

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

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

**For God's Healing & Discernment** ~ Phyllis Smith; Ann; Louis Potter; Bernie Bier; Dottie Connolly; Sherry T.; Jennifer Dolan; Lorraine & Robert Soehl; Kayla Davis; Sheryl Lutgen; Barbara T.; Linda Jenkins; Steven & Nadine Woodward; Victoria Krauss; Carole Exel; Steven Exel; Tiny; Marsha Brandt; Daryl Mafia; Jason Gilman; Paul Rue; Ed Weisbrot; Carole Jansen; Bob Wynn & Denise Vaccaro; Christine Urban; Dale Stucky; Suzy; Steve Woodward; Bob & Pam Marsh; Sadie; Kyle Wilhelm; Nancy & Rev. George Reid; Sally Potter; Danny Huyler; Donna Craft; Diane F.; Michael Claus; Christine Morgan; Joseph Ensinger; Michelle Reyes; Jeff Merceron; Mrs. Nunez; Lois Pozsar; Patrick Jemas; Helen Wooley; Gary; Levi Kern; Rich Rosfjord; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Sara Carpini; Andrea Almeida; Bill Wehner; Rich C.; Chris Mignone; Randy M.; Lois; Sue & Rich Newman; Monika & Fred Sisbarro; Marilyn Slate; Shirley; Aubrey; Rosalie Mulvaney; Frank & Mary Timmerman; Cynthia Pedemonti; Andrea Schenker; Helen DeLa Cruz; Peg Bea; Shannon Callaghan; Will Cotton; Patricia Potter; Susan Schlotter; Joan McGavin; Bill & Becky Buglione; Lorraine, Katrina & Peter Borchester; Pat Grant; our whole Church Family.

**For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss** ~ Family of Gail Matuska; Family of Bill Connolly; Family of Mae Berry; Family of Gregory Russell; Family of Dawn Slate; Family of Russel Gudiatis Jr.; Family of Serina Norall; Family of Mel Rosenbloom; Family of Jay Young.

**Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer** ~ Thanks be to God for answered prayer!

**For Those Serving in the Military** ~ Peter Borchester; Jordyn Breur; 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 Cynthia Moore-Koikoi; DS Rev. Ronell Howard; Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

**World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas** ~ People of Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan; Wisconsin, Wyoming; Lacey Township Committee, Leaders & First Responders; Senators; Congressmen and leaders of our United States of America; Uniting of all American political parties; President Donald Trump & Vice President JD Vance; Gov. Murphy; Praying an outpouring of God's spiritual renewal and healing of all the people of America.

 *Lacey United Methodist Church*  
May 4, 2025



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Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Helen DeLa Cruz  
Liturgist: Randi Vaccaro Music Director: Matthew Holmberg  
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                      *Holy, Holy, Holy!*                      UMH 64

\*Call to Worship

Welcome pilgrims who are called to walk in the light of the resurrection. **We are learning to follow Jesus.**

The way is long, and we are thirsty. **We seek the living waters of Jesus.** We feel the weight of scarcity warring with hopeful whispers of abundance. **We need the living waters of Jesus.**

We wonder if God will provide us with what we need, *here and now.* **As God gives us the living waters of Jesus, so God calls us to quench the thirst and meet the needs of our neighbors.**

Pilgrims of the Way, come let us worship God! **We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.**

Young Disciples' Time

Prayer of Illumination

For the word of hope that pours over us like living water, for the word of grace that leads us to encounter the living Christ, **we offer you our thanks, O God.**

Gospel Lesson: John 4:5-26, 39

Message: Love Reigns: "Love the Outcasts"

\*Hymn                      *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*                      UMH 400

\*Affirmation of Faith                      UMH 887

Pastoral Prayer and Announcements

Offering

*Anthem: Love Lifted Me*

\*Doxology                      UMH 95

\*Prayer of Dedication

**God, our provider, in Christ you give us a spring of pure water that overflows to eternal life. Your love and hope fill our**

