

<>< *Lacey United Methodist Church Prayer Page* ><>

<>< YOUR WILL, LORD GOD, BE DONE ~ NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS, NOTHING ELSE ><>

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Louis Potter; Bernie Bier; Dottie Connolly; Sherry T.; Jennifer Dolan; Lorraine & Robert Soehl; Kayla Davis; Sheryl Lutgen; Barbara T.; Linda Jenkins; Steven & Nadine Woodward; Victoria Krauss; Carole Exel; Steven Exel; Tiny; Marsha Brandt; Daryl Mafia; Jason Gilman; Paul Rue; Ed Weisbrot; Carole Jansen; Bob Wynn & Denise Vaccaro; Christine Urban; Dale Stucky; Suzy; Steve Woodward; Bob & Pam Marsh; Sadie; Kyle Wilhelm; Nancy & Rev. George Reid; Sally Potter; Danny Huyler; Donna Craft; Diane F.; Michael Claus; Christine Morgan; Joseph Ensinger; Michelle Reyes; Jeff Merceron; Mrs. Nunez; Lois Pozsar; Patrick Jemas; Helen Wooley; Gary; Levi Kern; Rich Rosfjord; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Sara Carpini; Andrea Almeida; Bill Wehner; Rich C.; Chris Mignone; Randy M.; Lois; Sue & Rich Newman; Gail Matuska; Monika & Fred Sisbarro; Marilyn Slate; Shirley; Aubrey; Rosalie Mulvaney; Frank & Mary Timmerman; Cynthia Pedemonti; Andrea Schenker; Helen DeLa Cruz; Peg Bea; Shannon Callaghan; Will Cotton; Patricia Potter; Susan Schlotter; Joan McGavin; Phyllis Smith; Bill & Becky Buglione; Lorraine, Katrina & Peter Borchester; Pat Grant; our whole Church Family.

For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss ~ Family of Bill Connolly; Family of Mae Berry; Family of Gregory Russell; Family of Dawn Slate; Family of Russel Gudiatis Jr.; Family of Serina Norall; Family of Mel Rosenbloom; Family of Jay Young.

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ For the Birth of Kehlani Adina-Rayne Maze – mother Gianna Maze, Grandparents Leigha Maze and Morris Maze! For the Birth of Ava Rossman – parents Peter & Yesi Rossman, Grandparents Dee & Rich Rossman! Thanks be to God for answered prayer!

For Those Serving in the Military ~ Peter Borchester; Jordyn Breur; 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 Cynthia Moore-Koikoi; DS Rev. Ronell Howard; Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas ~ People of Denmark, Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden; Ohio, Oklahoma; Lacey Township Committee, Leaders & First Responders; Senators; Congressmen and leaders of our United States of America; Uniting of all American political parties; President Donald Trump & Vice President JD Vance; Gov. Murphy; Praying an outpouring of God's spiritual renewal and healing of all the people of America.

 *Lacey United Methodist Church*
March 16, 2025



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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

**Hymn Trust and Obey UMH 467*

**Call to Worship*

Over the turbulent waves in our lives, Jesus calls us.

We get so busy watching the waves, we block out Jesus' call.

Look again. Jesus is calling to you. **Lord, help us hear your voice.** Come, place your trust in Jesus.

Lord, forgive our doubts, receive our lives. Amen.

Young Disciples' Time

Prayer of 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.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14:22-34

Message: Simon Peter:

"Walking with Jesus in the Storms of Life"

**Hymn Eternal Father, Strong to Save (vs. 1,2) TFWS 2191*

**Affirmation of Faith UMH 882*

Pastoral Prayer and Announcements

Offering

Anthem: Lord, I Need You

**Doxology UMH 95*

**Prayer of Dedication*

Lord of sea and storm, of sunshine and meadow, we present these offerings as tokens of our lives in grateful praise for your love for us. Use these gifts for the ministries of hope and justice in this, your broken world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Communion Hymn Bread of the World UMH 624

