

<>< *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; Louise; Michelle Reyes; Pete & Kathy Jensen; Judy Mihalkovitz; Virginia Schoeneberg; George Reid; Will Cotton; Dawn Slate; Carole Exel; Karen; Tom & Mary; Terry H.; Peg Bea; Davette & Leslie Bivins; Lizzie Britton; Linda & John Ansbach; Saccal Family; Evelyn Handchen; Patricia Potter; Michael Potter; Sara Carpini; Joseph; Rosalie Mulvaney; Ed & Monique Wojciechowski; Beccari Family; Emmett & Gloria Bivins; Ellen Larney; Brittney; Diane Collins; Rick & Ashleigh Handchen; Marousis Family; George & Adrienne Melnyk; Ike & Joan Icenhower; Thomas Helle; Susan Schlotter; Daryl Simmons; Dee & Paul Burrowes; Colleen Brandt; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Ray MacPherson; Barkley Family; Mihalkovitz/Przybylski Families; Marjorie Moore; Bev Krott; Charles Cometa Jr.; Peggy LaPorta; Sandi Smith; Gesine Klein; Joan McGavin; Cindy Dreher; Nancy Dean; 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; 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; Frank Nordyk Family; Larry Radomski Family; Peg Cotton Family; Ann Taylor Family; Phillip Schoenberger/Buglione Family; Patrick Callaghan Family; Debby Nugent Family.

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ Thanks be to God for answered prayer! For the birth of James Frederick Stapleton!

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.

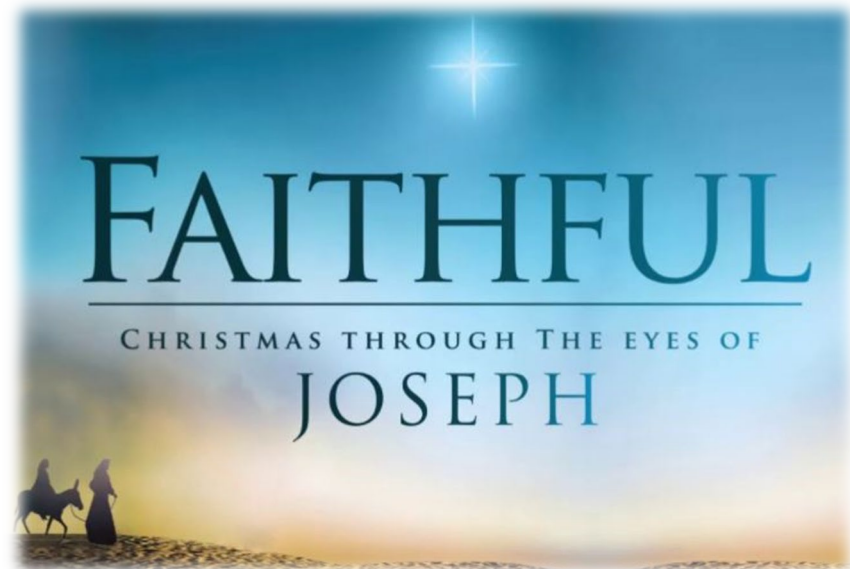
For Greater NJ Annual Conference ~ Bishop John & Beverly Schol; DS Rev. Héctor A. Burgos; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas ~ People of Japan, North Korea, South Korea, Taiwan; Guam, Midway Islands; 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

December 26, 2021



The Rest of the Story

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Church Office ~ (609) 693-5222 Pastor Cell ~ (845) 893-9157
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Head of the Church ~ Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God

Ministers: All of Us

Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Ed Wojciechowski

Music Director: Dawn Slate Welcoming Team: Virginia Schoeneberg

Head Ushers: Sherry Exel & Rick Waddell

Junior Head Ushers: Kenshin Frangos & Abby Michalkowski

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

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

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

All Music Used with Permission – CCLI#2274807

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Sing aloud with gladness: **God is gathering the people!**

From the farthest parts of the earth we come:

All who struggle; all who labor with new life!

Those who are weeping, God will console;

Those who get lost find a clear path home.

Let us worship the God who gathers us!

*Hymn

Go Tell It

Prayer for Illumination

God of light, you have revealed your very self to us in your son Jesus Christ, your one Word made flesh, who lived among us, full of grace and truth. Open us to your revelation once again, that in the words of your holy scripture we might know your presence and follow in your light always. Amen.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:22-40

Message: Faithful: “The Rest of the Story”

Affirmation of Faith

We believe joyfully in the God of love, with all our being we celebrate our God. As soil after drought produces green shoots and as garden seeds spring into new life, so our God produces justice and praise to spring up among all nations.

We believe in God who dresses us in the garments of salvation; who by the grace of Christ covers us with the robe of righteousness, adopts us into the holy family and promises to make us a crown of beauty, a royal diadem in the hand of God. This we believe through Christ Jesus. May the Holy Spirit strengthen our belief.

*Hymn/Praise Song (Congregation Choice)

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Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Ministry of Giving and Prayer of Dedication:

God of hope and joy, the gifts we offer to you pale when our minds try to grasp all we have been given in this season: wholeness in our woundedness, hope in our despair, peace in our turmoil, forgiveness in our rebellion. Like Simeon, our eyes have seen your salvation, and you give us light in our darkness. Help us embrace your extravagant generosity as we give ourselves to others. In our Savior’s holy name, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn

Noel

Prayer of Confession

Holy Friend, Savior and Healer of the world, we in your church family admit to you the frustration we feel for our part in the evil that infests humanity.

We are called to truth but we prefer darkness to light because our investments are there. We are called to hope but we slide into the negativity of the snide and lost. We are called to grace, but we are at times as mean-spirited as the self-serving. We are called to mercy, but we harbor grudges and let slip insidious innuendos. We are called to faith, but we live as if everything depended on us. We are called to love, but it rarely goes beyond loving those who love us.

God of abundant loving, please forgive your church family for our failure to uphold and express the generosity of your ways. Forgive us for those sins of which we are ashamed, and for the sly sins which as yet we have not recognized and brought out into your light. Please be to us, not the God we deserve but the Savior who heaps grace upon grace. In you alone we place our trust. Through Christ Jesus our Redeemer, Amen!

(Time of Silent Confession and Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Sisters and brothers in the family of God, though a sinner myself, I have a commission from the Living God to proclaim to you the forgiveness of sins and the life abundant. In God you may receive the grace, mercy and peace which make renewal undeniable. Through Christ Jesus our Savior. Thanks be to God!

*Hymn/Praise Song (Congregation Choice)

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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.

Holy Grounds Coffee Hour Volunteers are needed to MISSION! Please see Pastor Jonathan if you can help us!

FINANCIAL STATISTICS –December 19, 2021
Attendance ~ 48 in-person; 25 via YouTube

Envelope Offerings ~ \$1,055.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$1,093.86
Plate ~ \$80.00 Match Donation ~ \$245.00
Poinsettias ~ \$120.00 Discretionary Fund ~ \$466.00

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!!

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



Shop Online? Here are two ways you could earn donations for LUMC!

- ✓ umcmarket.org - You earn for LUMC every time you click through the umcmarket.org site to shop. Sign up for free at umcmarket.org!
- ✓ [amazonmile.com](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2279634) - Support LUMC by starting your Amazon shopping at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2279634>

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!

Memorial Brick Orders

4" x 8" Brick / 4 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!

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
January 2 – Matthew 2:13-18*

Bible Study Opportunities

- ✚ Wednesday mornings at 9:00am.
- ✚ Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm at the home of Donna Jones. Please contact Donna at 609-276-7383 for more information.
- ✚ Thursday evenings at 6:45pm.

Drama Club at LUMC – Tuesdays 5pm-6:30pm

Contact Dominic 732.904.9945 or donnieg777@hotmail.com for info.
Open to all children and youth, reading age and up.

Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: 9:00 AM Monday, Jan. 10th at Lacey Perkins (Rt. 9, Forked River). Everyone is welcome to be part of the food, fellowship, and fun!

Calling All children & Youth

Sunday School: All are welcome! (K-12th Grade) Sunday
Confirmation Class: Forming soon. (5th Grade and older)
Youth Group: Fridays 6:30PM (5th Grade and older)

Sunday School will resume on January 9th !

Please contact the LUMC Office for more information!

♪ ♪ LUMC Music Ministries ♪ ♪

Please reach out to Dawn Slate if you are interested in joining!

Volunteers are needed to join our Media Team!

Contact Steven Michalkowski 732-300-1956 to learn more!!

Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe

CLOSED CHRISTMAS WEEK!

SEE YOU IN 2022!

Hours of Operation: Thursdays ~ 8:00AM – 11:00AM
Wednesdays, Fridays, & Saturdays ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM

- ⇒ Volunteers are needed to extend hours/days of operation. ⇐
Please contact Elaine Brandt to learn how you can help!