

# LUMC'S COMMUNITY REVELATIONS

March 2018

## Lacey United Methodist Church

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

Ministers: All of Us

Pastor: Linda Applegate

Lay Leader: Ed Wojciechowski

Admin. Assistant: Joann Michalkowski

Pianist-Choir Director: Dawn Slate

Chimes Director: Bill Applegate

Facility Maintenance – Grounds: Mike Orlick

Trustee Chair: Bill Jones

Staff Parish Team Chair: Rose Coram

Children-Youth Education: Bonnie Marshall

Finance Chair: Steven Michalkowski

Head Counter: Becky Buglione

Thrift Shoppe: Elaine Brandt

Mission: Morris Maze

Outreach: Kenny Pitman

Worship: Dawn Marie Kuch

Hospitality Kitchen: Bill Buglione

Hot Lunch Mission: Roseann DePasquale & Ed Weisbrot

Summer Lunch Mission: Ellen Larney & Gail Matuska

## EVERYDAY PRAYER IS NEEDED MORE

The excitement of the Super Bowl was quickly erased when news broke on Valentine's Day that were killed in a Florida According to the Gun were at least 10 other at schools this month good case for bringing schools. Please pray a solution so that these eventually become a thing of the past.



a reported 17 people High School shooting. Violence Archive, there cases of guns being fired alone. Maybe, this is a God back into our that our leaders can find horrific events can

God Bless,

Dominic Gregoria

## BIBLE VERSE FOR PALM SUNDAY

Matthew 21: 1 - 11: "They were approaching Jerusalem, and when they reached Bethphage at the mount of Olives Jesus sent off two disciples, and told them: 'Go into the village opposite, where you will at once find a donkey tethered with her foal beside her. Untie them, and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, answer, "The Master needs them"; and he will let you have them at once". This was to fulfil the prophecy which says, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, "Here is your king, who comes to you in gentleness, riding on a donkey, on the foal of a beast of burden.""

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed, and brought the donkey and her foal; they laid their cloaks on them and Jesus mounted. Crowds of people carpeted the road with their cloaks, and some cut branches from the trees to spread in his path. Then the crowds in front and behind raised the shout: 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the heavens!'

When he entered Jerusalem the whole city went wild with excitement. 'Who is this?' people asked, and the crowds replied, 'This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee.'"

**Worship Service: 9:00 am – 10:15am**

**Sunday School: Children gather in the Sanctuary at 9:00am.**

**After the Children's Message, the children leave to go to Sunday School (9:15am – 10:15am).**

**Holy Grounds Coffee Hour – every Sunday after Worship / All are welcome!**

## SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, March 4

1PM – 4PM: 6<sup>th</sup> Annual White Elephant Gift Exchange (bring wrapped gift valued up to \$10 to exchange)

Thursday, March 8

5:30PM – 8:30PM: Men's Fellowship Night at Keswick

Thursday, March 15

6:30PM – 8PM: Book Club Dinner & Discussion of The Language Of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh (maddiestape@yahoo.com)

Saturday, March 17

4PM – 7PM: All You Can Eat Corned Beef Dinner (\$17/adult, \$14/seniors [62+] and youth [10 – 17 yrs.] and \$5/children [5 – 9 yrs.]) – corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, soda bread, beverages, desserts, kids' menu +

Saturday, March 24

9AM – 3PM: Spring Bazaar (Mary Kay, candles, books, doll fashions, homemade candy and more)

IF ANYONE HAS SOMETHING THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS NEWSLETTER,  
CONTACT DOMINIC AT [donnieg777@hotmail.com](mailto:donnieg777@hotmail.com).



## **METHODIST MEN'S GROUP FORMING AT LUMC**

Emmett Bivins is working tirelessly towards forming a Methodist Men's Group at our Church. Having met in February, the next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 4, right after Sunday's Service. According to Emmett, the purpose of this group is for fellowship and to address Church needs. Emmett then proceeded to ask me if I ever heard of the phrase "iron sharpens iron." Was Emmett trying to teach me something? Treating this question like a homework assignment, I found the phrase in Proverbs 27:17, which states "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens the wits of another." Obviously, when an iron blade is rubbed together with another iron blade, both blades become sharper. Continuing this theme even further, Hebrews 4:12 states "The word of God is alive and active. It cuts more keenly than any two-edged sword, piercing so deeply that it divides soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it discriminates among the purposes and thoughts of the heart."

Even though this group is in its infant stages, a group of men from the Church have been getting together for the monthly Men's Fellowship Night at America's Keswick. For only \$12, we enjoyed a hearty Chicken dinner last month, complete with veggies and potato. Dessert was also included. After dinner, we headed to the Activity Center where we received testimony from a member of the Colony Of Mercy. Then, Pastor Mike Wiegel from the Ocean County Baptist Church presented a message for all in attendance. These events can be viewed live at [www.americaskeswick.org](http://www.americaskeswick.org), for those that can't attend. Once the evening winds down, the Activity Center is available for all to use. The next Men's Fellowship Night at Keswick will be on Thursday, March 8 at 6:15PM, when Pastor David Sutter will be the guest speaker.

I suggest that anyone who would like to be a part of this group seek out Emmett after Sunday's service. We can all use an extra bit of sharpening when it comes to doing what we can to help our Church.

Dominic Gregoria

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## **SEEKING OUT THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

The purpose of the Membership Committee is to:

- Encourage members of the Church and the community on their journey to be closer to God
- Encourage a strong unity among Church family members
- Tend to the emotional needs of our members in time of need
- Develop strategies to encourage community members to join in our fellowship and walk toward a closer understanding of God's love.

Please reach out to one of our members (Emmett Bivins, Elaine Brandt, Dominic Gregoria, Donna Jones, Cindy Kuch, Dawn Marie Kuch, Dee Maffucci, Gail Matuska, Marge Moore, Joann Michalkowski, Eileen Rosford, and Maddie Stapleton) if you know of a Church member in need, or have any ideas or strategies that will encourage others to join our Church family.

Maddie Stapleton

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## ***LENT & HOLY WEEK:***

*Palm Sunday, March 25 (9AM Worship)*

*Holy Thursday, March 29 (7PM Worship)*

*Good Friday, March 30 (12 PM Prayer Service / 7PM Worship)*

*Easter Sunday, April 1 (6AM Sunrise Service at Lake Barnegat Beach / 9AM Worship)*

**NEW DATE:**

*A TIME FOR US:*

*A NIGHT OUT FOR ADULTS*

*Saturday, April 28 at 6PM*

- *Dancing*
- *Refreshments*
- *Silent Auction*

*For info, contact Dawn Kuch*

*(732) 232 – 7270*

**“Jesus said, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever has faith in me shall live, even though he dies; and no one who lives and has faith in me shall ever die. Do you believe this?’”**

**John 11:25-26**

**Easter Egg Hunt**

Come one, come all, to help out Dawn Marie Kuch with our church's Annual Easter Egg Hunt, which as of the last Membership Committee meeting is scheduled for order to have an EGG-TRAORDINARY Easter needed; the more hands, merrier. If you are able to are unable to be on the like to donate candy, Dawn Marie Kuch at 732-232-7270. Also, be on the lookout for the Easter Flower Sale!



Maddie Stapleton / Dawn Marie Kuch

Members are encouraged to join one of the many Life or Fellowship Groups to Praise and Serve God!

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