

<>< *Lacey United Methodist Church Prayer Page* ><>

<>< YOUR WILL, LORD GOD, BE DONE ~ NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS, NOTHING ELSE <><

**For God's Healing & Discernment** ~ Phyllis Smith; Ann; Louis Potter; Bernie Bier; Dottie Connolly; Sherry T.; Jennifer Dolan; Lorraine & Robert Soehl; Kayla Davis; Sheryl Lutgen; Barbara T.; Linda Jenkins; Steven & Nadine Woodward; Victoria Krauss; Carole Exel; Steven Exel; Tiny; Marsha Brandt; Daryl Mafia; Jason Gilman; Paul Rue; Ed Weisbrot; Carole Jansen; Bob Wynn & Denise Vaccaro; Christine Urban; Dale Stucky; Suzy; Steve Woodward; Bob & Pam Marsh; Sadie; Kyle Wilhelm; Nancy & Rev. George Reid; Sally Potter; Danny Huyler; Donna Craft; Diane F.; Michael Claus; Christine Morgan; Joseph Ensinger; Michelle Reyes; Jeff Merceron; Mrs. Nunez; Lois Pozsar; Patrick Jemas; Helen Wooley; Gary; Levi Kern; Rich Rosfjord; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Sara Carpini; Andrea Almeida; Bill Wehner; Rich C.; Chris Mignone; Randy M.; Lois; Sue & Rich Newman; Monika & Fred Sisbarro; Marilyn Slate; Shirley; Aubrey; Rosalie Mulvaney; Frank & Mary Timmerman; Cynthia Pedemonti; Andrea Schenker; Helen DeLa Cruz; Peg Bea; Shannon Callaghan; Will Cotton; Patricia Potter; Susan Schlotter; Joan McGavin; Bill & Becky Buglione; Lorraine, Katrina & Peter Borchester; Pat Grant; our whole Church Family.

**For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss** ~ Family of Gail Matuska; Family of Bill Connolly; Family of Mae Berry; Family of Gregory Russell; Family of Dawn Slate; Family of Russel Gudiatis Jr.; Family of Serina Norall; Family of Mel Rosenbloom; Family of Jay Young.

**Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer** ~ Thanks be to God for answered prayer!

**For Those Serving in the Military** ~ Peter Borchester; Jordyn Breur; 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 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 Cynthia Moore-Koikoi; DS Rev. Ronell Howard; Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

**World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas** ~ People of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia; 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 Donald Trump & Vice President JD Vance; Gov. Murphy; Praying an outpouring of God's spiritual renewal and healing of all the people of America.

 *Lacey United Methodist Church*  
April 27, 2025



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Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Helen DeLa Cruz  
Liturgist: Judy Mihalkovitz Music Director: Matthew Holmberg  
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!  
*All Music Used with Permission – CCLI#2274807*

*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

\*Hymn *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* UMH 344

\*Call to Worship

Strength is commanding the wind and sea to obey,  
**Strength is wielding a slingshot in the face of a raging giant.**  
Strength is accepting vulnerability from inside the boat,  
**Strength is standing in solidarity with the powerless.**  
Strength is turning a cheek, **strength is loving an enemy.**  
We come to worship a God who redefines our vision of strength.

Young Disciples' Time

Prayer of Illumination

**By your word, O Lord, you teach us.**  
**May your Holy Spirit grant us understanding and guidance to live your word. Lead us in the right paths of true spirituality.**  
**Turn our hearts and our eyes toward Jesus and confirm in our souls the beauty of your ways. Amen.**

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 9:9-12 and Luke 6:12-16

Message: Love Reigns: "Love Your Enemies"

\*Hymn *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* TFWS 2129

\*Affirmation of Faith UMH 887

Pastoral Prayer and Announcements

Offering

*Anthem: Footsteps of Jesus*

\*Doxology UMH 95

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Loving Lord, we bring these offerings to you not because you need them, but because you are holy. Through these resources we ask that he who is without a cloak be clothed, and she who is hungry be fed. We bring these offerings**

