

 Lacey United Methodist Church
October 5, 2025

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

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Joe McGuiggan; Irene; Lorraine & Robert Soehl; Cynthia Pedemonti; Dave C.; Luke Denning; Jaden Maggio; Alease & Ken King; Donna Craft; Annabelle Littlefield; Doug Hopkinson; Karen Knapp; Sharon Callaghan; Tom C; Neil Barnett; Dan; Jaime; Al F.; Carol D.; Susan Smith; Hannah Maloney; Eddie Grant; John R.; Phyllis Smith; Louis Potter; Dottie Connolly; Sheryl Lutgen; Lois Pozsar; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Andrea Almeida; Frank & Mary Timmerman; Peg Bea; Lorraine, Katrina & Peter Borchester; our whole Church Family.

For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss ~ Family of Joseph E. Cuneo; Family of Susan Schlotter; Family of Arnold Theuer; Family of Gail Matuska.

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ For the Birth of Avery Ray McDonald – parents Logan and Jenna; grandparents Laura and Tim McDonald! 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 Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela; 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 Donald Trump & Vice President JD Vance; Gov. Murphy; Praying an outpouring of God's spiritual renewal and healing of all the people of America.



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Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Helen Dela Cruz

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Music Director: Matthew Holmberg

Welcoming Team: Lori Osborn & Deb Waddell

Head Ushers: Sherry Exel & Rick Waddell

All Music Used with Permission – CCLI#2274807

Lacey UMC is called to teach, serve, and love individuals so they will follow Jesus Christ and help us transform the world.
Teach. Serve. Love.

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 This Is the Day UMH 657*

**Call to Worship*

Come walk with us. **We will join the journey.**
Let us talk together. **We will listen and speak.**
Christ goes with us. **Jesus guides our steps.**

Young Disciples' Time

Prayer of Illumination

Open our ears, that we may hear your message.
Teach us your truth and sow the seed of your eternal,
life-giving word within us, that we may grow in love. Amen.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:13-35

Message: Dinner with Jesus: "Come to the Table"

**Hymn More Like You TFWS 2167*

**Affirmation of Faith UMH 880*

Pastoral Prayer and Announcements

Offering

Anthem: Here I Am to Worship W&S 3177

**Doxology UMH 95*

**Prayer of Dedication*

God of love, source of all goodness,
you hear our cries and you answer. With grateful hearts,
we bring our gifts to you. We bring our offerings, as a gift of
thanksgiving for your presence in our lives.
We are your servants, and we offer ourselves with joy. Amen.

Communion Hymn Come to the Table TFWS2264

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

God of love and compassion,
we often fail to understand the truth of your love.
We are frequently confused and filled with doubt.
Life can feel meaningless. We wander down the pathways of
life, longing to see our way more clearly. Open our eyes this
day, that we may see your way of love and grace.
Meet our confusion with the truth of your presence.
Feed us with the true bread of life, and help us change our
hearts and lives, that we may follow you with joy. 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

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your
Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and
bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of
your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

**Hymn Shalom to You UMH 666*

Benediction

Postlude

Mission Statement: Lacey UMC is committed to creating inspiring worship, enriching teaching, and hands on service opportunities so that individuals become passionate followers of Jesus Christ.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Statistics for Sept. 28: Attendance ~ 36 in-person; 8 via YouTube
Offerings: \$1,030.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,263.97 Plate: \$175.00
Mt. Zion: \$1,000.00 Harvest Fest: \$70.00
SHALOM (Shoe Drive): \$1,363.50
Discretionary: \$58.00 Joy of Angels Deposit: \$1,500.42

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.

WAYS TO GIVE



ONLINE

Visit our website laceyumc.org or click the link below to set up electronic giving.



IN PERSON

VIA TITHING
ENVELOPE
cash/check



MOBILE GIVING

Donate to Lacey UMC by using the venmo app on your tablet or phone.

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 work during the hours of operation.
Contact Maddie Stapleton or Laura McDonald to learn more!!!

Upcoming Meetings

Fundraising: October 20 at 6PM **Finance:** TBD
Church Council: Nov. 17 at 6PM **Trustees:** Nov. 17 at 5:30PM

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
October 12 – Psalm 15; James 1:19-27*

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

Charge Conference – Wed., October 22 at 6:00 PM
The Conference will be held in our Sanctuary.

Women's Ministry will have gather for dinner at 5:30PM
on Wed., October 15 at IHOP, Forked River.
Please contact Dawn Kuch for more info. at 732-232-7270.

Upcoming Events

BOUNTY OF THE BAY – SOLD OUT!!!

Tuesday, October 7th 6:00pm-8:00pm

Appetizers, Entrees and Desserts from local restaurants.
Donations of gift certificates for the Silent Auction
are very appreciated!

HARVEST FEST ~ November 22 9AM – 2PM

**BAKED GOODS | HOMEMADE SOUPS & CHILI |
PICS WITH SANTA (10AM-1PM) | CRAFTS | VENDORS**
Contact the LUMC Office 609.693.5222 for more information.

October 22nd Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" Fundraiser
Purchase a 25% off one-day shopping pass for only \$5!!!
Contact the LUMC Office or see Joann or Steven after worship.

County Support Services at LUMC

Oct. 14 10AM-1PM: Board of Social Services will be in Fellowship Hall to provide info. about their services.
Nov. 18 10AM-1PM: Board of Human Services will be in Fellowship Hall to provide info. about their services.

Breakfast with the Pastor: October 13 at 9:30 AM
Location: Kristy's, Waretown. Everyone is welcome!

NexTrex Recycling Program – Beginning November 1st!
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.

A diagram with 'GPS' in the center, surrounded by four arrows pointing up, down, left, and right. The arrows are labeled 'Grow' (top), 'Study' (bottom), 'Pray' (right), and an unlabeled left arrow.

How does Psalm 116 redefine the concept of divine love for you?

What vows or commitments have you made to God, as the psalmist does in verses 12-14? Have you followed through on them?

What is our motivation supposed to be for being holy? Define holiness.

How does Christ's sacrifice motivate you?

What is the significance of the disciples' inability to recognize Jesus when he begins walking with them?

How does Jesus help the disciples to remember all that he had taught them? How does this relate to Holy Communion?

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