

LUMC'S COMMUNITY REVELATIONS

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WISE MEN FROM THE EAST

Matthew 2: 1 - 12: Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:



*'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
Are not the least among the rulers of Judah;
For out of you shall come a Ruler
Who will shepherd My people Israel.'* "

Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."

When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

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SERVICES MOVED TO YOUTUBE

You can now watch Sunday Service by clicking on <https://youtube.com/channel/UC9ShWURuTPdbtQbihxNelvA> .

As of Sunday, August 15th, we have been broadcasting Worship

Service exclusively on our YouTube channel: [Lacey United Methodist Church](https://youtube.com/channel/UC9ShWURuTPdbtQbihxNelvA).

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HOLIDAY MOVIE NIGHT

THE BEST WAY TO SPREAD
**Christmas
Cheer**
is by
singing loudly
FOR ALL TO HEAR.
-Buddy the Elf

On Wednesday, December 8th, at 6:30pm, LUMC will be hosting a Holiday Movie Night with a showing of "Elf." This family adventure/comedy is about a human that was raised as an elf who travels from the North Pole to New York City to find his biological father. About to be surprised upon finding out that he has a son, his father doesn't realize how much he really needed this visit to help him get into the spirit of Christmas. The film stars Will Ferrell, James Caan, Bob Newhart, Zooey Deschanel, Mary Steenburgen and Ed Asner.

HERE WE GO-A-CAROLING

On Friday, December 17th, at 6:30pm, LUMC will be hosting an evening of Intergenerational Carol Singing. Contact the LUMC Office for details on both events





CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Our Christmas poinsettias will be ordered through Sunflowers Florist in Forked River. Contact Dawn Kuch at (732) 232-7270 to place your order ASAP. Checks are made payable to Lacey UMC. Orders are on a first-come, first-served basis. Cost is \$20.00 for an 8" pot. They are offered in white or red. They can be purchased in honor or memory of someone. You can take your poinsettias home following the Christmas Eve service or they can be given to a shut-in.

PASTOR'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST

On Monday, December 13th, at 9:00am, Pastor Jonathan will host his monthly breakfast at the Lacey Perkins on Route 9 in Forked River. Everyone is welcome to be part of the food, fellowship, and fun!

LACEY PARADE

Come out and march with the Lacey Girl Scouts in the Lacey Township Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 5th, from 3:00pm until 4:00 pm. No candy will be passed out this year. The parade heads west along Lacey Road and ends at the Lacey Township Municipal Building. There is no admission for this event.

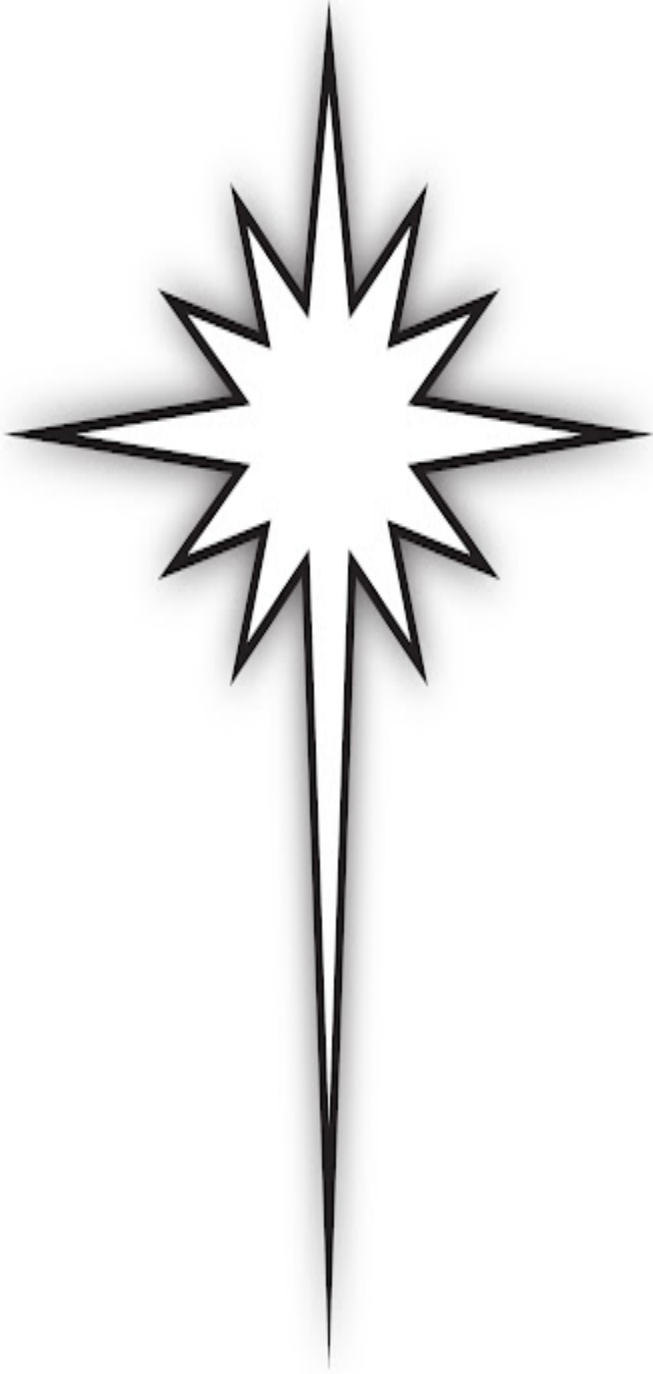
Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve hot chocolate, water, and goodies to those marching in the parade. Volunteers should arrive at 1:00pm. Contact the LUMC Office for more details.

