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For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Covid sufferers & Care Givers: Kenshin: Diane S.; Lois; Sue & Rich Newman; Dawn Slate; Jonathan Murphy; Sophia D.; Michael Potter: Louis Potter: Billy Potter: Laurel Helle: Donna: Gail Matuska: Monika & Fred Sisbarro: Gesine Klein: Marilyn Slate: Dawn McLeod: Melissa: Harper & Rachel: Freddy; Kevin; Rhoda & Steve; Amy Russell; Brian; Ashley; Carole Reppert; Gwen Lewis; Aubrey; Betty Carhart; Rosalie Mulvaney; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Kenny & Kathie Pitman: Daniel Huyler; Isabella; Pamela Sutherland; Michael Niejako; Frank & Mary Timmerman: Cynthia Pedemonti: Andrea Schenker: Helen DeLa Cruz: Alicia: Dave H.; Peg Bea; Jonathan Rock; Kyle; Shannon Callaghan; Rachel C.; Louise; Pete & Kathy Jensen: Virginia Schoeneberg: George Reid: Will Cotton: Carole Exel: Karen: Tom & Mary; Leslie Bivins; Linda & John Ansbach; Patricia Potter; Michael Potter; Sara Carpini; Joseph; Brittney; Diane Collins; Rick & Ashleigh Handchen; Marousis Family: Ike & Joan Icenhower: Susan Schlotter: Colleen Brandt: Joan McGavin: Cindy Dreher; Nancy Dean; Allyson Cotton; Sally & Trevor Potter; Tommy Britton; Dawn Marie & Stash Kuch; Kyle Kuch; Phyllis Smith; Bill Jones; Bill Hults; Bill & Becky Buglione; Melody Pryor-Tasco; Lorraine; Katrina & Peter Borchester; Sally & Don McErlean: Pat Grant; Bill Keyworth; Deb Burnette; Shannon, Noel, & Brandon Weaver; our whole Church Family.

<u>For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss</u> ~ Covid19 Victims; Yook Moy Family; Darrell Astwood Family; Prag and Weisbrot families mourn the loss of Sheila Prag; Robert Fisher Family; Andrew Williams Family; Jack Lagowicz Family.

<u>Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer</u> ~ Thanks be to God for answered prayer!

<u>For Those Serving in the Military</u> ~ Peter Borchester; Jordyn Breur; Kevin Carhart; Luke Derflinger; Randall D. Donithan; 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; Kúrios' Kids; 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.

<u>For Greater NJ Annual Conference</u> ~ 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 Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine; Texas, Utah; 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, NJ Officials working to end CoVid19; Praying an outpouring of God's spiritual renewal and healing of all the people of America.





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Head of the Church ~ Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God
Ministers: All of Us
Pastor: Jonathan Campbell
Music Director: Dawn Slate
Welcoming Team: Lori Osborn & Deb Waddell
Head Ushers: Sherry Exel & Rick Waddell

Junior Head Ushers: Kenshin Frangos & Abby Michalkowski Thank You to All Who Share Their Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, Witness & Time! Welcome in the Name of Jesus Christ to All Visitors, Members, Family and Friends!

* Please feel free to rise in body or spirit

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn Come, Christians, Join to Sing UMH 158

Call to Worship

Protect us, O God, for in you we take refuge; Let us say to God, "You are our Lord; we have no good apart from you." Today, we come to worship God in truth and turn away from worshiping the idols all around us. God delights in our sincere worship, but sorrow visits those who give their worship to idols. We bless the Lord who gives counsel, who instructs our hearts in the secret of the night. We keep the Lord always before us so that we shall not be moved from God's ways.

Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice, and our bodies rest secure, **Because God keeps us from destruction in this life and the next.** God shows us the path of life, **And in God's presence is the fullness of joy forevermore.** And so, we say to God,

"You are our Lord; we have no good apart from you." Amen.

Hymn I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry TFWS 2051

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Please welcome Leland Robert Schoeneberg, our new brother in Christ

Hymn Baptized in Water

TFWS 2248

Prayer for Illumination

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

Hebrew Scripture Lesson: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Message: Listen Up!: "The Land of Milk and Honey?"

