

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Covid sufferers & Care Givers; Gail Matuska; Tony Daleo; Rev. Wade Jackson; Bruce Halliday; Kevin; Rhoda & Steve; Amy Russell; Brian; Ashley; Carole Reppert; Aiden & Ariel Edgecomb; Gwen Lewis; Aubrey; Betty Carhart; Rosalie Mulvaney; Kay Laux; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Daniel Huyler; Isabella; Ronald & Marilyn Slate; Pamela Sutherland; Michael Niejako; Frank & Mary Timmerman; Cynthia Pedemonti; Andrea Schenker; Helen DeLa Cruz; Alicia; Dave H.; Peg Bea; Jonathan Rock; Kyle; Shannon Callaghan; Rachel C.; Louise; Michelle Reyes; Pete & Kathy Jensen; Virginia Schoeneberg; George Reid; Will Cotton; Dawn Slate; Carole Exel; Karen; Tom & Mary; Terry H.; Davette & Leslie Bivins; Lizzie Britton; Linda & John Ansbach; Patricia Potter; Michael Potter; Sara Carpin; Joseph; Ed & Monique Wojciechowski; Emmett & Gloria Bivins; Brittney; Diane Collins; Rick & Ashleigh Handchen; Marousis Family; George & Adrienne Melnyk; Ike & Joan Icenhower; Susan Schlotter; Dee & Paul Burrowes; Colleen Brandt; Barkley Family; Joan McGavin; Cindy Dreher; Nancy Dean; Allyson Cotton; Lisa Burger; Sally & Trevor Potter; Tommy Britton; Dawn Marie & Stash Kuch; Kyle Kuch; Phyllis Smith; Bill Jones; Sue & Rich Newman; Bill Hults; 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; Betty Ann Britton Family; Patrick Sisbarro Family; Ed Johnson Family; Harry Newman Family; Evelyn Handchen Family; Bill Williams Family; Guy Burnett Family; Bill Krott Family; Thomas Helle 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; James Lubbers; 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; 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.

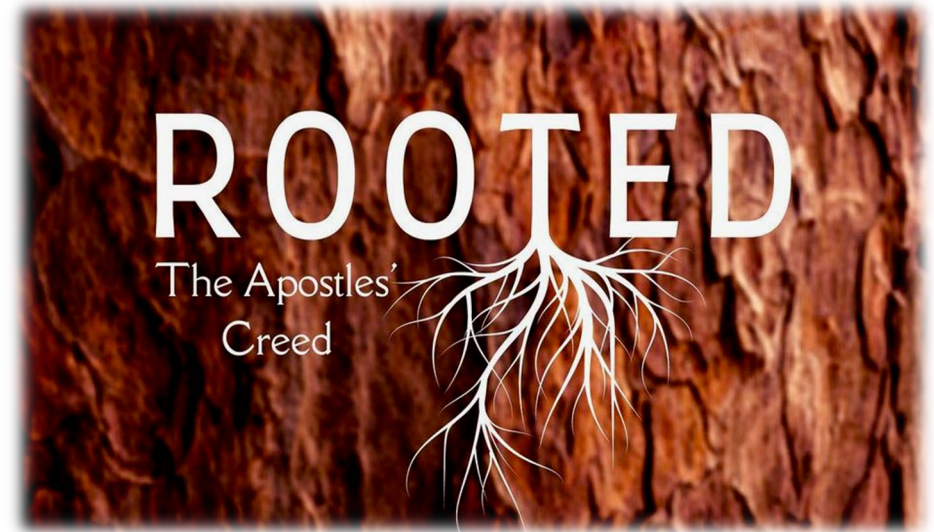
For Greater NJ Annual Conference ~ Bishop John & Beverly Schol; DS Rev. Héctor A. Burgos; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas ~ People of Ukraine, Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe; Prayer for God's will to be done on Earth; 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

September 18, 2022



**“I Believe in the God
the Father Almighty”**

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

Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Diane Collins

Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Dominic Gregoria

Music Director: Dawn Slate Welcoming Team: Lori Osborn & Deb Waddell

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*

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn** *Morning Has Broken* **UMH 145**

Call to Worship

God's glory is pouring forth from the heavens.

Earth below receives the good news with great joy.

The promise is sure and true, that Jesus has come to show us the best ways to serve God.

By serving and caring for others, we truly serve God.

Come, let us prepare ourselves for joyful service.

Lord, make us ready for great service in your name. Amen.

Young Disciple's Message

Prayer for 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.

Hebrew Scripture Lesson: Psalms 19:1-4

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 4:1-6

Message: "I Believe in the God the Father Almighty"

***Hymn** *The Gift of Love* **UMH 408**

The Apostles' Creed **UMH 882**

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Anthem ~ Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

***Doxology**

Prayer of Dedication

Almighty Giver of All Good Gifts: Grow in us the wisdom to know that all we have to give is in our hands only because you have given to us first. Remind us that you have called us in Christ to be gentle, patient, and loving – and at one with your children everywhere. May the gifts we have been given and the gifts we share reflect the debt of our gratitude for your many

blessings. We pray this in the holy name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

***Hymn** *One Bread, One Body* **UMH 620**

Prayer of Confession

Waiting God, you know us all too well. We listen to this episode in the life of Jesus. We hear the astonishment of the people gathered in worship as Jesus proclaims the mandate and scope of his ministry. It is what they had hoped for and also what they have feared.

Change and challenge are always difficult. We are more inclined to turn our backs on opportunities of service than pitch in to affect the needed changes that will promote healing and wholeness. Forgive us when we give lip service to you and then slip into inaction. Give us courage to be willing disciples. Help us to be people of promise and hope. In Jesus' Name, we offer this prayer. Amen.

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus has opened the doors for service to each one of us. We have been freed from our fears and doubts. Rejoice, dear friends! In Jesus' Name, we are forgiven and healed. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Passing of the Peace

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Gratitude

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that, when we were still far off, you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us so we and all your children shall be free and the whole earth live to praise your name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn** *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*
TFWS 2223

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.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Our projected weekly need to meet ministry obligations is \$5,120.00. Statistics for September 11, 2022

Attendance ~ 64 in-person; 24 via YouTube

Offerings ~ \$1,028.16 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$1,346.04
Plate ~ \$209.00 Bake Sale ~ \$843.00 Rent ~ \$1,323.09

General Fund Total: \$4,749.29

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!!

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!

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!

Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe

Hours of Operation: Thursdays ~ 8:00AM – 11:00AM

Tues., Wed., Fridays, & Sat. ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM

- ↪ The Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe is a vital mission of Lacey UMC.
Volunteers are needed to help extend the hours of operation.
Please contact Elaine Brandt to volunteer!

Upcoming Events for Children/Youth

- ⇒ **Sunday School Kickoff** is on Sunday, September 18th
⇒ **Drama Club** will be returning on Wednesdays 5:00-6:30PM
⇒ **Ignite Youth Conference** in Wildwood Sept 30-Oct. 2

Shoe Drive Fundraiser coming to LUMC! Start saving your new or gently used pairs of shoes. Details to follow...

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
September 25 – **Philippians 2:6-8; John 1:1-5, 14***

Bible Study Opportunities

- ✚ Wednesday morning Bible Study will return soon!
- ✚ 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.

Bake Sale at the Lacey Farmers' Market

September 23rd from 11AM – 5PM (earlier if we sell out!)
Please contact Maddie at 609-501-4207 to sign-up as a baker and/or booth volunteer. Thank you!!!

Next Worship Service at Spring Oak Assisted Living September 25th at 1:30PM

We will be worshipping with the residents of Spring Oak at 1:30PM. Please meet in the LUMC parking lot at 1:15pm. Masks required.

Lacey Day Sept 24th 12pm-4pm Gille Park

We are seeking volunteers to spend some time at the LUMC booth. Please let Joann know if you are able to volunteer!

Car Show & Flea Market Saturday, October 1st 9AM – 2PM

Food available for purchase. Rummage tables.
Vendor space available. Contact the office for more details!

Northern Shore District Charge Conference Wednesday, October 12 at 7:30 PM

Conference paperwork due to the LUMC office by Sept. 15!
The Conference will be virtual this year. Details to follow...

BOUNTY OF THE BAY Tuesday Oct. 18th 6:30pm-8:30pm

Appetizers, Entrees and Desserts from local restaurants.
\$25 Adults / \$8 children 10 yrs. and under Silent Auction!

Oct. 19th - Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" Fundraiser

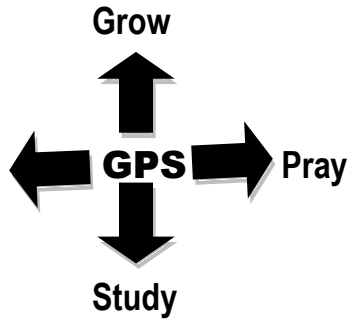
Purchase a 25% off coupon from LUMC for only \$5!!!
Contact the LUMC Office or see Dawn Slate after worship!

HARVEST FEST ~ November 19 9AM – 2PM

**BAKED GOODS | HOMEMADE SOUPS & CHILI |
PICS WITH SANTA | KID'S KORNER |
CRAFTS | VENDORS | RUMMAGE SALE**

Contact the LUMC Office 609.693.5222 for more information.

Week of 9/18



Monday- Isaiah 41:21-33

What makes it hardest for you to believe in God? In what ways you're your faith and trust impacted the way you live your life?

Tuesday- Isaiah 44:12-22

Are you willing to turn your heart toward God, who offers hope even in our worst hurts?

Wednesday- Psalm 19:1-6

In what natural locations have you most strongly experienced a sense of God's wisdom behind the beauty or purpose that you observe? How does observing the creation around you strengthen your faith if a Creator?

Thursday- 2 Corinthians 3:1-3

In what ways do you open your heart to the "Spirit of the living God's influence" so that God's imprint can be seen in you?

Friday- John 20:24-31

How would you answer a friend who asked, "Do you really believe Jesus rose from the dead?"

Saturday- 1 Corinthians 1:20-31

In what ways have you seen the "foolishness" that Paul preached, and that this church preaches, change your world and you for the better?

Notes:
