

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

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

**For God's Healing & Discernment** ~ Dottie Connolly; Sherry T.; Jennifer Dolan; Lorraine & Robert Soehl; Kayla Davis; Sheryl Lutgen; Barbara T.; Linda Jenkins; Barbara & Bob Pentland; Steven & Nadine Woodward; Victoria Krauss; Carole Exel; Steven Exel; Tiny; Marsha Brandt; Daryl Mafia; Jason Gilman; Paul Rue; Ed Weisbrot; Carole Jansen; Bob Wynn & Denise Vaccaro; Ellen Larney; Christine Urban; Dale Stucky; Suzy; Steve Woodward; Bob & Pam Marsh; Sadie; Kyle Wilhelm; Nancy & Rev. George Reid; Sally Potter; Danny Huyler; Donna Craft; Diane F.; Michael Claus; Christine Morgan; Joseph Ensinger; Michelle Reyes; Jeff Merceron; Mrs. Nunez; Lois Pozsar; Patrick Jemas; Helen Wooley; Gary; Levi Kern; Rich Rosfjord; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Sara Carpini; Andrea Almeida; Bill Wehner; Rich C.; Chris Mignone; Randy M.; Lois; Sue & Rich Newman; Gail Matuska; Monika & Fred Sisbarro; Marilyn Slate; Shirley; Aubrey; Rosalie Mulvaney; Frank & Mary Timmerman; Cynthia Pedemonti; Andrea Schenker; Helen DeLa Cruz; Peg Bea; Shannon Callaghan; Will Cotton; Patricia Potter; Susan Schlotter; Joan McGavin; Phyllis Smith; Bill & Becky Buglione; Lorraine, Katrina & Peter Borchester; Pat Grant; our whole Church Family.

**For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss** ~ Family of Bill Connolly; Family of Mae Berry; Family of Gregory Russell; Family of Dawn Slate; Family of Russel Gudiatis Jr.; Family of Serina Norall; Family of Mel Rosenbloom; Family of Jay Young.

**Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer** ~ For the Birth of Kehlani Adina-Rayne Maze – mother Gianna Maze, Grandparents Leigha Maze and Morris Maze! For the Birth of Ava Rossman – parents Peter & Yesi Rossman, Grandparents Dee & Rich Rossman! 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 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 Donald Trump & Vice President JD Vance; Gov. Murphy; Praying an outpouring of God's spiritual renewal and healing of all the people of America.

 *Lacey United Methodist Church*  
March 2, 2025



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Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Helen DeLa Cruz  
Liturgists: Karen Johnson & John Maxman  
Music Director: Matthew Holmberg  
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!  
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*Welcome in the Name of Jesus Christ to All Visitors, Members, Family and Friends!*

*\* Please feel free to rise in body or spirit*

Prelude *Holy Ground* TFWS 2272

Welcome

\*Hymn *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship* W&S 3176

\*Call to Worship

Praise God who has showered us with love.

**Even in the dark times, God protests and guides us.**

God has blessed us with a magnificent world

**If strife should assail, God call us to be people of healing and action to help others.**

Come! Let us worship God who is always with us.

**Let us praise God that through all our trials and triumphs, God's love brings us hope. Amen.**

Young Disciples' Time

Prayer of Illumination

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

Gospel Lesson: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Message: Finding God in the Dark: "A Complete Unknown"

\*Hymn *Pass It On* UMH 572

\*Affirmation of Faith UMH 888

Pastoral Prayer and Announcements

Offering

*Anthem: All That I Am*

\*Doxology UMH 95

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Gracious God, how wonderful it is and what a joy we have to return to you these gifts as tokens of the many blessings you Lord have given to us. Let these gifts and our lives be used in**

**service to others, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Communion Hymn

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

**How amazing it is to us, O God of love, that you look into our hearts and forgive our wayward spirits. So many times we have succumbed to the temptations of this world, seeking comfort in its fleeting enticements. We have turned deaf ears on the cries of those in distress and walked away from opportunities to give aid and comfort. Remind us again of how Jesus reached out to the multitudes who brought their problems and ailments to him. His compassionate touch not only healed their bodies but restored and renewed their spirits. Forgive our stubbornness and our selfishness. Give us hearts of compassion and spirits willing to serve you by serving others. We offer this prayer of contrition in Jesus' name. Amen.**

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 *Onward, Christian Soldiers* (v. 1,4) UMH 575

Benediction

Postlude *Onward, Christian Soldiers* (v. 5) UMH 575

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 for Feb. 23, 2025:**

**Attendance ~ 52 in-person; 29 via YouTube**

Offerings: \$1,826.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,290.39

Plate: \$29.00 Event Rent: \$300.00 Hot Lunch: \$4.00

In Memory of Dawn Slate: \$500.00 NA/AA Rent: \$50.00

GNJ Refund: \$2,679.67 Pass Thu: \$40.00 Harvest Fest Jam: \$16.00

Discretionary: \$161.00 Joy of Angels Deposit: \$1,201.65

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](http://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



### *Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe*

#### **Normal Hours of Operation:**

Tuesday ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM 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 help extend the hours of operation.**

**Contact Maddie Stapleton or Laura McDonald to learn more!!!**

#### **County Support Services at LUMC**

**March 6<sup>th</sup> 10AM-1PM:** OC Board of Health will be holding a vaccine and information clinic in Fellowship Hall.

**March 11<sup>th</sup> 10AM-1PM:** Board of Social Services will be in Fellowship Hall to provide info. about their services.

#### **NexTrex Recycling Program**

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.

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for  
March 9<sup>th</sup> – Luke 5:1-11*

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

**Breakfast with the Pastor: March 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM**  
at CJ's, Forked River. Everyone is welcome!

↩↩ **Membership Class is forming!!!** ↩↩  
Please contact Pastor Jonathan at 845-893-9157 if you would like to join the LUMC family!

#### **WHITE ELEPHANT Gift Exchange**

**Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> - immediately following worship**

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.

**Thank you for making the Hope Chest Food Pantry  
soup drive a success!**

#### **Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!**

April 6 – Blessing of the Cars/Spring Dust-Off

April 12 – Spring Bazaar

April 19 – Bunny Breakfast

May 10 – Car Show

Volunteer opportunities available - sign-up today!

#### **2025 Holy Week Schedule**

April 13 – Palm Sunday

April 17 – Maundy Thursday Worship at FR Presbyterian 7:00PM

April 18 – Good Friday Stations of the Cross 12:00PM-3:00PM  
Good Friday Worship 7:00PM

April 20 – Easter Sunrise Service 6:30AM at **Meadowlark Beach**  
Easter Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary 9:00AM

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

**Fundraising:** March 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM **Finance:** March 3<sup>rd</sup> 5:30PM

**Church Council:** 3/24 at 6:30PM **Trustees:** 3/24 at 5:30PM



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**LUMC:** Facebook, Instagram, & YouTube

**Hope Chest Food Pantry:** Facebook

**Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe:** Facebook