*Hymn Lord, Speak to Me UMH 463 v.1,3,&5

Affirmation of Faith:

The World Methodist Social Affirmation UMH 886

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Anthem ~ Down to the River to Pray

*Doxology UMH 95

Prayer of Dedication

Holy and loving God, you treat us not like the stern disciplinarian but like the forgiving parent who runs to embrace us when we've rebelled or disappointed. Your mercy gives us the opportunities to try again, to return into your grace, to pick ourselves up and brush ourselves off. You forget how many strikes we have against us but invite us back into the inheritance you desire for us. May our offering this day reflect our gratitude. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

Hymn Come to the Table TFWS 2264

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, so often we look at ourselves, our gifts and our talents, and wonder what you would do with these offerings. We don't think that we have much to give. So, far too many times, we belittle the gifts and turn our backs on the needs and opportunities present to serve, believing that our gifts cannot possibly make a difference. We think that we must possess the greatest of talents and wealth in order to truly please and serve you. How foolish we are! Forgive us when we stop listening to your healing and comforting words and focus on our anxieties. Heal us, Lord. Help us know that you have given to us such blessings and that these blessings are truly wonderful and meant to be used to joy and service to others. Help us to bring our lives, just as they are, to you and to receive your gentle touch and healing grace. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

God has given to each one of us such blessings and talents. With joy we bring these gifts to God. You are blessed by God's absolute love for you. Rejoice in that love and find healing and hope. **Amen.**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread and The Sharing of the Cup

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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, I Want to Be a Christian UMH 402 v.1&4

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.

Children/Youth Events

⇒Sunday School following the Young Disciples Message ⇒Drama Club Wednesdays 5:00-6:30PM

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Statistics for the week of Easter, April 9, 2023: Attendance ~ Sunrise - 7; 9AM - 66; 64 via YouTube

Offerings ~ \$2,572.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$1,323.68

Plate ~ \$323.00 Easter Flowers ~ \$20.00

Bay Shore Fellowship Rent ~ \$1,311.27 Children's Ministry ~ \$10.00 Discretionary ~ \$24.00 Shalom Bathroom ~ \$100.00

Weekly Deposit from Joy of Angels ~ \$679.00

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!!

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



ShopRite Gift Card Fundraiser

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

Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe

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 - 1:00PM

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.

The Fundraising Team is **collecting plain paper bags** to be decorated and used at upcoming bake sales. Contact the Dawn Kuch for info!

Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: May 8th at 9:30 AM at Lacey Perkins. Everyone is welcome!

Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for April 23 – Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Bible Study Opportunities

- [♣] Wednesday evenings at 6:45pm.

Pastoral Care Coverage while Pastor Jonathan is on vacation...
April 18 to April 23: Rev. Dawn Corlew at 609-338-9711
April 24 to April 28: Rev. Rene Yon Pak at 732-269-9850

Friends in Faith Meeting (formerly UMW) – May 9th 6:30PM in Fellowship Hall

Contact Dawn Marie at 732-232-7270 for information.

All women are welcome to join us!

Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...

1. bottled juice 2. snack items Items can be dropped off at the LUMC office during the week or after worship service on Sundays. Thank you!

Safe Sanctuaries Training

If you were unable to participate in the last training session, please contact the LUMC office to sign up for a special small group training. This training is necessary for volunteers.

Car & Truck Show Saturday, June 17th 9AM – 2PM

Food | Music | Trophies | Fun for All \$15 Pre-Registration \$20 Day of Event Visit laceyumc.org for more info and a registration form. Volunteers are needed to help make the Car & Truck Show a huge success! Please speak to Judy or Dominic to sign-up.

LUMC is going to the ballpark for "Faith and Family Night" on **Thursday, August 3rd** with the **Jersey Shore BlueClaws**!! **\$12** game ticket

\$17 game ticket – includes hotdog, beverage, and ice cream

Contact Joann in the LUMC Office to

reserve your tickets before they sell out!



We're social! Like & follow us on... LUMC: Facebook, Instagram, & YouTube Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe: Facebook