

<>< *Lacey United Methodist Church Prayer Page* ><>

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

**For God's Healing & Discernment** ~ Nancy & Rev. George Reid; Sally Potter; Diane Sadowsku; Danny Huyler; Karen Knapp; Mel Rosenbloom; Donna Craft; Carolyn; Diane F.; Michael Claus; John E. Rue; Keith Gibbons; Christine Morgan; Joseph Ensinger; Michelle Reyes; Jeff Merceron; Mrs. Nunez; Lois Pozsar; Patrick Jemas; Helen Wooley; Gary; Gary; Levi Kern; Greg R.; Frank Huscha; Rich Rosfjord; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Sara Carpini; Ronnie Sadowski; Andrea Almeida; Betty Carty; Cindy Kuch; Linda & John Ansbach; Bill Wehner; Rich C.; Chris Mignone; Denise Applegate; Randy M.; Lois; Sue & Rich Newman; Dawn Slate; Gail Matuska; Monika & Fred Sisbarro; Marilyn Slate; Shirley; Aubrey; Betty Carhart; Rosalie Mulvaney; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Frank & Mary Timmerman; Cynthia Pedemonti; Andrea Schenker; Helen DeLa Cruz; Peg Bea; Shannon Callaghan; Will Cotton; Carole Exel; Patricia Potter; Susan Schlotter; Joan McGavin; Phyllis Smith; Bill & Becky Buglione; Lorraine; Katrina & Peter Borchester; Don McErlean; Pat Grant; our whole Church Family.

**For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss** ~ Alena Robles Family; Elliott Freeman Family; Chelsea Diehl Family; Bill Schrieber Family; Paul Olsen Family; Don Reppert Family.

**Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer** ~ For the Birth of Caden Pennec – parents Lauren and Matt; great grandmother Joan McGavin! Kidney transplant for Jake Wiesner! For the birth of Jarrett Emmanuel Chen Stapleton! Thanks be to God for answered prayer!

**For Those Serving in the Military** ~ Peter Borchester; Jordyn Breur; Kevin Carhart; 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 John & Beverly Schol; DS Rev. Ronell Howard; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

**World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas** ~ People of The Balkans - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia; New Mexico, New York; 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; Praying an outpouring of God's spiritual renewal and healing of all the people of America.

Lacey United Methodist Church      Easter Sunday ~ March 31, 2024  
Welcome in the Name of Jesus Christ to All Visitors, Members, Family and Friends!

Liturgist: Diane Collins      Guest Music Director: Christine Urban

*\* Please feel free to rise in body or spirit*

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\*Hymn      *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* (vs.1,2,3) UMH 302

\*Call to Worship

The tomb is dark, but empty

**The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness**

The stone has been rolled away

**The one you are looking for has overcome death**

The burial clothes are put aside

**The one you are looking for is alive!**

Christ is Risen!

**Christ is Risen Indeed! Let us worship our Risen Savior!**

Young Disciples' Time

Prayer for Illumination

**Risen One, with Mary Magdalene, help us recognize you this day as we hear your word and feast together. You are "Rabboni," our Teacher, our Guide. Come speak to us, that we might be messengers of your love and doers of your word. Amen.**

Gospel Lesson: John 20:1-10,19-23

Message: Greater Than: "The Sign of Peace"

\*Praise Song      *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks*

\*Affirmation of Faith      UMH 882

Pastoral Prayer and Announcements

Offering

*Anthem: Because He Lives*

\*Doxology      UMH 95

\*Prayer of Dedication

**God of the victory of life over death; on this glorious Easter Sunday, we rejoice in the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Just as the women encountered the empty tomb and**

**the angelic message of new life, we too encounter the living Christ in our hearts and lives. As we come to present our tithes and offerings, may they be an affirmation of our search for the risen Christ, the one who challenges us to see beyond our own expectations. Bless our giving and help us discover the transformative power of the living Jesus in our lives. In the holy name of our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.**

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and Patient God, we come before you with so many things which weigh us down. We would like an "easy" faith, one that doesn't cause us to look within ourselves, to identify those many ways in which we have forsaken you. But faith is never easy. It requires our very souls. Forgive us, God, for all those things which we have neglected to do that would have helped someone else to be closer to you. Heal our hearts from the wounds which have been inflicted upon us by the anger and misunderstandings which occur in relationships. Prepare our lives to be of service to you. In silence, we wait. We long for your presence and your healing touch. Amen.**

