

<>< *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; Frank Huscha; Phil & Roseann; 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.; Connie I; 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 ~ Mandie Buron Family; Vincent Mielnicki Family; Eugene Dow Family; Virginia Schoeneberg Family; Deb Burnette Family; Dory Peck Family; Kim Hoffman Family; Rita Peters Family; Wright 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; 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.

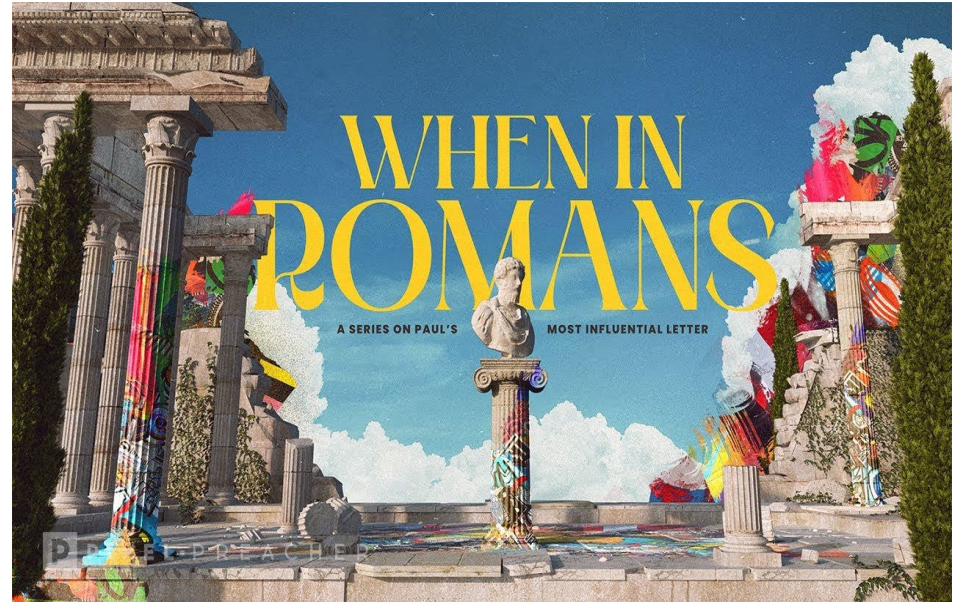
For Greater NJ Annual Conference ~ Bishop John & Beverly Schol; DS Rev. Ronell Howard; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas ~ People of Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal; Minnesota, Mississippi; 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

August 27, 2023



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

Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Lori Osborn

Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Dominic Gregoria

Music Director: Dawn Slate Special Music: Betty Carhart

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 – CCL#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, and Announcements

***Hymn *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* TFWS 2153**

***Call to Worship**

This day is a day of preparation. **Open our hearts, O Lord, and make us ready to receive you.** Repentance, changing our attitudes, our lives, is the beginning of our preparation. **Lord, give us courage and confidence.** God will fill us with joy and peace as we become witnesses to God's love. **Lord, help us to be faithful servants all of our days. Amen.**

Reception of New Members

Please welcome to the LUMC community Barbara Birdsall, Eric Carano, Sheryl Lutgen, and Joan Schuler

Prayer for Illumination

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

New Testament Lesson: Romans 15:4-13

Leader: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message: "Jews, Gentiles, Republicans, and Democrats"

***Hymn *Help Us Accept Each Other* UMH 560**

***Affirmation of Faith UMH 887**

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Anthem: Amazing Grace

***Doxology UMH 95**

Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, you have given so much to us in love and joy – every good thing in our life reflects your caring. Even in the giving of our offerings, we have tried to give our best but know we could do more. In a world where forgiveness has become a rare commodity, it is often an asset we hold back to maintain power over one another. Help us to hear the teaching of Jesus in the generosity of forgiveness. May we learn to give that to others with wild extravagance! We pray in Christ's name, who gave all. Amen.

