

<>< *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; Evelyn Handchen; Alicia; Dave H.; Marie Yarger; Rosalie Mulvaney; Peg Bea; Jonathan Rock; Kyle; Joe Bence; Shannon Callaghan; Rachel C.; Louise; Michelle Reyes; Pete & Kathy Jensen; Virginia Schoeneberg; George Reid; Will Cotton; Dawn Slate; Carole Exel; Karen; Tom & Mary; Terry H.; Davette & Leslie Bivins; Lizzie Britton; Linda & John Ansbach; Patricia Potter; Michael Potter; Sara Carpini; Joseph; Ed & Monique Wojciechowski; Beccari Family; Emmett & Gloria Bivins; Ellen Larney; Brittny; Diane Collins; Rick & Ashleigh Handchen; Marousis Family; George & Adrienne Melnyk; Ike & Joan Icenhower; Thomas Helle; Susan Schlotter; Daryl Simmons; Dee & Paul Burrowes; Colleen Brandt; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Barkley Family; Charles Cometa Jr.; Peggy LaPorta; Gesine Klein; Joan McGavin; Cindy Dreher; Nancy Dean; Allyson Cotton; Lisa Burger; Patricia Potter; Sally & Trevor Potter; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; BettyAnn Britton; Tommy Britton; Dawn Marie & Stash Kuch; Kyle Kuch; Gail Matuska; Phyllis Smith; Bill Jones; Sue & Rich Newman; Bill Hults; Bill & Becky Buglione; Melody Pryor-Tasco; Lorraine, Katrina & Peter Borchester; Sally & Don McErlean; Hunter; 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; Nick Juliano Family; Marjorie Moore Family; Sandi Smith Family; John Bleignier Family; Jilly K. Family; Ray MacPherson Family; Frank Nordyk Family.

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ Thanks be to God for answered prayer! For the birth of Reina Jovita Chen to parents Jarrett and Kyrsten Stapleton! For the birth of Elliana Rae to parents Evelyn & Luke Kern! For the birth of Jonathan Rock to parents Jeanette & Jeff Rudzonis!

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; & 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. Héctor A. Burgos; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas ~ People of Ukraine, Ireland; United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales; Kentucky, Louisiana; 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 6, 2022



Baptism and Temptation

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

Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Diane Collins

Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Dominic Gregoria

Music Director: Dawn Slate Welcoming Team: Virginia Schoeneberg

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*

All Music Used with Permission – CCLI#2274807

Prelude ~ Offered by Betty Carhart & Bob Pentland

***Please stand, as you are able, in reverence and honor of God, as the Light of Christ enters.**

Welcome

Jesus began his ministry to the world, led by the Spirit into the wilderness. **As we begin our Lenten journey, let us be led by the Spirit, even into the uncomfortable places.** In those forty days, and in that place, Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt and temptation. **As we seek to follow Jesus, we would be led, even into the uncomfortable choices.** Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to God, rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted. **As we continue on our path to faithfulness, we will be led by our Christ, rejoicing in the Lord our God.**

Young Disciples' Time

***Hymn Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing UMH 400**

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 3:21-22 and Luke 4:1-13

Message: Follow Me: "Baptism and Temptation"

***Hymn I Want Jesus to Walk with Me UMH 521**

Pastoral Prayer

Ministry of Giving and Prayer of Dedication

Mighty God, as we remember the strength of Jesus facing the temptation offered by the devil, we remember too clearly how the temptations of food, of authority, and power have overcome us. We've been tricked to believe our wants were needs and more is always better. May we offer our gifts to you this day with generosity and gratitude; strengthen us to resist temptation that would present security or power in anyone but you. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley FWS 2112**

Prayer of Confession

God did not say, "You shall not be tempted; you shall not be troubled; you shall not be distressed." God did say, "You shall not be overcome." Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, was led into the wilderness, where he was tempted. Sheltering God, Guiding God, as you were present with Jesus in his wilderness experience, so you are present with us: you have urged us to trust you: "Love me and call upon me, and I will answer you, I will be with you in trouble, and will honor you."

