

<>< *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; Lizzie Britton; Saccal Family; Lily Rose; Evelyn Handchen; Patricia Potter; Michael Potter; Sara Carpini; Joseph; Dawn Slate; Chuck Neroda; Rosalie Mulvaney; Ed & Monique Wojciechowski; Bob & Peg Bea; Beccari Family; Emmett & Gloria Bivins; Sue & Jim Pamos; Ellen Larney; Brittney; Barbara Dmiczak; Casimir Kowalczyk; Diane Collins; Rick & Ashleigh Handchen; Marousis Family; Tom & Bonnie M.; Millie L.; Mary Rose K.; Alexa DeRose; George & Adrienne Melnyk; Ike & Joan Icenhower; Thomas Helle; Susan Schlotter; Daryl Simmons; Jay J; Nancy D; Dee & Paul Burrowes; Colleen Brandt; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Ray MacPherson; Larry Radomski; 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; 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; 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; Bob Weiss Family; Christine Coram Family; Stanley Bauman Family; Bob DiNorcia Family; Donald Pape Family.

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ Celebrating the birth of Freya Jenise Klingenberg to parents Nicole & Jeff! George Melnyk is home! 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; & 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 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 Afghanistan, Cape Verde, The Gambia, Buinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal; Massachusetts, Michigan; 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*

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Welcoming Team: Virginia Schoeneberg

Head Ushers: Sherry Exel & Rick Waddell

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Counters: Rose Coram, Judy Mihalkovitz, Cynthia Pedemonti,

Sally Potter, Rich Rosfjord

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

August 29, 2021

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

Call to Worship

We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.

If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God:

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.

Young Disciples' Time

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen.

Epistle Lesson: Romans 14:13-19

***Praise Song**

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Gospel Lesson: John 15:1-8

Message: Until Unity: “Fighting for Love”

***Hymn** **What Wondrous Love is This #292**

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Prayer of Confession

*Merciful One,
you know when we are afraid to love;
you know when we are too cowardly to show mercy.
Remind us again that perfect love casts out such fears.
Surround us and strengthen us with your perfect love,
even in the face of our imperfections.
Imbue us with a love so strong,
with such growth toward perfection,
that we may cast aside our pride and embrace the power of love.*

(Time of Silent Confession and Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

*Christ is the vine. We are simply branches.
If we abide in Christ, Christ’s words will abide in us.
In the name of Christ, you who seek forgiveness are forgiven!
**In the name of Christ,
you who seek forgiveness are forgiven!***

***Hymn** **Spirit Song #347**

Ministry of Giving and Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, you are the vine grower, and we belong to you. Thank you for carefully tending us, especially in difficult times. You provide what we need in order to grow as disciples of Jesus. Help us to abide in him, the true vine. May these offerings and our lives bear much fruit and bring glory to you. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***Hymn** **Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing #671**

Benediction

Postlude

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UPDATE - LUMC Church Picnic – September 12th
The community picnic scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 12 is transitioning to an LUMC church member picnic instead. The picnic will take place on Sept. 12 from Noon-3PM at the home of Donna & Bill Jones, 202 Station Drive, Forked River. Volunteers/donations are still needed. Please contact Donna Jones, Laura McDonald, or Elaine Brandt for additional information. Hope to see you there!

Calling All Youth
Youth Group: Friday, Sept. 10th 6-8PM (5th Grade and older) Contact April Rucki or the LUMC Office for more info.
Confirmation Class: Forming soon. Please contact the LUMC Office for registration details (5th Grade and older)

First Day of Sunday School is September 19th!
Volunteers are needed! Contact Eric Dela Cruz to volunteer or to learn more about Sunday School. Registration forms are available on our website laceyumc.org or by contacting the LUMC Office at 609.693.5222 or laceyumcnj@gmail.com.

Sermon Series Planning Session
Please contact the LUMC Office if you are interested in helping us plan upcoming sermon series!

Northern Shore District Charge Conference
Thursday, October 7 at 7:00 PM
The Conference will be virtual this year. Invitations will be emailed.
All church conference paperwork is due on Monday, Sept. 20.

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.

Hot Lunch Program & Hope Chest Food Pantry are available Tuesdays & Thursdays at 12PM!

FINANCIAL STATISTICS – Aug. 22, 2021

Attendance ~ 37 in-person

Envelope Offerings ~ \$1,635.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$738.85
Plate ~ \$45.00 Shoe Drive ~ \$1,519.20 Book Study ~ \$10.50
Safe Sanctuaries Background Check ~ \$30.00
Brick Pavers ~ \$110.00 UMM ~ \$26.00

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. 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



Shop Online? Here are two ways you could earn donations for LUMC!

- ✓ umcmarket.org - You earn for LUMC every time you click through the umcmarket.org site to shop. Sign up for free at umcmarket.org!
- ✓ [amazonsmile.com](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2279634) - Support LUMC by starting your Amazon shopping at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2279634>

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!

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
Sept. 9 – 1 Thessalonians 2:6-12 & Ephesians 5:18-21*

“Life Together” Book Study starting in September!

Please join Pastor Jonathan for a six-week study of this Classic reflection on building a strong Christian community. If you are interested or have questions, please contact the office.

Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe

Hours of Operation: Thursdays ~ 8:00AM – 11:00AM
Fridays & Saturdays ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM

⇒ Volunteers are needed to extend hours/days of operation. ⇐
Please contact Elaine Brandt to learn how you can support this vital mission of LUMC!

Holy Grounds Coffee Hour will relocate to Fellowship Hall soon. Volunteers are needed to MISSION! Responsibilities: making coffee, cutting-up and plating desserts, wiping down tables and cleaning up after coffee hour is over. Many thanks to those who have hosted in the past, and in advance to all who will host sometime in the future. Please see Pastor Jonathan if you can help us!

Lacey Day Sept 25th 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 at Lacey Day!

Drama Club at LUMC – Tuesdays 5pm-6:30pm

Contact Dominic 732.904.9945 or donnieg777@hotmail.com for info.
Open to all children and youth, reading age and up!

♪ ♪ LUMC Music Ministries ♪ ♪

All Ages Welcome and Invited to Participate
Please reach out to Dawn Slate if you are interested in joining Praise Team, Choir, or Chimes of Praise!

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