

<>< *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; Sara Carpini; Ronnie Sadowski; Nancy & Rev. George Reid; Dorothy Cochran; Andrea Almeida; Betty Carty; Cindy Kuch; Linda & John Ansbach; Bill Wehner; Rich C.; Connie I; Chris Mignone; Denise Applegate; Randy M.; Michelle Reyes; Lois; Sue & Rich Newman; Dawn Slate; Gail Matuska; Monika & Fred Sisbarro; Marilyn Slate; Shirley; Aubrey; Betty Carhart; Rosalie Mulvaney; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; 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; Sally & Don McErlean; Pat Grant; our whole Church Family.

For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss ~ Covid19 Victims; Virginia Schoeneberg 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; Randall D. Donithan; 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 Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda; Iowa, Kansas; 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

July 30, 2023



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

Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Eric DeLa Cruz

Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Dominic Gregoria

Music Director: Dawn Slate Special Music: Betty Carhart

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, Welcome, and Announcements

***Hymn** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* **UMH 140**

***Call to Worship**

What joy we feel when we are called together to celebrate God's love.

God's love flows through our lives! This is what it means to be the body of Christ! **This is what it means to be faithful witnesses to God.**

Let us rejoice on this day!

Lord, we thank you for the blessings you pour on us. Amen.

Young Disciples' Time

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.

New Testament Lesson: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Message: "When God Makes a Promise"

***Hymn** *Standing on the Promises* **UMH 374**

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

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Anthem: You Are Mine

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

Prayer of Dedication

Creator and architect of the universe, we want to believe that your love for us means you will go before us on life's path and clear the way, making it easy to travel, but our experience doesn't always bear that out. We know you see a bigger picture than we do. As we bring you our offerings this day, we affirm your presence with us in the pits of despair as well as in the palaces of plenty. We give with gratitude, in Christ's holy name. Amen.

Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together* **UMH 618**

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

God of infinite mercy and love, we come before you this day,

knowing that we have not always been faithful to what you would have us do. We have too often turned our backs on those in need, choosing not to hear their cries. Forgive us, O Lord. We know that you do not want us to behave in this way. Your love and mercy, so generously showered over us, should be a beacon to guide our own actions. We make no excuses, for none would suffice. We ask your forgiveness and blessing, turning us again around and placing us on the path of compassion and peace. This prayer we offer in Jesus' name. Amen.

A Time of Silent Confession and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

God's love is greater than our understanding and our comprehension.

That love is continually given to each and every one of us each day.

Rejoice! God's forgiving love is poured out for you now and always. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Let your gentleness be known to everyone,

and the God of peace will be with you.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us greet one another with a sign of God's 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** *Leaning on Everlasting Arms* **UMH 133**

Benediction and *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.

Trustees and Church Council will meet on Mon., Aug. 21st.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

The statistics for the week of July 23, 2023 will be included in the August 6 bulletin. Sorry 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 rear table as you exit is for giving to the Pastor's discretionary fund which enables us to directly help members of our community who are in need.

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!

Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe

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 – 1:00PM

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.

Join our team of Sunday counters!

Counters alternate weeks and we can work around your schedule. Please contact Rich at 732-501-8135 for more info!

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
August 6 – Romans 12:9-21*

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 6:45pm.

☀ **Summer Lunch Program for Lacey's Kids** ☀

We are collecting **kid-friendly soup** to be distributed to participants. Drop off to Judy Mihalkovitz on Sundays or to the LUMC Office during the week.

We're also accepting donations of reusable shopping bags!

Bake Sale at the Lacey Farmers' Market

When: Friday, August 18

Bakers and volunteers needed to help make the bake sales a huge success! Please contact Debbie at 732-966-4632 to sign-up as a baker and/or booth volunteer. Thank you!!!

Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: August 14th at 9:30 AM

at Lacey Perkins. Everyone is welcome!

Friends in Faith Meeting – Aug. 8th (no meeting in July)
6:30PM in Fellowship Hall

Contact Dawn Marie at 732-232-7270 for information.

All women are welcome to join us!

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!!

Save the Date for These Upcoming Events

Sept. 30: Lacey Day at Gille Park

October 3: Bounty of the Bay (restaurant tasting event!)

October 21: Car & Truck Show

This Fall: Drama Club

Details to follow...

Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...bottled juice & snacks!

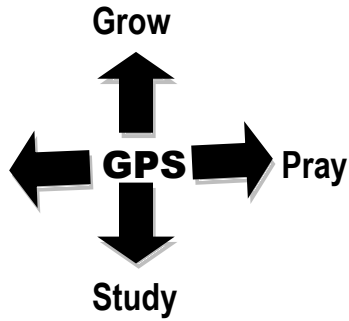
Items can be dropped off at the LUMC office during the week or after worship service on Sundays. Thank you!



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

LUMC: Facebook, Instagram, & YouTube
Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe: Facebook

Week of 7/31



Monday- Romans 11:1-10

Scholar N. T. Wright wrote, “Paul stresses that the company of believing Jews, himself included, exist not because they deserved to...but because, once...they found themselves in the dock along with everyone else (3:19–20), God called them by sheer grace through the gospel.” What can help you to daily remember that you are in God’s family by “sheer grace”?

Tuesday- Romans 11:11-24

What makes it vital to see both “God’s kindness and harshness”?

Wednesday- Romans 11:11-24

What lessons have you learned from your or other people’s struggles with faith?

Thursday- Romans 11:25-36

Paul concludes his heart-wrenching struggle with Jewish unbelief in the gospel, scripture and God’s faithfulness by writing a hymn of praise to God’s mysterious mercy. What hymns or poetry helps you respond to some of life’s hardest questions with trust in God’s love and power?

Friday- Romans 11:25-36

At the end of Chapter 11, Paul quotes from Job 41, when God reminds Job he will never fully understand the mysteries of mind of God. What mysteries of life do you struggle with? How could Job 41 help your struggle.

Saturday- Read Romans 11

What does it mean that salvation has come to the Gentiles “in order to make Israel jealous”?

Notes:
