

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Covid sufferers & Care Givers; Gail Matuska; Tony Daleo; Rev. Wade Jackson; 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; 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; Betty Ann Britton Family; Patrick Sisbarro Family; 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; 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.

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

September 4, 2022



“Wise Relationships”

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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

***Praise Song** *I Will Enter His Gates*

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 Disciples' 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 31:10-12, 26-31

Message: "Wise Relationships"

***Praise Song** *Faith of Our Mothers*

Pastoral Prayer *John Wesley's Covenant Prayer*

Offering

Special Music ~ For Everyone Born

Shared by Rose Coram and Sherry Exel

***Doxology**

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, grant us the grace to be extravagant in the gifts we give to you. Help us be wise and just in how we live with the resources we keep. Guide us in the way to lives that bear the fruit that is pleasing to you: lives full of mercy and compassion. Free us from envy and selfish ambition that leads us away from you, that we might draw near to you. We pray in the love and hope that is Jesus, our Savior. **Amen.**

***Hymn**

Here is Bread, Here is Wine **TFWS 2266**

Prayer of Confession

God of the gospel, the One who sends, the one who is sent and returns, the One who is sent and remains with the church, we declare our need of the wisdom that comes from above, pure, peace-loving, considerate, open to reason. We can be devious rather than straightforward, hypocritical rather than sincere, unforgiving rather than merciful, cruel rather than kind. Forgive the bitter jealousy that leads to quarreling, the selfish ambition that destroys those who are in the way, the ungoverned passions that lead to disorder and evil of every kind. Temper your justice with mercy for the sake of your obedient Son, Jesus our peacemaker. **Amen.**

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

"The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy" (James 3:17). In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, and we are given a new way to live. Let us accept God's grace, and live new lives of faith, obedience, and joy.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Passing of the Peace

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Gratitude

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that, when we were still far off, you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us so we and all your children shall be free and the whole earth live to praise your name, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Hymn**

Let There Be Peace on Earth

UMH 431

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. The figures for August 28, 2022 will be in next Sunday's bulletin. Thank you for your patience!

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!

Upcoming Events for Children/Youth

- ⇒ **Sunday School Kickoff** is on Sunday, September 18th
- ⇒ **Drama Club** will be returning on Wednesdays 5:00-6:30PM
- ⇒ **Ignite Youth Conference** in Wildwood Sept 30-Oct. 2

Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: Monday, Sept. 12th 9:00 AM
at Lacey Perkins. Everyone is welcome!

Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
September 11 – Matthew 5:13-16

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.

Bake Sale at the Lacey Farmers' Market

September 9th from 11AM – 5PM (earlier if we sell out!)
Bakers and volunteers needed to help make the bake sale another huge success! Please contact Maddie at 609-501-4207 to sign-up as a baker and/or booth volunteer. Thank you!!!

Next Worship Service at Spring Oak Assisted Living **September 25th 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.

Lacey Day Sept 24th 12pm-4pm Gille Park

We are seeking volunteers to spend some time at the LUMC booth. Please let Joann know if you are able to volunteer!

Car Show & Flea Market

Saturday, October 1st 9AM – 2PM

Food available for purchase. Rummage tables.
Contact the office for more details!

Northern Shore District Charge Conference **Wednesday, October 12 at 7:30 PM**

Conference paperwork due to the LUMC office by Sept. 15!
The Conference will be virtual this year. Details to follow...

BOUNTY OF THE BAY Tuesday Oct. 18th 6:30pm-8:30pm
Appetizers, Entrees and Desserts from local restaurants.
\$25 Adults / \$10 children 10 yrs. and under Silent Auction!
Tickets go on sale in September!!!

Shoe Drive Fundraiser coming to LUMC! Start saving your new or gently used pairs of shoes. Details to follow...

HARVEST FEST ~ November 19 9AM – 2PM

**BAKED GOODS | HOMEMADE SOUPS & CHILI |
PICS WITH SANTA | KID'S KORNER |
CRAFTS | VENDORS | RUMMAGE SALE**

Contact the LUMC Office 609.693.5222 for more information.

