

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

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

**For God's Healing & Discernment** ~ 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; Greg R.; Rich Rosjord; 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; Dottie & Bill Connolly; 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 Dawn Slate; Family of Russel Gudiatis Jr.; Family of Serina Norall; Family of Mel Rosenbloom; Family of Jay Young; Family of Linda Ansbach; Family of Bill Hults; Family of Dave Runyon; Family of Pat Stack; Family of John E Rue III.

**Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer** ~ 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 Cyprus, Greece, Türkiye; Massachusetts, Michigan; 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*  
January 26, 2025



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Head of the Church - Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God  
Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Helen DeLa Cruz

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!

*All Music Used with Permission – CCLI#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 Be Still, For the Presence of the Lord*

Welcome

*\*Hymn Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (vs. 1,4) UMH 301*

\*Call to Worship

Throughout the ages, disciples have said,

“I will follow you wherever you go.”

**Lord, give us the freedom to follow you in the ways of love.**

We come from busy homes,

filled with little time to consider Christ in our lives.

**Lord, give us the strength to follow you in the ways of peace.**

In times of struggle, we look to God for help.

**Lord, give us the opportunity to follow you in the ways of kindness.**

Today, we celebrate the Holy Spirit, who shows us the joy of following God. **Lord, give us the patience to follow you in the ways of faith. Amen.**

Young Disciples' Time

Prayer of Illumination

**Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Epistle Lesson: Galatians 5:22-6:10

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:24-26

Message: Reset: “Reset Values”

*\*Hymn Are Ye Able (vs. 1,4) UMH 530*

*\*Affirmation of Faith UMH 882*

Pastoral Prayer and Announcements

Offering

*Anthem: He Leadeth Me*

\*Doxology

UMH 95

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Receive our humble offerings, O Lord, for your work in the world. Bless those who give, those who send, and those who will receive these gifts. May our offering sow seeds of hope and bear the fruit of love wherever they are sown. Amen.**

*Communion Hymn*

*Eat This Bread*

*UMH 628*

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious Lord, you have blessed us with freedom—freedom to follow or to turn away; freedom to love or to hate; freedom to heal or to hurt. You ask only that we follow your ways, loving our neighbors as ourselves. In the midst of our turbulent lives, help us find teachers to show us the gifts you set within us. And help us claim these gifts today.**

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 Sharing of the Cup

The Prayer of Humble Access

The Reception

Prayer of Gratitude

*\*Hymn I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (vs. 1,2) TFWS 2129*

Benediction

*Postlude I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (vs. 3) TFWS 2129*

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 Jan. 19, 2025:**

**Attendance ~ 54 in-person; 27 via YouTube**

Offerings: \$1,270.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,336.27

Plate: \$22.00 NA/AA Rent: \$250.00 Book Study: \$115.00

Bayshore Fellowship Rent: \$1,311.27 Memorial Donation: \$50.00

UMCOR (CA Disaster Relief): \$512.00

Hospitality: \$33.00 Joy of Angels Deposit: \$1,545.00

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!!

**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**

**Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> 10AM-1PM:** Board of Social Services will be in Fellowship Hall to provide info. about their services.

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

### **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.

**Holy Grounds Coffee Hour - Today after Worship!**

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for  
February 2 – Mark 10:17-27; Acts 9:1-15*

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

*“The Imitation of Christ” book study meets  
at 4:30PM on Sundays at the parsonage!*

### **Upcoming Meetings**

**Fundraising:** Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM **Finance:** TBD  
**Church Council:** March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM **Trustees:** TBD

**Football Bash at the Parsonage – TODAY at 2:30PM**  
**Hosted by the LUMC Men's Group**

Please bring a dish to share. All are welcome.

The parsonage is located at 744 Devon Street, Forked River.

**Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...canned soup and manual  
can openers!** Drop off at the LUMC office or after worship.

**Please see Maddie after worship for your  
2024 Giving Statements and  
2025 Offering Envelopes are available!**

The envelopes are on the table as you walk into the Sanctuary.

**Don't have an envelope number yet? No problem!**

Available numbers are highlighted in yellow on the sign-up sheet – simply write your name on the corresponding line and take a box to start using this week! **Please remember to write your envelope number on the front of your check each week!**

### **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.



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

**Hope Chest Food Pantry:** Facebook

**Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe:** Facebook

