

<>< *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; 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 Rosford; 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.; Michelle Reyes; 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; Rita Peters Family; Wright 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 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 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 The Caribbean; Rhode Island, South Carolina; 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*

*October 22, 2023*



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

Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Sheryl Lutgen

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!

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*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 Come, Christians, Join to Sing Vs. 1&2 UMH 158**

### **\*Call to Worship**

Break open our hearts this morning to hear your word, O God. **Let our fears be vanquished, our spirits restored!** Come and let us worship with great joy! **Let us drop the things of the past which weighed us down!** God is about to do something new in our lives!  
**Let God's will become strong in our lives. Amen.**

## **Young Disciples' Time**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Holy God, you said that no one can live by bread alone. You said that your word is all we need to enter the land of the living. Dear God, we ask that your word becomes the light to our paths. May it be the cloud and pillar of fire that shows us the way in this desert of life. Send your light to our souls for us to follow into your kingdom of heaven. Amen.

**Psalter: Psalm 5:1-7 UMH 742**

**Gospel Lesson: Luke 7:36-50**

**Message: "Do you see this woman?"**

**\*Hymn Take, O Take Me As I Am W&S 3119**

**\*Affirmation of Faith UMH 882**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **Offering**

*Anthem: It Is Well with My Soul UMH 377*

**\*Doxology UMH 95**

### **Prayer of Dedication**

Faithful Giver of Life, you have done great things for us. In the life and teaching of your Son Jesus, you welcome us into your heart. Help us open our hearts to others, that we may be ever more willing to offer our hospitality, our support, and our material resources wherever they are needed.

Bless these offerings in your holy name. Amen.

**Hymn Take Our Bread UMH 640**

### **The Invitation**

## **Prayer of Confession**

Patient Lord, we find it easy to blame others and other circumstances for the things which happen in our lives. We hear the words "if only" and wonder why things didn't happen differently for us. Too often we want you to be a "magic" presence which will, with the wave of a wand, cure our ills, give us success and happiness; but we don't necessarily want to take responsibility for our attitudes and actions. Life is. Things happen which we didn't plan for and events swirl around us over which we have no control. But to place blame and not to find ways in which we can work through the situations is detrimental to everyone, especially ourselves. Forgive us when we are so busy placing blame that we don't recognize your presence and love for us. Free us from placing our own desires first and foremost. Help us to look at the many ways in which you are working in the world for peace and justice, and enable us to be part of that ministry. 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 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 for the week of October 15, 2023:**  
**Attendance ~ 30 in-person; 23 via YouTube**

**The financial statistics below are the combined totals for the weeks of October 8<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Offerings: \$2,060.00    Offerings via Vanco: \$2,540.34  
Plate: \$32.00    Discretionary: \$365.00

Bay Shore Fellowship Rent: \$1,311.27    NA/AA Rent: \$50.00

Harvest Fest: \$175.00    Handicap Accessible Bathroom: \$28.00

Hot Lunch: \$50.00    Donation from VetWork: \$3,300.00

Deposit from Joy of Angels: \$2,113.06

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](http://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  
October 29 – Psalm 14 UMH 746; Luke 7:36-50*

*The flowers that grace our Altar today are given in Glory to God;  
And Remembering Eileen.*

### **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.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

**Trustees/Church Council:** Oct. 23 beginning at 5:30PM

### **Cornerstone Ceremony and Celebration TODAY following worship!**

The cornerstone, containing our time capsule, is ready to be placed in position! The ceremony will take place in front of the Sanctuary immediately following worship. Join us as we celebrate during Holy Grounds coffee hour in Fellowship Hall after the ceremony!

### **Church Conference - Tues., Nov. 7 at 7:00 PM**

The Conference will be virtual this year. Details to follow...

**Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: November 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM**  
at Lacey Perkins. Everyone is welcome!

### **HARVEST FEST ~ November 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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

