

LUMC'S COMMUNITY REVELATIONS

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Lacey United Methodist Church

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Staff Parish Team Chair: Kenneth King

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Finance Chair: Steve Michalkowski

Head Counter: Rich Rosfjord

Thrift Shoppe: Elaine Brandt

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Summer Lunch Mission: Sherry Exel / Gail Matuska

Submissions to this newsletter can be sent to:

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BEAUTIFUL BEACHSIDE EASTER SERVICE



On Easter Sunday, Pastor Jonathan held a beautiful Sunrise Service on the beach at the second lake in Forked River. This was actually the first time I had attended an in-person service since the pandemic started. All those in attendance had a chance to reach in a bowl of water and pull out a stone, as each of us were reaffirming our baptism.

Dawn Slate was in attendance to lead us in song. It has been a long time since I was on a beach at 6am, but this was well worth it. *Almighty God, the life you birthed in us by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die.*

God Bless,

Dominic Gregoria

BIBLE VERSE FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Proverbs 31: 25 – 31: Strength and honor are her clothing; she shall rejoice in time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness. She watches over the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many daughters have done well, but you excel them all." Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates.

RESERVE YOUR SEAT



In-person worship has resumed. Due to social distancing protocol, advance reservations are required!

Contact the LUMC Office with questions concerning in-person worship.

Join us on Sundays at 9AM for virtual worship!

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/LaceyUMCNJ/> or Web: laceyumc.org



SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM NEEDS DONATIONS

LUMC will be collecting chicken noodle soup and canned tuna fish for the Summer Lunch Program. Contact the Church Office at (609) 693-5222 for more info.



DONATIONS NEEDED FOR UPCOMING FLEA MARKET

Donations are needed for the upcoming flea market in the form of beverages and snacks. The drinks should include canned soda, juice boxes, bottled water and iced tea. The snacks can be snack-size packages of chips, pretzels, cookies and crackers. These should be brought to the church by May 15th. For more information, contact Sally Potter at (732) 306- 1073.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are in need of additional ushers at Sunday worship service. Usher responsibilities include ensuring proper safety protocol is being followed and guiding guests to and from their seats. If interested, please contact Sherry Exel at (609) 290-6682 or the LUMC Office for more info.



VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

Virtual Bible Study takes place on Thursdays at 9:00am and 6:45pm. Contact the LUMC Office to receive the virtual link.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

On Thursday, May 13th, America's Keswick (601 County Road 530 in Whiting) will be hosting a Men's Fellowship Night at 6:15pm. Speaking at the event will be Pastor Anthony Garris of the Inner City Baptist Church in Camden, NJ. Tickets are only \$12 per person, which includes a takeout dinner, message and use of their Activity Center. You must preregister and prepay by calling (800) 453-7942. Temperature checks will be done and social distancing will be practiced. Masks are required! This evening will be joined by the men in their Addiction Recovery ministries, so come out and encourage them. For more information, visit <https://americaskeswick.org>.

FREE BOXED MEAL DISTRIBUTION

LUMC offers free meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 12pm and 1pm. Call (609) 693-5222 to register and to tell us how many meals your family needs. Pick-up is behind the church building.

HOPE CHEST FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry is open Tuesdays and Thursdays between 12pm and 2pm. No registration required!

YOUTH GROUP IS BACK!

The first Youth Group meeting in May will be May 7th at 6pm. Please refer to the Band App for more info! There is a sign-up list. Contact April Rucki at (732) 330-1855 for an invite to the app.



DINE TO DONATE

Pick up food on Tuesday, May 25th, between 5pm and 8pm at the Wendy's in Forked River and the church will receive a 15% donation. You don't have to say anything because the donation is automatic!



SHOE DRIVE

Help us by donating gently used or new pairs of shoes. All sizes and styles accepted. Our current drop-off locations include the Lacey United Methodist Church and the Joy Of Angels Thrift Shoppe (under the carport in rear of Shoppe). Shoes will be collected until June 30th. For more information, contact Lori Osborn at (732) 904-6461 or the Church Office at (609) 693-5222.



SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS RETURNED

Lacey UMC is excited to welcome everyone back to Sunday School! Sunday School has resumed in-person as of March 14, 2021, and has been taking place in Fellowship Hall. Safety protocol (masks, social distancing, etc.) is being followed. Children begin their morning in worship and transition to Sunday School after the Children's Message from Pastor Jonathan. Please let us know if your children are interested in participating in Sunday School. If you have any questions, contact the LUMC Office at (609) 693-5222 or Eric De La Cruz at (609) 709-9713.



NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Lacey UMC will be offering membership classes to anyone interested in becoming a new member! Classes will be offered "virtually" via the BlueJeans meeting app. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of Lacey United Methodist Church, or just have some questions about the process, contact Pastor Jonathan or the LUMC Office at (609) 693-5222.



ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2021

The virtual 2021 Annual Conference will take place on May 24th and 25th. The deadline to register is May 15th. The first of three information sessions will be on May 5th at 7pm, where the discussion will be about the findings of the Independent Financial Review Team's report. Legislation will be discussed on May 12th and 18th. The Clergy Session is May 13th at 9am. Visit the April 28th GNJ Digest Archive at www.gnjumc.org for more info.



DRAMA CLUB IS BACK!

Sign up your young ones for the LUMC Drama Club, which returns on Tuesday, May 4th, at 5pm. We will be meeting every Tuesday from 5pm until 6:30pm. These future actors should be of reading age until the ripe old age of 18. Everyone will be given an opportunity to perform! We will be discussing stage directions, auditioning, script evaluation, improv, many different acting techniques and more! Covid safety protocol will be followed! Sally Potter will be assisting with these sessions. No experience is necessary! Participants do not have to be a member of the church. We will be meeting in Fellowship Hall. Warmup exercises and scripts are being looked at as this is being written. Contact Dominic at (732) 904-9945 or donnieg777@hotmail.com for more info or to sign up.

*“This world is not as it should
be*

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*But the Savior opens eyes to
see*

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All that’s beautiful and true

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Oh may His light fill all you are

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*And the jewel of wisdom
crown your heart*

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This is my prayer for you”

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***Fionan De Barra
Keith Getty
&
Kristyn Getty***

Saturday, May 22

8am - 2pm

\$10 per space
Bring Your Own Table
Rain or Shine!
Set-Up 7:00am



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CALLING ALL FAMILIES WITH GRADUATES

Do you have a child or grandchild graduating 8th grade, high school or college? Please let us know so we can celebrate this milestone with you! Call Joann at (609) 693-5222 so that we can print their names in an upcoming bulletin.

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