Hymn *Come to the Table of Grace* W&S 3168

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

Lord of mercy and peace, open our hearts to receive your words of hope. We live far too much in darkness and fear. We have let the fears invade the very center of our lives and find ourselves changing, moving from your light to the darkness of despair. It seems that this world and its people are more pleased to fight and destroy than they are to have peace and harmony. We become part of that crowd when we wallow in anger, resentment, apathy, and greed. Forgive us, patient and merciful God. Help us be people who will look at the ways in which we have blocked your presence; ways in which we have truly failed to be your people. Give us courage and strength to change our lives, that your peace may become a reality in this world, right now, this day. For we offer this prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

A Time of Silent Confession and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Though the darkness seems so deep, do not fear. God is with us. Repent! Turn your lives to God. God's love is being poured out for you, always. Amen.

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 nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to partake of this Sacrament of your Son Jesus Christ, that we may walk in newness of life, may grow into his likeness, and 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 *In Christ There Is No East or West* Vs. 1-3 UMH 548**

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 August 20, 2023:

Attendance ~ 32 in-person; 17 via YouTube

Offerings: \$421.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,159.63

Plate: \$105.00 Discretionary: \$91.00 Bake Sale: \$685.00

Bounty of the Bay: \$630.00 Donation from Vetwork : \$900.00

Weekly Deposit from Joy of Angels: \$1,377.75

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
 - 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...bottled juice & snacks!

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 – 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.

☀ **Summer Lunch Program for Lacey's Kids** ☀

Thank you for helping make the 2023 program a huge success!

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
September 3 – Romans 16:1-7, 16-19*

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 6:45pm.

Bake Sale at the Lacey Farmers' Market

When: Friday, September 1st

Bakers and volunteers needed to help make the bake sales a huge success! Please contact Debbie at 732-966-4632 to sign-up as a baker and/or booth volunteer. Thank you!!!

Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: September 11th at 9:30 AM

at Lacey Perkins. Everyone is welcome!

Upcoming Meetings

Friends In Faith: Tuesday, Sept. 5th at 6:30 PM

Fundraising: Monday, Sept. 11 at 6:00 PM

Trustees/Church Council: Sept. 18 beginning at 5:30PM

Lacey Day Sept. 30th 12pm-4pm Gille Park

Please let Joann know if you can help out at the LUMC booth!

BOUNTY OF THE BAY Tuesday Oct. 3rd 6:00pm-8:00pm

Appetizers, Entrees and Desserts from local restaurants.

\$35 Adults / \$10 children 8 yrs. and under Silent Auction!

Car & Truck Show Saturday, October 21st 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 Dominic to sign-up.

Central District Church Conference

Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 7:00 PM

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

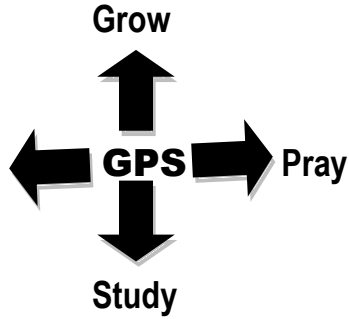
HARVEST FEST ~ November 18th 9AM – 2PM

BAKED GOODS | HOMEMADE SOUPS & CHILI |

PICS WITH SANTA | CRAFTS | VENDORS

Contact the LUMC Office 609.693.5222 for more information.

Week of 8/28



Monday- Romans 15:1-13

For Paul, what is the heart, character, and will of God that Jesus reveals?

Tuesday- Romans 15:1-13

What do verses 8 and 9 mean?

Wednesday- Romans 15:1-13

Paul named specific traits the Bible can nurture in us: In what ways does the Bible encourage you to strengthen your hope and build your endurance?

Thursday- Romans 15:14-33

What important values get lost when congregations see themselves as opponents or rivals, rather than part of the one global fellowship of believers?

Friday- Romans 15:14-33

Paul ends this section, typically, by speaking about God’s gifts of joy and peace. What helps you to inwardly access God’s gifts of profound joy (not always “happiness”) and peace even at times of stress or intense activity?

Saturday- Read Romans 15:14-33

How could you serve someone this week that disagrees with you?

Notes:
