

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Covid sufferers & Care Givers; Chris Mignone; Denise Applegate; Randy M.; Michelle Reyes; Albert Fogliani; Kenshin; Diane S.; Lois; Sue & Rich Newman; Dawn Slate; Jonathan Murphy; Sophia D.; Michael Potter; Louis Potter; Billy Potter; Laurel Helle; Donna; Gail Matuska; Monika & Fred Sisbarro; Gesine Klein; Marilyn Slate; Dawn McLeod; Melissa; Harper & Rachel; Freddy; Kevin; Rhoda & Steve; Amy Russell; Brian; Ashley; Carole Reppert; Gwen Lewis; Aubrey; Betty Carhart; Rosalie Mulvaney; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Daniel Huyler; Isabella; Pamela Sutherland; Michael Niejako; Frank & Mary Timmerman; Cynthia Pedemonti; Andrea Schenker; Helen DeLa Cruz; Alicia; Dave H.; Peg Bea; Jonathan Rock; Kyle; Shannon Callaghan; Rachel C.; Louise; Pete & Kathy Jensen; Virginia Schoeneberg; George Reid; Will Cotton; Carole Exel; Karen; Tom & Mary; Leslie Bivins; Linda & John Ansbach; Patricia Potter; Michael Potter; Sara Carpini; Joseph; Brittney; Diane Collins; Rick & Ashleigh Handchen; Marousis Family; Ike & Joan Icenhower; Susan Schlotter; Colleen Brandt; Joan McGavin; Cindy Dreher; Nancy Dean; Allyson Cotton; Sally & Trevor Potter; Tommy Britton; Dawn Marie & Stash Kuch; Kyle Kuch; Phyllis Smith; Bill Jones; Bill Hulst; Bill & Becky Buglione; Melody Pryor-Tasco; Lorraine; Katrina & Peter Borchester; Sally & Don McErlean; 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; Yook Moy Family; Darrell Astwood Family; Prag and Weisbrot families mourn the loss of Sheila Prag; Robert Fisher Family; Andrew Williams Family.

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ 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; 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. Ronell Howard; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas ~ People of Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal; Washington DC, American Samoa; 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

May 14, 2023



How Jesus Learned to Pray

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

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Welcoming Team: Lori Osborn & Deb Waddell

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*

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Praise Song** ***This Is Amazing Grace

***Call to Worship**

Come, all of you who feel lost, alienated, alone.

Right Side: At one time we felt that way – we didn't belong anywhere.

Left Side: We just wanted somewhere to be.

Christ, the Strong Cornerstone of our house, welcomes you.

Right Side: Once we were no people

Left Side: Now we are God's people.

Right Side: Once we had no place to dwell

Left Side: Now we live and abide in God's love.

Thanks be to God for God's gracious love and hospitality. Amen.

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.**

Hebrew Scripture Lesson: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

New Testament Lesson: 1 Peter 2:5-10

Message: Listen Up!: "Permanent Markers"

Praise Song** ***We Bow Down

***Affirmation of Faith** **UMH 882**

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Anthem ~ The Heart of Worship

***Doxology** **UMH 95**

Prayer of Dedication

Lord, we thank you for the many gifts you have poured into our lives for those who love us and nurture us; for those who

teach us to be loving people. Bless those people and bless these gifts that we may work for you, bringing healing and hope to our fractured world. Amen.

Praise Song ***Lord, I Give You My Heart***

Prayer of Confession

Patient and forgiving God, we come to you this day. For many there is a celebration of Mother's Day and all that our mothers have given to us and taught us; but for some, these memories are too painful, of those who could not parent, who were afflicted. Remind us that your blessings are poured out in many ways, through many people. Give us the confident faith that reaches beyond our own lives to help others. Forgive us when we sink into our own selfishness and pettiness. For it is in those times that we turn our back on you. Bring us back to you, to the awareness of your eternal love. In Christ's Name, we pray. Amen.

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Christ, our cornerstone and our salvation, offers to us hope and comfort. On this Mother's Day Sunday, this Festival of the Christian Home, help us to make our home in you. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread and The Sharing of the Cup

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

Praise Song** ***Put Your Hand In the Hand

Benediction

***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.

Children/Youth Events

- ⇒ **Sunday School** following the Young Disciples Message
- ⇒ **Drama Club** Wednesdays 5:00-6:30PM

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Statistics for the week of **May 7, 2023:**

Attendance ~ 42 in-person; 20 via YouTube

Offerings ~ \$1,825.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$1,363.16

Plate ~ \$55.00 Discretionary ~ \$130.00

Weekly Deposit from Joy of Angels ~ \$1,289.00

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



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 – 1:00PM

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.

The Fundraising Team is **collecting plain paper bags** to be decorated and used at upcoming bake sales. Contact the Dawn Kuch for info!

Volunteers are needed to join our team of counters.
Counters alternate weeks and we can work around your schedule. Please contact Rich at 732-501-8135 if you can help!

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
May 21 – Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Matthew 22:36-40*

Bible Study Opportunities

✠ Sunday 1:00 PM

✠ Wednesday evenings at 6:45pm.

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!

Trustee Meeting: Monday, May 15 at 5:30 PM

Church Council Meeting: Monday, May 15 at 6 PM

Bake Sale at the Lacey Farmers' Market

When: Friday, May 26

Bakers and volunteers needed to help make the bake sales a huge success! Please contact Judy at 609-290-2150 to sign-up as a baker and/or booth volunteer. Thank you!!!

Memorial Day Parade – May 29th Parade begins 10AM
NEEDED: Donations of (8oz) Water Bottles
Volunteers: Please arrive by 9AM if you would like to help us share hospitality with the community!

☀ Summer Lunch Program for Lacey's Kids ☀

We are collecting **kid-friendly soup** and **mac & cheese** to be distributed to participants. Drop off to Judy Mihalkovitz on Sundays or to the LUMC Office during the week.
We're also accepting donations of reusable shopping bags!

Car & Truck Show Saturday, June 17th 9AM – 2PM

Food | Music | Trophies | Fun for All

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

Visit 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 Judy or Dominic to sign-up.

LUMC is going to the ballpark for "Faith and Family Night" on
Thursday, August 3rd with the **Jersey Shore BlueClaws!!**

\$12 game ticket

\$17 game ticket – includes hotdog, beverage, and ice cream
Contact Joann in the LUMC Office to reserve your tickets!

