

<>< *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; Phil & Roseann; 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.; Connie I; 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 ~ Eugene Dow Family; Virginia Schoeneberg Family; Deb Burnette Family; Dory Peck Family; Kim Hoffman Family; Rita Peters Family; Wright 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; 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 Liberia, Sierra Leone; 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 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

August 20, 2023

JESUS
Grace
SAVIOR
spirit REJOICE pray
LOVE Hope PRAISE
faith God Sacred JOY
GRACE LORD
pray
FAITH
JOY
SAVIOR
peace
PRAY
SALVATION

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Head of the Church ~ Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God
Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Dominic Gregoria
Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Dominic Gregoria
Music Director: Dawn Slate Special Music: Betty Carhart
Guest Pastor: Elder Edward Thomas

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!
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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** *Praise Him, Praise Him*

***Call to Worship**

Lord, you are our God. **We will praise you with joyful lips.**
Lord, you are our God. **Our souls thirst for you.**
Lord, you are our God. **We behold your power and majesty.**
Lord, you are our God. **We will bless you all of the days of our lives.**

Young Disciples' Time

Prayer for Illumination

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul.
Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that,
being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may
be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture Lesson: Psalm 63

Message: "Why Do We Worship?"

***Hymn** *He Is Exalted* **TFWS 2070**

***Affirmation of Faith** **UMH 887**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Anthem: We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

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

Prayer of Dedication

Generous and giving God, you have offered us a deep and soul-satisfying relationship with you, one that extends far beyond our earthly journey; and too many of us have opted for a "faith-lite" experience. One day a week or a couple of times a month has been a better fit. We have rejected what you so generously offer us, even as we dwell in and are sustained by your grace. As we offer our gifts this day, may we better receive the relationship you offer us and may we walk more closely. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.

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

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

A broken and contrite heart is the acceptable sacrifice to you, O God. And so, we come before you today, as sinners in need of your mercy. Grant us your forgiveness, O God. Help us turn from our old ways. Lead us into newness of life, that our actions may be found pleasing in your sight. Amen.

A Time of Silent Confession and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

This is the good news: Christ died for us that we might have newness of life. We are called to give our lives to ministries of justice. God is with us in this and all righteous endeavors. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Prayer of Consecration

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 nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to partake of this Sacrament of your Son Jesus Christ, that we may walk in newness of life, may grow into his likeness, and may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Reception

Prayer of Gratitude

We thank you, oh God, that through word and sacrament you have given us, your son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Praise Song** *Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah*

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.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Statistics for the week of August 13, 2023:

Attendance ~ 39 in-person; 20 via YouTube

Offerings: \$2,400.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,034.63

Plate: \$131.00 NA/AA Rent: \$100.00

Summer Lunch Program: \$86.92 Discretionary: \$497.00

Sight & Sound: \$175.00 Bay Shore Fellowship Rent: \$1,311.27

Weekly Deposit from Joy of Angels: \$1,061.00

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 rear table as you exit 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

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 – 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.

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
August 27 – Romans 15:4-13*

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 6:45pm.

☼ **Summer Lunch Program for Lacey's Kids** ☼

Drivers are needed for the final delivery of the 2023 summer season. Please contact Judy Mihalkovitz or the LUMC Office if you are able to deliver groceries on Saturday, August 26.

Bake Sale at the Lacey Farmers' Market

When: Friday, September 1st

Bakers and volunteers needed to help make the bake sales a huge success! Please contact Debbie at 732-966-4632 to sign-up as a baker and/or booth volunteer. Thank you!!!

Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: September 11th at 9:30 AM
at Lacey Perkins. Everyone is welcome!

Upcoming Meetings

Trustees/Church Council: Mon., Aug. 21 beginning at 5:30PM

Friends In Faith: Tuesday, Sept. 5th at 6:30 PM

Fundraising: Monday, Sept. 11 at 6:00 PM

Lacey Day Sept. 30th 12pm-4pm **Gille Park**

Please let Joann know if you can help out at the LUMC booth!

BOUNTY OF THE BAY Tuesday Oct. 3rd 6:00pm-8:00pm

Appetizers, Entrees and Desserts from local restaurants.

\$35 Adults / \$10 children 8 yrs. and under **Silent Auction!**

Car & Truck Show Saturday, October 21st 9AM – 2PM

Food | Music | Trophies | Vendors

Cars: \$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 Dominic to sign-up.

HARVEST FEST ~ November 18th 9AM – 2PM

BAKED GOODS | HOMEMADE SOUPS & CHILI |

PICS WITH SANTA | CRAFTS | VENDORS

Contact the LUMC Office 609.693.5222 for more information.