

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Covid sufferers & Care Givers; Dawn Slate; Louis Potter; Billy Potter; Laurel Helle; Darrell Astwood; Melissa M.; Betty C.; Robert & Joanne Fisher; Donna; Gail Matuska; Monika & Fred Sisbarro; Gesine Klein; Marilyn Slate; Doris & Yook Moy; 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 Huylar; 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; Sue & Rich Newman; 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; Andrew Williams Family; Jack Lagowicz Family; Adriana Kuch Family; Tina Mignone Family; Ronald Slate 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. Ronell Howard; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas ~ People of Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands; New Mexico, New York; 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*
March 5, 2023



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Head of the Church ~ Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God
Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Diane Collins
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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 ***All Creatures of Our God and King***

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn** ***Holy Ground **TFWS 2272**

Call to Worship

Who is this who enters the doors of our temple, who overturns the tables, strews silver and gold on the floor, frees the sacrificial doves from gilded cages? Listen, as they rise, the beating of their wings is a song of loud Hosanna. **It is Jesus of Galilee, the Son of God, who comes to cleanse the great temple, to restore its subverted chambers to a house of hallowed prayer.** Then let us open the doors of our hearts even wider, so he can cast out the thieves who would take what is sacred and tender and turn it hard as gold in a fist. **May the temple within us be a refuge where doves of peace roost in the rafters.** May it be a garden that bears the fruits of a generous spirit. **Oh Lord, take what is corrupt and withered and let it break forth in beauty.** For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. **Amen.**

Young Disciples' Time

Praise Song** ***Njalo

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God,
reveal your presence to us this day as we journey this path with your Son. Through all of life's trials and tribulations your Word sustains us for the journey ahead. Send your Spirit upon us that we might listen, discern, and take heart. Be near us this day and may your Word with us stay and dwell with us forevermore.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 11:15-18

Message: The Final Days of Jesus: "Day 2: Holy Monday"

Praise Song** ***I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Affirmation of Faith UMH 882

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Anthem ~ What a Beautiful Name Agnus Dei

***Doxology UMH 95**

Prayer of Dedication

God of unwavering love, you have held nothing back in your love for us, not even your Son. How we marvel at that kind of love, and how we long to reflect a portion of that devotion back to you. As we dedicate our offerings to you, lead us away from our tendency to hold back and worry that there will not be enough. Help us to live as the people of love and abundance you have called us to be. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Praise Song ***Come to the Table of Grace***

Prayer of Confession

Truth be told, Jesus, there are lots of tables that need overturning in our lives; beneath the veneer of respectability, the tidy rows and neat regulations hide dark addictions and angry judgements, hungry greed and heartless rejections. We know the pain—and so do those around us—of keeping up the facade; What a relief it would be to have it all upset, smashed, scattered, destroyed. So, perhaps, Jesus, today you could pay us a visit and help us to radically rearrange the furniture of our lives. Amen.

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to a wholeness with each other and with you. Mend us and make us new creations through the power and love of Christ. 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** ***Just a Closer Walk with Thee **TFWS 2258**

Benediction

Postlude** ***May the Lord Bless You Real Good

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 Ash Wednesday - February 22, 2023:

Attendance ~ 46 in-person; 32 via YouTube

Hot Lunch Program ~ \$155.00

Statistics for the week of February 26, 2023:

Attendance ~ 56 in-person; 24 via YouTube

Offerings ~ \$1,033.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$1,049.14

Plate ~ \$58.00 Fat Tuesday (Mt. Zion) ~ \$615.00 Book Study ~ \$5.00

Keyboard Fund ~ \$270.00 Discretionary ~ \$20.00

Transfer to Close Joy of Angels Acct. ~ \$9,099.71

Weekly Deposit from Joy of Angels ~ \$777.25

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!

Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: March 13th at 9:30 AM
at Lacey Perkins. Everyone is welcome!

Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe

Hours of Operation:

Tuesday & Wednesday ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM

Thursday ~ 8:00AM – 4:00PM

Friday ~ 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Saturday ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM

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

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
March 12 – Matthew 21:18-22*

Bible Study Opportunities

✝ Sunday 1:00 PM

✝ Wednesday evenings at 6:45pm.

Safe Sanctuaries Training

If you were unable to participate in the last training session, please contact the LUMC office to sign up for a special small group training. This training is necessary for volunteers.

Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...

1. bottled juice

2. snack items

Items can be dropped off at the LUMC office during the week or after worship service on Sundays. Thank you!

United Methodist Women Meeting - March 7th

6:30PM in Fellowship Hall

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

All women are welcome join us!

WHITE ELEPHANT Gift Exchange

Sunday, March 19th 11:30am in Fellowship Hall

All you need to bring is a wrapped gift to exchange (valued up to \$10), a smile, and a sense of humor! Everyone is welcome!

☺ Re-gifting is strongly encouraged. ☺

Contact Dawn Marie Kuch or the LUMC Office for more information.



We're social! Like & follow us on...

LUMC: Facebook, Instagram, & YouTube

Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe: Facebook

Volunteer Opportunities at LUMC

Volunteers make all our missions possible. Please contact the LUMC office to learn more about these opportunities:

Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe – help us extend the hours!

SHALOM Mission – need volunteers to be present on Tues. and/or Thurs. morning when participants arrive for showers & laundry.

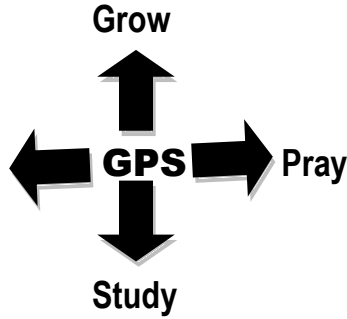
Hot Lunch Program – kitchen/setup/cleanup on Tues. and/or Thurs.

Hope Chest Food Pantry – Tues. and/or Thurs. from 12:30-1:30PM.

Sunday Counters – volunteers are needed to join the rotation.

Fundraising Team – Help us organize and run our FUNraisers!

Week of 3/5



Monday- Mark 11:15-19

How do we and others try to hide out at church?

Tuesday- Mark 11:15-19

Pray that God help you feel the sacredness of spaces.

Wednesday- Jeremiah 7:1-11

Jeremiah reminds the people of Jerusalem that God will be present with them when they justly treat others. How could you/we do more to work for a more just society?

Thursday- Matthew 21:12-17

Why do you think the religious leaders are so opposed to Jesus?

Friday- Luke 19:45-48

What do you need to clear out of your life to allow God to be fully present? Develop a cleaning plan for your life.

Saturday- John 2:13-16

Reflecting on the actions of Jesus. What should a church be?

Notes:
