

<>< *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; Virginia Schoeneberg; George Reid; Will Cotton; Dawn Slate; Carole Exel; Karen; Tom & Mary; Terry H.; Peg Bea; Davette & Leslie Bivins; Lizzie Britton; Linda & John Ansbach; Saccal Family; Evelyn Handchen; Patricia Potter; Michael Potter; Sara Carpini; Joseph; Rosalie Mulvaney; Ed & Monique Wojciechowski; Beccari Family; Emmett & Gloria Bivins; Ellen Larney; Brittney; Diane Collins; Rick & Ashleigh Handchen; Marousis Family; George & Adrienne Melnyk; Ike & Joan Icenhower; Thomas Helle; Susan Schlotter; Daryl Simmons; Dee & Paul Burrowes; Colleen Brandt; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Ray MacPherson; Larry Radomski; Barkley Family; Mihalkovitz/Przybylski Families; Marjorie Moore; Bev Krott; Charles Cometa Jr.; Peggy LaPorta; Sandi Smith; Gesine Klein; Joan McGavin; Cindy Dreher; Nancy Dean; 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 Hulst; 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; Mary Rose K Family; Peg Cotton Family; Ann Taylor Family; Phillip Schoenberger/Buglione Family; Patrick Callaghan Family; Debby Nugent Family; Dee Cala Family; Robert Bea Family.

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ Thanks be to God for answered prayer! For the birth of James Frederick Stapleton! Birth of Stormi Witty!

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.

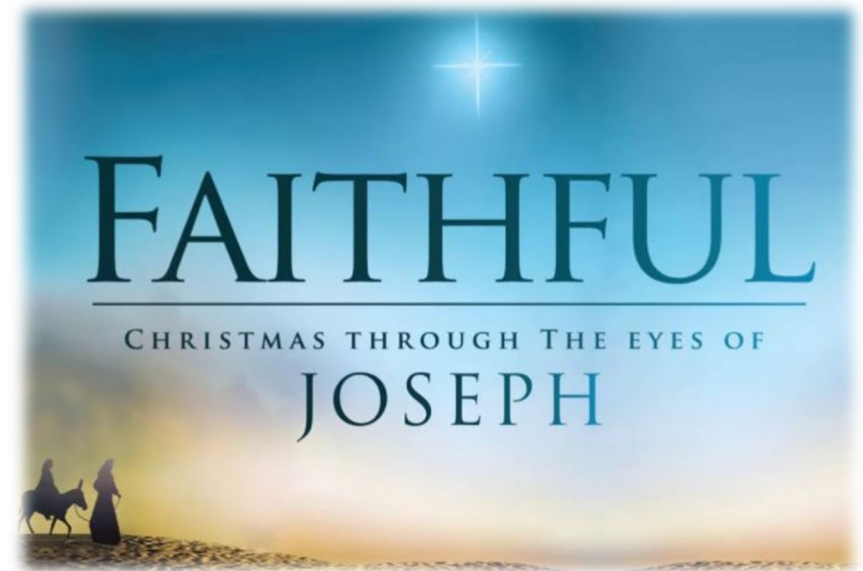
For Greater NJ Annual Conference ~ Bishop John & Beverly Schol; DS Rev Dr. Gina Hendrickson; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas ~ People of Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore; 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 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

November 28, 2021



A Carpenter Named Joseph

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Head of the Church ~ Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God

Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Cole & Isabella Wioland

Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Ed Wojciechowski

Music Director: Dawn Slate Welcoming Team: Virginia Schoeneberg

Head Ushers: Sherry Exel & Rick Waddell

Junior Head Ushers: Kenshin Frangos & Abby Michalkowski

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

Welcome in the Name of Jesus Christ to All Visitors, Members, Family and Friends!

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

Prelude

I Will Call Upon the Lord

Welcome

Call to Worship

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will cause a righteous Branch to spring forth and bring my promised salvation to Israel.

The Lord is our righteousness.

The days are surely coming, says our God, when justice and mercy will be executed throughout the land.

The Lord is our righteousness.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when my promised one will teach transgressors my ways, and heal the world with love and mercy.

The Lord is our righteousness.

Hymn** ***Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus UMH 196

Advent Candle Lighting

Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Hymn** ***Light the Advent Candle FWS 2090

Prayer for Illumination

Speak to us, Lord. Speak to us in the waiting, the watching, the hoping, the longing, the sorrow, the sighing, the rejoicing.

Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days, and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:54-56

Message: Faithful: “A Carpenter Named Joseph”

Hymn** ***O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Pastoral Prayer

Ministry of Giving and Prayer of Dedication:

Holy God of new beginnings, as we share our tithes and offerings with you, we are filled with hope. We enter the season of Advent with expectation; we have left behind us a time of fear, isolation, and uncertainty; and we raise our heads because we know our redemption is coming near. May our gifts be dedicated

to help heal the brokenness of our world and to welcome our Messiah into the world once again. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

***Praise Song**

Come to the Table of Grace

Prayer of Confession

We confess we are not the people you hope us to be, Advent God. The very ones you favor, we too often ignore or ridicule. The ones you knock off their pedestals, we admire and emulate. We are so focused on having more and more, we risk being sent away empty.

Forgive us, Mighty God, and look with grace upon us. We would live secure in your love; we would be the ones of peace for our world, we would seek to do your will, as did Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray.

(Time of Silent Confession and Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Even now—yes, even in this very moment, God comes to us, bringing hope, bringing forgiveness, bringing grace as freely offered gifts to us.

May we open our hearts to the God who is with us, and receive the gifts which have been offered to us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Gratitude

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Praise Song**

Spirit Break Out

Benediction

***Postlude**

Jesus the Light of the World

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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.

Holy Grounds Coffee Hour Volunteers are needed to MISSION! Please see Pastor Jonathan if you can help us!

FINANCIAL STATISTICS – November 21, 2021 ~ 9:00AM

Attendance ~ 43 in-person; 17 via YouTube

Envelope Offerings ~ \$970.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$1,073.86

Plate ~ \$45.00 In Memory ~ \$50.00

Book Study ~ \$20.00 Rent ~ \$150.00

Discretionary Fund ~ \$167.00

FINANCIAL STATISTICS – November 21, 2021 ~ 7:00PM

Attendance ~ 37 in-person; 14 via YouTube

Thanksgiving Envelope Offerings ~ \$425.00

Hot Lunch Food Program ~ \$25.00 Book Study ~ \$20.00

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!!

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
December 5 – Matthew 1:18-19*

Poinsettia Flowers

See Dawn Marie Kuch after Worship or contact her at 732-232-7270 to place your order!

Lacey Christmas Parade ~ Sun. Dec 5th at 3PM

Help is needed in preparing and serving hot chocolate/water and goodies to those marching in the parade.

Volunteers, please come at 1:00PM. THANK YOU!!!

Christmas Happenings at LUMC

Dec. 8 6:30PM – Holiday Movie Night featuring “Elf”

Dec. 17 6:30PM – Intergenerational Carol Singing

Dec. 22 6:30 PM – Blue Christmas Worship Service

Dec. 24 7PM & 10PM – Christmas Eve Worship Services.

Both services will include Communion and candle lighting.

Jan. 6 – Epiphany Party at the Parsonage 3PM-6PM

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.

Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: 9:00 AM Monday, Dec. 13th at Lacey Perkins (Rt. 9, Forked River). Everyone is welcome to be part of the food, fellowship, and fun!

Calling All Children & Youth

Sunday School: All are welcome! (K-12th Grade)

Confirmation Class: Forming soon. (5th Grade and older)

Drama Club: Tuesdays 5pm-6:30pm (Reading Age and older)

Youth Group: Fridays 6:30PM (5th Grade and older)

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 help!

Week of 11/28



Monday- Matthew 13:54-56

Joseph apparently had a 12 to 30-year window to help protect and shape Jesus growth. What opportunities do you have to serve, bless or shape people and events?

Tuesday- Genesis 35:16-20, 48:7

Rachel lost her life giving birth to Benjamin, and Jacob lost the woman he loved the most. Centuries later, the infant Jesus (who would heal the world’s brokenness, and open the doors of eternal life for Jacob and Rachel) traveled to his birth, probably over that same road. In what ways have you seen God bring hope and life even out of painful, heartbreaking circumstances?

Wednesday- Ruth 1:1, 16-19, 22; 4:11-17

Ruth and Boaz’s line came King David, and, centuries later, to Jesus. When have you seen an outwardly small act of sharing (in resources, time, or talent) launch positive results that went far beyond what the giver might have expected?

Thursday- Matthew 1:16, 18-19

Unlike Mary, Joseph has no ‘lines’—we don’t read a single word he speaks in the Gospels. He is the patron saint of those who serve and do the right thing without seeking any credit. How easy or hard do you find it to be content when the spotlight falls on someone else more than on you?

Friday- Micah 5:2-5

When have you seen God do something big through something “little”?

Saturday- Judges 6:11-16

When have you seen God’s power accomplish something through you or someone you know that you couldn’t have done on your own?

Notes:
