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

**For God's Healing & Discernment** ~ Robert & Mary Cicale; Peggy Rafuse; Chip & Bonnie Marshall; Laura & Tim McDonald; Robert Rockafellow; Joan McGavin; Lisa Smith; Sue Smith; Samantha Maida; Sue Bolanwski; 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; 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 Brian Callaghan; Family of Tristan Baluski; Family of Joseph E. Cuneo.

**Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer** ~ For the birth of Alice Nicole Krauss - parents Matthew and Victoria and grandmother Leah Kern! Thanks be to God for answered prayer!

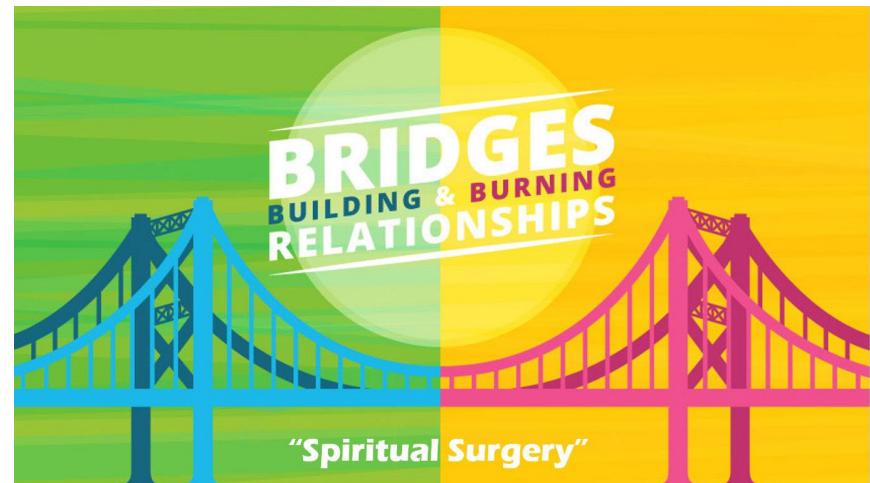
**For Those Serving in the Military** ~ Peter Borchester; Jordyn Breur; Luke Derflinger; Ellen Hammer; Gavin Hammer D'Adamo; Raymond Kitson; T. Ryan McDonald; Ryan Palmieri; Daniel Schenker; Jason Schenker; for all Soldiers; Sailors; Marines; Airmen; and Guards-Men/Women of our Armed Forces.

**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 Cyprus, Greece, Türkiye; Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands; 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 1, 2026



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Music Director: Matthew Holmberg  
Welcoming Team: Lori Osborn & Deb Waddell  
Head Ushers: Sherry Exel & Rick Waddell  
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**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 and Welcome

\*Hymn                    To God Be the Glory                    UMH 98

## \*Call to Worship

Children of God, when we face strife, upset, and harm in our midst, we so often turn to God and ask: **How many times should I forgive?** When Jesus answers that we should forgive again and again and again, we are tempted to repeat the question: **How many times should I forgive?** Until God turns the question around: "How many times have I forgiven you?" **Seventy times seven.** "How many times have I loved you?" **Seventy times seven.** "How many times has my grace been sufficient for you?" **Seventy times seven.** Let us learn, then, how to forgive not out of our own power, but out of God's, who forgives us that we might be free to learn to live with one another well. **Amen.**

## Young Disciples' Time

## Prayer of Illumination

Loving God, open our hearts and minds to what you are offering us today, we trust your Spirit will speak the truths we most need to hear. Amen.

## Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:21-35

## Message: Bridges: "Spiritual Surgery"

\*Hymn                    Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive                    UMH 390

\*Affirmation of Faith                    UMH 884

## Announcements

## The Prayers of the People

## Offering

*Anthem: Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) W&S 3104*

\*Doxology                    UMH 95

## \*Prayer of Dedication

**Generous God, you have given so much to us in love and joy – every good thing in our life reflects your caring. Even in the giving of our offerings, we have tried to give our best but know**

**we could do more. In a world where forgiveness has become a rare commodity, it is often an asset we hold back to maintain power over one another. Help us to hear the teaching of Jesus in the generosity of forgiveness. May we learn to give that to others with wild extravagance! We pray in Christ's name, who gave all. Amen.**

*Communion Hymn   Come to the Table of Grace   W&S 3168*

## The Invitation

## Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we struggle to forgive, and we struggle to create space for forgiveness to happen. We rush ourselves to excuse the harmful speech and actions of others as a way of suppressing instead of honestly naming the hurt we have experienced. We expect others to pardon our faults without also attending to our own need to repent. We demand forgiveness from others instead of recognizing forgiveness as a gift we give to one another and that we receive from you. We wield forgiveness as a weapon instead of a bridge that brings us back together. Forgive us, we pray, and free us to joyfully extend mercy and grace to one another, to set and respect boundaries with one another, and to receive from you the love and wisdom we need to grow as the community of Christ. 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

## The Breaking of the Bread and the Sharing of the Cup

## The Prayer of Humble Access

## The Reception

## Prayer of Gratitude

\*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 Jan. 18:** Attendance ~ 50 in-person; 37 via YouTube  
Offerings: \$1,700.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,178.97  
Plate: \$189.00 Hot Lunch: \$650.00 NA/AA Rent: \$150.00  
Summer Lunch Program: \$1,500.00 Food Pantry: \$100.00  
Discretionary: \$1,242.00 Joy of Angels Deposit: \$2,578.51

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](http://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.

### **2026 Offering Envelopes are available!**

The envelopes are on the table as you walk into the Sanctuary.

Don't have an envelope number yet? No problem!

Available numbers are highlighted in yellow on the sign-up sheet – simply write your name on the corresponding line and take a box to start using this week! Please remember to write your envelope number on the front of your check each week!

### **NexTrex Recycling Program is back!!!**

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.

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

### **Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...**

- canned pasta/ravioli
- soups
- snacks
- bottled juices
- frozen dinners
- frozen pizza

**SHALOM Mission Needs** paper towels – thank you!

### **Hat/Glove Drive**

We are collecting adult size hats and gloves for those in need. Donations can be left in the basket at the Sanctuary entrance or dropped off at the LUMC Office during the week.

### **Opportunities to Grow in Faith**

**Sunday Bible Study:** Following Worship in Fellowship Hall

**Dinner Bible Study:** Tuesdays at 6PM in Fellowship Hall

**Bible Study:** Thurs. at 6:30PM in the Connolly Center Conf.

### **👉👉 Membership Class is forming!!!👉👉**

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

### **County Support Services at LUMC**

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

### **Breakfast with the Pastor: February 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM**

Location: Kristy's, Waretown. Everyone is welcome!

### **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

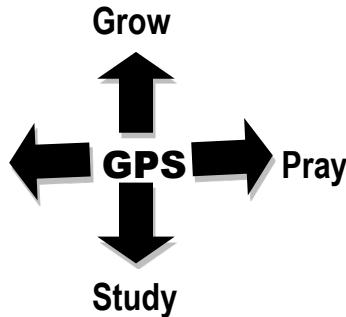
👉 The Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe is a vital mission of Lacey UMC. **Volunteers are needed to work during the hours of operation. Contact Maddie Stapleton or Laura McDonald to learn more!!!**

### **Upcoming Meetings**

**Church Council:** March 16 at 5:30PM **Finance:** TBD

**Trustees:** Feb. 2 at 5:30PM **Fundraising:** TBD

## **Week of 2/2/26**



## Monday- Psalm 114

How does this psalm encourage you during times of adversity?

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## Tuesday- Psalm 114

In what ways does this psalm demonstrate the theme of deliverance?

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## Wednesday- Genesis 50:15-21

How does Joseph's response to his brothers reflect the biblical teaching of forgiveness?

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## Thursday- Genesis 50:15-21

What can we learn about dealing with guilt and seeking forgiveness from the actions of Joseph's brothers?

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## **Friday- Matthew 18:21-35**

Christians are not exempt from hurting each other. Have you experienced this in your own life? How did you handle it?

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## **Saturday- Matthew 18:21-35**

What are some practical ways we can show compassion to those who have wronged us, even before they ask for forgiveness?

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