children and youth, reading age and up.

Liturgist Schedule is Forming for 2022!

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.
Thank you for contributing to our Sunday worship services!

Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: 9:00 AM Monday, Feb. 21st at Lacey Perkins (Rt. 9, Forked River). Everyone is welcome to be part of the food, fellowship, and fun!

Calling All children & Youth

Sunday School: All are welcome! (K-12th Grade) Sunday
Confirmation Class: Forming soon. (5th Grade and older)
Youth Group: Fridays 6:30PM (5th Grade and older)
Youth Group is returning in February!

Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe

Now open Wednesdays!

Hours of Operation: Thursdays ~ 8:00AM – 11:00AM
Wednesdays, Fridays, & Saturdays ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM

- ↔ Volunteers are needed to extend hours/days of operation. ↔
Please contact Elaine Brandt to learn how you can help!

