

<>< *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; Gail Matuska; Monika & Fred Sisbarro; Gesine Klein; Marilyn Slate; Doris & Yook Moy; Dawn McLeod; Melissa; Harper & Rachel; Freddy; Kevin; Rhoda & Steve; Amy Russell; Brian; Ashley; Carole Reppert; Gwen Lewis; Aubrey; Betty Carhart; Rosalie Mulvaney; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Daniel Huyler; Isabella; Pamela Sutherland; Michael Niejako; Frank & Mary Timmerman; Cynthia Pedemonti; Andrea Schenker; Helen DeLa Cruz; Alicia; Dave H.; Peg Bea; Jonathan Rock; Kyle; Shannon Callaghan; Rachel C.; Louise; Pete & Kathy Jensen; Virginia Schoeneberg; George Reid; Will Cotton; Dawn Slate; Carole Exel; Karen; Tom & Mary; Davette & Leslie Bivins; Linda & John Ansbach; Patricia Potter; Michael Potter; Sara Carpini; Joseph; Emmett & Gloria Bivins; Brittney; Diane Collins; Rick & Ashleigh Handchen; Marousis Family; Ike & Joan Icenhower; Susan Schlotter; Colleen Brandt; Barkley Family; Joan McGavin; Cindy Dreher; Nancy Dean; Allyson Cotton; Sally & Trevor Potter; Tommy Britton; Dawn Marie & Stash Kuch; Kyle Kuch; 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; Ronald Slate Family.

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ 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; 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; 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. Héctor A. Burgos; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas ~ People of Cyprus, Greece, Turkey; 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 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

January 22, 2023



“What’s the Plan?”

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

Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Diane Collins

Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Dominic Gregoria

Music Director: Dawn Slate Welcoming Team: Lori Osborn & Deb Waddell

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*

All Music Used with Permission – CCLI#2274807

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn** *Blessed Be the Name of the Lord* **TFWS 2034**

***Call to Worship**

We have not come to a frightening mountain or a scary place.

We have no fear or trembling.

This is a heavenly place where angels dwell.

We have come to be the church.

We have come to the mediator between God and humankind: Jesus Christ our Lord.

We come with reverence and awe.

Hymn *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry* **TFWS 2051**

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

*Please welcome Sebastian Noah Lera,
our new brother in Christ*

Hymn *Baptized in Water* **TFWS 2248**

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. **Amen.**

Hebrew Scripture Lesson: Proverbs 25:28

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 12:7-11

Message: I'll Do It Tomorrow: "What's the Plan?"

***Hymn** *I Surrender All* **UMH 354**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Anthem ~ Step by Step

***Doxology**

Prayer of Dedication

God of the universe, you were with us at the beginning of our lives, and you will be by our side when we draw our last breath. In between, we struggle through life, too often trying to find our way based on our own wants and desires. In our giving to you this day, may you bless us so that we might better keep our eyes focused on you, that one day we might be able to echo your servant Paul as he said, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. We pray this in the name of Jesus who loved us even to the cross! Amen

Hymn *O Jesus, I Have Promised* **UMH 396**

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we look for you in the wrong places. We put our trust in material things. We worry about things we cannot change. We wonder if you are even there at all. For all the times we have doubted you, Lord, forgive us. For all the ways we have neglected your word and ignored your people, forgive us. Do not be far from us, Lord. There is no one else we can turn to for help. Renew our fickle hearts and help us put our trust in you. Amen.

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

There is no wrong that God cannot make right.
There is no chasm that can separate us from God's love.
The Lord is patient and kind, generous and good.
God will not forsake you or leave you.
Turn to the Lord with confidence
and put your faith in God's great mercy.
By the power of Jesus Christ,
we are made whole. **Amen.**

***Hymn** *Standing on the Promises* **UMH 374**

Benediction

***Postlude**

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

Statistics for the week of January 15, 2023:

Attendance ~ 43 in-person; 21 via YouTube

Offerings ~ \$1,406.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$1,209.13

Plate ~ \$29.00 Discretionary ~ \$207.05

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



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

Please visit our website or contact the LUMC Office for an order form!

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!

■ ShopRite gift cards make great gifts ■

Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe

Hours of Operation: Thursdays ~ 8:00AM – 11:00AM

Tues., Wed., Fridays, & Sat. ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM

↵ The Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe is a vital mission of Lacey UMC. Volunteers are needed to help extend the hours of operation.

Shoe Drive: We are collecting **new or gently used pairs of shoes** for a fundraiser to benefit LUMC!

All sizes/styles accepted. Contact the LUMC Office for info.

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
January 29 – Proverbs 27:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:6-11*

Bible Study Opportunities

✝ Wednesday morning Bible Study will return soon!

✝ Thursday evenings at 6:45pm.

A Special Charge Conference will take place for the sole purpose of electing Trustees to fill the vacancies left by two Trustees stepping down as of January 1, 2023.

No other business is authorized to be considered.

Date: TODAY Time: 10:30 am

The Special Charge Conference has been announced as per the requirements of the 2016 Book of Discipline, Paragraph 246.8.

Rev. Campbell will preside over this Conference.

Children/Youth Events

⇒ **Sunday School** following the Young Disciples Message

⇒ **Drama Club** Wednesdays 5:00-6:30PM

Ministry Needs:

S.H.A.L.O.M. (Showers/Hot Meals/Advocacy/Laundry/Outreach/Mission)

1. laundry detergent
2. trial size toiletries
3. volunteers to be present on Tuesday/Thursday mornings

Hope Chest Food Pantry

1. bottled juice
2. snack items
3. cereal

Items can be dropped off at the LUMC office during the week or after worship service on Sundays. Contact the Joann at the LUMC office to learn more about volunteering! Thank you!

Trivia Night & Potluck! Friday, January 27th at 6PM

Join us for a fun night of trivia! Trivia questions for all ages.

Please bring a potluck dish to share.

Everyone is welcome to be part of the food, fellowship, and fun!

Worship at Spring Oak Assisted Living – Jan. 29 at 1:30PM

We will be worshipping with the residents of Spring Oak at 1:30PM.

Please meet in the LUMC parking lot at 1:15pm. Masks required.

Safe Sanctuaries Training Session:

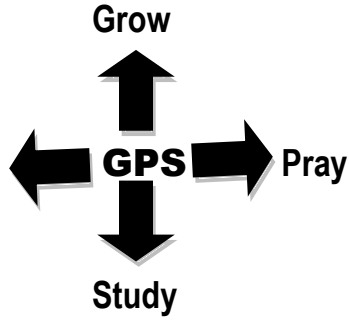
Sunday, February 5th following Worship! This training is necessary for volunteers of the food pantry, SHALOM mission, and children's ministries. Contact the LUMC office to register.

FAT TUESDAY SUPPER - February 21st from 5PM-7PM

All you care to enjoy: sausage/pancakes/beverages

\$10 adults | \$5 kids under 10yrs.

Week of 1/23



Monday- Proverbs 25:28

Why is self control or self discipline so important?

Tuesday- Proverbs 25:28

What area of your life could benefit from more self control?
What plan could help you develop it?

Wednesday- Proverbs 25:28

For St. Benedict "work and prayer" go hand in hand. How could you incorporate both together more in your life?

Thursday- Hebrews 12:7-11

Does life bring discipline?

Friday- Hebrews 12:7-11

How do you respond to problems?

Saturday- Hebrews 12:7-11

Do you believe that God is present to you as you deal with your problems?

Notes:
