

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Covid sufferers & Care Givers; Gail Matuska; Quinn, Trevor, & Cristin; Rev. Wade Jackson; Pat Sisbarro; Bruce Halliday; Kevin; Rhoda & Steve; Amy Russell; Brian; Ashley; Carole Reppert; Aiden & Ariel Edgecomb; Gwen Lewis; Aubrey; Betty Carhart; Rosalie Mulvaney; Kay Laux; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Daniel Huyler; Isabella; Ronald & Marilyn Slate; Pamela Sutherland; Michael Niejako; Frank & Mary Timmerman; Cynthia Pedemonti; Andrea Schenker; Helen DeLa Cruz; Alicia; Dave H.; Peg Bea; Jonathan Rock; Kyle; 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; Emmett & Gloria Bivins; Brittney; Diane Collins; Rick & Ashleigh Handchen; Marousis Family; George & Adrienne Melnyk; Ike & Joan Icenhower; Susan Schlotter; Dee & Paul Burrowes; Colleen Brandt; Barkley Family; Joan McGavin; Cindy Dreher; Nancy Dean; Allyson Cotton; Lisa Burger; Sally & Trevor Potter; BettyAnn Britton; Tommy Britton; Dawn Marie & Stash Kuch; Kyle Kuch; 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; Ed Johnson Family; Harry Newman Family; Evelyn Handchen Family; Bill Williams Family; Guy Burnett Family; Bill Krott Family; Thomas Helle Family.

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; 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, Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe; Prayer for God's will to be done on Earth; 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

August 7, 2022



“Just Money”

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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*

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Praise Song** **Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord**

Call to Worship

Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God? **We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.** Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth? **We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.** Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life? **We long to live lives of holiness and light.**

God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask.

Come near, people of God! Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

Young Disciple's Message

Prayer for Illumination

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

Hebrew Scripture Lessons: Proverbs 6:6-8; 11:25

Message: "Just Money"

***Praise Song** **I Love You Lord**

Pastoral Prayer - The Prayers of the People

The Universal Church, its members, and its mission

The Nation and all in authority

The welfare of the world

The concerns of the local community

Those who suffer and those in any trouble

Prayers in honor of the departed

Offering

Anthem ~ I'm Coming Back to the Heart of Worship

*Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

God of love and grace, we bring our offerings this day and ask that they might be dedicated to strengthening your church for the making of disciples for Jesus Christ. Your prophet Isaiah reminds us that offering money or possessions is not enough. Isaiah proclaims to the Israelites that unless their offerings are companioned

by a willness to "learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow," the offerings are futile. Open our ears to hear what pleases you and open our eyes to see the opportunities all around us. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

***Hymn** **Let Us Break Bread Together** **UMH 618**

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you know how often we have resented our work; **forgive us, Lord, for our ingratitude.** And you know how often we have neglected our abilities; **forgive us, Lord, for our poor stewardship.** And you know how often we've been careless in our studies; **forgive us, Lord, for not using our minds.** And you know how often we've wasted time on the job; **forgive us, Lord, for our heart's insincerity.** And you've seen how shoddy some of our work has been; **forgive us, Lord, for our carelessness.** And you've heard how often we've said we can't wait to get out; **forgive us, Lord, for not working with all our heart.** And you know we've often worked only to please others; **forgive us for failing to remember it is you we are serving.** Hear our prayer, and in the mercy of Jesus Christ, cleanse us for his name's sake. **Amen.**

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Brothers and sisters, God does not leave us in our distress. God does not abandon us to our devilish decisions. While we choose to starve ourselves on a diet of our own making and choosing that leads to spiritual deterioration, God provides us with the Bread of Life. Pursuing us, those who have rejected the wisdom of God, Jesus declares of himself in John 6:51, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, they will live forever." The bread that he gives is for the life of the world, for you and me. It is his very body pierced and broken which reunites us to the wisdom, truth, life and light of God. In Him and through Him, we are forgiven. **Amen.**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Gratitude

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Hymn** **Just a Closer Walk with Thee** **TFWS 2158**

Benediction & Postlude

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

Our projected weekly need to meet ministry obligations is \$5,120.00. Here are the figures for July 31, 2022:

Attendance ~ 29 in-person; 18 via YouTube
Offerings ~ \$1,065.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$1,991.44
Plate ~ \$43.00 Discretionary ~ \$25.00
NA/AA Rent ~ \$50.00 Bayshore Fellowship Rent ~ \$1,278.09
IRS Rebate (Sept. 2020) ~ \$876.83
Kohl's Employee Match ~ \$687.50
General Fund Total: \$5,991.86

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!!

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!

Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe

Hours of Operation: Thursdays ~ 8:00AM – 11:00AM
Tues., Wed., Fridays, & Sat. ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM



The Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe is a vital mission of Lacey UMC. Volunteers are needed to help extend the hours of operation. Please contact Elaine Brandt to volunteer!

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
August 14 – Proverbs 23:4; Ecclesiastes 4:4-6*

Bible Study Opportunities

- ✠ Wednesday morning Bible Study will return in September!
- ✠ 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.

☀ **Summer Lunch Program for Lacey's Kids** ☀

We are collecting **kid-friendly soup** to be distributed to participants. Drop off to Judy Mihalkovitz on Sundays or to the LUMC Office during the week.

We're also accepting donations of reusable shopping bags!

Next Worship Service at Spring Oak Assisted Living August 28 at 1:30PM

We will be worshipping with the residents of Spring Oak at 1:30PM. Please meet in the LUMC parking lot at 1:15pm. Masks required.

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!
- ✓ [amazonmile.com](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2279634) - Support LUMC by starting your Amazon shopping at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2279634>

Holy Communion for Housebound Members

Holy Communion is offered on the first and third Sundays each month during worship service. Please let us know if there is anyone who is housebound that would like to receive communion on Sunday or if you would like to volunteer to bring communion to someone at their home. Please contact Pastor Jonathan Campbell at 845-893-9157 for details.

Sermon Series Survey

Our next sermon series will include a study after worship service. We want to know what your choice is for the next sermon series/study. Please email your choice to laceyumcnj@gmail.com.

- A. Apostles' Creed
- B. The Lord's Prayer
- C. The Ten Commandments

