

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

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

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Covid sufferers & Care Givers; Danny Huyler; Karen Knapp; Mel Rosenbloom; Donna Craft; Carolyn; Diane & Elliott; Michael Claus; Paul Olsen; John E. Rue; Keith Gibbons; Christine Morgan; Joseph Ensinger; Michelle Reyes; Jeff Merceron; Mrs. Nunez; Lois Pozsar; Patrick Jemas; Helen Wooley; Gary; Sally Potter; Gary; Levi Kern; Greg R.; Frank Huscha; Rich Rosfjord; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Sara Carpini; Ronnie Sadowski; Nancy & Rev. George Reid; 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 ~ Don Reppert Family; Daniel Watkins Family; Kevin McGrath Family; Samuel Little Family.

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ 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 Ireland; United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales; Minnesota, Mississippi; 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

March 3, 2024



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Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Cynthia Pedemonti
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Music Director: Dawn Slate Special Music: Betty Carhart
Guest Music Director: Christine Urban
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

Welcome

***Hymn** *Baptized in Water* **TFWS 2248**

***Call to Worship**

Lenten travelers, why are you here?

We gather to do the work of worship.

Lenten travelers, what happens when we gather to worship?

We listen and proclaim. We sing and pray. We repent and encourage. Lenten travelers, how do we do the work of worship?

We bring all that we are to be present to God and one another.

Lenten travelers, what work does God do in worship?

God raises us up so that we can delight in life together with God and one another. Lenten travelers, come, let us worship God together!

Come, let us worship God together! Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Please Welcome, Clayton Purtell, Our Brother in Christ

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, reveal your presence to us this day as we journey this path with your Son. Through all of life's trials and tribulations your Word sustains us for the journey ahead. Send your Spirit upon us that we might listen, discern, and take heart. Be near us this day and may your Word with us stay and dwell with us forevermore. Amen.

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 10:16-25

Hebrew Scripture Lesson: Leviticus 7:11-17

Message: Greater Than: "Shalom"

***Hymn** *Bind Us Together* **TFWS 2226**

***Affirmation of Faith** **UMH 882**

Pastoral Prayer and Announcements

Offering

Anthem: Open Your Heart

***Doxology** **UMH 95**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God, all we have comes from you and has been given to us as stewards that we might live and love as your beloved

children. As we bring our gifts this morning, we realize what a small portion they are compared to what you have given to us. As we have sought ways to fund church ministry without raising our level of sacrifice, forgive us. If there have been times when we unconsciously favored reaching those with more assets to give and overlooked those who live and struggle with little, forgive us. Guide us in the path of repentance. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, look upon us, your servants gathered here, with grace and compassion. Hear our every need. Speak to our fearful hearts, that we may pour out our confessions and admit our wrongdoings.

A Time of Silent Confession and Reflection

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

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs from under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us, Amen.

The Reception

Communion Hymn *Beyond the Days*

Prayer of Gratitude

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*
(v. 1,4,5) **UMH 269**

Benediction and *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.

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
March 10 – Leviticus 4:27-31, Hebrews 1:1-12*

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Statistics February 25, 2024:

Attendance ~ 51 in-person; 24 via YouTube

Offerings: \$1,360.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,143.66 Plate: \$47.00

Hospitality: \$35.00 Discretionary: \$210.00 Book Study: \$30.00

Joy of Angels Deposit: \$1,015.50

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



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

Wednesday ~ 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Thursday ~ 8:00AM – 4:00PM

Friday ~ 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Saturday ~ 10:00AM – 4:00PM

**Extended
Hours!!**

↪ The Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe is a vital mission of Lacey UMC.

Volunteers are needed to help extend the hours of operation.

Opportunities to Grow in Faith

Bible Study: Mondays at 9:00AM in the Connolly Center

Prayer Lab: Wednesdays at 6:00PM in the Sanctuary

Disciple Bible Study: Thursdays at 6:00PM and

Sundays (starting 2/25) at 1:00PM

Please contact Pastor Jonathan or the LUMC Office for more info.

Praise Team Practice – Tuesdays at 6PM

Christine Urban will be leading our Praise Team through Easter!

Please contact Christine at 609-693-6853 for more info.

County Support Services at LUMC

Thurs., March 7th 11AM-1PM: OC Board of Health will be holding a vaccine and information clinic in Fellowship Hall.

Tues., March 12th 9:30AM-1:30PM: OC Board of Social Services will be in Fellowship Hall to provide info. about their services.

Upcoming Meetings

Sisters-In-Faith: Tuesday, March 5th at 6PM

Visioning Meeting: Saturday, March 9th 9AM to 11:30AM.

Fundraising: Monday, March 11th at 6PM

Trustees: March 18th at 5:30PM

Church Council: March 18th beginning at approx. 6:30PM

Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: March 11th at 9:30 AM

at Lacey Perkins. Everyone is welcome!

2024 Holy Week Schedule

March 24 – Palm Sunday

March 28 – Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00PM

March 29 – Good Friday Stations of the Cross 12:00PM-3:00PM

Good Friday Worship at FR Presbyterian 7:00PM

March 31 – Easter Sunrise Service 6:30AM at **Meadowlark Beach**

Easter Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary 9:00AM

Undies for Easter

Each inmate arriving into the Philadelphia Prison System is given ONE pair of underpants and no undershirts.

This campaign will focus on providing briefs and undershirts to prisoners in the Eastern PA prison system. Interested in donating?

Items must be purchased by March 24th using this Amazon registry:

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gi/guest-view/2J0XBF3YI3MU1>

Save the Date

April 6: "Egg"cellent Hunt

April 14: Blessing of the Vehicles

April 21: Women's Tea

May 11: Car Show

Details to Follow...

