

<>< *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; Brittney; Barbara Dmiczak; Casimir Kowalczyk; Tom & Bonnie M.; Millie L.; Mary Rose K.; Alexa DeRose; George & Adrienne Melnyk; Ike & Joan Icenhower; Thomas Helle; Susan Schlotter; Daryl Simmons; Jay J; Nancy D; Dee & Paul Burrowes; Colleen Brandt; Peg & Bob Bea; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Ray MacPherson; Larry Radomski; Peg & Will Cotton; Barkley Family; Mihalkovitz/Przybylski Families; Marjorie Moore; Bev Krott; Charles Cometa Jr.; Peggy LaPorta; Sandi Smith; Terry S.; Gesine Klein; Tony Kosciuk, Dee & Jessica Maffucci; Joan McGavin; Cindy Dreher; Nancy Dean; Shannon Kelly Callahan; Allyson Cotton; Lisa Burger; Patricia Potter; Sally & Trevor Potter; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; BettyAnn Britton; Tommy Britton; Dawn Marie & Stash Kuch; Kyle Kuch; Gail Matuska; Phyllis Smith; Bill Jones; Rosalie Mulvaney; Sue & Rich Newman; Bill Hults; Bill & Becky Buglione; Melody Pryor-Tasco; Lorraine, Katrina & Peter Borchester; Sally & Don McErlean; Hunter; 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; Macon Cotton Jr. Family; Ellie Keyworth Family; Fred Weidemann Family; Bernie & Dot Novack's Family; Danny Taylor Family; Richard Dickon Family; Lazarus 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; James Lubbers; T. Ryan McDonald; Ryan Palmieri; Daniel Schenker; Jason Schenker; for all Soldiers; Sailors; Marines; Airmen; & 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 Dr. Gina Hendrickson; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas ~ People of Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine; Rhode Island, South Carolina; 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*

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Junior Head Ushers: Kenshin Frangos & Abby Michalkowski

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Sally Potter, Rich Rosfjord

Thank You to All Who Share Their Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, Witness & Time!

April 18, 2021

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship Psalm 97 UMH 816

The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice;

let the many coastlands be glad!

Clouds and thick darkness surround the Lord;

righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne.

Fire goes before the Lord,

and burns up his adversaries round about.

The Lord's lightnings illumine the world;

and earth sees and trembles.

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,

before the Lord of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim God's righteousness

and all the peoples behold God's glory.

All worshipers of images are put to shame, who make their boast

in worthless idols; all gods bow down before the Lord.

Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice,

because of your judgments, O God.

For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;

you are exalted far above all gods.

The Lord loves those who hate evil, preserves the lives of his

faithful, and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Light dawns for the righteous and joy for the upright in heart.

*Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to God's holy name!*

Praise Song ~ God of Wonder

Young Disciples' Message

Prayer for Illumination

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

Scripture ~ Colossians 1:15-23

Message: Questions from Our Young People

“Is there any scientific evidence for God?”

Praise Song ~ Hallowed Be Thy Name

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Confession

*Everlasting God,
you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Since the creation of the world, you have nurtured us with your love.
And yet we shamefully acknowledge that we do not always share
your love with others. We are selective about who we choose as
neighbors. . . only those who are clean, who look like us, who talk
right, who seem safe.*

*Loving God,
teach us to love you more fully. For in loving you, our lives will show
love to all others, even as your love encompasses all your creation,
in all generations. We pray in the name of your greatest gift of love,
Jesus Christ. Amen.*

(A Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure,
and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and
thus freed to love and serve. Amen.*

Hymn ~ Christ Beside Me #2166

Ministry of Giving and Prayer of Dedication

*God of all creation, the offering we bring to your altar this day is the
fruit of our labors; and we want to bring you the best we have. No
harvest comes from us alone but starts in your goodness; and many
have contributed to every good gift we bring. Working together in
your fields, generous God, we pray that our gifts might be used to
bless others who hunger for connection with you. We pray in the
name of Christ, our savior and redeemer. Amen.*

Praise Song ~ I Am a Friend of God

Benediction

Postlude

Songs for Sunday, April 18, 2021

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God of Wonder

Lord of all creation,
Of water, Earth and sky
The heavens are your Tabernacle,
Glory to the Lord on High!

God of Wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are Holy.....Holy.
The universe declares your Majesty,
You are Holy,Holy
Lord of heaven and Earth
Lord of Heaven and Earth

Early in the morning, I will. Celebrate the Light!
And as I stumble in the darkness I will call your name by night...

God of Wonders beyond our galaxy, You are Holy.....Holy.
The universe declares your Majesty, You are Holy,Holy
Lord of heaven and Earth
Lord of Heaven and Earth

Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and Earth
Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and Earth
Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and Earth....

Hallowed Be Thy Name

You are love, you are life,
You are Lord over everything
Alpha, Omega, Jehovah, the King of Kings
Wonderful, Way Maker, Worthy of my offering,
Hallowed be Thy name.

You're the answer to all of my problems
And you solve them
Hallowed be Thy name
You supply all my needs and
I call you "Abba Father"
Hallowed be Thy name.

You're the Almighty fortress
in a time of tribulation
Hallowed be Thy name
And I am more than a conqueror
In every situation
Hallowed be Thy name.

You are love, you are life,
You are Lord over everything
Alpha, Omega, Jehovah, the King of Kings
Wonderful, Way Maker, Worthy of my offering,
Hallowed be Thy name.

O You're the only God
And there'll never be another
Hallowed be Thy name
And ten thousand angels
couldn't tell how much I love You
Hallowed be Thy name

I'm gonna' lift You up Higher and higher, and higher,
Hallowed be Thy name
And everybody will see
That You set my soul a-fire
Hallowed be Thy name.

You are love, you are life, You are Lord over everything
Alpha, Omega, Jehovah, the King of Kings
Wonderful, Way Maker, Worthy of my offering,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Hallowed be Thy name.... Hallowed be Thy name!

Christ Beside Me #2166

Christ amidst us, Christ between us,
Christ is with us, never to leave.
Christ among us, Christ despite us,
Christ's Living Water now to receive.

Christ alongside us, Christ throughout us,
Christ on behalf of all of our days.
Christ in us, Christ upon us,
Christ ever leading us in His way.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand
Christ all around me, Shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting
Christ in my rising, Light of my life.

Christ beside me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, King of my heart,
Christ within me, Christ below me,
Christ above me, never to part.

I Am a Friend of God

Who am I that You are mindful of me
That you hear me when I call?
Is it true that You are thinking of me?
How you love me it's amazing!

I am a friend of God, I am a friend of God,
I am a friend of God, you call me friend!
I am a friend of God, I am a friend of God,
I am a friend of God, You call me friend.

God Almighty, Lord of Glory,
You have called me friend.
God Almighty, Lord of Glory,
You have called me friend!

I am a friend of God, I am a friend of God,
I am a friend of God, you call me friend!
I am a friend of God, I am a friend of God,
I am a friend of God, You call me friend.

I am a friend of God, I am a friend of God,
I am a friend of God, you call me friend!
You call me friend.... You call me Friend
You call me.... friend.

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.

Virtual Bible Study Opportunities - Thursdays 9AM & 6:45 PM
Please contact the LUMC Office to receive the virtual link!

Memorial Brick Orders

4" x 8" Brick / 3 lines / 18 characters each line including spaces = \$50
8" x 8" Brick / 6 lines / 18 characters each line including spaces = \$100
Contact Elaine Brandt for more information. Please visit our website or contact the LUMC Office for an order form!

FINANCIAL STATISTICS – April 11, 2021

Attendance ~ 34 in-person; 36 via Facebook Views

Envelope Offerings ~ \$1,820.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$1,039.70

Plate ~ \$2.00 Brick Campaign ~ \$310.00

Summer Lunch Program ~ \$300.00

Media Upgrade ~ \$250.00

“Alfred Grant” Grant ~ \$7,533.85

(Building Improvements - \$3750.00; Bell Enclosure - \$3,783.85)

Thank you for your continued support of LUMC! We GREATLY appreciate your generosity! 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. GNJAC has set up separate accounts for every local Church if you would like to use your credit or debit card to share your tithe and offerings you may do so by visiting gnjumc.org/onlinegiving.
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



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*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
Sunday, April 25 – John 4:5-29*

Membership class is forming at Lacey UMC

Interested in becoming a church member? Please contact the LUMC Office 609.693.5222 or laceyumcnj@gmail.com to learn more about our membership class!

Drama Club at LUMC – Tuesdays 5pm-6:30pm starting May 4th! This is a free club open to all children of reading age up until age 18. Children will learn acting techniques, improv, monologues, discipline, as well as how to prepare for an audition and work with scripts that deal with Christian themes. Contact Dominic 732.904.9945 or domnieg777@hotmail.com for info!

**Hope Chest Food Pantry is open on
Tuesdays & Thursdays from 12PM to 2PM!**

Free Meal Distribution on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12PM
Call the LUMC Office 609.693.5222 to register so we know how many meals are needed for your family. Thank you!

Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe

Hours of Operation:

Thursdays ~ 8:00AM – 11:00AM

Fridays & Saturdays ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM

We are collecting gently used pairs of shoes for a fundraiser to benefit LUMC! All sizes/styles accepted. Questions? Contact Lori Osborn or the LUMC Office.

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!