

 Lacey United Methodist Church
September 28, 2025

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<>< YOUR WILL, LORD GOD, BE DONE ~ NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS, NOTHING ELSE <><

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Joe McGuiggan; Irene; Lorraine & Robert Soehl; Cynthia Pedemonti; Dave C.; Luke Denning; Jaden Maggio; Alease & Ken King; Donna Craft; Annabelle Littlefield; Doug Hopkinson; Karen Knapp; Sharon Callaghan; Tom C; Neil Barnett; Dan; Jaime; Al F.; Carol D.; Susan Smith; Hannah Maloney; Eddie Grant; John R.; Phyllis Smith; Louis Potter; Dottie Connolly; Sheryl Lutgen; Lois Pozsar; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Andrea Almeida; Frank & Mary Timmerman; Peg Bea; Lorraine, Katrina & Peter Borchester; our whole Church Family.

For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss ~ Family of Joseph E. Cuneo; Family of Susan Schlotter; Family of Arnold Theuer; Family of Gail Matuska.

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ For the Birth of Avery Ray McDonald – parents Logan and Jenna; grandparents Laura and Tim McDonald! Thanks be to God for answered prayer!

For Those Serving in the Military ~ Peter Borchester; Jordyn Breur; 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.

For Greater NJ Annual Conference ~ Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi; DS Rev. Ronell Howard; Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas ~ People of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru; 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 Donald Trump & Vice President JD Vance; Gov. Murphy; Praying an outpouring of God's spiritual renewal and healing of all the people of America.



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Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Helen Dela Cruz

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Welcoming Team: Lori Osborn & Deb Waddell

Head Ushers: Sherry Exel & Rick Waddell

All Music Used with Permission – CCLI#2274807

Lacey UMC is called to teach, serve, and love individuals so they will follow Jesus Christ and help us transform the world.
Teach. Serve. Love.

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

**Hymn Welcome W&S 3152*

**Call to Worship*

When we stand at the edge of fear and worry,

God invites us to step into the waters of faith and trust.

When we stand at the edge of the world's pain and need,

Jesus invites us to step into the land of humble service.

When we stand at the edge of our hunger and thirst:

the Spirit invites us to sit at the Table of grace.

Young Disciples' Time

Reception of New Members

***Please welcome into the Lacey UMC community Mary Cicale,
Robert Cicale, Rose Dulany, and Peggy Rafuse***

Hymn Where He Leads Me (vs. 1) UMH 338

Prayer of Illumination

**Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read and the
Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and
in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be
one voice we hear today — the voice of truth and grace.
Amen.**

Gospel Lesson: Luke 11:37-54

Message: Dinner with Jesus: "Losing the Plot"

**Hymn All I Need Is You TFWS 2080*

**Affirmation of Faith UMH 882*

Pastoral Prayer and Announcements

Offering

Anthem: Holy Spirit (Torwalt)

**Doxology*

UMH 95

**Prayer of Dedication*

Generous God,

**creator, redeemer, sustainer, at your table we present this
money, symbol of the work you have given us to do; use it,
use us, in the service of your world to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Communion Hymn Table of Plenty (vs. 1,2,3) W&S 3173

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

Jesus, forgive us when we parade our piety and expect favoured
treatment, forgetting that you emptied yourself of power so that
you could be the servant and Saviour of all. **Forgive us when we
care more for impressive outward appearances rather than
inner dispositions shaped by tolerance and love.**

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

Breaking of the Bread and the Sharing of the Cup

The Prayer of Humble Access

The Reception

The Prayer of Gratitude

**Hymn As We Go W&S 3183*

Benediction

Postlude

Mission Statement: Lacey UMC is committed to creating inspiring worship, enriching teaching, and hands on service opportunities so that individuals become passionate followers of Jesus Christ.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Statistics for Sept. 21: Attendance ~ 56 in-person; 24 via YouTube
 Offerings: \$1,588.86 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,359.91 Plate: \$80.00
 NA/AA Rent: \$50.00 Bake Sale: \$567.00
 Bounty of the Bay Tickets: \$315.00 Boscov's Fundraiser: \$20.00
 In Honor of Joan Schuler's Birthday: \$545.00
 Safer Sanctuaries Background Checks: \$45.00
 Discretionary: \$105.00 Joy of Angels Deposit: 1,880.40

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.

WAYS TO GIVE



ONLINE

Visit our website laceyumc.org or click the link below to set up electronic giving.



IN PERSON

VIA TITHING
 ENVELOPE
 cash/check



MOBILE GIVING

Donate to Lacey UMC by using the venmo app on your tablet or phone.

Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe

Normal Hours of Operation:

Tuesday: 10:00AM – 4:00PM Wed.: 10:00AM – 4:00PM
 Thursday: 8:00AM – 4:00PM Friday: 10:00AM – 4:00PM
 Saturday: 10:00AM – 4:00PM

☛ The Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe is a vital mission of Lacey UMC. **Volunteers are needed to work during the hours of operation. Contact Maddie Stapleton or Laura McDonald to learn more!!!**

Upcoming Meetings

Fundraising: October 20 at 6PM **Finance:** TBD
Church Council: Nov. 17 at 6PM **Trustees:** Nov. 17 at 5:30PM

Holy Grounds Coffee Hour ~ Today after Worship!

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
 October 5 – Luke 24:13-35*

♪ ♪ **Praise Team Practice – Tuesdays at 5:30 PM** ♪ ♪
 No prior experience necessary...all you need is a desire to sing!

Charge Conference – Wed., October 22 at 6:00 PM
 The Conference will be held in our Sanctuary.

Upcoming Events

BOUNTY OF THE BAY – SOLD OUT!!

Tuesday, October 7th 6:00pm-8:00pm

Appetizers, Entrees and Desserts from local restaurants.
 Donations of gift certificates for the Silent Auction are very appreciated!

HARVEST FEST ~ November 22 9AM – 2PM

**BAKED GOODS | HOMEMADE SOUPS & CHILI |
 PICS WITH SANTA (10AM-1PM) | CRAFTS | VENDORS**
 Contact the LUMC Office 609.693.5222 for more information.

October 22nd Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" Fundraiser

Purchase a 25% off one-day shopping pass for only \$5!!!
 Contact the LUMC Office or see Joann or Steven after worship.

County Support Services at LUMC

Oct. 14 10AM-1PM: Board of Social Services will be in Fellowship Hall to provide info. about their services.
Nov. 18 10AM-1PM: Board of Human Services will be in Fellowship Hall to provide info. about their services.

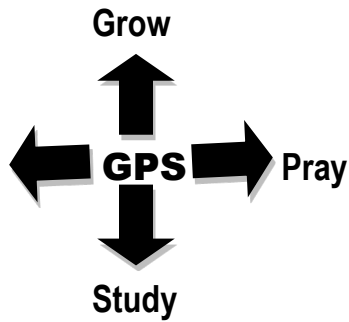
Breakfast with the Pastor: October 13 at 9:30 AM

Location: Kristy's, Waretown. Everyone is welcome!

NexTrex Recycling Program – Beginning November 1st!

When we collect more than 1,000 pounds of soft film plastics (NO CLAMSHELL/CLEAR PLASTIC CONTAINERS) in a 12-month span, we will be awarded a Trex® furniture bench for our Prayer Garden! Questions? Contact Laura McDonald at 609-276-0702.

Week of 9/29



Monday- Psalm 43

When have you felt distant from God?

Tuesday- Psalm 43

What helps you feel closer to God?

Wednesday- Micah 3

In Jewish tradition Justice means balance and harmony. Where is the balance and harmony in your life?

Thursday- Micah 3

How is God call you to help create balance and harmony in your community?

Friday- Luke 11:37-54

In what ways do people attempt to be “clean” on the outside but neglect the underlying heart issue?

Saturday- Luke 11:37-54

What things in life do I easily/readily give to God, and what things are much more difficult for me to give?

Notes:

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