

<>< *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; Keith Gibbons; Christine Morgan; Joseph Ensinger; Michelle Reyes; Hudson Hendrixson; Jeff Merceron; Mrs. Nunez; Lois Pozsar; Patrick Jemas; Paul H.; 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; Dorothy Cochran; 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; Sally & Don McErlean; Pat Grant; our whole Church Family.

For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss ~ Dashaun Witter Family; Phil DePasquale Family; Mandie Buron Family; Vincent Mielnicki Family; Eugene Dow Family; Kim Hoffman Family.

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ For the birth of Levi Jared Kern to parents Luke & Evelyn Kern! Thanks be to God for answered prayer!

For Those Serving in the Military ~ Peter Borchester; Jordyn Breur; Kevin Carhart; Luke Derflinger; Ellen Hammen; 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 Travel Mercies ~ Dorothy, Rose, Becki, James, Heather

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 Aotearoa New Zealand, Australia; Vermont, Virginia; 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.



Lacey United Methodist Church

November 12, 2023



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Head of the Church ~ Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God

Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Lori Osborn

Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Dominic Gregoria

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 – CCL#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, and Announcements

Hymn** ***We Are Called **Vs. 1,2 TFWS 2172**

***Call to Worship**

Come! Share the joy of the Lord! **Delight in God's goodness!**

Praise God who gives each person a special gift to be nurtured and shared. **Lord, we thank you for these gifts!**

Come, let us worship God who entrusts us with so much.

Lord, make us worthy of your love and trust in us. AMEN!

Young Disciples' Time

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Holy Scriptures; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:14-30

Message: The God Guarantee: "What Could Be"

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

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

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Anthem: Open the Eyes of My Heart

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

Prayer of Dedication

There are no limits to the gifts you have given us, gracious Lord. Now we return thanks to you for these gifts and we bring these tokens to you, asking for your blessing on givers and gifts. Help these gifts and givers to be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen.

Hymn ***For the Bread Which You Have Broken***
Vs. 1,4 UMH 614

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

Lord of mercy and justice, you have given us so many talents and gifts to be used in your world. You have given us these gifts because you trust us to use them well — and you will be with us in all our work. But we disappoint you when we denigrate the value of the talents or become so fearful of failure that we don't believe that we are capable of helping in this world. Lord, forgive us. Help us to trust in the gifts you have given to us and to trust in your guidance in using them. Forgive us when we are fearful, stubborn, apathetic, indifferent to the needs around us. Give us hearts for serving you all our days. In Jesus' name we pray. 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

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

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 of All Hopefulness **Vs. 1,2,3 TFWS 2197**

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.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Statistics November 5, 2023:

Attendance ~ 49 in-person; 28 via YouTube

Offerings: \$1,205.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,473.16
Plate: \$109.00 Discretionary: \$294.00
Hot Lunch: \$40.00 NA/AA Rent: \$150.00
Thanksgiving: \$50.00 Harvest Fest: \$70.00
Joy of Angels Deposit: \$1,230.04

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



Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...shelf-stable milk and juice!

Items can be dropped off at the LUMC office during the week or after worship service on Sundays. Thank you!

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 – 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.

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
November 19 – Isaiah 55:10-13; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

Praise Team Practice – Wednesdays at 6:00PM

We are excited to announce Christine Urban will be leading our Praise Team in Dawn's absence. Interested in joining Praise Team? No prior experience necessary; all you need is a desire to sing! Please contact Christine at 609-693-6853 for more info.

Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: November 20th at 9:30 AM
at Lacey Perkins. Everyone is welcome!

HARVEST FEST ~ November 18th 9AM – 2PM

**BAKED GOODS | HOMEMADE SOUPS & CHILI |
PICS WITH SANTA | CRAFTS | VENDORS**

We are looking for volunteers to bake and prepare pies and goodies.
Baking date TBD. Watch this space for details.

Contact the LUMC Office 609.693.5222 for more information.

Family Box of Plenty - Thanksgiving Basket

Please bring your items in next Sunday, November 19 so the baskets can be distributed before Thanksgiving. Please see an usher for a list of items needed to complete a basket. Thank you for your generosity!

Thanksgiving Happenings

Sunday, Nov. 19 – Ecumenical Worship Service 7:00 PM
at FR Presbyterian Church, Route 9 Forked River

Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving Dinner - 1:00pm in Fellowship Hall

Nov. 25 – Hanging of the Greens. Help decorate the Sanctuary
for the Christmas season. Breakfast served at 8:30AM!!!

Upcoming Meetings

Fundraising: Monday, Nov. 13 at 6:00 PM

Trustees/Church Council: Nov. 27 beginning at 5:30PM

Join our media team!!! The media team coordinates the live stream, sound, and video screen presentation during worship.
Contact Steven at 732-300-1956 to learn more!!



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Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe: Facebook

