

 *Lacey United Methodist Church*
April 26, 2026

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

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Nancy & George Reid; Family B.; Jackie Swomiak; Tyler; Deb & Rick Waddell; Dale & Paul Stuckey; Wayne Kellstrom; Bill J. Romano; Mary Cicale; Peggy Rafuse; Chip & Bonnie Marshall; Laura & Tim McDonald; Robert Rockafellow; Joan McGavin; Lisa Smith; Sue Smith; Samantha Maida; Sue Bolanwski; Irene; Lorraine & Robert Soehl; Cynthia Pedemonti; Dave C.; Luke Denning; Jaden Maggio; Alease & Ken King; Annabelle Littlefield; Doug Hopkinson; Sharon Callaghan; Tom C; Neil Barnett; Dan; Jaime; 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 Stanley Przybylski; Family of Donna Craft; Family of Jean Holmberg; Family of Robert Cicale; Family of Linda Papetti; Family of Joe McGuigan.

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ 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 Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia; Massachusetts, Michigan; 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. Sherrill; Praying an outpouring of God's spiritual renewal and healing of all the people of America.



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Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Helen Dela Cruz

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Music Director: Matthew Holmberg

Welcoming Team: Lori Osborn & Deb Waddell

Head Ushers: Deb & 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 and Welcome

**Hymn Majesty, Worship His Majesty UMH 176*

Sabbath Prayer

Blessing Over the Candles

Blessing Over the Wine

Blessing of the Bread

Young Disciples' Time

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

***Please welcome Avery Ray and Raelynn Carter
our new sisters in Christ.***

Hymn Duet by Sherry Exel and Cynthia Pedemonti

Prayer of Illumination

Risen Lord, speak to us this day, that our hearts may burn within us. Reveal anew the mystery and the power of your glorious resurrection. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture Lesson: Exodus 16:2-4, 22-23

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:13-35

Message: Sabbath: "Only Heaven and Nothing Else"

**Hymn Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah UMH 127*

Announcements

The Prayers of the People

Offering

Anthem: Thy Word Is a Lamp UMH 601

**Doxology UMH 95*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Loving God, you come to us in moments of grief when we have lost our ability to perceive your presence. Receive our thanks for meeting us on the road and for quickening our spirits. Receive our praise for opening your word to us and for enlightening our minds. May the gifts we bring before you now reflect the stirring our hearts, as you heal the broken places in our lives. May the offering we bring forth stir the hearts of those in need of your mercy and your grace. Amen.

Communion Hymn Taste and See TFWS 2267

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

God of Easter hope, when our gaze is cast within, it is easy to miss your presence in our midst. When we fail to recognize you on the road, touch our minds with your wisdom and truth, and set our hearts on fire with your holy love. During times of confusion and doubt, open our eyes to your life-giving presence, and rekindle our Easter faith. Amen.

A Time of Silent Confession and Reflection

The 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

Prayer of Gratitude

**Hymn May You Run and Not Be Weary TFWS 2281*

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 April 19: Attendance ~ 74 in-person; 35 via YouTube
Offerings: \$2,212.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,198.74
Plate: \$405.00 Summer Lunch Program: \$350.00
Hot Lunch: \$200.00 Blessing of the Cars: \$197.00
Discretionary: \$65.00 Joy of Angels Deposit: \$1,688.41

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.

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!!!**

NexTrex Recycling Program is back!!!

When we collect more than 1,000 pounds of soft film plastics (NO CLAMSHELL/CLEAR PLASTIC CONTAINERS) in a 12-month span, we will be awarded a Trex® furniture bench for our Prayer Garden! Questions? Contact Laura McDonald at 609-276-0702.

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
Sunday, May 3 – Exodus 20:12-17*

*The flowers that grace our altar today are given in Glory to God;
and in celebration of Avery Ray's baptism!*

Opportunities to Grow in Faith
Bible Study: Thurs. at 6:30PM - Connolly Center Conf. Room
Please contact Pastor Jonathan for more info.

Breakfast with the Pastor: May 11th at 9:30 AM
Location: Kristy's, Waretown. Everyone is welcome!

Women's Ministry will have gather for dinner at 5:30PM on Wed., May 20th at IHOP, Forked River. Please contact Dawn Kuch for more info. at 732-232-7270.

County Support Services at LUMC
April 28th 10AM-1PM: Board of Social Services will be in Fellowship Hall to provide info. about their services.

Upcoming Events

Car Show: Sat. May 9th from 9AM to 2PM (rain date: May 16)

Bake Sale at the Lacey Farmers' Market:
May 22 | July 3 | Sept. 4

Memorial Day Parade: May 25th 10AM
Volunteers: Please arrive by 8AM if you would like to help us share hospitality with the community!

Faith & Family Night at the Blue Claws: Thurs., August 27th
\$19 includes game ticket, hotdog, soda, and ice cream
Contact Joann in the LUMC Office to reserve your tickets!

Annual Conference "Diaper Drive"
All sizes/brands. Collecting until May 17th!!!

♪♪ Praise Team Practice – Wednesdays at 5:30 PM ♪♪
No prior experience necessary...all you need is a desire to sing!

Upcoming Meetings
Fundraising: TBD Trustees: May 4 at 5:30PM
Finance: May 11 5:30 PM Church Council: May 11 after Finance

