

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Covid sufferers & Care Givers; Connie I; Chris Mignone; Denise Applegate; 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 Nijako; 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.

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 Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles; Guam, Midway Islands; 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

May 21, 2023



How Jesus Learned to Pray

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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

*Hymn *Love the Lord Your God* TFWS 2168

*Call to Worship

God has called us to be people of love. **God didn't mean the "syrupy" stuff of movies and novels.** Truly loving can sometimes be difficult yet we are called to reach beyond the difficulty with compassion.

In all of this, God is with us, guiding and helping us.

Thanks be to God for God's faithful presence. Amen.

Young Disciples' Time

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture Lesson: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 22:34-40

Message: Listen Up!: "One More Thing"

*Praise Song *The Gift of Love*

*Affirmation of Faith UMH 882

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Anthem ~ The Commission

*Doxology UMH 95

Prayer of Dedication

God of wisdom and guidance, steer us, we pray, through our anxious times. The gifts we bring this day are a small part of all we have received. We push back our inclination to be more generous because of our anxiety about the economy. We hold back on sharing our faith and advocating for compassion and justice out of anxiety about the division in our world and in our neighborhood. We hold back on inviting neighbors to church out

of anxiety about how they might view the church right now. Remind us that it is Jesus we offer to the world, not us. Help us to cast the anxiety on Jesus, for the one the tomb could not hold can carry our anxiety with ease. In the name of Jesus, who broke the hold of death once and for all. Amen.

Hymn *God Will Take Care of You* UMH 130

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, it isn't easy for us to follow the commandments of loving. Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love God and to love our neighbors. But we have allowed misunderstanding, fear, hatred, and prejudice to cloud our spirits, turning them away from those who need our love. We place a test before you, asking that you prove your love to us, or we threaten not to believe in you. Please forgive us for this foolishness and stubbornness. Give us the courage to be people who will care for others. Let us dedicate our lives in your service, always aware of your awesome love for us. This we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Though our hearts were hardened to the needs of others, God has touched them with God's compassionate care, healing our wounds and giving courage and strength to our souls. Be assured that God's love is poured out for you and rejoice! Amen.

Passing of the Peace

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread and The Sharing of the Cup

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 *Pass It On* UMH 572

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 May 14, 2023:

Attendance ~ 38 in-person; 28 via YouTube

Offerings: \$741.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,024.63 Plate: \$10.00

Hospitality: \$30.25 BlueClaws Tickets: \$102.00

Mt. Zion Donation: \$2,300.00 Bayshore Fellowship Rent: \$1,311.27

Discretionary: \$184.00 Weekly Deposit from Joy of Angels: \$906.00

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!

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!

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
May 28 – Acts 2:1-8, 12-21*

Bible Study Opportunities

✠ Sunday 1:00 PM

✠ Wednesday evenings at 6:45pm.

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!!!

Memorial Day Parade – May 29th Parade begins 10AM
NEEDED: Donations of (8oz) Water Bottles
Volunteers: Please arrive by 9AM if you would like to help us share hospitality with the community!

☼ Summer Lunch Program for Lacey's Kids ☼

We are collecting **kid-friendly soup** and **mac & cheese** to be distributed to participants. Drop off to Judy Mihalkovitz on Sundays or to the LUMC Office during the week.
We're also accepting donations of reusable shopping bags!

Car & Truck Show Saturday, June 17th 9AM – 2PM

Food | Music | Trophies | Vendors

Cars: \$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.

Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: June 12th at 9:30 AM

at Lacey Perkins. Everyone is welcome!

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!

Join our media team!!!

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

