

 *Lacey United Methodist Church*
March 22, 2026

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

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Jackie Swomiak; Tyler; Deb & Rick Waddell; Dale & Paul Stuckey; Wayne Kellstrom; Bill J. Romano; Mary Cicale; Peggy Rafuse; Chip & Bonnie Marshall; Laura & Tim McDonald; Robert Rockafellow; Joan McGavin; Lisa Smith; Sue Smith; Samantha Maida; Sue Bolanwski; Irene; Lorraine & Robert Soehl; Cynthia Pedemonti; Dave C.; Luke Denning; Jaden Maggio; Alease & Ken King; Donna Craft; Annabelle Littlefield; Doug Hopkinson; Sharon Callaghan; Tom C; Neil Barnett; Dan; Jaime; Susan Smith; Hannah Maloney; Eddie Grant; John R.; Phyllis Smith; Louis Potter; Dottie Connolly; Sheryl Lutgen; Lois Pozsar; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Andrea Almeida; Frank & Mary Timmerman; Peg Bea; Lorraine, Katrina & Peter Borchester; our whole Church Family.

For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss ~ Family of Robert Cicale; Family of Linda Papetti; Family of Joe McGuiggan.

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ 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 Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania; Hawaii, Idaho; 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. Sherrill; Praying an outpouring of God's spiritual renewal and healing of all the people of America.



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Head of the Church - Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God
Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Helen Dela Cruz
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Welcoming Team: Lori Osborn & Deb Waddell
Head Ushers: Deb & Rick Waddell
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Lacey UMC is called to teach, serve, and love individuals so they will follow Jesus Christ and help us transform the world.
Teach. Serve. Love.

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 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (vs. 1,4) UMH 103*

*Call to Worship

Everything seems dead. **There is no life anywhere.**

Our hopes have perished. **We see no future.**

Send the power of your spirit upon us. **Breathe new life into us.**

We wait for your transforming love. **We hope. We wait. We trust.**

Young Disciples' Time

Prayer of Illumination

**Spirit of God, breathe your power into our hearts,
that we may hear your word for us today. Amen.**

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:14-30

Message: Jesus Said What?: "Throw into the Outer Darkness"

**Hymn Be Thou My Vision UMH 451*

**Affirmation of Faith UMH 887*

Announcements

The Prayers of the People

Offering

Anthem

**Doxology UMH 95*

*Prayer of Dedication

**Generous God, your good gifts to us are too many to name!
We have been so blessed, not so that we might hide away
these blessings, but to use them so that the blessings might
be multiplied. As we give from our blessing stockpile, help it
to multiply and grow. May our gifts empower multiple acts of
mercy and compassion, and may your love pour over this
world like a flood. If we have buried these gracious blessing,
may today be the day we dig them up and put them to work,
so that we might be seen as your faithful servants! Amen.**

Communion Hymn Open My Eyes, That I May See UMH 620

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

For our slowness to recognize your gifts in other people and their calling to be children of God: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

For our reluctance to accept your free gifts and your gracious call to play our part in your ministry: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

For any cause of division in your body for which we are responsible: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

A Time of Silent Confession and Reflection

The Assurance of Pardon

The good news is that all who trust in Christ will have their sins forgiven and receive eternal life. As you hold this faith, I declare that you are set free from all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Thanks be to God.**

Passing of the 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

The Reception

Prayer of Gratitude

**Hymn Grace Alone TFWS 2162*

Benediction

*Postlude

Mission Statement: Lacey UMC is committed to creating inspiring worship, enriching teaching, and hands on service opportunities so that individuals become passionate followers of Jesus Christ.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Statistics for March 15:

Attendance ~ 57 in-person; 42 via YouTube
 Offerings: \$1,430.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,078.93
 Plate: \$47.90 Hot Lunch Program: \$300.00
 Discretionary: \$449.00 Joy of Angels Deposit: \$1,484.28

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.

WAYS TO GIVE



ONLINE

Visit our website laceyumc.org or click the link below to set up electronic giving.



IN PERSON

VIA TITHING ENVELOPE cash/check



MOBILE GIVING

Donate to Lacey UMC by using the venmo app on your tablet or phone.

Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe

Normal Hours of Operation:

Tuesday: 10:00AM – 4:00PM 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 work during the hours of operation. Contact Maddie Stapleton or Laura McDonald to learn more!!!**

NexTrex Recycling Program is back!!!

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 Sunday, March 29 – John 8:31-47

2026 Holy Week Schedule

Mar. 29 – Palm Sunday
 April 2 – Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00PM
 April 3 – Good Friday Stations of the Cross 12:00PM-3:00PM
 Good Friday Worship at FR Presbyterian 7:00PM
 April 5 – Easter Sunrise Service 6:00AM at **Meadowlark Beach**
 Easter Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary 9:00AM

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

Women's Ministry will have gather for dinner at 5:30PM on Wed., March 25 at IHOP, Forked River. Please contact Dawn Kuch for more info. at 732-232-7270.

Opportunities to Grow in Faith
 Sunday Bible Study: Following worship in Fellowship Hall
 Bible Study: Thurs. at 6:30PM - Connolly Center Conf. Room
 Please contact Pastor Jonathan for more info.

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

County Support Services at LUMC
March 24th 10AM-1PM: Board of Social Services will be in Fellowship Hall to provide info. about their services.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!
 Apr 12 – Blessing of the Cars/Spring Dust-Off (weather permitting)
 May 9 – Car Show (rain date: May 16)
 Volunteer opportunities available - sign-up today!

Upcoming Meetings
Finance: May 11 at 5:30 PM **Trustees:** May 4 at 5:30PM
Church Council: May 11 following Finance **Fundraising:** TBD

Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...
 *canned pasta/ravioli *soups *snacks
 *bottled juices *frozen dinners *frozen pizza
SHALOM Mission Needs paper towels – thank you!