**hearts, so we want to worship you in Spirit and truth. Open our eyes to see the places in this neighborhood where our church's ministries could reach new people. Direct our gifts and offerings for your purposes, so that our community will become like a field ripe for harvest. We ask this through Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

Hymn                      *Fill My Cup, Lord*                      UMH 641

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

**Patient and ever-faithful God, we come to you this morning confessing that we can be a grumpy and unsatisfied people. When things are not perfect in our eyes, we murmur and complain, and grumble and doubt. We lose hope in the people around us and, even worse, we lose hope in you. We challenge instead of accept. We put you to the test rather than trust your caring love. Forgive our doubts and complaining. Forgive our loss of hope. Let your healing, life-giving waters pour over us. Restore our souls. 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

Breaking of the Bread and the Sharing of the Cup

The Prayer of Humble Access

The Reception

The Prayer of Gratitude

\*Hymn                      *Jesus Is All the World to Me (v. 1,3)*                      UMH 469

Benediction

Postlude *God Be With You till We Meet Again (v. 1)* UMH 673

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 April 27, 2025:**

**Attendance ~ 52 in-person; 22 via YouTube**

**Offerings: \$1,470.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,816.55**

**Plate: \$30.00 NA/AA Rent: \$50.00**

**Donation from Vetwork: \$1,800.00 Discretionary: \$195.00**

**Proceeds from Sale of LHUMC Property (MUA): \$453.39**

**Joy of Angels Deposit: \$1,275.62**

**Joy of Angels Deposit Week Ending April 19: \$1,775.96**

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](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



### *Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe*

#### **Normal Hours of Operation:**

Tuesday: 10:00AM – 4:00PM 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.**

**Contact Maddie Stapleton or Laura McDonald to learn more!!!**

### **County Support Services at LUMC**

**May 6<sup>th</sup> 10AM-1PM:** Board of Social Services will be in Fellowship Hall to provide info. about their services.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

**Fundraising:** May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM **Finance:** June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30PM

**Church Council:** May 4 10:30am **Trustees:** June 9<sup>th</sup> 5:30PM

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for  
May 11 – 1 Corinthians 12:1-11*

New Members will be joining Lacey UMC during worship on May 18<sup>th</sup> - welcome!!!!

♪♪ **Praise Team Practice – Tuesdays at 5:30 PM** ♪♪  
No prior experience necessary...all you need is a desire to sing!

**Breakfast with the Pastor: May 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM**  
at IHOP, Forked River. Everyone is welcome!

### *Upcoming Events*

**Saturday, May 10: Car Show** All Years/Makes/Models  
Trophies | Music | Food | Fun for All  
\$15 Pre-Registration \$20 Day of Show

**Salvation Army Brass Band Concert – Sat., May 10<sup>th</sup> 7PM**  
Come enjoy this free concert. All are welcome!

**Bake Sales at the Lacey Farmers' Market:**

May 23 | June 13 | July 4 | August 29 | Sept. 19

**Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup> Faith & Family Night at the Blue Claws**  
\$18 includes game ticket, hotdog, soda, and ice cream  
Contact Joann in the LUMC Office to reserve your tickets!

**“Socks for Seniors” Drive....** This year, every person who registers for Annual Conference is invited to bring pairs of socks for the Socks for Seniors project. Let's send **Pastor Jonathan** and **Dawn Marie Kuch** to Annual Conference with an abundance of socks that will be shared with some of the most vulnerable people in Wildwood and Cape May County. **Collecting until May 18<sup>th</sup>!!!**

### **NexTrex Recycling Program**

When we collect more than 1,000 pounds of soft film plastics (NO CLAMSHELL/CLEAR PLASTIC CONTAINERS) in a 12-month span, we will be awarded a Trex® furniture bench for our Prayer Garden! Questions? Contact Laura McDonald at 609-276-0702.

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**LUMC:** Facebook, Instagram, & YouTube

**Hope Chest Food Pantry:** Facebook

**Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe:** Facebook



