

<>< *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; Louise; Michelle Reyes; Frank Nordyk; Pete & Kathy Jensen; Judy Mihalkovitz; 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; 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 Hults; 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; Larry Radomski Family; Peg Cotton Family; Ann Taylor Family; Phillip Schoenberger/Buglione Family; Patrick Callaghan Family; Debby Nugent Family.

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

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.

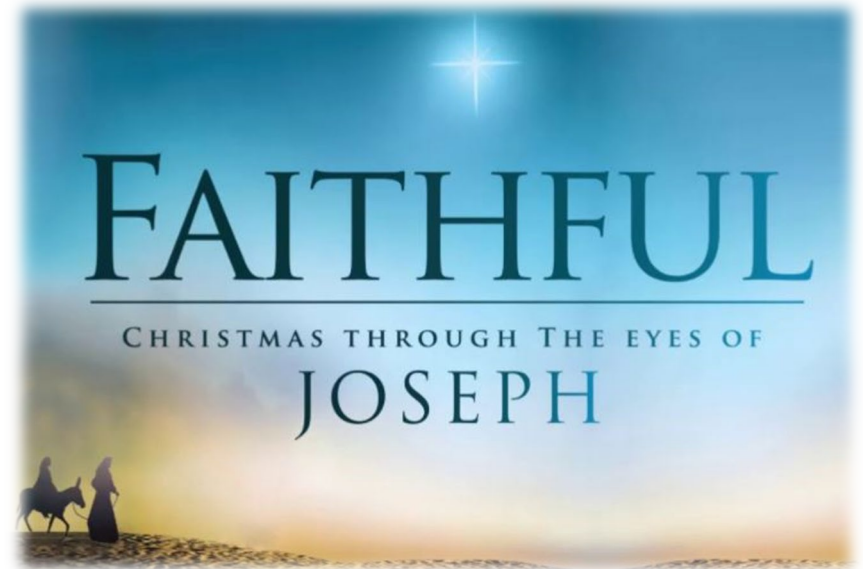
For Greater NJ Annual Conference ~ Bishop John & Beverly Schol; DS Rev. Héctor A. Burgos; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas ~ People of China, Hong Kong, Macau; Washington DC, American Samoa; 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

December 19, 2021



The Journey to Bethlehem

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

Ministers: All of Us Liturgists: Alease and Ken King

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

Welcome

Call to Worship

Come, joy, lighten our spirits.

Come, hope, lift us from despair.

Come, peace, ease our frantic worry.

Come, love, shine in all we do.

Come, Jesus, be born in us.

Come, Lord, set us free.

Come, God, Rule in our hearts and teach us to sing with joy!

***Hymn** **O Come All Ye Faithful UMH 234 vs. 1,2,&3**

Advent Candle Lighting

Readings: Micah 5:2-5a and Luke 1:39-45

***Hymn** **Light the Advent Candle v.4 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: Luke 2:1-5

Message: Faithful: "The Journey to Bethlehem"

***Hymn** **O Little Town of Bethlehem UMH 230 vs. 1,3,4**

Pastoral Prayer

Ministry of Giving and Prayer of Dedication:

Magnificent God, as we focus on Joseph, we are reminded that you do great wonders and signs through the most humble and obedient of your children. As we give our gifts to you this day, give us ears to hear the whispers of the angels speaking to us; give us eyes to see the needy and the unloved all around us; and give us faith to offer our lives to your plan of saving love. In Christ, our redeemer, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn**

Star Child FWS 2095

Prayer of Confession

Lord of mercy and peace, open our hearts to receive your words of hope. We live far too much in darkness and fear. We have let the fears invade the very center of our lives and find ourselves changing, moving from your light to the darkness of despair. It seems that this world and its people are more pleased to fight and destroy than they are to have peace and harmony. We become part of that crowd when we wallow in anger, resentment, apathy, and greed. Forgive us, patient and merciful God. Help us be people who will look at the ways in which we have blocked your presence; ways in which we have truly failed to be your people. Give us courage and strength to change our lives, that your peace may become a reality in this world, right now, this day. For we offer this prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

(Time of Silent Confession and Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Though the darkness seems so deep, do not fear. God is with us. Repent! Turn your lives to God. God's love is being poured out for you, always. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Music Shared by Betty Carhart & Robert Pentland

Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

***Hymn** **The First Noel UMH 245 vs. 1&2**

Benediction

***Postlude**

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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.

Poinsettia Flowers ~ TODAY is the final day to place your order!
See Dawn Marie Kuch after Worship or contact her at 732-232-7270.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS – Week of December 12, 2021

Attendance ~ 47 in-person; 25 via YouTube

Envelope Offerings ~ \$6,595.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$739.33

Plate ~ \$117.00 Bay Shore Fellowship Rent ~ \$1,273.08

Thanksgiving Dinner/Hot Lunch Program ~ \$550.00

Match Donation ~ \$795.00 Poinsettias ~ \$100.00

Discretionary Fund ~ \$288.00

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!

✓ [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!

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!

Volunteers are needed to join our Media Team!

Contact Steven Michalkowski 732-300-1956 to learn more!!

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
Christmas Eve – John 1:1-14; Luke 2:1-14, 15-20
December 26 – Luke 2:1-5*

Christmas Happenings at LUMC

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.

Dec. 26 – Carol Sing Worship Service in Fellowship Hall.

Please bring a breakfast dish to share!

Jan. 9 – Epiphany Party at the Parsonage 3PM-6PM

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

Bible Study Opportunities

✚ Wednesday mornings at 9:00am.

✚ Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm at the home of Donna Jones.

Please contact Donna at 609-276-7383 for more information.

✚ Thursday evenings at 6:45pm.

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, Jan. 10th 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)

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

♪ ♪ LUMC Music Ministries ♪ ♪

Please reach out to Dawn Slate if you are interested in joining!

Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe

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

Wednesdays, 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!

