# LUMC'S COMMUNITY REVELATIONS

#### March 2023 / #61 / Lacey United Methodist Church / Forked River, New Jersey

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#### **PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL WISDOM**

**Ephesians 1: 15-22:** Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

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#### **MONTHLY PASTOR'S BREAKFAST**



This month's Pastor's Breakfast will be held on Monday, March 13th, at 9:30am at the Lacey Perkins, located at 113 South Main Street in Forked River. Everyone is invited to be part of the food, fellowship and fun!

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#### WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE



On Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, LUMC will be hosting a White Elephant Gift Exchange at 11:30am. All you need to bring is a wrapped gift to exchange (valued up to \$10.00), a smile, and a sense of humor! Everyone is welcome! Re-gifting is strongly encouraged.

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 9:00AM IN-PERSON OR ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL. SUNDAY SCHOOL FOLLOWS THE YOUNG DISCIPLES MESSAGE.

### UNITED METHODISTS COLLECT 180,000 TOTAL POUNDS OF FOOD

The biggest team with the biggest score that emerged from the NFL Super Bowl, Feb. 12, were the United Methodist churches of both competing areas that together collected about 180,000 pounds of donated food to fight hunger in their communities. Indeed, the most important victory that day was scored in pounds, not points.

As the Philadelphia Eagles and Kansas City Chiefs kicked off their Super Bowl contest Sunday evening, more than 230 churches in the Eastern PA and Greater New Jersey conferences combined were reporting their remarkable collection of 74,044 donated pounds of food, plus monetary donations, in just five days.

The food collection drive was a friendly competitive challenge between EPA & GNJ churches and those in both the Missouri Conference and the Great Plains Conference, which covers Kansas and Nebraska. Their two Midwest conferences together reported collecting more than 105,367 pounds total – 55,367 for the Great Plains, 50,000 for Missouri.

While Kansas City won the game by a close 38 - 35 score, "the real winners were the people in our communities," wrote Bishop John Schol in a letter to EPA & GNJ members, as the United Methodists in both areas united under a common mission to serve.

"You raised 74,044 pounds of food. Praise God!," wrote Bishop John Schol in his letter to EPA & GNJ members. "Thank you for your generosity and commitment to be in ministry with those who need food. I also thank our churchess and community organizations who every week serve people who are hungry. You are Christ in the world (Matthew 25:35)." {*This is an excerpt from an article written by John W. Coleman for GNJ Digest.*}

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# **UMW MEETING**

The United Methodist Women will be meeting on Tuesday, March 7, in Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm. All women are welcome to join us! Please contact the LUMC Office for more information.

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### S.H.A.L.O.M. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are still in need of Laundry Detergent for S.H.A.L.O.M. (Showers / Hot Meals / Advocacy / Laundry / Outreach / Mission). The use of our laundry equipment and showers are available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. We need more volunteers to help with this mission. Please contact the LUMC Office at (609) 693-5222 if you are interested in volunteering.

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## THRIFT SHOPPE HOURS HAVE EXPANDED

The Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe is now open on Thursdays from 8:00am until 4:00pm and Fridays from 10:00am until 4:00pm. In addition, they are open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday from 10:00am until 1:00pm. Volunteers are still needed so that the hours can be expanded even more! Contact Maddie Stapleton at (609) 501-4207 if you are able to give a few hours of your time to keep this vital mission strong and open longer. Don't forget to check out their Facebook page!

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SIGN UP YOUR KIDS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL BY CONTACTING ERIC DELA CRUZ AT (609) 709-9713.

#### WANTED: YOUTH

Looking for youth that are High School age who may be interested in attending a weekend spiritual retreat in May or youth of any age that may be interested in attending the Ignite Festival in the fall. Interested parents should contact Dominic Gregoria at <u>donnieg777@hotmail.com</u> or (732) 904-9945.

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#### SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

If you weren't able to attend the Safe Sanctuary Training on February 5<sup>th</sup> and you still want to participate in the training, contact Dominic Gregoria at <u>donnieg777@hotmail.com</u> or the LUMC Office at (609) 693-5222 to be put on the list for our next training session which will be announced soon. All volunteers are required to have this training. In addition, you aren't officially Safe Sanctioned until you respond to the Background Check email and it comes back to us clear.

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#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

#### **HOPE CHEST PANTRY NEEDS:**

Cereal, Cookies or similar snack items, Fresh Fruit, Frozen Meals for One, Bread, Orange Juice, Ketchup, Mayonnaise and Fruit Snacks. Thank you to every one that has donated food to this mission. The Hope Chest Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 12:30pm and 1:30pm. With the growing number of homeless people needing assistance, we have a deep need for food products that don't need to be cooked such as canned fruit and crackers. Luckily, the winter hasn't been as bad as it could have been. Let's continue to pray for those that are living outside in tents or cars as they brave the elements to survive.

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#### **BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

Currently a Bible Study is underway on Sundays at 1:00pm and Wednesdays at 6:45pm. Only two weeks in as of this article, it is entitled "Disciple: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study." It requires at least three to four hours per week of preparation and independent study and seventy five minutes at a weekly group meeting. The sessions are very inciteful and a great way to further understand our faith.

### **ANGEL STUDIOS IS FREE**

If you download Angel Studios to your Smart TV, you can view all available episodes of "The Chosen." It is a great series on Jesus told from the perspective of those that met him. Beginning in 2017, this series is entirely funded by donations from viewers. The show was created by Dallas Jenkins and Jonathan Roumie, who portrays Jesus, is currently starring in "Jesus Revolution" in the theaters.

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# SPECIAL SERVICES NEXT MONTH

Thursday, April 6:

## **Maundy Thursday Service** @

## 7:00pm

## Friday, April 7:

## **Good Friday Service @ Forked**

## **River Presbyterian Church**

## Sunday, April 9: Easter Sunrise Service @ 6:30am

Complete details will be coming soon!!!!!!!!

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