

<>< *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 Cyprus, Greece, Turkey; California, Colorado; 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 23, 2022*



**Acceptance and  
Forgiveness**

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

Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Betty Carhart

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*

*All Music Used with Permission – CCLI#2274807*

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome**

## **Opening Prayer**

Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

**For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.**

Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

**We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**

Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love. **Amen!**

## **Young Disciples' Time**

**\*Praise Song**                      **You Are My King (Amazing Love)**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. **Amen.**

## **Epistle Lesson: Philemon 1:7-16**

## **Message: The Life of Joy: "Acceptance and Forgiveness"**

**\*Hymn**                      **Help Us Accept Each Other UMH 560 v. 1,3,4**

## **Affirmation of Faith UMH 887**

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation or distress,  
or persecution or famine,  
or nakedness or peril or sword?

**No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us.**

**We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,**

**Will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God!**

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Lord's Prayer**

## **Ministry of Giving and Prayer of Dedication:**

God of mercy and grace, you see us for the imperfect vessels we are. Our worship is imperfect; our service is imperfect; our giving is imperfect; our compassion for others is imperfect. Yet your love and patience is boundless! **We bring our gifts to your altar and pray that in the loving hands of the Potter they might be made beautiful, reshaping the world in beauty and love. In Christ, we pray. Amen.**

## **\*Hymn**

**Make Me A Servant FWS 2176**

## **Prayer of Confession**

God of our lives,  
you search us and know us.  
**We have refused to take up your cross, to bear the burdens that are ours to carry. We have not given up our attachments to possessions or to self. We have not counted the cost of walking into an unknown future with you. Help us turn away from evil, that we may walk with you once more**

*(Time of Silent Confession and Reflection)*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

The Holy One rejoices in our repentance, reshaping us into vessels of love and service. In the grace-filled love of Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **\*Hymn**

**Peace Like A River FWS 2145**

## **Benediction**

## **\*Postlude**

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 16, 2022**  
**Attendance ~ 32 in-person; 26 via YouTube**

**Envelope Offerings ~ \$610.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$1,181.82**  
**Plate ~ \$12.00 Memorial ~ \$50.00 Discretionary Fund ~ \$728.00**

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 - 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](http://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!

**UPCOMING MEETINGS ON MONDAY, JAN. 24<sup>TH</sup>**  
**TRUSTEES - 5:30PM IN THE MUSIC ROOM**  
**CHURCH COUNCIL - 6:30 PM IN THE SANCTUARY**

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for*  
**January 30 – Philippians 4:4-9**

**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.

**\* Winter Hours for the Hope Chest Food Pantry \***

The food pantry will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM.

**♪♪ LUMC Music Ministries ♪♪**

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

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

Contact Dominic 732.904.9945 or [donnieg777@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:donnieg777@hotmail.com).  
Thank you for contributing to our Sunday worship services!

**Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: 9:00 AM Monday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>**  
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. (5<sup>th</sup> Grade and older)  
**Youth Group:** Fridays 6:30PM (5<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Week of 1/24**



**Monday- Philemon 1:1-6**

How can you strengthen your partnerships with other believers at LUMC?

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**Tuesday- Joy Building Practice**

Sit for 5 minutes and silently read the Serenity Prayer:

God grant me the serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change;  
courage to change the things I can;  
and wisdom to know the difference.

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**Wednesday- Philemon 1:7-16**

How can you change your perceptions, so that you can move from a superficial knowledge of another to a more personal type of relationship?

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**Thursday- Joy Building Practice**

Spend five minutes reflecting on this Buddhist teaching:

All happiness in the world is born  
Of wishing others happiness.  
All suffering in the world is born  
Of wanting happiness for yourself.

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**Friday- Philemon 1:7-16**

Many are inspired to become Christian converts. Write a prayer that others may accept and welcome them as “fellow Christians”.

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**Saturday- Joy Building Practice**

The Fourfold Path of Forgiveness

1. Tell/write down your story of pain
2. Name the hurts and emotions caused by that pain
3. Granting Forgiveness: reflect on your shared humanity
4. Do you want to renewing or releasing the relationship?

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