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For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Covid sufferers & Care Givers; Keith Gibbons; Christine Morgan; Joseph Ensinger; Michelle Reyes; Hudson Hendrixson; Jeff Merceron; Mrs. Nunez; Lois Pozsar; Patrick Jemas; Paul H.; Helen Wooley; Gary; Sally Potter; Gary; Levi Kern; Greg R.; Frank Huscha; Rich Rosfjord; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Sara Carpini; Ronnie Sadowski; Nancy & Rev. George Reid; Dorothy Cochran; Andrea Almeida; Betty Carty; Cindy Kuch; Linda & John Ansbach; Bill Wehner; Rich C.; Chris Mignone; Denise Applegate; Randy M.; Lois; Sue & Rich Newman; Dawn Slate; Gail Matuska; Monika & Fred Sisbarro; Marilyn Slate; Shirley; Aubrey; Betty Carhart; Rosalie Mulvaney; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Frank & Mary Timmerman; Cynthia Pedemonti; Andrea Schenker; Helen DeLa Cruz; Peg Bea; Shannon Callaghan; Will Cotton; Carole Exel; Patricia Potter; Susan Schlotter; Joan McGavin; Phyllis Smith; Bill & Becky Buglione; Lorraine; Katrina & Peter Borchester; Sally & Don McErlean; Pat Grant; our whole Church Family.

<u>For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss</u> ~ Daniel Watkins Family; Kevin McGrath Family; Dashaun Witter Family; Phil DePasquale Family; Mandie Buron Family.

<u>Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer</u> ~ Thanks be to God for answered prayer!

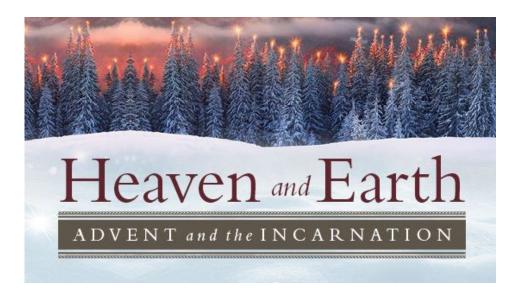
For Those Serving in the Military ~ Peter Borchester; Jordyn Breur; Kevin Carhart; Luke Derflinger; Ellen Hammer; Gavin Hammer D'Adamo; Raymond Kitson; T. Ryan McDonald; Ryan Palmieri; Daniel Schenker; Jason Schenker; for all Soldiers; Sailors; Marines; Airmen; and Guards-Men/Women of our Armed Forces.

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; 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 Myanmar, Thailand; Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands; 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 December 3, 2023



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Head of the Church - Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Betty Carhart Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Dominic Gregoria Music Director: Dawn Slate Special Music: Betty Carhart Guest Musician: Sue Gill Advent Family: Dominic Gregoria and Lori Osborn Welcoming Team: Lori Osborn & Deb Waddell Head Ushers: Sherry Exel & Rick Waddell Thank You to All Who Share Their Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, Witness & Time! All Music Used with Permission – CCLI#2274807 Welcome in the Name of Jesus Christ to All Visitors, Members, Family and Friends! * Please feel free to rise in body or spirit

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn

Star-Child Vs. 1,5 TFWS 2095

*Call to Worship

We gather again at the end of the year to wait for the Christ child anew. We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah. We wait, and we remember the astounding things God has done to save God's people. We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah. We wait, and we pay attention for signs of God's justice and mercy turning the world upside down. We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah. We wait, and in our waiting, we learn to live as people of God's promise. Let us worship in the shocking hope of Jesus Christ, the coming Messiah. Amen.

Young Disciples' Time

Advent Candle Lighting

Hymn

Advent Song Vs. 1 TFWS 2090

UMH 95

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.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 13:24-37

Message: Heaven and Earth: "Meanwhile"

*Hymn	Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus	UMH 196
*Affirmation of Faith		UMH 882

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Anthem: Special Music offered by Sue Gill

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication Great God of wonderful surprises: we enter this season of preparation for your Son's coming, looking not for just a memory of past events, but anticipating a return. The master is near. We strive to get our lives in order and pray that our giving of ourselves to these preparations might reflect the earth-shaking importance of his coming. Help us to give ourselves generously, for we do not know the time -- day or the hour. We pray in the name of the one who will come. Amen.

Hymn

Give Thanks

TFWS 2036

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

We confess that we are not ready. We call on you to rend the heavens and come down, and yet we aren't ready for you to rend our hearts and enter in. When it comes to meeting you face-to-face, we hesitate. We fear what you will find in us and among us. We are uncertain that we really want our lives to be turned upside down by the good news. We want the hope that comes with knowing you are coming to us, but we're not sure we're ready for the shock of that hope. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our fear that we might joyfully live in the hope that shakes us up and turns us around to follow you.

A Time of Silent Confession and Reflection

The Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Prayer of Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread and The Sharing of the Cup

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs from under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us, amen.

The Reception

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 O Come, O Come, Emmanual Vs. 1,2,4 UMH 211

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.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS Statistics November 26, 2023:

Attendance ~ 45 in-person; 18 via YouTube Offerings: \$645.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,204.40 Plate: \$91.22 Discretionary: \$240.00 Hospitality: \$32.00 NA/AA Rent: \$50.00 Mt. Zion: \$50.00 Joy of Angels Deposit: \$1,281.80

Statistics November 19, 2023: Offerings: \$1,280.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,104.28 Plate: \$85.00 Discretionary: \$323.00 NA/AA Rent: \$150.00 Thanksgiving: \$170.00 Joy of Angels Deposit: \$1,656.75

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!!

Reminder: The basket on the side table as you walk up the center aisle is for giving to the Pastor's discretionary fund which enables us to directly help members of our community who are in need.

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



Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...shelf-stable milk and juice! Drop off at the LUMC office during the week or after worship.

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 – 4:00PM



A The Joy of 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 December 10th – Mark 1:1-8

Lacey Christmas Parade ~ Sun. Dec 3rd at 3PM Help is needed in preparing and serving hot chocolate/water and goodies to those marching in the parade. Volunteers, please come at 1:00PM. THANK YOU!!!

Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: December 11th at 9:30 AM at Lacey Perkins. Everyone is welcome!

Winter Lunch Program for Lacey's Kids **
 We are collecting boxed potatoes to be distributed to participants of our Lunch Program for Lacey's Kids. Drop off after worship or through the LUMC Office by December 12th!
 Please consider donating holiday turkeys and/or hams!

Christmas at Lacey UMC

 Tues., Dec. 5th 6:00PM – Friends In Faith Christmas Party at Perkins, Forked River
 Friday, Dec. 8th 7:00PM – Christmas Tree Village Celebration Join us for refreshments and caroling!
 Friday, Dec. 15th 6:30PM – Christmas Movie Night (Title TBD)
 Thurs., Dec. 21st 7:00 PM – Blue Christmas Worship Service held at FR Presbyterian Church
 Sunday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Worship Services: 9 AM: Morning Worship 7 PM: Family Candlelight Service 10 PM: Traditional Candlelight Service

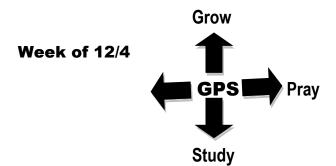
The OC Board of Health will be holding a vaccine clinic on **Thursday, December 21**st from **11AM – 1PM** at LUMC. Appointments are not necessary – stop by to learn more!

A Membership Class – January 2024!!! ↔ ↔
 Please contact Pastor Jonathan at 845-893-9157 if you would
 like to join the LUMC family!

Join our media team!!! The media team coordinates the live stream, sound, and video screen presentation during worship. Contact Steven at 732-300-1956 to learn more!!



We're social! Like & follow us on... LUMC: Facebook, Instagram, & YouTube Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe: Facebook



Monday- Isaiah 64:1-9

Advent, is in part a time of repentance. What do you need to repent of to completely welcome Jesus?

Tuesday- Isaiah 64:1-9

God coming is messy. God breaks into our world and life. What would God's coming break and change in our world?

Wednesday- Isaiah 64:1-9

What do you need God to rescue you from today?

Thursday- Mark 13:24-37

This passage reminds us nothing on earth lasts. How do you struggle with the impermanence of life?

Friday- Mark 13:24-37

Why would, apocalyptic literature, like this passage, give some people hope? Does it give you hope?

Saturday- Mark 13:24-37

What will the world be like after Jesus' second coming?

Notes: