

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

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

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ 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; Gail Matuska; Monika & Fred Sisbarro; Marilyn Slate; Shirley; Aubrey; Rosalie Mulvaney; 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 Bill Connolly; Family of Mae Berry; 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.

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ For the Birth of Kehlani Adina-Rayne Maze – mother Gianna Maze, Grandparents Leigha Maze and Morris Maze! 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 Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania; Oregon, Pennsylvania; 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*
March 23, 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 *The Church's One Foundation* (vs. 1,4,5) *UMH 545*

*Call to Worship

Life can sometimes be very difficult.

We look around and wonder where God is.

In the midst of our trials and tribulations, God is with us.

God surrounds us with love and courage.

Come, let us praise God for God's abiding presence.

Lord, thank you for always being with us, even when we don't recognize your loving presence. Amen.

Young Disciples' Time

Prayer of Illumination

Since we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth, make us hunger for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:13-23

Message: Simon Peter: "Bedrock or Stumbling Block"

*Hymn *How Firm a Foundation* (vs. 1,5) *UMH 529*

*Affirmation of Faith *UMH 882*

Pastoral Prayer and Announcements

Offering

Anthem: Cornerstone

*Doxology *UMH 95*

*Prayer of Dedication

Generous God who always gives to each one of us the best, we thank you for this opportunity to share from our abundance. Bless these gifts, offered through the ministries and mission of this church. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Communion Hymn *In Remembrance of Me* *TFWS 2254*

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

There are far too many times, O Lord, when we have neglected or ignored the needs of others because it just wasn't convenient for us to help. We backed away with excuses on our lips and indifference in our hearts. Forgive us and set us on the right path of service and compassion in the name of Jesus who modeled faithful living for us. Remind us that we are residents of a global community. Help us to hear the plight of those who have been voiceless. With the gifts that we have and the love of Christ, direct our lives in compassionate service to others. 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 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* (vs. 1,2,3) *UMH 361*

Benediction

Postlude *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* (v. 4) *UMH 361*

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 March 16, 2025:

Attendance ~ 62 in-person; 23 via YouTube

Offerings: \$1,546.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,472.58

Plate: \$133.00 Spring Bazaar: \$280.00 NA/AA: \$50.00

BayShore Fellowship: \$1,311.27 In Memory of Bill Connolly: \$600.00

Discretionary: \$394.00 Joy of Angels Deposit: \$1,910.16

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 – 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 help extend the hours of operation. Contact Maddie Stapleton or Laura McDonald to learn more!!!**

County Support Services at LUMC

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

April 17th 10AM-12PM: The Board of Health will be holding a free health screening, vaccine, and education clinic.



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

LUMC: Facebook, Instagram, & YouTube

Hope Chest Food Pantry: Facebook

Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe: Facebook

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
March 30th – Matthew 9:2-13*

Easter flowers are now on sale! Order forms are available.

Please see Laura McDonald after worship to place your order!

♪♪ **Praise Team Practice – Tuesdays at 5:30 PM** ♪♪

No prior experience necessary...all you need is a desire to sing!

Breakfast with the Pastor: April 14th at 9:30 AM
at IHOP, Forked River. Everyone is welcome!

↪↪ **Membership Class is forming!!!** ↪↪

Please contact Pastor Jonathan at 845-893-9157 if you would like to join the LUMC family!

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

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

April 12 – Spring Bazaar

April 19 – Bunny Breakfast

May 10 – Car Show

Volunteer opportunities available - sign-up today!

2025 Holy Week Schedule

April 13 – Palm Sunday

April 17 – Maundy Thursday Worship at FR Presbyterian 7:00PM

April 18 – Good Friday Stations of the Cross 12:00PM-3:00PM
Good Friday Worship 7:00PM

April 20 – Easter Sunrise Service 6:30AM at **Meadowlark Beach**
Easter Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary 9:00AM

Upcoming Meetings

Fundraising: March 31st 6:00PM **Finance:** April 7th 5:30PM

Church Council: 3/24 at 6:30PM **Trustees:** 3/24 at 5:30PM

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.

