<> 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; Kevin M.; Keith Gibbons; Christine Morgan; Joseph Ensinger; Michelle Reyes; Hudson Hendrixson; Jeff Merceron; Mrs. Nunez; Lois Pozsar; Patrick Jemas; Paul H.; Helen Wooley; Gary; Sally Potter; Gary; Levi Kern; Greg R.; Frank Huscha; Rich Rosfjord; 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.; Chris Mignone; Denise Applegate; Randy M.; 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 ~ Dashaun Witter Family; Phil DePasquale Family; Mandie Buron Family; Vincent Mielnicki Family; Eugene Dow Family; Kim Hoffman Family.

<u>Praise and Thanksqiving for Answered Prayer</u> ~ For the birth of Levi Jared Kern to parents Luke & Evelyn Kern! Thanks be to God for answered prayer!

<u>For Those Serving in the Military</u> ~ Peter Borchester; Jordyn Breur; Kevin Carhart; 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 Travel Mercies ~ Dorothy, Rose, Becki, James, Heather

<u>For the Ministries of our Church</u> ~ 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.

<u>For Greater NJ Annual Conference</u> ~ 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 East Timor, Indonesia, Philippines; 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.





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Head of the Church ~ Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Sally Potter Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Dominic Gregoria Music Director: Dawn Slate Special Music: Betty Carhart

Guest Music Director: Christine Urban 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!

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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 Here I Am, Lord Vs. 1,3 UMH 593

*Call to Worship

God scatters the seeds of reconciliation and love, and waits....

So much of it lands on flat pathways or rocky roads and won't take root....God scatters the seeds of healing and hope, and waits....

Shallowness and fear claim the seeds and they cannot live.

God scatters the seeds of redemption and peace, and waits....

These are the places of deep growth where the seed will cast down strong roots.

Welcome this day to a seed-scattering station!

May our hearts be the rich soil in which God's love takes root. Amen.

Young Disciples' Time

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Holy Scriptures; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 55:10-13

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Message: "The Wilderness and the Marketplace"

*Hymn Go Ye, Go Ye into the World TFWS 2239

*Affirmation of Faith UMH 882

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Anthem: The Gift of Love

*Doxology UMH 95

Prayer of Dedication

Gardener God, thank you for all the blessings you have poured into our lives. Receive these gifts that they may become seeds of hope and love. Amen.

Hymn Give Thanks TFWS 2036

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

Seed-scattering God, we come to you this day with so many things on our hearts and minds. Some of the events this week have been very positive and have caused us to celebrate; but we are constantly besieged by worries, doubts and fears. These negative things crowd out your word and we become like the useless soil, unable to receive and grow. Slow us down. Continue to pour your love on us because we really hunger and thirst for it. Forgive us when we allow all the negativity to drown out your word. Scatter again the seeds of peace, love, hope and joy that we may be better disciples for you in this world which is in so much pain. 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

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 character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we 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 How Great Thou Art UMH 77

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 November 12, 2023:

Attendance ~ 59 in-person; 28 via YouTube

Offerings: \$1,155.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,034.63

Plate: \$59.00 Discretionary: \$97.00

Car Show: \$2,104.00 Bay Shore Fellowship Rent: \$1,311.27 Donation from VetWork: \$1,800.00 Hospitality: \$23.00

Joy of Angels Deposit: \$1,858.50

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...shelf-stable milk and juice! 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 $\sim 8:00AM - 4:00PM$

Friday $\sim 10:00AM - 4:00PM$

Saturday ~ 10:00AM - 4:00PM

Extended Hours!!!

◆1 The Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe is a vital mission of Lacey UMC.
Volunteers are needed to help extend the hours of operation.

Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for November 26 – Galatians 6:1-2. 7-10; John 13: 31-35

Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: November 20th at 9:30 AM at Lacey Perkins. Everyone is welcome!

Wanted: Turkeys and Hams!

Please consider donating your free turkeys/hams to complete the Box of Plenty Thanksgiving baskets! Thank you for your generosity!

Thanksgiving Happenings

TONIGHT! Nov. 19 – Ecumenical Worship Service 7:00 PM at FR Presbyterian Church, Route 9 Forked River Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving Dinner - 1:00pm in Fellowship Hall Nov. 25 – Hanging of the Greens. Help decorate the Sanctuary for the Christmas season. Breakfast served at 8:30AM!!!

Lacey Christmas Parade ~ Sun. Dec 3rd at 3PM
Help is needed in preparing and serving hot chocolate/water and goodies to those marching in the parade.
Volunteers, please come at 1:00PM. THANK YOU!!!

Upcoming Meetings

Fundraising: Monday, Nov. 13 at 6:00 PM
Trustees/Church Council: Nov. 27 beginning at 5:30PM

Volunteer Opportunities at LUMC

Volunteers make all our missions possible. Please contact the LUMC office to learn more about these opportunities:

Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe –Help us extend the hours of this vital mission. Flexible shifts available!

SHALOM Mission – needs volunteers to be present on Tues. and/or Thurs. morning when participants arrive for showers & laundry.

Hot Lunch Program – kitchen/setup/cleanup on Tues. and/or Thurs.

Hope Chest Food Pantry – Tues. and/or Thurs. from 12:30-1:30PM.

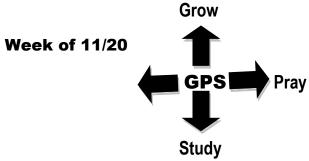
Media Team - coordinates the live stream on Sunday mornings.

Sunday Counters – volunteers are needed to join the rotation.

Fundraising Team – help us organize and run our FUNraisers!



We're social! Like & follow us on... LUMC: Facebook, Instagram, & YouTube Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe: Facebook



Study
Monday- Isaiah 55:1-13
How could you build in more time to listen for God?
Tuesday- Isaiah 55:1-13
Write a prayer asking for God to reveal God plan for your life.
Wednesday- Isaiah 55:10-13
How do see God in creation?
Thursday- Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Where are you scattering the seeds of God's grace in your life?

What spiritual practices could you use to help become "good ground" for God's seeds to grow? **Saturday- Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23** How do the worries of the life hurt your spiritual life? How could you handle stress and worry in better ways? Notes:

Friday- Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23