

<>< *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; Ed & Monique Wojciechowski; Bob & Peg Bea; Beccari Family; Emmett & Gloria Bivins; Sue & Jim Pamos; Ellen Larney; Brittny; 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; Rosalie Mulvaney; 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; Donald Pape Family; Crystal Handchen Family; Richard Nauyoks 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 Eritrea, Ethiopia; Connecticut, Delaware; 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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Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Judy Mihalkovitz

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Welcoming Team: Virginia Schoeneberg

Head Ushers: Sherry Exel & Rick Waddell

Junior Head Ushers: Kenshin Frangos & Abby Michalkowski

Counters: Rose Coram, Judy Mihalkovitz, Cynthia Pedemonti,

Sally Potter, Rich Rosfjord

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

July 11, 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

Gathering Words

God is with us, right here and now.

We open our lives to our creator.

God cares for us and gives us glory.

We open our hearts to our creator.

God appoints us keepers of the earth.

We dedicate ourselves to our creator.

Opening Prayer

From the time you fashioned the heavens and the earth from a formless void, O God, your creative energy has done marvelous works, all around us.

May you creative Spirit be at work in our hearts and minds today as we worship you and, always, as we strive to live in obedience to your will. Amen.

***Praise Song ~ I Will Enter His Gates/This is the Day**

Young Disciples' Sermon: "Living Like Royalty"

Prayer for Illumination

Dear God, teach us to live a life that is pleasing to you. **Amen.**

Scripture ~ Psalm 8

Message: “The Psalms: A Playlist for Our Lives – A Song for the King”

*Hymn ~ Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above #126

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Great God of all creation,
who are we that you are mindful of us?
You who set the stars in motion,
who launched waves crashing against the shore,
who knows the heights and depths of the world;
You count the hairs on our heads,
and call us each by name.
You give us your wisdom and you uphold us by your Spirit.
You tend to us and care for us,

We cannot grasp your love for us, O God,
for it is unlike us to be that loving and forgiving.
We are so preoccupied
by our own needs and wants and desires
and we fail to see beyond anything but our own little circles.

Turn us around, O God.
Help us to see as you see,
and to reach out as you reach out.
Remind us once again of the sacredness
of our ordinary, day-to-day lives.
By your Spirit,
teach us to live truly as beings little lower than angels.
In your mercy, O God,
forgive who we are and bless who we will be. **Amen.**

(A Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8-12

8 The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
9 He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;

10 he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.
11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

*Praise Song ~ How Great is Our God

Ministry of Giving and Prayer of Dedication

Holy God who both calls us and confronts us: the gifts we bring to you are only a small part of multitude we have received from your goodness. In the depth of our being, we know that in calling us, what you really seek is our faith, our belief, our conviction – our very hearts. What you long for from us is not a trip to church but a lifelong journey into the world to follow Jesus with our whole being. Forgive our unbelief, our holding back, and lead us in the way that frees us from the grip of the world – the way of life! In Christ, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn ~ I Will Call Upon the Lord #2002

Benediction

Postlude

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Church-Wide Discussion

Please join us on **Thursday, July 15th at 6:30pm** for the second virtual church-wide discussion on human sexuality and the coming denominational separation. This discussion will exclusively focus on the Biblical and Theological issues surrounding human sexuality and church unity. We will be joined by two presenters addressing these issues from a traditionalist viewpoint and a progressive viewpoint.

A link to the discussion will be published on Monday, July 12. Please contact the LUMC Office if we do not have your email address on file. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jonathan at 845-893-9157 or pastorjcampbell@hotmail.com.

☼ Summer Lunch Program for Lacey’s Kids ☼

We are collecting **chicken noodle soup** to be distributed to participants. Drop off to Sherry Exel on Sundays or to the LUMC Office during the week!

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 – July 4, 2021

Attendance ~ 29 in-person

Envelope Offerings ~ \$830.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$999.20
Plate ~ \$10.00 Rent ~ \$1,273.09

Building Improvements ~ \$2,904.44 (Proceeds from Property Sale)

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.

GNJAC has set up separate accounts for every local Church if you would like to use your credit or debit card to share your tithe and offerings you may do so by visiting gnjumc.org/onlinegiving.

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!

✓ [amazonmile.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!

Hope Chest Food Pantry is open on

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 12PM to 2PM!

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

Contact Dominic 732.904.9945 or donnieg777@hotmail.com for information or to register!

Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
Sunday, July 18 – Psalm 109:1-13

Summer Virtual Bible Study - Thursday at 6:45 PM
Please contact the LUMC Office to receive the virtual link!

Shoe Drive - We are collecting *pairs of shoes* for a fundraiser to benefit LUMC! Accepting all sizes/styles until **July 20th**!
Questions? Contact Lori Osborn or the LUMC 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 or the LUMC Office to learn how you can support this vital mission of LUMC!

☪ **United Methodist Women Meeting** ☪

Thursday, July 22 at 6PM in the Prayer Garden
Contact Monique at 732-492-1494 for more information.
BYOC – Bring Your Own Chair. All women are invited to join!

150th Anniversary of Lacey Twp. Parade - August 5th

The parade will begin at the Town Hall and travel to Gille Park.
- We will have a small float highlighting LUMCs history
- We will hand out water bottles along the parade route
Donations of water bottles are appreciated. Please contact Laura McDonald or Donna Jones to join the parade or volunteer!

United Methodist Men Breakfast Fellowship

August 21st at 6:30am - kitchen volunteers are welcome!
Please contact Pastor Jonathan for more information.
All men are invited to attend!

LUMC Sponsored Community Picnic

When: Sunday, Sept. 12 at 12pm

Where: FR Fire Department Gazebo

We are planning to offer games, live music, and food!
Volunteers are needed for set-up/clean-up, activities, and manning the grill! Please contact Donna Jones, Laura McDonald, or Elaine Brandt to volunteer or for additional information.