We have felt discouraged, and at times even abandoned and betrayed by you, O God, *when all manner of things* have not gone well with us. **Lord, have mercy.**

Instead of following where you lead, O God, at times we follow a tempter who shows us a vision of the world that is a mere counterfeit of what you desire for us. At times, O God, we are deceived and enticed by imitations of love, abundance, and joy. **Christ, have mercy.**

O God, when you have not answered in the ways or in the time we desire, we have been tempted to lean on our own understanding and not acknowledge you in all ways. We so often have sought to control our lives and order our own steps, often ignoring your wisdom and pushing your guidance aside.

Lord, have mercy. Help us to trust you to journey with us and to guide us. Help us to rest in your promise to never leave us or forsake us. Amen.

(Time of Silent Confession and Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Sisters and brothers, God is at work in us and with us! God is our clothing in which love enwraps us, holds us, and all encloses us because of God's tender love, so that God may never leave us. We are protected safely in love—in woe as in well—by the goodness of God. God urges us, "Keep the word near you, even on your lips and in your heart... This word is your salvation."

As we worship today, with the word on our lips and in our hearts, experience the salvation of God for all manner of things in our lives. In the promise, presence, and power of God for all manner of things, Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Lord's Prayer

***Hymn Precious Name UMH 536**

Benediction and Taking the Light of Christ into the World

***Postlude ~ Offered by Betty Carhart & Bob Pentland**

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.

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
Sunday, March 13 – John 2:1-11*

FINANCIAL STATISTICS – February 27, 2022

Attendance ~ 37 in-person; 20 via YouTube

Offerings ~ \$695.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$1,126.85
Plate ~ \$20.50 Rent ~ \$1,278.09 Book Study ~ \$57.00
Memorial ~ \$25.00 IRS Refund (Sept. 2020) ~ \$8.09
Drama Play ~ \$22.70 Discretionary ~ \$299.00

Ash Wednesday Attendance ~ 56 in-person; 6 via YouTube

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!!

Shop Online? Here are two ways you could earn donations for LUMC!

- ✓ umcmarket.org - You earn for LUMC every time you click through the umcmarket.org site to shop. Sign up for free at umcmarket.org!
- ✓ amazonsmile.com - Support LUMC by starting your Amazon shopping at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2279634>

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!

Memorial Brick Orders

4" x 8" Brick / 4 lines / 18 characters each line including spaces = \$50
8" x 8" Brick / 6 lines / 18 characters each line including spaces = \$100
Contact Elaine Brandt for more information. Please visit our website or contact the LUMC Office for an order form!

Calling All children & Youth

Sunday School: Returning March 6th. (K-12th Grade)
Confirmation Class: Sundays 6:00PM (5th Grade and older)
Youth Group: Returning in May. (5th Grade and older)

*The flowers that grace our Altar today are given in Glory to God;
And in Honor of the people of Ukraine.
Our thoughts and prayers are with them.*

Bible Study Opportunities

- ✠ Wednesday mornings at 9:00am.
- ✠ Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm at the home of Donna Jones. Please contact Donna at 609-276-7383 for more information.
- ✠ Thursday evenings at 6:45pm.

Lenten Events

*Book Study – Sundays after Worship service
Lenten Dinner Service – Fridays at 6:30 PM
Contact the Office for more information.*

Dessert and a Show!

Join us Saturday, April 9th for dessert and "Shell of Myself" performed by the LUMC Drama Club.
Tickets: \$10 adult / \$5 kids 12-yrs & under / \$25 limit per family
Contact the LUMC Office to purchase your tickets!

Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: Monday, 3/14 9:00 AM
at Lacey Perkins (Rt. 9, Forked River). Everyone is welcome to be part of the food, fellowship, and fun!

United Methodist Women Events

- ☼ Wed. March 9 – "Girl Talk" at Keswick. Meeting in the LUMC parking lot at 9:30am. \$12pp
- ☼ Thurs. March 24 - 6PM at Perkins, Forked River.

Car Show & Flea Market - Saturday, April 30th - 9AM-2PM

Food available to purchase!

Car Show: In honor of Manny "The Hat" Naia. Trophies/Music
Visit jerseyshorecarshows.com for an application.

Flea Market: \$10 a table. Space is limited.
Visit laceyumc.org for a flea market registration form.

Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe

Hours of Operation: Thursdays ~ 8:00AM – 11:00AM
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, & Saturdays ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM
⇒ Volunteers are needed to extend hours/days of operation. ⇐
Please contact Elaine Brandt to learn how you can help!

