

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Covid sufferers & Care Givers; Randy M.; Michelle Reyes; Albert Fogliani; 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 Hulst; 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.

For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss ~ 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.

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

For Those Serving in the Military ~ 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.

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 Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan; Washington, West 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

April 30, 2023



How Jesus Learned to Pray

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

Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Diane Collins

Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Dominic Gregoria

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*

All Music Used with Permission – CCLI#2274807

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Praise Song** ***Your Love is Amazing

***Call to Worship**

Christ asked Peter if he loved him.

Peter affirmed three times his love of the Lord.

Christ asks us if we love him.

We affirm our love of the Lord in our worship

Christ calls us to demonstrate our love in service.

Lord, help us to witness to your love in the ways in which we care for others. Amen.

Young Disciples' Time

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 6:4-9

Gospel Lesson: John 21:15-17

Message: Listen Up!: "Love with Everything You Got"

Hymn** ***O How I Love Jesus **UMH 170**

***Affirmation of Faith** **UMH 885**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Anthem ~ Feed My Sheep

***Doxology**

UMH 95

Prayer of Dedication

Caring and compassionate God, we feel like we have been through so much. Battered by division, perceived by some as too judgmental and by others as too accommodating, and we know our witness to the world has suffered. Bless the gifts we give and help them to be used to sow seeds of kindness, healing, hope, and justice. When we as a church falter, remind us that Christ, our Good Shepherd, never falters. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

Hymn

Gentle Shepherd

W&S 3096

Prayer of Confession

We rejoice in the wonder of your resurrection, O Christ, but then tend to sink back into our old ways of thinking, behaving, responding to people's needs. We can dance with the angels and all humankind on Easter Sunday, but the days following the Day of Resurrection cause us to slip back into apathy or despair. Forgive us when we so easily become distracted by our own cares and worries that we ignore the needs of others around us. Forgive us when we forget your power and love for us. Charge us up, O Lord! Set our hearts to dancing! Give us a spirit for rejoicing, willing hearts and hands for helping, voices for praising you forever! Amen.

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Sing! Shout! Rejoice! Jesus calls you to serve because of his love for you. He believes in you and all the gifts you have been given! Do not be afraid. Christ is with you always.

Hymn** ***They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love
TFWS 2223

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.

Children/Youth Events

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

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Statistics for the week of April 23, 2023:

Attendance ~ 37 in-person; 15 via YouTube

Offerings ~ \$1,040.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$1,169.15

Plate ~ \$10.00 Hospitality ~ \$34.00 Discretionary ~ \$7.00

NA/AA Rent ~ \$250.00 Community Options ~ \$1,000.00

Weekly Deposit from Joy of Angels ~ \$1,087.55

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
May 7 – Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Matthew 6:9-13*

Bible Study Opportunities

✝ Sunday 1:00 PM

✝ Wednesday evenings at 6:45pm.

Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...bottled juice & snacks!

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

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!

Bake Sale at the Lacey Farmers' Market

When: Friday, May 26

Bakers and volunteers needed to help make the bake sales a huge success! Please contact Judy at 609-290-2150 to sign-up as a baker and/or booth volunteer. Thank you!!!

Finance Team Meeting – Monday, May 8th at 6PM!

Do you have a few minutes to help count the collection once a month? Volunteers are needed to join our team of counters.

Counters alternate weeks and we can work around your schedule. Please contact Rich at 732-501-8135 if you can help!

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!

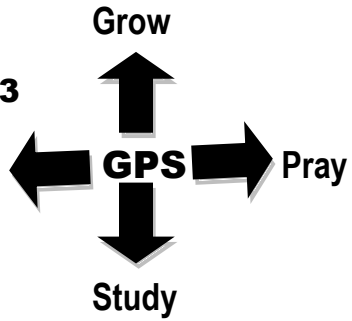


We're social! Like & follow us on...

LUMC: Facebook, Instagram, & YouTube

Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe: Facebook

Week of 4/30/23



Monday- Deuteronomy 6:4-9

How do you show your love for God?

Tuesday- Deuteronomy 6:4-9

How has God shown God's love for you?

Wednesday- Deuteronomy 6:4-9

How do you teach others to love God?

Thursday- John 21:15-17

Peter uses the Greek word phila "brotherly love". Jesus uses the Greek word agape "everlasting/complete love". Why do you think Peter struggled to use agape when describing his love for Jesus?

Friday- John 21:15-17

Why do you think in Jesus' last question he changed from agape to brotherly love? Why was Jesus ok with accepting Peter's lower level of love?

Saturday- John 21:15-17

Would you use agape or phila to describe your love for Jesus? Why?

Notes:
