

LUMC'S COMMUNITY REVELATIONS

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Lacey United Methodist Church

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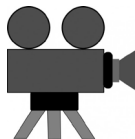
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PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL WISDOM

Ephesians 1: 15-22: *Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.*

And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

MEDIA TEAM



Volunteers are needed to join our Media Team! Contact Steve Michalkowski at (732) 300-1956 to learn more. Watch Sunday Service, if you can't attend in person, on our Youtube channel:

<https://youtube.com/channel/UC9ShWURuTPdbtQbihxNelvA>

THRIFT SHOPPE ADDS A DAY

The Joy of Angels is now open on Tuesdays from 10am – 1pm.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

*Wednesday mornings at 9am. Contact LUMC Office for link.

*Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm at the home of Donna Jones. Contact Donna at (609) 276-7383 for more info.

*Thursday evenings at 6:45pm. Contact LUMC Office for info.

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.

TO CHURCH – GRATITUDE AND HOPE



Now it was time to sit and wait. I knew I was on the list for our church caroling. My adult community tucks in early by nightfall, but I sparkled up my porch a bit to fit the special time. As I watched, they very quietly arrived and settled themselves closely in sight, already in song. Christmas caroling! Right here at my home! I saw familiar, smiling faces. Eager and confident was Pastor Jonathan. All so heartwarming. Then, all too soon, they were leaving. I had a handful of sleighbells ringing outside my door. They left gifts: a large container of delicious church-made Christmas cookies and a beautiful Poinsettia plant. And a special old memory: that of my Christmas time in the orphanage. Because “us kids” were part of the Church Junior Choir, we very happily took over the Christmas caroling. A very fond memory.

Now time to end another seasonal treasure. As I closed the door, I was overwhelmed with gratitude for all the joy, peace and love of church blessings.....Rosalie Mulvaney

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Rich Rosfjord held a United Methodist Men’s breakfast and meeting last month in Fellowship Hall to map out future plans for the group. In addition, the individual and group strategies, according to the Discipline, were reviewed: **Enhance Evangelism, Mission and Spiritual Life (EMS), as men become servant leaders.

**Advocate programs that train men within local churches to promote specific ministries.

**Forge pastoral partnerships by men committed to the effective support and service of clergy and local congregations.

**Enhance organizational strength through effective leadership, resources, membership growth and financial accountability.

**Assist men in their ever-changing relationships, roles, and responsibilities in the family setting, workplace, and society.

**Understand the organization, doctrines, and beliefs of the United Methodist Church.

**Fulfill the membership vows through the commitment to prayer, presence, gifts, service, and witness in congregational life.

**Fulfill the Great Commission with and through the United Methodist Church as one part of the body of Christ.

**Personally, to engage daily in Bible study and prayer; to bear witness to Christ’s way in daily work and in all personal contacts through words and actions; and to engage in Christian service.

The next United Methodist Men’s breakfast and meeting will be on Saturday, March 19th, at 8:00am!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Lacey United Methodist Women will be meeting in the LUMC parking lot on Wednesday, March 9th, at 9:30am to attend “Girl Talk” at America’s Keswick (601 County Road 530 in Whiting). This event is \$12 per person.

The next UMW meeting is on Thursday, March 24th, at the Lacey Perkins (113 South Main Street in Forked River) at 6:00pm. For more info, contact Monique Wojciechowski or the LUMC Office.

MONTHLY PASTOR’S BREAKFAST

Please join Pastor Jonathan for breakfast on Monday, March 14th, at the Lacey Perkins at 9:00am. Everyone is welcome to be part of the food, fellowship, and fun! For more info, contact Pastor Jonathan at (845) 893-9157.

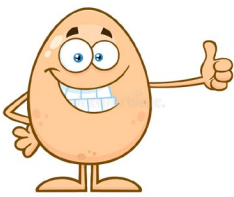
MESSAGE FROM BISHOP SCHOL

On February 25th, Bishop Schol wrote: *Today the Council of Bishops met by Zoom in a called session. We heard from three of our Bishops who oversee the church in Europe and particularly parts of Eastern Europe. It was heartbreaking and we as Bishops of the church condemn aggression without provocation anywhere in the world and particularly in Ukraine.*

I call on Methodists to pray for the people of Ukraine and for peace in the region. I also ask you to pray for the refugees who are fleeing Ukraine, and that we as United Methodists together support the Church and refugees in this region.

Today as Bishops of the Church, we were also informed that the Commission on General Conference will finalize and announce their decision within a week if there will be a General Conference Session in August 2022 or if it will be postponed for a third time. Covid has prevented the Church from gathering to make important decisions. Please continue to pray for the Commission and the Church. Keep the faith!

DESSERT AND A SHOW



On Saturday, April 9th, the LUMC Drama Club (with the help of a few adults) will be performing "Shell Of My Self" by Don Bosley. Doors open at 6:30pm. The show starts at 7pm. Desserts will be available. Tickets are \$10 (adult) and \$5 (children 12 yrs. old and under) with a \$25 limit per family. Contact the LUMC Office to purchase tickets. A few roles are still open and volunteers are needed. Contact Dominic Gregoria at (732) 904-9945 if interested.



Saturday, April 30th (Rain date: May 7th): 8:30am – 2:00pm: Car Show in memory of Manny "The Hat" Naia. Trophies, Music, and Food. Please visit www.jerseyshorecarshows.com for an application and more information.

9:00am – 2:00pm: Flea Market in Fellowship Hall. Set-up time is 7:00am. Donation per table is \$10. Space is limited. Please visit www.laceyumc.org for a registration form.

Food will be available to purchase. Contact the LUMC Office at (609) 693-5222 for more information.

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTION TRAINING

All LUMC members are invited to participate in online leadership training! Each year, the largest church in our denomination hosts a Leadership Institute. At the institute, experts in church development and leadership teach courses on various topics. This year, it was made available online. Please contact the LUMC Office for a full list of sessions available and to register for training.

CONFIRMATION SESSIONS HAVE STARTED

Confirmation Sessions have begun on Sundays at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall. These sessions will meet every Sunday until June 5th, with the exception of March 20th, April 17th, May 8th and May 29th. There will also be a Confirmation Retreat, Confirmation Service Event and Philadelphia Day Trip. Confirmation Sunday is June 12th. Contact Pastor Jonathan for further information.

*“Your grace will never be
forgot*

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*Your mercy, all my life
Will be my source forever
song*

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*My story and my light
From mountain top to
valley low*

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*Through laughter and
through tears*

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*Surely the goodness of
my God*

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Will follow all the years”

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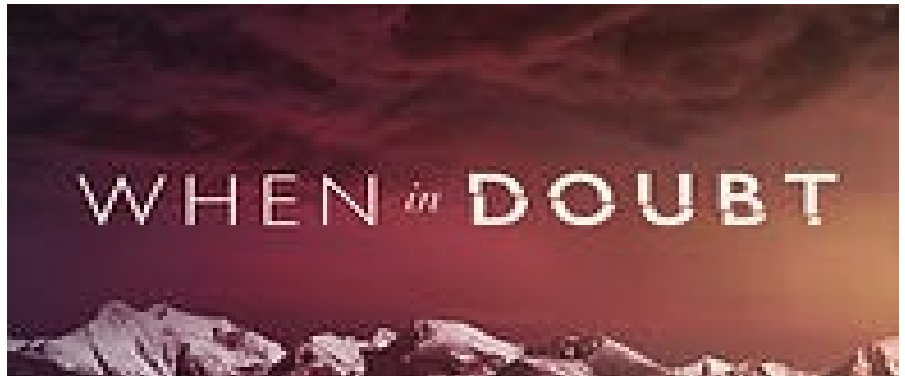
**Chris Llewellyn &
Gareth Gilkeson**

EVENTS DURING LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: March 2nd at 7pm.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY: A 6-week book study entitled “Witness At The Cross,” which focuses on the story of Jesus’ death, will begin on Sunday, March 6th, after worship service. Contact LUMC Office if you are interested.

LENTEN DINNER SERVICE: Fridays beginning March 4th at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Conversational Dinner Service with contemporary music. Discussions centered on doubts about faith. For more info, contact Pastor Jonathan Campbell.



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