

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

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

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Sherry T.; Jennifer Dolan; Lorraine & Robert Soehl; Kayla Davis; Sheryl Lutgen; Barbara T.; Linda Jenkins; Barbara & Bob Pentland; 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; Ellen Larney; 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; Gail Matuska; Monika & Fred Sisbarro; Marilyn Slate; Shirley; Aubrey; Rosalie Mulvaney; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Frank & Mary Timmerman; Cynthia Pedemonti; Andrea Schenker; Helen DeLa Cruz; Peg Bea; Shannon Callaghan; Will Cotton; Patricia Potter; Susan Schlotter; Joan McGavin; Phyllis Smith; 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 Gregory Russell; Family of Dawn Slate; Family of Russel Gudiatis Jr.; Family of Serina Norall; Family of Mel Rosenbloom; Family of Jay Young; Family of Linda Ansbach; Family of Bill Hults.

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ For the Birth of Ava Rossman – parents Peter & Yesi Rossman, Grandparents Dee & Rich Rossman! 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 Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland; Nebraska, Nevada; 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*
February 16, 2025



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Head Ushers: Sherry Exel & Rick Waddell
Thank You to All Who Share Their Prayers, Presence,
Gifts, Service, Witness & Time!
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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

*Hymn *He Is Exalted* TFWS 2070

*Call to Worship

We are called to be the people of God's kingdom.

In God's realm we will find healing and hope.

We are called to be people who love as God has loved us.

In God's world, we will reach out with God's love to all God's people. We are called to be those who would serve. **Lord, be with us as we serve you by helping those in need. Amen.**

Young Disciples' Time

Prayer of Illumination

Seeking unity, we come to the scriptures.

Open our hearts to hear and live your word.

Acknowledging our discord, we come to the scriptures.

Open our hearts to hear and live your word.

Realigning our lives with God, we come to the scriptures.

Open our hearts to hear and live your word.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:34-40

Message: Finding God in the Dark - "Sugarcane"

*Hymn *I Love You, Lord* TFWS 2068

*Affirmation of Faith UMH 886

Pastoral Prayer and Announcements

Offering

Anthem: They'll Know We Are Christians TFWS 2223

*Doxology UMH 95

*Prayer of Dedication

As you have poured your healing love into our lives, O God, we now offer these gifts to you. Let them be used in

ministries of peace and justice through the work of this church in your world. Amen.

Communion Hymn Come, Share the Lord TFWS 2269

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

Merciful and gracious God, we gather here this day, coming together seeking your healing wisdom. Our lives are filled with anxiety and fear. We turn our backs on people in need and close ourselves away from opportunities to serve. Confusion and anger abound in our nation and in our hearts. Forgive us when we have chosen the pathways of greed and fear instead of the high way of peace and hope. Bind up our sounds and calm our spirits. Teach us again to turn to you in love. Write the commandment to love our neighbor as we ourselves would want to be loved, as you have loved us. It is in Jesus' name that we offer this prayer. 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 *Here I Am, Lord (v. 1,2)* UMH 593

Benediction

Postlude Here I Am, Lord (v. 3) UMH 593

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 Feb. 9, 2025:

Attendance ~ 48 in-person; 34 via YouTube

Offerings: \$1,408.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,516.88
Plate: \$45.00 BayShore Fellowship Rent: \$1,361.27
NA/AA Rent: \$50.00 Summer Lunch Program: \$100.00
Discretionary: \$222.00 Joy of Angels Deposit: \$1,798.90

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
 - 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 – 1:00PM 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 help extend the hours of operation. Contact Maddie Stapleton or Laura McDonald to learn more!!!**

County Support Services at LUMC

Feb.25th 10AM-1PM: Board of Social Services will be in Fellowship Hall to provide info. about their services.

Upcoming Meetings

Fundraising: March 10th 6:00PM **Finance:** TBD
Church Council: March 24th at 6:30PM **Trustees:** TBD

NexTrex Recycling Program

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
February 23rd – 1 Corinthians 12:12-27*

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

Breakfast with the Pastor: March 10th at 9:30 AM
at **CJ's**, Forked River. Everyone is welcome!

📺 **Sermon Series Movie Screenings** 📺
In connection with the sermon series, we will be screening:
Tuesday 2/18 at 6:30 PM – “Flow”
Friday 2/28 – “A Complete Unknown” (details to follow...)

Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...canned soup and manual can openers! Drop off at the LUMC office or after worship.

↵↵ **Membership Class is forming!!!** ↵↵
Please contact Pastor Jonathan at 845-893-9157 if you would like to join the LUMC family!

WHITE ELEPHANT Gift Exchange

Sunday, March 16th - immediately following worship

All you need to bring is a wrapped gift to exchange (valued up to \$10), a smile, and a sense of humor! Everyone is welcome!

☺ Re-gifting is strongly encouraged. ☺

Contact Dawn Marie Kuch or the LUMC Office for more information.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

April 6 – Blessing of the Cars/Spring Dust-Off

April 12 – Spring Bazaar

May 10 – Car Show

Volunteer opportunities available! Details to follow....

Are you a hobbyist? Our friends at The Woman's Club of Lacey are hosting a “Hobby Fair” on Sun., March 30th at the Charles A. Smith Community Center. Admission is \$5. Proceeds benefit NJ Children's Alliance.



We're social! Like & follow us on...

LUMC: Facebook, Instagram, & YouTube

Hope Chest Food Pantry: Facebook

Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe: Facebook

