

<>< *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; Dawn Slate; Michael Potter; Louis Potter; Billy Potter; Laurel Helle; Darrell Astwood; Melissa M.; Betty C.; Donna; Gail Matuska; Monika & Fred Sisbarro; Gesine Klein; Marilyn Slate; Doris & Yook Moy; 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; Sue & Rich Newman; Bill Hults; 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; Prag and Weisbrot families mourn the loss of Sheila Prag; Robert Fisher Family; Andrew Williams Family; Jack Lagowicz Family; Adriana Kuch Family; Tina Mignone Family; Ronald Slate 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; James Lubbers; 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 Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania; Ohio, Oklahoma; 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*
March 19, 2023



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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*

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Prelude **Lead Me, Lord** **UMH 473**

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn** **I Need Thee Every Hour** **UMH 397**

Call to Worship

The days ahead are dark and full of foreboding.

We watch as Jesus journeys to the cross.

There is no way to change what is to come.

Yet death has not the final word.

Let us bear witness to God's new life moving within and among us.

God is doing a new thing. Let us rejoice and give thanks!

Young Disciples' Time

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God,

reveal your presence to us this day as we journey this path with your Son. Through all of life's trials and tribulations your Word sustains us for the journey ahead. Send your Spirit upon us that we might listen, discern, and take heart. Be near us this day and may your Word with us stay and dwell with us forevermore.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 26:6-16

Message:

The Final Days of Jesus: "Day 4: Holy Wednesday"

***Hymn** **Lord, I Want to Be a Christian** **UMH 402**

Affirmation of Faith UMH 882

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Anthem ~ Together

***Doxology UMH 95**

Prayer of Dedication

Faithful Giver of Life, you have done great things for us. In the life and teaching of your Son Jesus, you welcome us into your heart. Help us open our hearts to others, that we may be ever

more willing to offer our hospitality, our support, and our material resources wherever they are needed. Bless these offerings in your holy name. Amen.

Hymn **Let Us Break Bread Together** **UMH 618**

Prayer of Confession

Holy Source of New Life, you promise to set us free from paths of fear, doubt, and denial.

Yet we resist your invitation, seeing only what we must give up if we are to follow the path of Jesus.

You call us to have faith in your sustaining presence and power, but your call takes us beyond anything we can see or touch.

We fear placing our trust in things beyond our control.

We doubt that you can bring water to the dry places of our lives or replace our suffering with joy. **Forgive us when we turn away from your promise of abundant life.**

Heal us and lead us home, Holy One. Amen.

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Whenever we seek to leave behind our old ways and turn to God for help, God forgives our faithlessness and strengthens us for the journey ahead. We are the heirs of God's promises.

We are the children of God's compassion and mercy.

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** **Let There Be Peace on Earth** **UMH 431**

Benediction

***Postlude** **Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone** **UMH 424**

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 March 12, 2023:

Attendance ~ 34 in-person; 29 via YouTube

Offerings ~ \$1,165.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$1,024.63

Plate ~ \$20.00 Food Pantry ~ \$100.00

Keyboard Fund ~ \$5.00 Discretionary ~ \$200.00

Building Improvements (Shalom Bathroom) ~ \$200.00

Weekly Deposit from Joy of Angels ~ \$4,430.60

Community Options ~ \$3,000.00

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.



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

LUMC: Facebook, Instagram, & YouTube

Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe: Facebook

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
March 26 – Mark 14:17-26*

Bible Study Opportunities

‡ Sunday 1:00 PM

‡ Wednesday evenings at 6:45pm.

WHITE ELEPHANT Gift Exchange

Sunday, March 19th 11:30am in Fellowship Hall

All you need to bring is a wrapped gift to exchange (valued up to \$10), a smile, and a sense of humor! Everyone is welcome!

☺ Re-gifting is strongly encouraged. ☺

Contact Dawn Marie Kuch or the LUMC Office for more information.

Friends in Faith Meeting (formerly UMW) – April 4th

6:30PM in Fellowship Hall

Contact Dawn Marie at 732-232-7270 for information.

All women are welcome to join us!

Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: April 10th at 9:30 AM

at Lacey Perkins. Everyone is welcome!

The Fundraising Team is **collecting plain paper bags** to be decorated and used at upcoming bake sales. Please contact the LUMC Office for more info.

2023 Holy Week Schedule

April 2 – Palm Sunday

April 6 – Maundy Thursday Passover Seder 6:30PM
in Fellowship Hall

April 7 – Good Friday Stations of the Cross 12:00PM-3:00PM
Good Friday Worship at FR Presbyterian 7:00PM
131 Main Street, Forked River

April 9 – Easter Sunrise Service 6:30AM at Lake Barnegat
Easter Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary 9:00AM

Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...

1. bottled juice

2. snack items

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

Safe Sanctuaries Training

If you were unable to participate in the last training session, please contact the LUMC office to sign up for a special small group training. This training is necessary for volunteers.