EPIPHANY CELEBRATION

Epiphany is a Christian feast day which is celebrated every year on January 6th. This day is also referred to as Three Kings Day and Theophany. This day celebrates Jesus' birth and His baptism by John The Baptist. According to www.rd.com's article by Jen McCaffery and Meghan Jones, "The twelve days of Christmas (from December 25th to January 6th) mark the amount of time it took after the birth of Jesus for the magi, or wise men, to travel to Bethlehem for the Epiphany when they recognized Him as the son of God."

On Sunday, January 9th, an Epiphany Party will take place at the Parsonage from 3:00pm until 6:00pm.

DO SOULS HAVE COLORS, DADDY? (by Paul Martin)



“Do Souls have colors Daddy?”
a child was heard to say.
When someone goes to heaven,
does their color stay the same?

Does each different color Soul
go to a different color place.
Is it likely Souls in heaven,
are separated in this way?

Will Souls have nationalities,
or do they leave them all behind?
Do they speak in different languages,
will Souls alike be hard to find?

Sad Souls whose hearts are bound to
those, from whom they’ve had to part.
Will God relieve their suffering,
will He mend their broken hearts?

Can Souls be men or women,
is it possible to choose?
Will they stay forever young,
will they continue to improve?

My child, her caring father said,
I’m sure our Souls are all alike,
they’re colorless and genderless
and are all equal in God’s eyes.

Relationships are different there,
Love is true, like Best Old Friends,
and everyone is very happy,
just to be with God again.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Wednesday, December 22: Blue Christmas Worship Service at 6:30pm.

Friday, December 24: Christmas Eve Worship Services at 7pm & 10pm.

Both services will include Communion and candle lighting.

***“The shepherds
feared and
trembled***

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***When, lo! Above
the Earth***

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***Rang out the
angel chorus***

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***That hailed our
Savior’s birth.”***

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***John Wesley
Work, Jr.***

PARSONAGE CLEANUP

Volunteers are needed to help with yardwork at the Parsonage on Saturday, December 18th, from 8:00am until 10:00am. Contact Bill Jones for details.

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MEETINGS ON YOUTUBE

Thank you to Rev. Dr. Drew Dyson and Beth Caulfield for the informative discussions they held at the church last month. Both discussions, as well as other information, can be found on our YouTube channel.

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ADVENT GIVING

An anonymous donor has agreed to offer 50% of any offering amount that any church member adds to their offering during the Advent Season, up to \$1,000.00. Contact Pastor Jonathan for full details at (845) 893-9157.

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MAINTENANCE CONTACT

Anyone who needs to talk to Mike Orlick about the grounds or any facility maintenance should go to Bill Jones first to avoid any confusion with Mike’s current projects.

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PRAYERS

Please add Judy Mihalkovitz to your prayer lists. At the present time, we only know that she was having hip surgery.

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