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you know us too well. You know how easy it is for us to come to you and to proclaim loudly of our faith when all is going well. But when the waters get rough and the waves threaten to swamp our little boats, we cry and wail in fear. We are sure that these waves will be the very things that destroy us. Over the wind and the waves you call to us to place our trust in you. That's not so easy for us. We are so used to getting lots of reassurances and written guarantees of safety. But still you call to us. Help us take our focus off the wind and the waves and place our gaze directly on you. Attune our hearts and our lives to hear your call and to respond in faith. For we offer this prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

A Time of Silent Confession and Reflection

The Assurance of Pardon

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.**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Prayer of Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread and the Sharing of the Cup

The Prayer of Humble Access

The Reception

The Prayer of Gratitude

**Hymn It Is Well with My Soul (vs. 1,3) UMH 377*

Benediction

Postlude It Is Well with My Soul (v. 4) UMH 377

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 for March 9, 2025:

Attendance ~ 46 in-person; 21 via YouTube

Offerings: \$1,152.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,410.78

Plate: \$13.00 Spring Bazaar: \$175.00

Memorial: \$200.00 Hot Lunch: \$50.00

Discretionary: \$62.00 Joy of Angels Deposit: \$1,796.77

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.

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



Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe

Normal Hours of Operation:

Tuesday ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM Wed. ~ 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Thursday ~ 8:00AM – 4:00PM Friday ~ 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Saturday ~ 10:00AM – 4:00PM

↵ The Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe is a vital mission of Lacey UMC.

Volunteers are needed to help extend the hours of operation.

Contact Maddie Stapleton or Laura McDonald to learn more!!!

County Support Services at LUMC

March 11th 10AM-1PM: Board of Social Services will be in Fellowship Hall to provide info. about their services.

NexTrex Recycling Program

When we collect more than 1,000 pounds of soft film plastics (NO CLAMSHELL/CLEAR PLASTIC CONTAINERS) in a 12-month span, we will be awarded a Trex® furniture bench for our Prayer Garden! Questions? Contact Laura McDonald at 609-276-0702.

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
March 23rd – Matthew 16:13-19; 21-23*

*The flowers that grace our Altar today are given in Glory to God;
and For the Irish, or For Those Who Wish to Be.*

♪♪ **Praise Team Practice – Wednesdays at 5:30 PM** ♪♪
No prior experience necessary...all you need is a desire to sing!

Breakfast with the Pastor: April 14th at 9:30 AM
at IHOP, Forked River. Everyone is welcome!

↵↵ **Membership Class is forming!!!** ↵↵
Please contact Pastor Jonathan at 845-893-9157 if you would like to join the LUMC family!

WHITE ELEPHANT Gift Exchange

TODAY - immediately following worship

All you need to bring is a wrapped gift to exchange (valued up to \$10), a smile, and a sense of humor! Everyone is welcome!

☺ Re-gifting is strongly encouraged. ☺

Contact Dawn Marie Kuch or the LUMC Office for more information.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

April 6 – Blessing of the Cars/Spring Dust-Off

April 12 – Spring Bazaar

April 19 – Bunny Breakfast

May 10 – Car Show

Volunteer opportunities available - sign-up today!

2025 Holy Week Schedule

April 13 – Palm Sunday

April 17 – Maundy Thursday Worship at FR Presbyterian 7:00PM

April 18 – Good Friday Stations of the Cross 12:00PM-3:00PM
Good Friday Worship 7:00PM

April 20 – Easter Sunrise Service 6:30AM at **Meadowlark Beach**
Easter Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary 9:00AM

Upcoming Meetings

Fundraising: March 10th 6:00PM **Finance:** April 7th 5:30PM

Church Council: 3/24 at 6:30PM **Trustees:** 3/24 at 5:30PM

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LUMC: Facebook, Instagram, & YouTube

Hope Chest Food Pantry: Facebook

Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe: Facebook