**before you and ask that they be used to fulfill your holy purposes. Amen.**

*Hymn Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast (v.1,3,5) UMH 616*

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we confess that we do not always love our neighbor. We confess that we have despised others, even to the point of hatred. We confess that we have been hurt by others. We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times are just impossible for us. We know that nothing is impossible in You. We come to You, seeking healing and wholeness for us. Help us, whenever possible, to live in peace with others, to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness. For Your Son came and lived among us, was betrayed and denied, abused and put to death. He rose again, and came with the message of peace to those who had denied him and abandoned him. May we walk in his ways. 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

Breaking of the Bread and the Sharing of the Cup

The Prayer of Humble Access

The Reception

The Prayer of Gratitude

\*Hymn *The Summons (v. 1,2,4)* TFWS 2130

Benediction

*Postlude The Summons (v. 5) TFWS 2130*

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 for April 20, 2025:**

**Attendance ~ 82 in-person; 34 via YouTube**  
**Offerings: \$3,320.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,205.10**  
**Plate: \$303.00 Bunny Breakfast Donations: \$61.00**  
**Spring Bazaar (Nursery Update): \$35.00 NA/AA Rent: \$150.00**  
**Easter Flowers: \$620.00 Discretionary: \$295.00**  
**Proceeds from Sale of LHUMC Property: \$295,796.58**  
**Joy of Angels weekly deposit amount will be in the next bulletin.**

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](http://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



### *Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe*

#### **Normal Hours of Operation:**

Tuesday ~ 10:00AM – 4:00PM Wed. ~ 10:00AM – 4:00PM  
Thursday ~ 8:00AM – 4:00PM Friday ~ 10:00AM – 4:00PM  
Saturday ~ 10:00AM – 4:00PM

↪ The Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe is a vital mission of Lacey UMC.  
**Volunteers are needed to help extend the hours of operation.**  
**Contact Maddie Stapleton or Laura McDonald to learn more!!!**

The Arts Community of Lacey is holding an open house on May 1<sup>st</sup> from 7PM to 9PM at the Charles A. Smith Community Center. All artist welcome!

### **County Support Services at LUMC**

**May 6<sup>th</sup> 10AM-1PM:** Board of Social Services will be in Fellowship Hall to provide info. about their services.

**Breakfast with the Pastor: May 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM**  
at IHOP, Forked River. Everyone is welcome!

### **Holy Grounds Coffee Hour - Today after Worship!**

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for*  
**May 4 – John 4:5-26, 39**

### **Upcoming Meetings**

**Fundraising:** May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM **Finance:** June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30PM  
**Church Council:** May 4 following Worship **Trustees:** TBD

♪♪ **Praise Team Practice – Tuesdays at 5:30 PM** ♪♪

No prior experience necessary...all you need is a desire to sing!

### *Upcoming Events*

**Saturday, May 10: Car Show All Years/Makes/Models**  
Trophies | Music | Food | Fun for All  
\$15 Pre-Registration \$20 Day of Show

**Salvation Army Brass Band Concert – Sat., May 10<sup>th</sup> 7PM**  
Come enjoy this free concert. All are welcome!

**Bake Sales at the Lacey Farmers' Market:**  
May 23 | June 13 | July 4 | August 29 | Sept. 19

**Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup> Faith & Family Night at the Blue Claws**  
\$18 includes game ticket, hotdog, soda, and ice cream  
Contact Joann in the LUMC Office to reserve your tickets!

**“Socks for Seniors” Drive....** This year, every person who registers for Annual Conference is invited to bring pairs of socks for the Socks for Seniors project. Let's send **Pastor Jonathan and Dawn Marie Kuch** to Annual Conference with an abundance of socks that will be shared with some of the most vulnerable people in Wildwood and Cape May County. **Collecting until May 18<sup>th</sup>!!!**

### **NexTrex Recycling Program**

When we collect more than 1,000 pounds of soft film plastics (NO CLAMSHELL/CLEAR PLASTIC CONTAINERS) in a 12-month span, we will be awarded a Trex® furniture bench for our Prayer Garden! Questions? Contact Laura McDonald at 609-276-0702.



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**Hope Chest Food Pantry:** Facebook  
**Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe:** Facebook

