<> Lacey United Methodist Church Prayer Page ><> <>> YOUR WILL, LORD GOD, BE DONE ~ NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS, NOTHING ELSE <>

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Peggy Rafuse; Brian Callaghan; Chip & Bonnie Marshall; Laura & Tim McDonald; Robert Rockafellow; Joan McGavin; Lisa Smith; Sue Smith; Samantha Maida; Sue Bolanwski; Joe McGuiggan; Irene; Lorraine & Robert Soehl; Cynthia Pedemonti; Dave C.; Luke Denning; Jaden Maggio; Alease & Ken King; Donna Craft; Annabelle Littlefield; Doug Hopkinson; Karen Knapp; Sharon Callaghan: Tom C: Neil Barnett: Dan: Jaime: Al F.: Carol D.: 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 Tristan Baluski; Family of Joseph E. Cuneo; Family of Susan Schlotter.

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ For the Birth of Avery Ray McDonald – parents Logan and Jenna; grandparents Laura and Tim McDonald! 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 Myanmar, Thailand; Vermont, Virginia; 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.





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Welcoming Team: Lori Osborn & Deb Waddell Head Ushers: Sherry Exel & Rick Waddell All Music Used with Permission – CCLI#2274807

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 O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go UMH 480

Welcome

*Hymn O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 1,2) UMH 211

*Call to Worship

People of God, Christ has invited us here! We gather to praise God, who brings justice and righteousness to all.

We gather to give thanks to God for hope and peace.

Blessed be the Lord, who has done marvelous things.

Let us praise God together!

Young Disciples' Time

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy

Hymn O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 3,4) UMH 211

Prayer of Illumination

Holy One, may your Spirit bring wisdom and understanding to all people. May your Spirit guide and encourage us to love you more deeply. Amen.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:27-35; John 19:25-30

Message: Not a Silent Night: "The Piercing of Mary's Soul"

*Hymn Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly UMH 272

*Affirmation of Faith UMH 882

Announcements

The Prayers of the People

Offering

Anthem: Mary, Did You Know?

*Doxology UMH 95

*Prayer of Dedication

Abundant God, your blessings and righteousness are

bountiful in our lives. May these gifts bear good fruit as they go forth, that peace may come, that creation may be healed, and that those who cry for justice may be heard. Amen.

Communion Hymn

What Feast of Love

W&S 3170

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, there are days when we lose our way. We forget, or simply don't trust, your vision of peace. We ignore the cries of those seeking justice. We fail to bear good fruit in our lives. Forgive us. Remind us that we are yours. Teach us how to make peace with ourselves and with our neighbors. Help us proclaim your message of hope and continue our journey to Bethlehem—a journey of faith to a cradle of love. In the name of Emmanuel, we pray. Amen.

A Time of Silent Confession and Reflection

The Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

Wherever you have been, you are welcome here!

We are glad to be here, gathered in the glorious name of God! Here and everywhere, may the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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 Lift High the Cross (vs. 3,4)

UMH 159

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 Nov. 30: Attendance ~ 65 in-person; 21 via YouTube Offerings: \$1,300.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,286.87 Plate: \$62.00

Hot Lunch: \$25.00 NA/AA Rent: \$50.00 Thanksgiving Service (Food Pantry): \$197.00 Harvest Fest: \$189.00 Mt. Zion: \$50.00

Discretionary: \$187.00 Joy of Angels Deposit: \$ 2,526.79

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.

Breakfast with the Pastor: December 8th at 9:30 AM Location: Kristy's, Waretown. Everyone is welcome!

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!!!

County Support Services at LUMC

Dec. 9 10AM-1PM: Board of Social Services will be in Fellowship Hall to provide info. about their services.

Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for **December 14 – Luke 2:41-51; Matthew 5:43-48**

Lacey Christmas Parade ~ TODAY! at 3PM

Help is needed in extending hospitality to those marching in the parade. Volunteers, please come at **1:00PM**. THANK YOU!!!

Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...

*bottled juices *frozen dinners *frozen pizza

SHALOM Mission Needs paper towels – thank you!

A Holly Jolly Fundraiser by Harbor Stage Theatre Company December 13 at 6PM

The event supports their 2026 season! Meet Santa, enjoy music, merriment, games, crafts, and holiday snacks!

Visit harborstagetheatre.com for tickets!

Opportunities to Grow in Faith

Dinner Bible Study: Tuesdays at GPM in Fellowship Hall Bible Study: Thurs. at GPM in the Connolly Center Conf. Room Please contact Pastor Jonathan or the LUMC Office for more

Women's Ministry: You're Invited to attend a Christmas Dinner Concert on Dec. 9 at 6:30pm and/or NY Eve Dinner Concert at 6:30pm at American's Keswick in Whiting! For tickets and call 800-453-7942. Contact Dawn at - 732-232-7270 if you would like to car pool.

Christmas at Lacey UMC

Sunday, Dec. 21 7:00 PM – Blue Christmas Worship Service Wednesday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Worship Services:

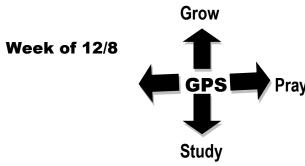
7 PM: Family Candlelight Service

10 PM: Traditional Candlelight Service

Sunday, Dec. 28 – 9AM Breakfast and Carols in Fellowship Hall

Gift Cards for Providence House

We are collecting gift cards for Providence House Domestic Violence Services. Please see the red donation box on the back table for a list of recommended cards. Contact Dawn at 732-232-7270 with questions.



| Study | |
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| Monday- Psalm 22 | Saturday- John 19:25-30 |
| How does this Psalm help you understand the role of prayer during times of crisis (verses 19-21)? | What do you think was most difficult for |
| | Notes: |
| Tuesday- Hebrew 10:16-25 | |
| What do verses 24-25 say about the importance of community in | |
| the life of a believer? | |
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| Wednesday- Luke 2:27-35 Simeon prophesied Jesus would be a "sign that is opposed." | |
| What were ways that Jesus experienced opposition in his life and | |
| what ways do people oppose him even now? | |
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| Thursday- Luke 2:27-35 | |
| How will Mary experience both joy and suffering as the mother of the Messiah? | |
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Friday- John 19:25-30

| What did the last words of her Son mean to Mary? Imagine the situation where Jesus died without saying anything to his | |
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| mother. | |
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| Saturday- John 19:25-30 | |
| What do you think was most difficult for Mary in this situation? | |
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