

# LUMC'S COMMUNITY REVELATIONS

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## Lacey United Methodist Church

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

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Pastor: Linda Applegate

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Admin. Assistant: Joann Michalkowski

Pianist-Choir Director: Dawn Slate

Chimes Director: Bill Applegate

Facility Maintenance – Grounds: Mike Orlick

Trustee Chair: Bill Jones

Church Council Chair: Chip Marshall

Staff Parish Team Chair: Rose Coram

Children-Youth Education: Bonnie Marshall

Finance Chair: Steven Michalkowski

Head Counter: Becky Buglione

Thrift Shoppe: Elaine Brandt

Mission: Morris Maze

Outreach: Kenny Pitman

Worship: Dawn Marie Kuch

Hospitality Kitchen: Bill Buglione

Hot Lunch Mission: Roseann DePasquale  
& Ed Weisbrot

Summer Lunch Mission: Ellen Larney  
& Gail Matuska

## TRIBUTE TO FIRST RESPONDERS



On Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated our first responders with a special service and a brunch. With the bulletin containing the headline of “Real Heroes don’t wear Capes,” Brian Holt led those police, fire officials, EMT/paramedics and search and rescue individuals that were in attendance to the front of the church with bagpipes. Besides being recognized, Cindy Dreher brought a microphone around the church for each one to introduce themselves. Those with over 60 years of service deservedly received standing ovations.

As it says in John 15: 12 – 14, “This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends. You are My friends, if you do whatever I command you.”

The service was punctuated by Fred Weidemann’s sterling performance of “The Blessing.” To all the first responders, I would like to thank you for all the unselfish acts that you perform on a daily basis and while “Avengers: Endgame” is currently breaking box office records, we had the real heroes in attendance with us on this Sunday. I also pray for those that were performing their duties forcing them to miss the service.

God Bless,

Dominic Gregoria

ANY SUBMISSIONS TO THIS NEWSLETTER CAN BE SUBMITTED  
TO [donnieg777@hotmail.com](mailto:donnieg777@hotmail.com) !!!!!

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Sunday, May 5** {2PM}: Mother’s Day Cinco de Mayo Fies-Tea & Fashion Show in Fellowship Hall (\$10 per person).

**Thursday, May 9** {6:15PM}: Men’s Fellowship Night at America’s Keswick (\$12 per person).

**Sunday, May 19** {12PM} – **Tuesday, May 21** {5PM}: GNJ Annual Conference @ Wildwood Convention Center.

**Wednesday, June 5** {6PM}: Girls Night Out at Applebee’s. For info, contact Cindy Kuch at (732) 600-2619.

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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**"GOING FRUITY WITH TOY STORY"**

MONDAY, JUNE 17 – FRIDAY, JUNE 21 {5:30PM – 7:30PM with supper @ 5PM}

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**BIBLE VERSE FOR SPRING**

Song Of Solomon 2: 11 – 13: “For lo, the winter is past, The rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; The time of singing has come, And the voice of the turtledove Is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth her green figs, And the vines with the tender grapes Give a good smell. Rise up, my love, my fair one, And come away!”

*WORSHIP SERVICE*

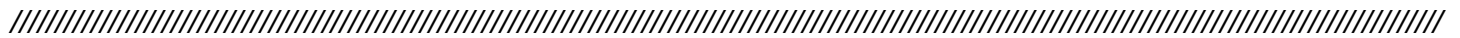
*9:00AM – 10:15AM with an 11:00AM service the first Sunday of every month.*

*J.A.M. (Jesus & Me): Children gather in the Sanctuary at 9:00AM.*

*After the Children’s Message, the children leave to go to J.A.M. (9:15AM – 10:15AM).*

*There is no J.A.M. on the first Sunday of every month.*

*Holy Grounds Coffee Hour – every Sunday after Worship - All are Welcome!!!*



***HAPPY 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY TO THE JOY OF ANGELS THRIFT SHOPPE***

\*\*\* Thank you to Elaine Brandt and all of the volunteers for what you do within the shop and the community. Your hard work allows those in need to have clothes to wear, as well as some of the incidentals to maintain a decent quality of life. Also, thank you to all those who donate product. \*\*\*

+++ More volunteers are still needed, even if it is only for a few hours per week, to keep this ministry readily available to those in need. See Elaine if you are interested in volunteering. +++

## BOUNTY OF THE BAY PRESENTED CULINARY TREASURES



Receiving the top votes at the 2019 Bounty Of The Bay event from those in attendance were Big Barlow's BBQ & Catering (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Captain's Inn (2<sup>nd</sup> Place) and Kate & Ally's Restaurant & Catering (3<sup>rd</sup> Place). However, all of the eateries that participated were winners. Besides those previously mentioned, Anthony's Seafood, Joey Harrison's River House, A Sweet Memory, Linda's Pizza, Breakers Kitchen & Tap and Chinese Gourmet all contributed tasty dishes to make the event a success. Fellowship Hall was filled with all kinds of tantalizing aromas,



as attendees were treated to items that included pulled pork, crab cakes, brisket, tea sandwiches, chicken francaise, general tso's chicken, lobster mac & cheese, key lime pie and so much more. A special thank you goes out to all of the volunteers, especially the employees from Kohl's.



## SCENES FROM THE EASTER EGG HUNT



Despite the weather, the Easter Egg Hunt was held as scheduled, but instead of being on the front lawn, it took place in Fellowship Hall. Eggs were literally placed all over the room and separated within three age groups. The nice turnout got to enjoy a story from Pastor Linda, refreshments (water, juice, cookies

and cupcakes), goodie bags for every child, as well as any prizes won. Left after the hunt was over was.....



***“Don’t forget  
the things He  
has done  
before  
And  
remember He  
can do it all  
once more.”***

***Danny Gokey***

### **A QUESTION FROM DOMINIC**

I would like to pose a question to those readers of this newsletter that have children. Working with the kids in different functions for the church, I feel that there is a lot of untapped talent among them. This led me to briefly mention to PL about an idea that I had. I haven’t presented it in full to her yet, because I wanted to gauge the interest first.

I was thinking of doing a drama class / club for those children that are interested (of course with their parents’ permission). I would also try to find another adult that is willing to assist me, just for the simple reason of having 2 adults there. This adult could also be a parent.

Just to tell you briefly about me, I have appeared on the stages of Café Theatre, Jewelbox Theater, The Grange Playhouse and NJ Rep. In addition, I have performed in numerous productions for Hitman Murder Mysteries. Among many other projects, I was hired for a training video for the Institute of Rational and Emotive Therapy.

This would be open to only serious students that have any level of experience, including none. While incorporating methods taught by Stanislavski among others, the focus will be on our faith and christian topics for the acting exercises, including some improv. Like I said, nothing is approved yet. If you feel that your child is interested and could benefit from this, email me at [donnieg777@hotmail.com](mailto:donnieg777@hotmail.com). If you have more direct questions, call me at (732) 904-9945.

Dominic Gregoria

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