

<>< *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; 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.; Michelle Reyes; 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.

**For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss** ~ Phil DePasquale Family; Mandie Buron Family; Vincent Mielnicki Family; Eugene Dow Family; Kim Hoffman Family; Rita Peters Family; Wright Family.

**Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer** ~ For the birth of Levi Jared Kern to parents Luke & Evelyn Kern! Thanks be to God for answered prayer!

**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; 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 John & Beverly Schol; DS Rev. Ronell Howard; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

**World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas** ~ People of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama; Ohio, Oklahoma; 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*

*October 8, 2023*



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Head of the Church ~ Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God

Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Diane Collins

Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Dominic Gregoria

Music Director: Dawn Slate Special Music: Betty Carhart

Guest Music Director: Christine Urban

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 – CCL#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**

**\*Praise Song      *Great Are You Lord***

### **\*Call to Worship**

If it had not been for the Lord, who reached out to us **we would have perished in our own selfishness**. If it had not been for the Lord, who healed our wounds **we would have succumbed to pain and sorrow**. Praise be to God who reaches out to us, healing and restoring our lives. **All thanks be to God for the many ways in which our lives have been blessed. Amen.**

## **Young Disciples' Time**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Holy God, you said that no one can live by bread alone. You said that your word is all we need to enter the land of the living. Dear God, we ask that your word becomes the light to our paths. May it be the cloud and pillar of fire that shows us the way in this desert of life. Send your light to our souls for us to follow into your kingdom of heaven. Amen.

**Psalter: Psalm 124 UMH 846**

**Gospel Lesson: Mark 16:13-20**

**Message: "Who do you say that I am?"**

**\*Hymn                      *Here I Am Lord*                      UMH 593**

**\*Affirmation of Faith                      UMH 882**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **Offering**

*Anthem: I Am Thine, O Lord UMH 419*

**\*Doxology                      UMH 95**

### **Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God who always gives to each one of us the best, we thank you for this opportunity to share from our abundance. Bless these gifts, offered through the ministries and mission of this church. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**Hymn                      *Lead Me Lord*                      UMH 473**

## **The Invitation**

## **Prayer of Confession**

It is so easy for us, Lord, to diminish the gifts you have given us. We have come to believe that either we are experts in some areas or we know nothing. Each of us has been given special talents and gifts that can be used to help others, but for some reason we have chosen not to use these gifts, deciding that they are unimportant or not needed. Forgive us when we make decisions not to act. Help us look at the blessings that you have poured into our lives and to discover the special talents that we have. Open the doorways of service and let the gates swing wide on the "grease of grace," that we may go forth to serve you in this world. In Jesus' Name, we pray. 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**

### **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                      *Lord of the Dance*                      UMH 261**

## **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 for the week of October 1, 2023:**

**Attendance ~ 39 in-person; 28 via YouTube**

Offerings: \$950.00      Offerings via Vanco: \$1,074.11

Plate: \$76.00      Discretionary: \$426.00

Hospitality: \$29.00      NA/AA Rent: \$100.00

Bounty of the Bay: \$4,027.00      Harvest Fest: \$175.00

Weekly Deposit from Joy of Angels: \$1,267.70

Correction: Last Week's Joy of Angels Deposit: \$1,096.75

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](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



**Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...bottled juice & snacks!**

Items can be dropped off at the LUMC office during the week or after worship service on Sundays. Thank you!

### **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

**Extended Hours!!!**

↪ 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  
October 15 – Psalm 34: 1-8, 15-22 UMH 769;  
Mark 10:46-52*

### **Praise Team Practice – Wednesdays at 6:00PM**

We are excited to announce Christine Urban will be leading our Praise Team in Dawn's absence. Interested in joining Praise Team? No prior experience necessary; all you need is a desire to sing! Please contact Christine at 609-693-6853 for more info.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

**Fundraising:** Monday, Oct. 9 at 6:00 PM

**Trustees/Church Council:** Oct. 23 beginning at 5:30PM

**Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: October 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM**  
at Lacey Perkins. Everyone is welcome!

**Lacey Day October 14<sup>th</sup> 12pm-4pm Gille Park**  
Please let Joann know if you can help out at the LUMC booth!

**Car & Truck Show Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 9AM – 2PM**

Food | Music | Trophies | Vendors

Cars: \$15 Pre-Registration \$20 Day of Event

Visit [laceyumc.org](http://laceyumc.org) for more info and a registration form.

Volunteers are needed to help make the Car & Truck Show a huge success! Please speak to Dominic to sign-up.

### **Corner Stone Ceremony and Celebration**

**Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> following worship!**

The corner stone, containing the time capsule, is ready to be placed in position! The ceremony will take place in front of the Sanctuary immediately following worship. Join us as we celebrate during Holy Grounds coffee hour in Fellowship Hall after the ceremony!

### **Church Conference - Tues., Nov. 7 at 7:00 PM**

The Conference will be virtual this year. Details to follow...

**HARVEST FEST ~ November 18<sup>th</sup> 9AM – 2PM**

**BAKED GOODS | HOMEMADE SOUPS & CHILI |**

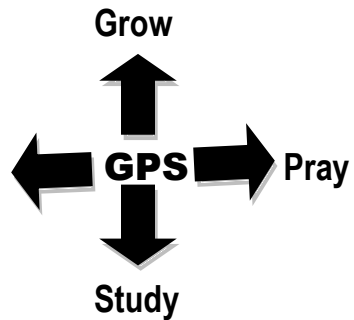
**PICS WITH SANTA | CRAFTS | VENDORS**

We are looking for volunteers to bake and prepare pies and goodies.

Baking date TBD. Watch this space for details.

Contact the LUMC Office 609.693.5222 for more information.

**Week of 10/9**



**Monday- Psalm 124**

What do you normally do when you are anxious?

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**Tuesday- Psalm 124**

This is one of the psalms, Jews would sing together as they climbed to the temple. Where have you gone on pilgrimage? If you have not done one, where would you want to go?

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**Wednesday- Psalm 124 and Psalm 125**

What image of God’s protection in these psalms jump out to you? Why?

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**Thursday- Matthew 16:13-20**

Who is Jesus to you?

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**Friday- Matthew 16:13-20**

What impact has Jesus had on your life?

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**Saturday- Matthew 16:13-20**

Write a prayer asking for the grace to be a faithful disciple of Jesus.

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