

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

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

**For God's Healing & Discernment** ~ Nancy & Rev. George Reid; Sally Potter; Diane Sadowsku; Danny Huyler; Karen Knapp; Mel Rosenbloom; Donna Craft; Carolyn; Diane F.; Michael Claus; John E. Rue; Christine Morgan; Joseph Ensinger; Michelle Reyes; Jeff Merceron; Mrs. Nunez; Lois Pozsar; Patrick Jemas; Helen Wooley; Gary; Gary; Levi Kern; Greg R.; Frank Huscha; Rich Rosfjord; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Sara Carpini; Ronnie Sadowski; Andrea Almeida; Betty Carty; Cindy Kuch; Linda & John Ansbach; Bill Wehner; Rich C.; Chris Mignone; Denise Applegate; Randy M.; Lois; Sue & Rich Newman; Dawn Slate; Gail Matuska; Monika & Fred Sisbarro; Marilyn Slate; Shirley; Aubrey; Betty Carhart; Rosalie Mulvaney; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Frank & Mary Timmerman; Cynthia Pedemonti; Andrea Schenker; Helen DeLa Cruz; Peg Bea; Shannon Callaghan; Will Cotton; Carole Exel; Patricia Potter; Susan Schlotter; Joan McGavin; Phyllis Smith; Bill & Becky Buglione; Lorraine; Katrina & Peter Borchester; Don McErlean; Pat Grant; our whole Church Family.

**For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss** ~ Keith Gibbons Family; Alena Robles Family; Elliott Freeman Family; Chelsea Diehl Family; Bill Schrieber Family; Paul Olsen Family; Don Reppert Family.

**Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer** ~ For the Birth of Caden Pennec – parents Lauren and Matt; great grandmother Joan McGavin! Kidney transplant for Jake Wiesner! For the birth of Jarrett Emmanuel Chen Stapleton! Thanks be to God for answered prayer!

**For Those Serving in the Military** ~ Peter Borchester; Jordyn Breur; Kevin Carhart; 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 John & Beverly Schol; DS Rev. Ronell Howard; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

**World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas** ~ People of Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania; North Carolina, North Dakota; 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; Praying an outpouring of God's spiritual renewal and healing of all the people of America.

 *Lacey United Methodist Church*  
April 7, 2024

JESUS  
Grace  
SAVIOR  
spirit REJOICE pray  
LOVE Hope PRAISE  
faith God Sacred JOY  
GRACE  
LORD  
pray  
FAITH  
JOY  
SAVIOR  
peace  
PRAY  
SALVATION

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Head of the Church - Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God  
Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Ed Weisbrot  
Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Dominic Gregoria  
Lay Servant: Dawn Marie Kuch  
Music Director: Dawn Slate Special Music: Betty Carhart  
Welcoming Team: Lori Osborn & Deb Waddell  
Head Ushers: Sherry Exel & Rick Waddell  
Thank You to All Who Share Their Prayers, Presence, Gifts,  
Service, Witness & Time!  
All Music Used with Permission – CCLI#2274807

*Welcome in the Name of Jesus Christ to All Visitors, Members, Family and Friends!*

*\* Please feel free to rise in body or spirit*

Prelude: Betty Carhart

Welcome

\*Hymn            *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*    UMH 298

\*Call to Worship

Praise God who has showered us with love.

**Even in the dark times, God protests and guides us.**

God has blessed us with a magnificent world

**If strife should assail, God call us to be people of healing and action to help others.**

Come! Let us worship God who is always with us.

**Let us praise God that through all our trials and triumphs, God's love brings us hope. Amen.**

Young Disciples' Time

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

Psalter Lesson: Psalm 147: 1-11 UMH 859

Hebrew Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 40:26-31

Message: "The Cross"

Dawn Marie Kuch

\*Hymn            *Old Rugged Cross*                                UMH 504

\*Affirmation of Faith                                                UMH 882

Pastoral Prayer and Announcements

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

*Anthem: On Eagles Wings* UMH 143            Jacob Hastick, Flute

\*Doxology

UMH 95

\*Prayer of Dedication

**How wonderful it is and what a joy we have to return to God these gifts as tokens of the many blessings God has given to us. Let these gifts and our lives be used in service to others, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

**How amazing it is to us, O God of love, that you look into our hearts and forgive our wayward spirits. So many times we have succumbed to the temptations of this world, seeking comfort in its fleeting enticements. We have turned deaf ears on the cries of those in distress and walked away from opportunities to give aid and comfort. Remind us again of how Jesus reached out to the multitudes who brought their problems and ailments to him. His compassionate touch not only healed their bodies but restored and renewed their spirits. Forgive our stubbornness and our selfishness. Give us hearts of compassion and spirits willing to serve you by serving others. We offer this prayer of contrition in Jesus' name. Amen.**

A Time of Silent Confession and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

\*Hymn            *Because He Lives (Amen)*

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.

**Pastoral Care Coverage** while Pastor Jonathan is on vacation... until April 10<sup>th</sup> Rev. Dawn Corlew at 609-338-9711

**FINANCIAL STATISTICS**  
**Statistics March 31, 2024:**

Attendance ~ 8 Easter Sunrise; 70 in-person at 9AM; 40 via YouTube;  
Offerings: \$1,340.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,373.12 Plate: \$260.00  
Hot Lunch: \$120.00 Art Auction Tickets (Mt. Zion): \$845.00  
Capital Campaign: \$20.00 Discretionary: \$144.00  
Joy of Angels Deposit: \$807.00

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!!

**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](http://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



**Please help us complete the Sanctuary Altar Flooring**

All you have to do is buy ShopRite cards through LUMC!  
ShopRite makes a \$50 donation to LUMC for every \$1,000 we sell in ShopRite gift cards! Cards are available through the LUMC Office.

**Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...shelf-stable milk and juice!**  
Drop off at the LUMC office during the week or after worship.

*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.**

**Dinner with the Pastor: April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6PM**  
at **Kristy's**, Waretown. Everyone is welcome!  
Please rsvp to the office by April 12<sup>th</sup>!

**Holy Grounds Coffee Hour - Today after Worship**

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for*  
**April 14 – James 5: 13-16**

**Opportunities to Grow in Faith**

**Bible Study:** Mondays at 9:00AM in the Connolly Center  
**Disciple Bible Study:** Thurs. at 6:00PM and Sun. at 1:00PM  
Please contact Pastor Jonathan or the LUMC Office for more info.

**County Support Services at LUMC**

**Tues., April 9<sup>th</sup> 9:30AM-1:30PM:** OC Board of Social Services will be in Fellowship Hall to provide info. about their services.

**Upcoming Meetings**

**Fundraising:** Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6PM in Fellowship Hall  
**Sisters-In-Faith:** Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6PM  
**Trustees:** May 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM **Church Council:** JUNE 2024!

**Paintings with a Purpose: Art Auction to Benefit the Mt. Zion**  
**Celebrating the Works of John M DiCesare**

**SOLD OUT!!! Friday, April 12 6:00PM to 8:00PM**  
Lacey Twsp. Community Center, 15 East Lacey Road, FR  
**Volunteers welcome! Please contact the LUMC Office.**

*Upcoming Events*

**Sunday, April 14: Blessing of the Vehicles** Open to ALL Cars, Trucks, and Motorcycles! Free to Attend - Bring the Family!  
Featuring: Music, Free Food & Snacks (while supplies last)

**Saturday, May 11: Car Show** All Years/Makes/Models  
Trophies | Music | Food | Fun for All  
\$15 Pre-Registration \$20 Day of Show

**Thursday, August 15: Faith & Family Night at the Blue Claws**  
**\$18** includes game ticket, hotdog, soda, and ice cream  
Contact Joann in the LUMC Office to reserve your tickets!

**Join our media team!!!** The media team coordinates the live stream, sound, and video screen presentation during worship.

📞 Contact Steven at 732-300-1956 to learn more!! 📞



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**Hope Chest Food Pantry:** Facebook  
**Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe:** Facebook