

# LUMC'S COMMUNITY REVELATIONS

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## Lacey United Methodist Church

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Children – Youth Education: Sue Newman

Finance Chair: Steve Michalkowski

Head Counter: Rich Rosfjord

Thrift Shoppe: Elaine Brandt

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## I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

**John 11: 17 – 27:** *So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.*

*Now Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. Now Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You."*

*Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."*

*Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."*

*Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"*

*She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."*

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## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**Maundy Thursday Service:**

**7:00PM on April 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Good Friday Services on April 2nd:**

**12PM – 3PM Prayer & Reflection**

**7:00PM Evening Prayer Service**

**Easter Sunday:**

**6:00AM Sunrise Service at Lake Barnegat Beach**

**9:00AM Worship Service at LUMC**

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**Join us on Sundays at 9AM for virtual worship!**

**Facebook: <https://facebook.com/LaceyUMCNJ/> or**

**Web: [laceyumc.org](http://laceyumc.org)**

## RESERVE YOUR SEAT

In-person worship has resumed. Due to social distancing protocol, advance reservations are required!

Contact the LUMC Office with questions concerning in-person worship.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT YEAR

Due to the long-lasting pandemic, the global General Conference has been pushed back to August 29th – September 6th, 2022, in Minneapolis. However, the Council of Bishops will be hosting a one-day General Conference on May 8th. This special conference for this year will be deciding on twelve legislative items, ensuring that the church can continue to operate until the full conference takes place in 2022. These items to be voted on can be found in full detail at <https://www.unitedmethodistbishops.org>. A quorum will be formed at this virtual conference to alter the rules in regards to paper balloting. The splitting of the denomination is not scheduled to be discussed at this special session.

A traditionalist coalition and a liberationist group do have plans in place in regard to their breaking away into their separate denominations. The Wesleyan Covenant Association has scheduled a global meeting for May 1st to discuss their future plans. This will be taking place at Frazer Church in Montgomery, Alabama, as well as being simulcasted. You can find more info about this at <https://www.wesleyan covenant.org>. A grassroots liberationist group known as the Liberation Methodist Connexion has recently formed, as well. You can find out more about them at <https://www.thelmx.org>.

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## NEW BIRTH COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS HUMAN SEXUALITY

LUMC's New Birth Committee is pleased to announce that we will be having our first church-wide discussion concerning Human Sexuality and the coming separation of the United Methodist Church. Rev. Tom Lank will be presenting information about the history of this issue in the UMC and the legislation that will be brought before the 2022 General Conference that will probably guide the separation process. Please plan to join us virtually for this important discussion on Thursday, April 15th, at 6:30pm. Contact Pastor Jonathan or the LUMC Office for more info.

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

\*We are in need of additional ushers at Sunday worship service. Usher responsibilities include ensuring proper safety protocol is being followed and guiding guests to and from their seats. If interested, please contact Sherry Exel at (609) 290-6682 or the LUMC Office for more info.



LACEY UMC'S HOPE CHEST

# FOOD PANTRY

Open Tuesdays & Thursdays

12PM - 2PM

You do not need to register in advance to visit the food pantry!

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Free Boxed Meal Distribution

Call to register!  
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS  
12:00PM - 1:00PM

If you wish to participate, please contact the LUMC Office to tell us how many meals your family needs. Meals will be distributed behind the church building. A church member will place the meals in your car. Home delivery is not available.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS RETURNED

Lacey UMC is excited to welcome everyone back to Sunday School! Sunday School has resumed in-person as of March 14, 2021, and has been taking place in Fellowship Hall. Safety protocol (masks, social distancing, etc.) is being followed. Children begin their morning in worship and transition to Sunday School after the Children’s Message from Pastor Jonathan. Please let us know if your children are interested in participating in Sunday School. If you have any questions, contact the LUMC Office at (609) 693-5222 or Eric De La Cruz at (609) 709-9713.

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## NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Lacey UMC will be offering membership classes to anyone interested in becoming a new member! Classes will be offered “virtually” via the BlueJeans meeting app. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of Lacey United Methodist Church, or just have some questions about the process, contact Pastor Jonathan or the LUMC Office at (609) 693-5222.

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## 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! For additional information about this fundraiser, contact the LUMC Office at (609) 693-5222.

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## YOUTH GROUP IS BACK!

The next Youth Group meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm until 7:30pm. They will be tie-dying shirts and masks. Please refer to the Band App for more information. Contact April Rucki at (732) 330-1855 for any questions or if you need an invite to the app.

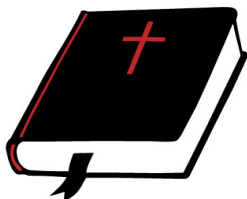
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## MEN’S FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

On Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, America’s Keswick (601 County Road 530 in Whiting) will be hosting a Men’s Fellowship Night at 6:15pm. Speaking at the event will be Pastor Sam Sutter of Goshen Christian Reformed Church. Tickets are only \$12 per person, which includes a takeout dinner, message and use of their Activity Center. You must preregister and prepay by calling (800) 453-7942. Temperature checks will be done and social distancing will be practiced. Masks are required! This evening will be joined by the men in their Addiction Recovery ministries, so come out and encourage them. For more information, visit <https://americakeswick.org>.

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## VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY



Virtual Bible Study takes place on Thursdays at 9:00am and 6:45pm. Contact the LUMC Office to receive the virtual link.

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\*\*\*\*\* The Joy Of Angels Thrift Shoppe will be closed on Thursday and Friday of Holy Week \*\*\*\*\*

***“Our Savior displayed  
on a criminal’s cross.***

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***Darkness rejoiced as  
though heaven had  
lost.***

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***But then Jesus arose  
with our freedom in  
hand.***

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***That’s when death was  
arrested and my life  
began.”***

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## ***North Point Worship***

### **DRAMA CLUB SET TO RETURN**



The LUMC Drama Club will be returning to in-person sessions on Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested in participating in this activity should email me at [donnieg777@hotmail.com](mailto:donnieg777@hotmail.com) to sign up. This is true even if you have participated in the past. The children should be of reading age to the ripe old age of 18. You do not have to be a member of the church to participate. The youth did a wonderful job at a Christmas

performance a few years back and were set to do a few Easter shows until the pandemic hit.

Masks will be required and all of the Covid precautions and guidelines will be followed. We will be reviewing some of the material we worked on last year, as well as some exciting new exercises and lessons. Therefore, anyone new who signs up will not be lost in any way!

Everyone who joins will get a chance to perform!!!!

In addition, I am also looking for some adult volunteers to assist me and to keep the activity within the Safe Sanctuary guidelines. I will be getting back in touch with those that have already expressed interest. I can also be reached at (732) 904-9945 for those who want to ask me any questions. I look forward to tapping into the talent of your young ones!

God Bless you all and have a Happy Easter,  
Dominic Gregoria

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