

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

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

**For God's Healing & Discernment** ~ Eddie Grant; John R.; Phyllis Smith; Ann; Louis Potter; Bernie Bier; Dottie Connolly; Sherry T.; Jennifer Dolan; Lorraine & Robert Soehl; Kayla Davis; Sheryl Lutgen; Barbara T.; Linda Jenkins; Steven & Nadine Woodward; Victoria Krauss; Carole Exel; Steven Exel; Tiny; Marsha Brandt; Daryl Mafia; Jason Gilman; Paul Rue; Ed Weisbrot; Carole Jansen; Bob Wynn & Denise Vaccaro; Christine Urban; Dale Stucky; Suzy; Steve Woodward; Bob & Pam Marsh; Sadie; Kyle Wilhelm; Nancy & Rev. George Reid; Sally Potter; Danny Huyler; Donna Craft; Diane F.; Michael Claus; Christine Morgan; Joseph Ensinger; Michelle Reyes; Jeff Merceron; Mrs. Nunez; Lois Pozsar; Patrick Jemas; Helen Wooley; Gary; Levi Kern; Rich Rosfjord; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Sara Carpini; Andrea Almeida; Bill Wehner; Rich C.; Chris Mignone; Randy M.; Lois; Sue & Rich Newman; Monika & Fred Sisbarro; Marilyn Slate; Shirley; Aubrey; Rosalie Mulvaney; Frank & Mary Timmerman; Cynthia Pedemonti; Andrea Schenker; Helen DeLa Cruz; Peg Bea; Will Cotton; Patricia Potter; Susan Schlotter; Joan McGavin; Bill & Becky Buglione; Lorraine, Katrina & Peter Borchester; Pat Grant; our whole Church Family.

**For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss** ~ Family of Gail Matuska; Family of Bill Connolly.

**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 India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka; Washington D.C., America Samoa; 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. Murphy; Praying an outpouring of God's spiritual renewal and healing of all the people of America.

 *Lacey United Methodist Church*  
May 11, 2025



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Welcoming Team: Lori Osborn & Deb Waddell  
Head Ushers: Sherry Exel & Rick Waddell  
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***Lacey UMC is called to teach, serve, and love individuals so they will follow Jesus Christ and help us transform the world.***

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

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

Prelude                      *Holy Ground*                      TFWS 2272

Welcome

\*Hymn                      *For the Beauty of the Earth (vs. 1,4,5)*                      UMH 92

\*Call to Worship

No matter how far we wander from you, O God, **your steadfast love finds us**. No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God, **your steadfast righteousness sustains us**. No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us, O God, **your steadfast presence gives us hope**. No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God, **you hear our cries and answer our prayers**.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Young Disciples' Time

Prayer of Illumination

**O Wisdom Divine, just as you inspired the mothers of our faith grant us your knowledge and discernment so that we can learn how to be clever in our compassion and courageous in our faith, through Christ and in the Spirit. Amen.**

New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Message: Love Reigns: "Motherhood: The Most Noble Calling"  
Helen Dela Cruz

\*Hymn                      *The Gift of Love*                      UMH 408

\*Affirmation of Faith                      UMH 887

Pastoral Prayer and Announcements

Offering

*Anthem: A Mother Lined Basket*

\*Doxology                      UMH 95

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Holy God, you work wonders beyond our imagination. Thank you for all the faithful people you have inspired in the history of the church. You have sent into our lives kind Christians**

**who have encouraged us in beautiful ways. Help us to keep growing as disciples led by your Spirit. May we become more devoted to good works and acts of charity, so that others will be blessed in turn. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Hymn                      *In Remembrance of Me*                      TFWS 2254

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

**Lord, how we must try your patience! We often doubt, when we should place our faith in your abiding presence. We think that we have to have all the answers, and judge others who fail to live up to our expectations. Forgive us when we show how shallow our faith is. Help us to really understand the miraculous ways in which you have already worked in our lives and will continue to work as we journey in faith. Bring to us the Light of Joy, and let it flood through our whole beings, that we may be transformed into people of joyful service and faith. In Jesus' Name, we pray. 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

Breaking of the Bread and the Sharing of the Cup

The Prayer of Humble Access

The Reception

The Prayer of Gratitude

\*Hymn *O Lord, May Church and Home Combine (v. 1,2)*  
UMH 695

Benediction

Postlude *God Be With You till We Meet Again (v. 1)* UMH 672

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 May 4, 2025:**

**Attendance ~ 42 in-person; 23 via YouTube**

**Offerings: \$957.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,375.37**

**Plate: \$30.00 Hot Lunch: \$100.00 Hospitality: \$45.00**

**Discretionary: \$148.00 Joy of Angels Deposit: \$1,873.78**

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



### *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!!!**

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

**May 20<sup>th</sup> 10AM-1PM:** Board of Social Services will be in Fellowship Hall to provide info. about their services.

### **Annual Conference “Socks for Seniors” Drive....**

Let's send **Pastor Jonathan** and **Dawn Marie Kuch** to Annual Conference with an abundance of socks that will be shared with some of the most vulnerable people in Wildwood and Cape May County. **Collecting until May 18<sup>th</sup>!!!**

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for  
May 18 – Luke 4:14-21*

≧ **Ministry Spotlight** ≦ **Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe**  
To learn more about the Thrift Shoppe and how you can make a difference by volunteering, please call Maddie (609-501-4207) or Laura (609-276-0702).

**Mother's Day Portraits:** Today after worship service, a professional photographer will be taking portrait photographs in Fellowship Hall. On Sunday 5/18 you can pick up a free 5x7 or 8x10 copy of your portrait.

New Members will be joining Lacey UMC during worship on May 18<sup>th</sup> - welcome!!!!

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

**Breakfast with the Pastor: May 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM**  
at IHOP, Forked River. Everyone is welcome!

### *Upcoming Events*

**Bake Sales at the Lacey Farmers' Market:**

May 23 | June 13 | July 4 | August 29 | Sept. 19

**Memorial Day Parade: May 26<sup>th</sup> 10AM**

Volunteers: Please arrive by 9AM if you would like to help us share hospitality with the community!

**Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup> Faith & Family Night at the Blue Claws**

**\$18** includes game ticket, hotdog, soda, and ice cream

Contact Joann in the LUMC Office to reserve your tickets!

### **Upcoming Meetings**

**Fundraising:** May 12 6:00PM **Finance:** June 2 5:30PM

**Church Council:** May 28 5:30PM **Trustees:** June 9 5:30PM



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**Hope Chest Food Pantry:** Facebook

**Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe:** Facebook

