

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Covid sufferers & Care Givers; Marie Yarger; Peg Bea; Jonathan Rock; Kyle; Joe Bence; Shannon Callaghan; Nick Juliano; Marjorie Moore; 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; Evelyn Handchen; Patricia Potter; Michael Potter; Sara Carpini; Joseph; Rosalie Mulvaney; Ed & Monique Wojciechowski; Beccari Family; Emmett & Gloria Bivins; Ellen Larney; Brittney; Diane Collins; Rick & Ashleigh Handchen; Marousis Family; George & Adrienne Melnyk; Ike & Joan Icenhower; Thomas Helle; Susan Schlotter; Daryl Simmons; Dee & Paul Burrowes; Colleen Brandt; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Barkley Family; Charles Cometa Jr.; Peggy LaPorta; Gesine Klein; Joan McGavin; Cindy Dreher; Nancy Dean; Allyson Cotton; Lisa Burger; Patricia Potter; Sally & Trevor Potter; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; BettyAnn Britton; Tommy Britton; Dawn Marie & Stash Kuch; Kyle Kuch; Gail Matuska; 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; Sandi Smith Family; John Bleignier Family; Jilly K. Family; Ray MacPherson Family; Frank Nordyk Family; Larry Radomski Family.

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ Thanks be to God for answered prayer! For the birth of Reina Jovita Chen to parents Jarrett and Kyrsten Stapleton! For the birth of Elliana Rae to parents Evelyn & Luke Kern! For the birth of Jonathan Rock to parents Jeanette & Jeff Rudzonis!

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 Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland; Hawaii, Idaho; 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

February 13, 2022

A Parable of a Life Saving Station

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Head of the Church ~ Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God

Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Elaine Brandt

Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Dominic Gregoria

Music Director: Dawn Slate Welcoming Team: Virginia Schoeneberg

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*

All Music Used with Permission – CCLI#2274807

Prelude ~ Offered by Betty Carhart & Bob Pentland

Welcome

Call to Worship

God sends light to us this day and invites us to meet one another in this light. **Light breaks forth like the dawn, drawing us into relationship with one another.** Humble yourselves for the worship of God, that you may be empowered to serve. **God calls us to trust with steady hearts and to serve with righteous compassion.** Seek not for lofty words of wisdom, but for powerful demonstrations of God's way. **God makes us to be the salt of the earth and lights to show God's works to the world.**

Special Music

How Great Thou Art

Offered by Betty Carhart & Bob Pentland

***Praise Song**

Hallowed Be Thy Name

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.

Epistle Lesson: Matthew 5:13-16

Video Reflection: A Parable of a Life Saving Station

***Praise Song**

Teach Me to Dance

Affirmation of Faith UMH 886

We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people; and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again; and in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort. **We believe; God help our unbelief.**

We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom:

- in the upholding of human dignity and community;
- in every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation.
- in each act of self-giving on behalf of others;
- in the abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us that all may have enough; in all responsible use of the earth's resources.

Glorify be to God on high; And on earth, peace.

We confess our sin, individual and collective, by silence or action: through the violation of human dignity based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith; through the exploitation of people because of greed

and indifference; through the misuse of power in personal, communal, national, and international life; through the search for security by those military and economic forces that threaten human existence; through the abuse of technology which endangers the earth and all life upon it.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

We commit ourselves individually and as a community to the way of Christ: to take up the cross; to seek abundant life for all humanity; to struggle for peace with justice and freedom; to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love, praying that God's kingdom may come.

Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Ministry of Giving and Prayer of Dedication:

Sovereign God, we give our tithes and gifts this day, knowing that you are deserving of the best we have to offer. The tithe in scripture we are called to give is to be our first fruits – not what is leftover. Yet in his writing, Paul reminds us that Christ was, in fact, the first fruits in your new covenant of salvation for each of us! May we live as an offering worthy of this great gift. We pray this in is Christ's name! Amen.

***Praise Song**

The Prayer

Offered by Kenny Pitman & Dawn Slate

***Congregational Hymn Sing**

Prayer of Confession

God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face. We ignore the needs of the poor and turn away from our own kin. We allow the gospel to go stale, and hide the light you have given. Forgive us; give us grace. By the renewing gifts of your Spirit inspire and empower us again to show the wonder of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Time of Silent Confession and Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. Thanks be to God!

***Praise Song**

This Little Light of Mine

Benediction

***Postlude ~ Offered by Betty Carhart & Bob Pentland**

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.

Volunteers are needed to join our Media Team!

The media team coordinates the live stream, sound, and video screen presentation on Sundays.

Contact Steven Michalkowski 732-300-1956 to learn more!!

FINANCIAL STATISTICS – February 13, 2022

Attendance ~ 32 in-person; 18 via YouTube

Offerings ~ \$1,440.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$1,441.16

Plate ~ \$4.00 BayShore Fellowship Rent ~ \$1,273.08

LUMC Merch ~ \$105.00 Discretionary ~ \$235.00

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!!

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!

✓ amazonsmile.com - Support LUMC by starting your Amazon shopping at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2279634>

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!

FEBRUARY MEETINGS

FINANCE TEAM MEETING – 21ST AT 5:30PM

TRUSTEES – 21ST AT 6PM

FUNDRAISING TEAM – 23RD AT 6PM

CHURCH COUNCIL – 28TH AT 6PM

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
February 20 – Ephesians 4:31-5:2*

Bible Study Opportunities

✝ Wednesday mornings at 9:00am.

✝ 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.

❁ Winter Hours for the Hope Chest Food Pantry ❁

The food pantry will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM.

♪♪ LUMC Music Ministries ♪♪

Please reach out to Dawn Slate if you are interested in joining!

Drama Club at LUMC – Tuesdays 5pm-6:30pm

Contact Dominic 732.904.9945 or donnieg777@hotmail.com for info. Open to all children and youth, reading age and up.

United Methodist Women Events

❁ Thurs. Feb. 24 - 6PM at Perkins, Forked River.

Contact Monique at 732-492-1494 for more information.

UM Men Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, February 19 at 8:00am in Fellowship Hall.

Please contact Rich Rosfjord for more information.

Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: 9:00 AM Monday, Feb. 21st

at Lacey Perkins (Rt. 9, Forked River). Everyone is welcome to be part of the food, fellowship, and fun!

Calling All children & Youth

Sunday School: Returning March 6th. (K-12th Grade)

Confirmation Class: Forming soon. (5th Grade and older)

Youth Group: Fridays 6:30PM (5th Grade and older)

Youth Group is returning in February!

Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe

Hours of Operation: Thursdays ~ 8:00AM – 11:00AM

Wednesdays, Fridays, & Saturdays ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM

↔ Volunteers are needed to extend hours/days of operation. ↔

Please contact Elaine Brandt to learn how you can help!