

Lacey United Methodist Church

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Head Ushers: Sherry Exel & Rick Waddell

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Counters: Rose Coram, Judy Mihalkovitz, Cynthia Pedemonti, Rich Rosfjord

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

March 7, 2021

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

O God, we lift up the spirit of our whole selves.

**O God, we trust unashamedly in you;
seeking that you be not ashamed of us;**

May we travel our Lenten journey together in right relationships; **Teach us. Show us. Guide us in your paths. Grow us to know your ways more clearly.**

You are the God of our salvation and the sustainer of good relations. **For you we wait.**

May integrity, a clean conscience, and upright living preserve us. **Amen.**

Praise Song ~ Come, Now Is the Time to Worship & This is the Day

Children's Message

Ministry of Giving and Prayer of Dedication

God of holiness and grace, we know the words of your commandments. In our hearts, we know that following them makes life easier, not harder; fuller, not more restricted. We know there is no God greater than you, yet we have made the silliest things our gods and have thrown our money and

resources after them. As we offer our gifts this day, we are reminded that only you have given the gift of a savior and the redemption of our rebellious lives. In Christ's name, we trust and pray. Amen.

Hymn ~ What a Friend We Have in Jesus #526 vs. 1&3

Scripture ~ Romans 3:23-24

Message: "Restored: Bless This Mess"

Hymn ~ Come to The Table #2264

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession (inspired by Exodus 20:1-17)

God gave us the covenant of the law to guide us and help us live with our neighbors in love.

When we break God's law, we leave our neighbors hurt and bruised.

God's law is a gift to us, showing us how to keep our part of the covenant.

**Even through old pain and wounds,
may we embrace the new life that Christ can bring.**

(Time for Reflection and Confession)

Words of Assurance

May the God of the law guide us in living lives that keep the covenant of love.

**May Christ's forgiveness grant us new life,
even when we break God's law.**

May the Holy Spirit of conviction lead us to confession and renewal.

May we respond in love to the God of covenant and change.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Hymn ~ God Be With You Till We Meet Again #672

Benediction

Postlude

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship & This is the Day

Come, now is the time to worship,
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are, to worship,
Come, just as you are, before your God....

One day every tongue will confess you are God,
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those,
Who gladly choose you now...

This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made,
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made,
We will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus #526 Vs. 1&3

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer.

Oh what peace we often forfeit,
Oh what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.

Are you weak and heavy laden
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior still my refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Do thy friends despise forsake Thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield Thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Come to the Table #2264

Come to the table of mercy,
Prepared with the wine and the bread,
All who are hungry and thirsty,
Come and your souls will be fed.

Come at the Lord's invitation
Receive from His nail pierced hand,
Eat of the bread of salvation
Drink of the blood of the Lamb.

God Be With You Till We Meet Again #672

God be with you till we meet again
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you
God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we met
Till we meet at Jesus feet
Till we meet, till we met,
God be with you till we meet again.

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

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ CoVid sufferers & Care Givers; George & Adrienne Melnyk; Ike & Joan Icenhower; Thomas Helle; Susan Schlotter; Daryl Simmons; Jay J; Nancy D; Dee & Paul Burrowes; Colleen Brandt; Peg & Bob Bea; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Ray MacPherson; Larry Radomski; Carol Horling; Peg & Will Cotton; Barkley Family; Mihalkovitz/Przybylski Families; Marjorie Moore; Bev Krott; Charles Cometa Jr.; Peggy LaPorta; Sandi Smith; Terry S.; Gesine Klein; Tony Kosciuk, Dee & Jessica Maffucci; Joan McGavin; Cindy Dreher; Nancy Dean; Shannon Kelly Callahan; Macon & 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; Rosalie Mulvaney; Sue & Rich Newman; Bill Hults; Bill & Becky Buglione; Melody Pryor-Tasco; Lorraine, Katrina & Peter Borchester; Sally & Don McErlean; Hunter; Pat Grant; Bill & Ellie Keyworth; Deb Burnette; Shannon, Noel, & Brandon Weaver; our whole Church Family.

For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss ~ Covid19 Victims; Fred Weidemann Family; Bernie & Dot Novack's Family; Danny Taylor Family; Richard Dickon Family; Lazarus Family

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ Celebrating the birth of Amelia Margaret to parents Cody & Bill Woods; Great-Grandmother Margie Moore! 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; James Lubbers; T. Ryan McDonald; Ryan Palmieri; Daniel Schenker; Jason Schenker; for all Soldiers; Sailors; Marines; Airmen; & Guardsmen/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 Dr. Gina Hendrickson; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas ~ People of Ireland, United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales; Nebraska, Nevada; 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.

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.

Corned beef or spaghetti...that is the question!

Our fundraising/event committee would like to know which dinner choice you would be more interested in for a "take-out" dinner. Please send your choice to the LUMC Office – laceyumcnj@gmail.com or 609.693.5222.

Easter flowers are on sale!

Please visit our website laceyumc.org or contact the LUMC Office for an order form.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS – March 7, 2021

Attendance ~ 31 in-person; 50 via Facebook Views

Envelope Offerings ~ \$1,740 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$854.76
Plate ~ \$20.00 Book Study ~ \$10.00
Rent ~ \$100.00 Sanctuary Media Upgrade ~ \$1,000.00
Summer Lunch Program ~ \$4,000.00

Thank you for your continued support of LUMC! We GREATLY appreciate your generosity! 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. GNJAC has set up separate accounts for every local Church if you would like to use your credit or debit card to share your tithe and offerings you may do so by visiting gnjumc.org/onlinegiving.
Thank you and God bless you!!

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



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- ✓ amazon.com - Support LUMC by starting your Amazon shopping at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2279634>

Lenten Vespers Wednesdays at 5:30PM Via Facebook Live

Each week Pastor Jonathan will lead evening prayers and teach about different spiritual disciplines that will strengthen your faith journey. Please contact the LUMC Office for more information.

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
Sunday, March 14 – 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24*

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!

If you would like to place flowers on the Altar on a certain date in honor or in remembrance of a loved one, please contact the LUMC Office.

Virtual Bible Study Opportunities - Thursdays 9AM & 6:45 PM

Please contact the LUMC Office to receive the virtual link!

Memorial Brick Orders to be submitted on March 15th!

4" x 8" Brick / 3 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!

Hope Chest Food Pantry is open on

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 12PM to 2PM!

Volunteers needed! Contact the LUMC Office to learn more!

Free Meal Distribution on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12PM

Call the LUMC Office 609.693.5222 to register so we know how many meals are needed for your family. Thank you!

Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe

New Hours of Operation:

Thursdays ~ 8:00AM – 11:00AM

Fridays & Saturdays ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM