

<>< *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; Sally Potter; Gary; Levi Kern; Greg R.; Frank Huscha; 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 ~ Mandie Buron Family; Vincent Mielnicki Family; 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 ~ For the birth of Levi Jared Kern to parents Luke & Evelyn Kern! 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 Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay; New Hampshire, New Jersey; 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

September 17, 2023



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Head of the Church ~ Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God
Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Sally Potter
Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Dominic Gregoria
Music Director: Dawn Slate Special Music: Betty Carhart
Guest Music Director: Christine Urban
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 – CCL#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, Welcome, and Announcements

***Hymn** *Holy, Holy, Holy Vs. 1,2,4* **UMH 64**

***Call to Worship**

Awake! Rise up!

There is much to be done in the Lord's Name today.

Get ready to worship and to serve God. **We are ready to hear God's word for us and to respond in action and love.**

Open your hearts to God's will this day.

Praise be to God who walks with us and guides us. Amen.

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: Genesis 1:26-27

Epistle Lesson: Revelation 7:9

Leader: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message: "Created in the Image of God?"

***Hymn** *Bind Us Together* **TFWS 2226**

***Affirmation of Faith** **UMH 881**

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Anthem: The Gift of Love

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

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious and loving God, all of your works, all that you have done for us, testify to your love.

You gave everything to bring us the promise of eternal life.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, may all that we do and all that we are testify to your amazing care and compassion.

In gratitude and love, we offer ourselves to you. Amen.

Hymn *A Place at the Table Vs. 1,3-5* **W&S 3149**

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

Anger, hatred, anguish blare at us from the newspapers, media. The shouts of hurt and pain harden our hearts, merciful God. We cannot bear the hurts, so we turn away. We hide and want the hurt to disappear. When we hear the words of the Psalmist singing about the green pastures, still waters, our souls long for this place of peace. We think that it can be found outside ourselves, yet this is a reminder of the peace and hope that your love offers us from within. We know that we will have struggles and hard times, but help us, Lord, to place our lives in your care, to trust in your comfort and guidance. Forgive our stubborn resistance to your compassionate love. Heal us again and place us on the right path. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

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 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

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.

***Hymn** *To God Be the Glory* **UMH 98**

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 September 10, 2023:

Attendance ~ 42 in-person; 16 via YouTube

Offerings: \$1,540.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,333.68

Plate: \$57.00 Discretionary: \$152.00

Bounty of the Bay: \$350.00 NA/AA Rent: \$200.00

The deposit information from Joy of Angels will be posted next week.

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

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.**

Church Conference - Tues., Nov. 7 at 7:00 PM

The Conference will be virtual this year. Details to follow...

Praise Team Practice – Wednesdays at 6:30PM

We are excited to announce Christine Urban will be leading our Praise Team in Dawn's absence. Interested in joining Praise Team? No prior experience necessary; all you need is a desire to sing! Please contact Christine at 609-693-6853 for more info.

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
September 24 – Psalm 13: Psalter UMH 746
2 Corinthians 5:18-21*

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 6:45pm.

Bake Sale at the Lacey Farmers' Market

When: Friday, September 29th

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: Sept. 18 beginning at 5:30PM

Friends In Faith "Knitting" Meeting: Sept. 26

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.

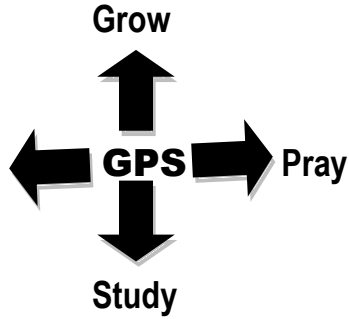
HARVEST FEST ~ November 18th 9AM – 2PM

BAKED GOODS | HOMEMADE SOUPS & CHILI |

PICS WITH SANTA | CRAFTS | VENDORS

Contact the LUMC Office 609.693.5222 for more information.

Week of 9/17



Monday- Genesis 1:20-2:3

What do you think the image of God is?

Tuesday- Genesis 1:20-2:3

Do you think it is different for each person? How do you express the Image of God?

Wednesday- Genesis 1:20-2:3

Why do you think some white americans questioned if African Americans were made in God's Image?

Thursday- Revelation 7:9-17

How this vision of heaven make you feel?

Friday- Revelation 7:9-17

How could this church grow into John's vision of God's multi-cultural community of faith?

Saturday- Revelation 7:9-17

Dr. King once called "11am on Sunday was the most segregated hour in America". Why do you think people tend to segregated themselves? How could we work to change that in our community?

Notes:
