

<>< *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; Keith Gibbons; 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 Rosford; 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 ~ Elliott Freeman Family; Chelsea Diehl Family; Bill Schrieber Family; Paul Olsen Family; Don Reppert Family; Daniel Watkins Family; Kevin McGrath Family; Samuel Little 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 Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia; New Hampshire, New Jersey; 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 Palm Sunday ~ March 24, 2024

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

Liturgist: Rich Rosfjord Guest Music Director: Christine Urban

* Please feel free to rise in body or spirit

All Music Used with Permission – CCLI#2274807

Gospel Reading: Mark 11:1-11

*Hymn **All Glory, Laud, and Honor (v. 1,2,3) UMH 280 & Jerusalem**

*Call to Worship

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks. **We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

We wave palm branches in anticipation; we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.

Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

Young Disciples' Time

Prayer for Illumination

As we hear the scriptures read, let our minds be of one mind in Christ Jesus. Let us empty ourselves, and with humility and grace listen for the word of God as the Spirit speaks to us this day.

Epistle Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Gospel Lesson: John 19:23-30

Message: "Living Stones and Spiritual Sacrifices"

*Hymn **Glory in the Cross W&S 3075**

*Affirmation of Faith **UMH 880**

Pastoral Prayer and Announcements

Offering

Anthem: Hosanna to the Son of David

*Doxology **UMH 95**

*Prayer of Dedication

Almighty and everlasting God, as we bring our gifts and lay them at your altar, we remember the crowds in Jerusalem who laid their cloaks on the road, shouting "Hosanna" as Jesus passed. We know they were looking for a Messiah who was different from who you sent Jesus to be – not one of political power and military might, but one who came in compassion and mercy to heal, love, and save. Search our hearts that we might be confident that the Messiah for whom we long is the one you know we need – Jesus Christ, your anointed one, in whose name we pray. Amen.

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

We confess, Anointed One, that we excuse ourselves from reaching out to those who need your care. We take your words – that there will always be unmet needs – as a reason not to try to meet the needs we can. Forgive us and help us to change. Renew our determination to live as faithful followers, faithful disciples, faithful Christians. Help us to work with you for the well-being of your creation, that the fortunes of all your peoples may be restored. Amen.

A Time of Silent Confession and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn **Come to the Table TFWS 2264**

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

Hymn: Lord Let Me Walk - Praise Team

Prayer of Gratitude

*Hymn **Were You There (v.1,2,3) UMH 288**

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.

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
Easter Sunday, March 31 – John 20:1-18*

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Statistics March 17, 2024:

Attendance ~ 57 in-person; 34 via YouTube

Offerings: \$1,040.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,109.13 Plate: \$52.00

Food Pantry: \$500.00 Discretionary: \$320.00

Art Auction Tickets (Mt. Zion): \$575.00

Joy of Angels Deposit: \$1,121.50

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 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 19th at 6PM

at **Kristy's**, Waretown. Everyone is welcome!

Please rsvp to the office by April 12th!

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 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

Tues., March 26th 9:30AM-1:30PM: OC Board of Social Services will be in Fellowship Hall to provide info. about their services.

Thurs., April 6th 11AM-1PM: OC Board of Health will be holding a vaccine and information clinic in Fellowship Hall.

Upcoming Meetings

Sisters-In-Faith: Tuesday, April 2nd at 6PM

Fundraising: Monday, April 8th at 6PM in Fellowship Hall

Trustees: March 18th at 5:30PM

Church Council: JUNE 2024!

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

Suitcases for Ukraine

We are collecting **28" or larger suitcases with wheels** to be used for shipping supplies, then given to those in need in the Ukraine.

Suitcases can be dropped off at the Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe.

Please contact Monika at 732-503-0363.

Paintings with a Purpose: Art Auction to Benefit the Mt. Zion

Celebrating the Works of John M DiCesare

Friday, April 12 6:00PM to 8:00PM

Lacey Twsp. Community Center, 15 East Lacey Road, FR

\$25 pp includes buffet dinner. Tickets available at the Office!

Save the Date

April 6: "Egg"cellent Hunt

April 14: Blessing of the Vehicles

May 11: Car Show

