

# LUMC'S COMMUNITY REVELATIONS

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## VARIOUS EXHORTATIONS

1 Thessalonians 5: 12 – 22: *“And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love for their work’s sake. Be at peace among yourselves.*

*Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. “See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.*

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

*Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Test all things; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.*

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## BREAKFAST WITH THE PASTOR



Join us for breakfast with Pastor Jonathan on Mondays, September 9<sup>th</sup> and October 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am at Breakfast at Bryant’s, located at 44G Manchester Avenue in Forked River. Their menu can be found online and their phone number is (609) 293-2302.

All are welcome to be part of the food, fellowship and fun.

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## MEDIA TEAM

Volunteers are needed to join our Media Team. This team coordinates the live stream, as well as the sound and video presentation during worship. There also may be some additional opportunities to assist with promotional youtube videos in the near future as well. For more information, contact Steve Michalkowski at (732) 300-1956.

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**JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 9AM IN-PERSON OR  
ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL!**



**MADDIE STAPLETON GOT TO THROW OUT THE FIRST PITCH FOR HER BIRTHDAY AT THE FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT AT THE BLUECLAWS GAME ON AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>. ACCOMPANYING HER TO THE FIELD WAS BIRTHDAY BOY TIM MCDONALD (NOT IN PICTURE). THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME ANYONE GOT TO SEE MADDIE'S CURVEBALL!**

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK!**

Many wonderful things are taking place at our church. One of these things is the reconstruction of the altar. Even though it isn't scheduled to be finished by Sunday School's start date, we will still be beginning Sunday School on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. As always, Sunday School will begin after the Young Disciples' Time. It is highly recommended that you sign up your children for Sunday School on September 8<sup>th</sup> so that we have an idea as to who is showing up.

Signed up to assist with some Sundays are Becky Buglione, Carole Jansen, Sheryl Lutgen and Barbara Birdsall. Anyone who would like to volunteer should contact Dominic Gregoria at (732) 904-9945. In addition, we will be working on getting a nursery together for those parents that would like to attend Sunday Service and need someone to watch their very small children that would be too young for Sunday School. When Eric DeLa Cruz's work load at his fulltime position lightens up, he said he may be available to help out as well. Many of today's parents attended Sunday School with Eric as their teacher.

Safer Sanctuary classes should be held soon because this policy has been updated. As these projects get underway, we will be looking at other avenues where we can continue working with our youth and possibly start attending some of the wonderful Christian events that are taking place in our area.

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**LACEY DAY**

Lacey Day will be taking place on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm until 4:00pm at Gille Park. Contact Joann Michalkowski at the LUMC Office if you can help out at the LUMC booth.

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**DISCRETIONARY FUND**

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.

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**HOPE CHEST FOOD PANTRY**

The Hope Chest Food Pantry could use snacks, fruit cups, oatmeal, juice and can openers. These donations can be dropped off at the LUMC Office during the week or after Sunday Service.



## **BOUNTY OF THE BAY**

On Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, Bounty Of The Bay returns to the Lacey United Methodist Church at 6:00pm. This is a food tasting event where you get to vote on your favorite restaurants with the Top 3 being awarded plaques. Tickets are \$35.00 for the event, with a \$10.00 ticket price for anyone 8 years old or under. This event has a history of selling out fast! For more info or to purchase tickets, contact the LUMC Office at (609) 693-5222. There will be no seating plan in place, unless you reserve an entire table.

As of this writing, the restaurants that have officially signed on to participate include CJ's (429 Lacey Road in Forked River), A Sweet Memory Cake Shoppe & Tea Room (521 US-9 in Waretown), Chinese Gourmet (44 Manchester Avenue #E in Forked River), Buon Appetito (745 Atlantic City Boulevard in Bayville), Captain's Inn (304 East Lacey Road in Forked River) and El Gordo Coqui (271 Atlantic City Boulevard in Bayville).

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## **DONATIONS**

Speaking of Bounty Of The Bay, we are looking for individuals to donate gift cards for local restaurants and stores to be used in creating gift baskets that will be auctioned off during the event. Monetary donations or gift cards can be placed in the red donation box that can be found in the entrance of the Sanctuary.

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## **SHOPRITE CARDS**

ShopRite gift cards are available for purchase Sundays after worship or through the LUMC Office. ShopRite makes a \$50.00 donation to LUMC for every \$1000.00 we sell in gift cards. This donation will assist us with completing the Sanctuary Altar Flooring.

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## **NEW MEMBERS**



The LUMC would like to welcome our newest members:

- HEATHER FARQUHARSON**
- CHRISTINA IAPICCO**
- NICHOLAS IAPICCO**
- KAREN JOHNSON**
- JOHN MAXMAN**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**Fundraising: September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**  
**Church Council: September 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Finance: October 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm**  
**Trustees: October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**  
**Sisters-in-Faith: October tbd**

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**JOY OF 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 – 4:00PM**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP  
EXTEND THE HOURS OF OPERATION!**

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**THANK YOU TO REV.  
RONELL HOWARD FOR  
WORSHIPPING WITH US  
ON JULY 7<sup>TH</sup> AND FOR HER  
MESSAGE ABOUT “THE  
OTHER 167!”**



**HARVEST FEST**

On Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Harvest Fest will be taking place from 9:00am until 2:00pm. Baked goods, homemade soups and chili will be available for purchase. In addition, there will be many vendors and crafts for sale. Santa Claus will be available for photos beginning at 10:00am until 1:00pm. Contact the LUMC Office at (609) 693-5222 for more information.

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**LIVE MUSIC RETURNS**



Matt Holmberg has been hired as our Interim Music Director. Part of his interview process included practicing with our choir, which went very well. Holmberg comes with plenty of experience as a director and teacher involving churches, Salvation Army and many other musical endeavors. He

will officially be starting on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.