

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

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

**For God's Healing & Discernment** ~ Kathleen; Lorraine & Robert Soehl; Kayla Davis; Sheryl Lutgen; Barbara T.; Linda Jenkins; Barbara & Bob Pentland; 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; Ellen Larney; 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; Greg R.; Rich Rosjord; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Sara Carpini; Andrea Almeida; Bill Wehner; Rich C.; Chris Mignone; Randy M.; Lois; Sue & Rich Newman; Dawn Slate; Gail Matuska; Monika & Fred Sisbarro; Marilyn Slate; Shirley; Aubrey; Betty Carhart; Rosalie Mulvaney; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Frank & Mary Timmerman; Cynthia Pedemonti; Andrea Schenker; Helen DeLa Cruz; Peg Bea; Shannon Callaghan; Will Cotton; Patricia Potter; Susan Schlotter; Joan McGavin; Phyllis Smith; 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 Russel Gudiatis Jr.; Family of Serina Norall; Family of Mel Rosenbloom; Family of Jay Young; Family of Linda Ansbach; Family of Bill Hults; Family of Dave Runyon; Family of Pat Stack; Family of John E Rue III.

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

**For Those Serving in the Military** ~ Peter Borchester; Jordyn Breur; Kevin Carhart; 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 Iran, Iraq, Syria; Maine, Maryland; 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; Praying an outpouring of God's spiritual renewal and healing of all the people of America.

 *Lacey United Methodist Church*  
January 12, 2025



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Head of the Church - Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God  
Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Helen DeLa Cruz  
Music Director: Matthew Holmberg Liturgist: Randi Vaccaro  
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                      *Baptized in Water*                      TFWS 2248

\*Call to Worship

In the very beginning, God separated the darkness and the light. God called the Light "Day" and the Darkness, God called "Night". **We were once people who dwelled in darkness, but God has given us the true Light, Jesus Christ.** God has blessed us and adopted us as God's own beloved children, through the sacrament of Baptism. **The water of baptism brings to us healing and reconciliation; it is a symbol of nourishment and cleansing.** This day is the day of the remembrance of Jesus' Baptism. **As we hear the words of his baptism, let us be reminded of our own adoption by God and celebrate the joyous connection to the Almighty God.**

Young Disciples' Time

Prayer of Illumination

**Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Epistle Lesson: 1 Peter 3:18-21

Gospel Lesson: Luke 3:21-23

Message: Reset: "Soul Reset"

\*Hymn    *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*    TFWS 2051

\*Affirmation of Faith    The Nicene Creed    UMH 880

Pastoral Prayer and Announcements

Offering

*Anthem:*                      *Come, Be Baptized*                      TFWS 2252

\*Doxology    UMH 95

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Loving God, who guides us with your everlasting presence, we offer these gifts with grateful hearts. As Jesus stood with us in the waters of baptism, may these offerings stand as a testament to your love and grace. Use them to bring hope, healing, and transformation to our world. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

Hymn                      *In Remembrance of Me*                      TFWS 2254

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

**We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord. We have entered the season in which Your Light has been given to the world, your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet all we can think about is our own problems, our own needs, our own desires. Help us to desire you, Lord. Help us to yearn for your presence. Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance. Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you. Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be. Again let us receive the blessings offered in creation, in the birth and baptism of Jesus, and in the ministry of the saints of light. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

A Time of Silent Confession and Reflection

The Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

Remembering Your Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Prayer of Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

The Prayer of Humble Access

The Reception

Prayer of Gratitude

\*Hymn *We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus (v. 1,2)* TFWS 2251

Benediction

*Postlude We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus (v. 3)* TFWS 2251

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 Dec. 24, 2024:**

**7PM Attendance ~ 58 in-person; 48 via YouTube**

**10PM Attendance ~ 52 in-person; 38 via YouTube**

Offerings: \$980.00 Plate: \$290.00

**Statistics for Dec. 29, 2024: (Worship in Fellowship Hall)**

Offerings: \$1,490.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,611.62

Plate: \$73.00 Discretionary: \$40.00

**Statistics for Jan. 5, 2025: Attendance ~ 55 in-person; 29 via YouTube**

Offerings: \$5,850.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,753.71

Plate: \$56.00 Memorial Donation: \$250.00

Book Study: \$20.00 Baptism: \$100.00 Hot Lunch: \$205.00

Discretionary: \$50.00 Joy of Angels Deposit: \$1,261.02

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 – 1:00PM 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!!!**

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

**Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> 10AM-1PM:** Board of Social Services will be in Fellowship Hall to provide info. about their services.

**Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> 10AM-1PM:** OC Board of Health will be holding a vaccine and information clinic in Fellowship Hall.

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

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for  
January 19 – Mark 1:32-39*

♪ ♪ **Praise Team Practice – Wednesdays at 5:30 PM** ♪ ♪  
No prior experience necessary...all you need is a desire to sing!

*"The Imitation of Christ" book study starts today at  
4:30PM at the parsonage!*

### **Upcoming Meetings**

**Fundraising:** Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM **Finance:** TBD

**Church Council:** Jan. 20 5:30PM **Trustees:** Jan. 20 6:30PM

**Breakfast with the Pastor: Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM**  
at CJ's, Forked River. Everyone is welcome!

**Football Bash at the Parsonage – Jan. 26 at 2:30PM**  
**Hosted by the LUMC Men's Group**

Please bring a dish to share. All are welcome.

The parsonage is located at 744 Devon Street, Forked River.

**Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...canned soup and manual  
can openers!** Drop off at the LUMC office or after worship.

### **Please see Maddie after worship for your 2024 Giving Statements and 2025 Offering Envelopes are available!**

The envelopes are on the table as you walk into the Sanctuary.

**Don't have an envelope number yet? No problem!**

Available numbers are highlighted in yellow on the sign-up sheet – simply write your name on the corresponding line and take a box to start using this week! **Please remember to write your envelope number on the front of your check each week!**

### **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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