## <> Lacey United Methodist Church Prayer Page ><> <>< YOUR WILL, LORD GOD, BE DONE ~ NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS, NOTHING ELSE <>

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Covid sufferers & Care Givers: Denise Applegate; Randy M.; Michelle Reyes; Albert Fogliani; Kenshin; Diane S.; Lois; Sue & Rich Newman; Dawn Slate; Jonathan Murphy; Sophia D.; Michael Potter; Louis Potter: Billy Potter: Laurel Helle: Donna: Gail Matuska: Monika & Fred Sisbarro: Gesine Klein; Marilyn Slate; Dawn McLeod; Melissa; Harper & Rachel; Freddy; Kevin; Rhoda & Steve; Amy Russell; Brian; Ashley; Carole Reppert; Gwen Lewis; Aubrey; Betty Carhart; Rosalie Mulvaney; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Daniel Huyler: Isabella: 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; Pete & Kathy Jensen; Virginia Schoeneberg; George Reid; Will Cotton; Carole Exel; Karen; Tom & Mary; Leslie Bivins; Linda & John Ansbach; Patricia Potter; Michael Potter; Sara Carpini; Joseph; Brittney; Diane Collins; Rick & Ashleigh Handchen; Marousis Family; Ike & Joan Icenhower; Susan Schlotter; Colleen Brandt; Joan McGavin; Cindy Dreher: Nancy Dean: Allyson Cotton: Sally & Trevor Potter: Tommy Britton: Dawn Marie & Stash Kuch; Kyle Kuch; Phyllis Smith; Bill Jones; Bill Hults; Bill & Becky Buglione: Melody Pryor-Tasco: Lorraine: Katrina & Peter Borchester: Sally & Don McErlean; 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; Yook Moy Family; Darrell Astwood Family; Prag and Weisbrot families mourn the loss of Sheila Prag; Robert Fisher Family; Andrew Williams Family; Jack Lagowicz Family.

<u>Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer</u> ~ 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; 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; 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.

<u>For Greater NJ Annual Conference</u> ~ Bishop John & Beverly Schol; DS Rev. Ronell Howard; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

<u>World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas</u> ~ People of India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka; Wisconsin, Wyoming; 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.





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Head of the Church ~ Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Cynthia Pedemonti Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Dominic Gregoria

Music Director: Dawn Slate

Welcoming Team: Lori Osborn & Deb Waddell
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** 

\*Hymn I Will Call Upon the Lord TFWS 2002

\*Call to Worship

Come, people of God! Take refuge in the Lord, who listens when we cry out, who rescues us when we call, and who leads and guides us according to his unfailing love. You are our God; our lives are in your hands. Let's worship God together! Amen.

## Young Disciples' Time

## **Prayer for Illumination**

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. **Amen.** 

**Hebrew Scripture Lesson: Deuteronomy 6:4-9** 

**Gospel Lesson: Matthew 6:9-13** 

Message: Listen Up!: "Practice What You Preach"

\*Hymn This Is My Song UMH 437 Vs. 1&3

\*Affirmation of Faith UMH 882

**Pastoral Prayer** 

Offering

Anthem ~ Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

\*Doxology UMH 95

## **Prayer of Dedication**

Redeeming God, the gifts we bring to you this day, we dedicate to the work of kingdom building. Even more, we offer ourselves as material for this work. Imperfect as we are, we know with Christ as the cornerstone, you can build your vision of mercy, justice, peace, and compassion here in our midst. In Christ, our rock and redeemer. Amen.

Hymn Seek Ye First UMH 405

### **Prayer of Confession**

We confess that we have not loved you as you command us to love.

We have not relied on you as our refuge, choosing instead to seek comfort in busyness and distractions. We have not trusted that only when we put ourselves in your hands can we find peace, the peace we crave.

## Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

We confess that we have not loved our neighbors as you command us to love. We buy into the myth that it's every person for themselves. We ignore the pain of those around us.

We refuse your call to care for the poor and the marginalized.

## Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

We confess that we do not answer your call to steward creation. We look upon the earth as something to consume instead of tend. We point fingers at others instead of doing what is ours to do. We choose comfort over responsibility.

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

#### Silent Reflection

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Hear these words: When we call, God inclines an ear to us and comes quickly to help us. God's love is steadfast to rescue us and redeem us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

### **Passing of the Peace**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

### The Breaking of the Bread and The Sharing of the Cup

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### **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 Standing on the Promises UMH 374

Benediction and \*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.

#### **Children/Youth Events**

⇒Sunday School following the Young Disciples Message ⇒Drama Club Wednesdays 5:00-6:30PM

#### FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Statistics for the week of April 30, 2023: Attendance ~ 39 in-person; 26 via YouTube

Offerings ~ \$930.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$1,199.14

Plate ~ \$95.00 Cornerstone ~ \$400.00 Discretionary ~ \$5.00

Weekly Deposit from Joy of Angels ~ \$778.00

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!

# Joy of the 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 – 1:00PM

Extended Hours!!!

◆1 The Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe is a vital mission of Lacey UMC.
Volunteers are needed to help extend the hours of operation.

The Fundraising Team is **collecting plain paper bags** to be decorated and used at upcoming bake sales. Contact the Dawn Kuch for info!

Volunteers are needed to join our team of counters. Counters alternate weeks and we can work around your schedule. Please contact Rich at 732-501-8135 if you can help!

## Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for May 14 – Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Matthew 1 Peter 2:9-10

## Bible Study Opportunities

<sup>☆</sup> Wednesday evenings at 6:45pm.

Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...bottled juice & snacks! Items can be dropped off at the LUMC office during the week or after worship service on Sundays. Thank you!

## Friends in Faith Meeting (formerly UMW) – May 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM in Fellowship Hall

Contact Dawn Marie at 732-232-7270 for information.

All women are welcome to join us!

## Bake Sale at the Lacey Farmers' Market When: Friday, May 26

Bakers and volunteers needed to help make the bake sales a huge success! Please contact Judy at 609-290-2150 to sign-up as a baker and/or booth volunteer. Thank you!!!

## Events Happening on Monday, May 8th

Pastor's Breakfast at Perkins – 9:30AM Finance Team Meeting – 5PM Fundraising Team Meeting – 6PM

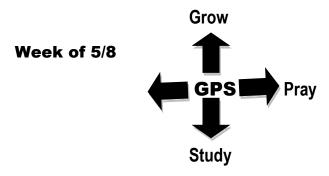
❖ Summer Lunch Program for Lacey's Kids ❖
We are collecting kid-friendly soup and mac & cheese to be distributed to participants. Drop off to Judy Mihalkovitz on Sundays or to the LUMC Office during the week.
We're also accepting donations of reusable shopping bags!

## Car & Truck Show Saturday, June 17th 9AM – 2PM

Food | Music | Trophies | Fun for All \$15 Pre-Registration \$20 Day of Event Visit laceyumc.org for more info and a registration form. Volunteers are needed to help make the Car & Truck Show a huge success! Please speak to Judy or Dominic to sign-up.

LUMC is going to the ballpark for "Faith and Family Night" on Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> with the Jersey Shore BlueClaws!! \$12 game ticket

**\$17** game ticket – includes hotdog, beverage, and ice cream Contact Joann in the LUMC Office to reserve your tickets!



## **Monday- Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

How do use your body as part of your prayer habits? How could you?
Tuesday- Deuteronomy 6:4-9
Do you have set times of prayer during the day? What could that look like for you?
Wednesday- Matthew 6:9-13  How do charity, prayer, and fasting form part of your everyday life?
Thursday- Matthew 6:9-13 The Lord's prayer focuses first on God's will. What is God's will for your life, family, and community?

## Friday- Matthew 6:9-13

The Lord's Prayer uses plural nouns "our, us, we". Why do you think Jesus uses plural nouns not a singular noun like
"me"?
Saturday- Matthew 6:9-13 Pray the Lord's Prayer slowing, paying attention to each
part. What do you notice on your reflection?
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