

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

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

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Laurel Helly; Trevor & Sally Potter; Betty Kirwan; Sean, John, & Jill; Bill C.; Carole Jansen; Andrea Frangos; Jordyn, Joey, & Family; Jo-Anne Entrikin; Adelyn Garcia, Cathy Cicero, Jan Kuhl; Rich Budnicki Sr.; Bill and Becky Buglione; Cyndie & Doug Hopkinson; MaryAnn Richter; Linda Becker; Tonilynn Gilanyi; Nancy & George Reid; Family B.; Jackie Swomiak; Tyler; Deb & Rick Waddell; Dale & Paul Stuckey; Wayne Kellstrom; Bill J. Romano; Mary Cicale; Peggy Rafuse; Chip & Bonnie Marshall; Laura & Tim McDonald; Robert Rockafellow; Joan McGavin; Lisa Smith; Sue Smith; Samantha Maida; Sue Bolanwski; Irene; Lorraine & Robert Soehl; Cynthia Pedemonti; Dave C.; Luke Denning; Jaden Maggio; Alease & Ken King; Sharon Callaghan; Tom C.; Neil Barnett; Dan; Jaime; Susan Smith; Hannah Maloney; Eddie Grant; John R.; Phyllis Smith; Louis Potter; Dottie Connolly; Sheryl Lutgen; Lois Pozsar; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Andrea Almeida; Frank & Mary Timmerman; Peg Bea; Lorraine, Katrina & Peter Borchester; our whole Church Family.

For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss ~ Family of Mya and Sigmund Golabek; Family of Maryanne Boardingham; Family of Nancy Reid; Family of Daniel Kenndey; Family of Donna Exel Engelhardt; Family of Stanley Przybylski.

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; Kenshin Frangos; T. Ryan McDonald; Ryan Palmieri; 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 Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru; California, Colorado; 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. Mikie Sherrill; Praying an outpouring of God's spiritual renewal and healing of all the people of America.



Lacey United Methodist Church

September 27, 2026



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Head Ushers: Deb & Rick Waddell

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Lacey UMC is called to teach, serve, and love individuals so they will follow Jesus Christ and help us transform the world.



Welcome in the Name of Jesus Christ to All Visitors, Members, Family and Friends!

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

Prelude and Welcome

**Hymn Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (vs. 1,4) UMH 103*

Call to Worship

God of unifying grace, we come distracted by the world. **Our minds wander, and are filled with thoughts other than you.** Our hearts are confused, and we are uncertain where we belong. Call us to follow you once more. **Redeem the night and bless the day that greets us this morning.** May your relentless ways never fail as we strive to live as your beloved people. **Amen.**

Young Disciples' Time

Prayer of Illumination

Gracious God, meets us where we are. Your call came to Jonah and found resistance. But even as an unwilling prophet, Jonah relented and brought judgment to the people of Nineveh. God's call came to fishermen on a seashore. Unlike Jonah, these men responded faithfully and immediately. As we listen to these scriptures, rather than judging how others respond to their call, help us respond to your call in our lives. You are always leading humanity toward redemption and forgiveness, even when our hearts are resistant. Help us listen and follow. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture Lesson: Jonah 3:10-4:11

Message: Faith Like a Child: "It's not about the Fish!"

**Praise Song Who Did Swallow Jonah*

**Affirmation of Faith UMH 882*

The Prayers of the People

Offering

Anthem

**Doxology UMH 95*

*Prayer of Dedication

Restorer of divided hearts, bless our gifts this morning. Make our offering a path to holy living and action. May our very lives reflect the truth of our faith and our commitment to your world. With generous hearts, we pray. Amen.

Communion Hymn Come to the Table of Grace W&S 3168

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, you have called us from the seashore to service in this world. You have pulled us from our comfort to embrace the inconvenience of servanthood. You have put before us an opportunity that we never truly wanted. Like Jonah, who resented going where you sent him, we are restless and resistant. We'd rather sleep in a boat and go about a casual kind of life. We'd rather live our days as we always have and let the tides carry us where they will. May the storms of our days shake us to new awareness and renewed paths of faithful living. Amen.

A Time of Silent Confession and Reflection

The Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! Before you turned to God, God was on watch for you. Before you remembered your sin, God extended redeeming grace. Hear these words: You are forgiven.

Thanks be that God stands watch over our very lives.

Thanks be to God for the grace that meets us where we are.

Hear these words: You are forgiven.

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

The Reception

Prayer of Gratitude

Community Life

**Hymn Here I Am, Lord UMH 593*

Benediction

*Postlude

Mission Statement: Lacey UMC is committed to creating inspiring worship, enriching teaching, and hands on service opportunities so that individuals become passionate followers of Jesus Christ.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Statistics for September 20: Attendance ~ 51 in-person; 17 via YouTube
Offerings: \$1,365.14 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,188.74
Plate: \$23.00 Discretionary: \$363.00
Joy of Angels Deposit: \$2,827.34

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.

WAYS TO GIVE



ONLINE

Visit our website laceyumc.org or click the link below to set up electronic giving.



IN PERSON

VIA TITHING
ENVELOPE
cash/check



MOBILE GIVING

Donate to Lacey UMC by using the venmo app on your tablet or phone.

Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe

Normal Hours of Operation:

Tuesday: 10:00AM – 4:00PM 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 work during the hours of operation. Contact Maddie Stapleton or Laura McDonald to learn more!!!**

“Shoe” Us the Love!!! We are collecting **new or gently used pairs of shoes** until **November 15** for a fundraiser to benefit LUMC! All sizes/styles accepted. Contact the Sheryl Lutgen for info.

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
October 4 – Luke 19:1-10*

Opportunities to Grow in Faith

Bible Study: Thurs. at 6:30PM - Connolly Center Conf. Room
Please contact Pastor Jonathan for more info.

♪ Praise Team Practice - Wednesdays at 5:30 PM ♪

No prior experience necessary...all you need is a desire to sing!
Contact Matt Holmberg for more information: 609-339-5533

There will be a memorial service for **Donna Engelhardt**, sister of Sherry Exel and Cynthia Pedemonti, at 11AM on Saturday October 3rd in the Sanctuary.

Breakfast with the Pastor: Oct. 12th at 9:30 AM

Location: Kristy's, Waretown. Everyone is welcome!



Join us for Holy Grounds Coffee Hour
after Worship on October 18th!



October 21st Boscov's “Friends Helping Friends” Fundraiser

Purchase a 25% off one-day shopping pass for only \$5!!!
Contact the LUMC Office or see Joann or Steven after worship.

Women's Ministry will gather for dinner at 5:30PM

on Wed., October 28th at IHOP, Forked River.
Please contact Dawn Kuch for more info. at 732-232-7270.

Upcoming Events

Bounty of the Bay: Tuesday, Oct. 6

\$45 Adults/ \$10 Kids Under 8 yrs. old
Contact the LUMC Office for tickets!

Charge Conference – Saturday, October 17 at 9:00 AM

The Conference will be held at First UMC, Toms River.

Harvest Fest: November 21 9 AM – 2 PM

**BAKED GOODS | HOMEMADE SOUPS & CHILI |
PICS WITH SANTA (10AM-1PM) | CRAFTS | VENDORS**
Contact the LUMC Office 609.693.5222 for more information.

A diagram with 'GPS' in the center, surrounded by four arrows pointing up, down, left, and right. The arrows are labeled 'Grow' (top), 'Study' (bottom), 'Pray' (right), and an unlabeled left arrow.

In what ways can you relate to Jonah's initial response to God's command? Have you ever tried to run away from a task that God has placed in your path?

How does Jonah's prayer reflect his understanding of God's character?

What can we learn from God giving Jonah a second chance?

How does Jonah 3 challenge or confirm your understanding of God's character, especially His mercy?

How does Jonah's reaction to God's mercy towards Nineveh challenge our personal understanding of forgiveness?

How can we apply the lesson of Jonah 4 to our approach to justice and mercy in today's world?

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