

<>< *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; Ronnie Sadowski; Nancy & Rev. George Reid; Dorothy Cochron; 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; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; 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 ~ Covid19 Victims; Virginia Schoeneberg 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 Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda; Iowa, Kansas; 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

July 23, 2023



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

Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Emmett Bivins

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!

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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** ***Blessed Assurance **UMH 369**

***Call to Worship**

Sunshine and celebration! Rain and remembrance!

All are part of the richness of God's mercy and love for us!

God has blessed us in so many ways!

Welcome this day to a celebration of these blessings!

Thank you. We are glad to be here!

Lord, open our hearts and spirits to your love. Bring us safely through the trials and tribulations of life, for we ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Hymn ***Spirit Song*** **UMH 347**

Sacrament of Baptism

**Please welcome our new brothers in Christ,
Branden Barranger and Miles Robert Barranger**

Hymn ***Jesus Loves Me*** **UMH 191**

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 9:1-5, 10:5-15

Message: "Jesus Is For Everyone"

Hymn** ***In Christ Alone **W&S 3105**

***Affirmation of Faith** **UMH 887**

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Anthem: Glorious Day

***Doxology** **UMH 95**

Prayer of Dedication

Lord of sea and storm, of sunshine and meadow, we present these offerings as tokens of our lives in grateful praise for your love for us. Use these gifts for the ministries of hope and justice in this, your broken world. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Hymn ***Fill My Cup, Lord*** **UMH 641**

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Lord, we are filled with a mixture of feelings today. Some of us are rejoicing in the wonderful time of rest and relaxation; while others continue to seek relief from the burdens and worries that they bear. All of us stand in need of your refreshing and nourishing love and forgiveness. You know how many times we have turned our backs on those in need; we have been too busy, to preoccupied with our own problems. Cause us to turn around and see instances in which we can be of help and comfort to someone else. Give us strength and courage to truly be your loving disciples in the ways in which we care for others. Forgive us when we stray from the paths of righteousness and peace. These things we offer in Jesus' Name. **Amen.**

A Time of Silent Confession and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Rejoice! God's love is poured over you this day for healing, restoration, and hope. Feel the power of God's mercy in your life. Go into God's world knowing you are forgiven and blessed, and be a blessing to others. **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 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

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise you for feeding me with the life-giving body and blood of your beloved son Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and everlasting life; through Jesus Christ my Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn** ***Pass It On **UMH 572**

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.

Reminder: There will **not** be a Trustee or Church Council meeting in July. The next meetings will be on Mon., Aug. 21st.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Statistics for the week of July 16, 2023:

Attendance ~ 34 in-person; 18 via YouTube

Offerings: \$1,047.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,084.63
Plate: \$11.00 NA/AA Rent: \$50.00 Discretionary: \$207.00
Summer Lunch Program: \$250.00 BlueClaws Tickets: \$272.00
Mt. Zion/Vetwork Donation: \$1,650.00
Weekly Deposit from Joy of Angels: \$1,079.50

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 rear table as you exit 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



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.

Join our team of Sunday counters!

Counters alternate weeks and we can work around your schedule. Please contact Rich at 732-501-8135 for more info!

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
July 30– Romans Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32*

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 6:45pm.

☀ Summer Lunch Program for Lacey's Kids ☀

We are collecting **kid-friendly soup** 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!

Bake Sale at the Lacey Farmers' Market

When: Friday, August 18

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: August 14th at 9:30 AM

at Lacey Perkins. Everyone is welcome!

Friends in Faith Meeting – Aug. 8th (no meeting in July)
6:30PM in Fellowship Hall

Contact Dawn Marie at 732-232-7270 for information.
All women are welcome to join us!

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

Save the Date for These Upcoming Events

Month of July: Food collection for the Lacey Food Bank

Sept. 30: Lacey Day at Gille Park

October 3: Bounty of the Bay (restaurant tasting event!)

October 21: Car & Truck Show

This Fall: Drama Club

Details to follow...

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!

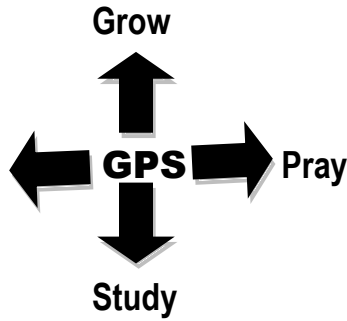


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LUMC: Facebook, Instagram, & YouTube

Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe: Facebook

Week of 7/24



Monday- Romans 9:1-18

How did Paul express God’s sorrow, rather than scorn or hatred, toward those who fought him? How can you grow more like him?

Tuesday- Romans 9:19-33

God did not tell Abram, “I will only save you and yours.” God called (or chose) Abram’s family to be a key means through which God’s love reached all earth’s people. How can that clear calling also shape your understanding of what it means for you to be one of God’s Christian people?

Wednesday- Romans 9:19-33

In verse 24, Paul specifically said “Israel” was spiritual rather than ethnic. How can Paul’s wide-ranging vision redirect our impulses to divide God’s family into smaller and smaller “right” and “wrong” segments?

Thursday- Romans 10:1-15

Salvation is open to all who trust “with the heart.” What has led your heart to trust God’s mercy?

Friday- Romans 10:1-15

Are you tempted to give up on some people you care about who it seems just will not share your faith? How can Paul’s example encourage you to keep seeking loving ways to share?

Saturday- Read Romans 10:16-21

How has the idea that God “rejected” the Jews led to acts and attitudes that still disgrace and distort Christian faith?

Notes:
