

<>< *Lacey United Methodist Church Prayer Page* ><>

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

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Covid sufferers & Care Givers; Peg Bea; Davette & Leslie Bivins; Lizzie Britton; Linda & John Ansbach; Patrick & Sharon Callaghan; Saccal Family; Lily Rose; Evelyn Handchen; Patricia Potter; Michael Potter; Sara Carpini; Joseph; Dawn Slate; Chuck Neroda; Rosalie Mulvaney; Ed & Monique Wojciechowski; Beccari Family; Emmett & Gloria Bivins; Ellen Larney; Brittny; Diane Collins; Rick & Ashleigh Handchen; Marousis Family; Mary Rose K.; George & Adrienne Melnyk; Ike & Joan Icenhower; Thomas Helle; Susan Schlotter; Daryl Simmons; Dee & Paul Burrowes; Colleen Brandt; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Ray MacPherson; Larry Radomski; Peg & Will Cotton; Barkley Family; Mihalkovitz/Przybylski Families; Marjorie Moore; Bev Krott; Charles Cometa Jr.; Peggy LaPorta; Sandi Smith; 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; Family of Dee Cala; Robert Bea Family; Bob Weiss Family; Christine Coram Family; Stanley Bauman Family; Bob DiNorcia Family.

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ Thanks be to God for answered prayer! For the birth of James Frederick Stapleton! Birth of Stormi Witty!

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 Dr. Gina Hendrickson; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas ~ People of Afghanistan, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru; Nebraska, Nevada; 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 26, 2021

Living
FAITH

Do No Harm

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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*

Prelude **Shared by Betty Carhart**

Praise Song **Welcome**

Welcome

Call to Worship

We come here today not because we are clever but because God welcomes the slow learners.

We come here not because we are wise, but because God loves us in spite of our folly.

We come knowing that the greatest persons will be found among those who humbly serve like Jesus did, and that the brightest ideas and the deepest truth will come from those who see themselves as little children in Christ's school.

O Lord, open up our mind and our hearts and enable our lives to declare your praise.

***Praise Song** **Raise a Hallelujah**

Young Disciples' Time

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: James 3:1-12

Message: Living Faith- "Do No Harm"

***Hymn** **Lord Speak to Me that I May Speak #463**

Affirmation of Commitment

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

With the help of God, I will.

*Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ? **With the help of God, I will.***

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbor as yourself?

With the help of God, I will.

*Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice? **With the help of God, I will.***

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Lord, I humbly come to you this day to tell you thank you. You have shown us so much compassion despite our tongues. We have hurt our neighbors, our friends, and our families. Bridle our tongues, God, that we might speak love and not hate. Bridle our tongues, God, that we might uplift and not tear down. Bridle our tongues, God, that we might continue to win more citizens for the kingdom. It's in the name of the one who saved us, Jesus Christ, that we pray. Amen.

(Time of Silent Confession and Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

When we come before God in humility and honesty, God draws near to us with forgiveness and renewed blessing. Thanks be to God!

***Hymn** **Go Make of All Disciples #571**

Ministry of Giving and Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, Jesus taught us "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." We offer our gifts to you knowing they are part of our treasure, and we do so with the hope that our hearts, our actions, and the words of our tongues will likewise follow. We acknowledge that the tongues that praise you are often the ones that hurt you, when we use them to diminish or discount one of your precious children. Guide our hearts, minds, and tongues to the words that bring you joy. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn** **Go Ye, Go Ye Into The World #2239**

Benediction

Postlude **Shared by Betty Carhart**

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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.

Holy Grounds Coffee Hour Volunteers are needed to MISSION! Please see Pastor Jonathan if you can help us!

FINANCIAL STATISTICS – Sept. 19, 2021
Attendance ~ 51 in-person 19 via YouTube
Envelope Offerings ~ \$2,110.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$829.33
Plate ~ \$8.00

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!!

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



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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!

♪ ♪ LUMC Music Ministries ♪ ♪

Please reach out to Dawn Slate if you are interested in joining Praise Team, Choir, or Chimes of Praise!

Interested in learning more about our Media Team?

Volunteers will receive the hands-on-training needed to broadcast worship service. Contact Steven Michalkowski or the LUMC Office to learn more!!

Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
October 3 – James 3:13-18 (4:1-3)

Northern Shore District Charge Conference **Thursday, October 7 at 7:00 PM**

The Conference will be virtual this year. Invitations will be emailed.

Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe

Hours of Operation: Thursdays ~ 8:00AM – 11:00AM
Fridays & Saturdays ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM

⇒ Volunteers are needed to extend hours/days of operation. ⇐
Please contact Elaine Brandt to learn how you can support this vital mission of LUMC!

Calling All children & Youth

Sunday School: Contact Eric Dela Cruz or the LUMC Office for more information. (K-12th Grade)

Confirmation Class: Forming soon. Please contact the LUMC Office for registration details (5th Grade and older)

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

Upcoming Youth Group Special Events:

- Oct. 23 Pumpkin Picking (no meeting on 10/22)
- Oct. 29 Halloween Party

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!

UM Men Breakfast Fellowship & Mission

Meeting **October 9th at 6:30am** in Fellowship Hall.
The UMM will participate in mission by helping some members with projects at their home. Please contact Emmett Bivins or Pastor Jonathan for more information.

October 20th will be Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" fundraiser. Purchase a 25% off coupon from LUMC for only \$5!!!
Contact the LUMC Office or see Joann after worship!

"Life Together" Book Study starting TODAY!

Please contact Pastor Jonathan if you are interested in joining the next six-week study of this Classic reflection on building a strong Christian community

Week of 9/26



Friday- James 3:13-18

What are the characteristics of “the wisdom from above”?

Saturday- James 3:13-18

What do these characteristics look like in your daily life?

Notes:

Monday- 3:1-12

Make a list of all the images in this passage. Does any particular image stand out to you? Why?

Tuesday- James 3:1-12

What is the analogy between the teacher and the tongue? Why might there be stricter rules for the teachers?

Wednesday- James 3:1-12

According to James, how can the tongue cause harm?

Thursday- James 3:1-12

Write a prayer of confession, asking God for forgiveness for the harm you have caused to others by your words.