A Time of Silent Confession and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

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

*Hymn: In Remembrance of Me*

Prayer of Gratitude

\*Hymn      *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* (v.5,6) UMH 302

Benediction

\*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**

#### **Statistics March 24, 2024:**

Attendance ~ 59 in-person; 31 via YouTube  
Offerings: \$1,430.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,148.65 Plate: \$99.00  
Easter Flowers: \$200.00 Art Auction Tickets (Mt. Zion): \$460.00  
"Alfred Grant" Grant: \$4,609.39 Discretionary: \$75.00  
Donation from VetWork: \$1,400.00  
Joy of Angels Deposit: \$1,295.00

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.**

**Electronic Giving is Here!** Follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit our website at [laceyumc.org](http://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



#### **Please help us complete the Sanctuary Altar Flooring**

All you have to do is buy ShopRite cards through LUMC!  
ShopRite makes a \$50 donation to LUMC for every \$1,000 we sell in ShopRite gift cards! Cards are available through the LUMC Office.

#### **Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...shelf-stable milk and juice!**

Drop off at the LUMC office during the week or after worship.

#### *Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe*

##### **Normal Hours of Operation:**

Tuesday ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM 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 help extend the hours of operation.**

#### **Dinner with the Pastor: April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6PM**

at **Kristy's**, Waretown. Everyone is welcome!  
Please rsvp to the office by April 12<sup>th</sup>!

**Please note:** Full daffodils were not available this year through the distributor; therefore, mini daffodils were substituted. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your understanding. Thank you for your Easter flower order!

#### **Pastoral Care Coverage** while Pastor Jonathan is on vacation...

April 1 – April 10 Rev. Dawn Corlew at 609-338-9711

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for  
April 7 – Psalm 147: 1-11 UMH 859; Isaiah 40:26-31*

#### *Opportunities to Grow in Faith*

*Bible Study: Mondays at 9:00AM in the Connolly Center*

*Disciple Bible Study: Thurs. at 6:00PM and Sun. at 1:00PM*

*Please contact Pastor Jonathan or the LUMC Office for more info.*

#### **County Support Services at LUMC**

**Thurs., April 4<sup>th</sup> 11AM-1PM:** OC Board of Health will be holding a vaccine and information clinic in Fellowship Hall.

**Tues., April 9<sup>th</sup> 9:30AM-1:30PM:** OC Board of Social Services will be in Fellowship Hall to provide info. about their services.

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

**Sisters-In-Faith:** Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Perkins 6PM

**Fundraising:** Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6PM in Fellowship Hall

**Trustees:** March 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM **Church Council:** JUNE 2024!

#### **Paintings with a Purpose: Art Auction to Benefit the Mt. Zion Celebrating the Works of John M DiCesare**

**Friday, April 12 6:00PM to 8:00PM**

Lacey Twp. Community Center, 15 East Lacey Road, FR  
\$25 pp includes buffet dinner. Tickets available at the Office!

#### **Suitcases for Ukraine**

We are collecting **28" or larger suitcases with wheels** to be used for shipping supplies, then given to those in need in the Ukraine.

Suitcases can be dropped off at the Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe.

Please contact Monika at 732-503-0363.

#### **Save the Date**

**April 6:** "Egg"cellent Hunt **April 14:** Blessing of the Vehicles

**May 11:** Car Show



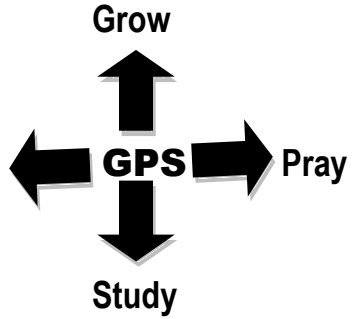
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**Hope Chest Food Pantry:** Facebook

**Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe:** Facebook

**Week of 4/1**



**Monday- Psalm 118**

How have you seen God's victory in your own spiritual life?

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**Tuesday- 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

Why does Paul feel the resurrection was so important?

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**Wednesday- 20:1-18**

What is the relationship between Jesus and Mary Magdalene?

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**Thursday- 20:1-18**

What is the relationship between Peter and the Beloved Disciple?

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**Friday- John 20:19-23**

What do you think the disciples thought when they saw Jesus?

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**Saturday- John 20:19-23**

How have you experienced the peace of the Holy Spirit in your life?

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**Notes:**

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