

<>< *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; Peg Bea; Jonatan Rock; Sandi Smith; Kyle; Lauren & Matt; Joe Bence; Shannon Callaghan; Nick Juliano; Marjorie Moore; Rachel C.; Louise; Michelle Reyes; Pete & Kathy Jensen; Judy Mihalkovitz; Virginia Schoeneberg; George Reid; Will Cotton; Dawn Slate; Carole Exel; Karen; Tom & Mary; Terry H.; Davette & Leslie Bivins; Lizzie Britton; Linda & John Ansbach; 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; Barkley Family; Charles Cometa Jr.; Peggy LaPorta; 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 Hulst; Bill & Becky Buglione; Melody Pryor-Tasco; Lorraine, Katrina & Peter Borchester; Sally & Don McErean; 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; Jilly K. Family; Ray MacPherson Family; Frank Nordyk Family; Larry Radomski Family; Peg Cotton Family; Ann Taylor Family.

**Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer** ~ Thanks be to God for answered prayer! For the birth of Jonatan Rock to parents Jeanette & Jeff Rudzonis!

**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 Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Western Sahara, Tunisia; Connecticut, Delaware; 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*

*January 30, 2022*



**Gratitude**

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Head of the Church ~ Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God

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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**

## **Opening Prayer**

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, Rejoice!

**Today we choose to rejoice.**

**Today we choose to worship and give thanks.**

Seek the peace of God that will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**Today we choose God's peace; today we place our trust in God.**

Turn your hearts away from the distractions and disappointments of life that will always flow in and flow out like the tide. Set your affections on things above and worship the Lord who loves you and cares for you.

**We come to worship God who alone is excellent and worthy of praise!**

## **\*Praise Song**

*The Joy of the Lord*

## **Prayer for Illumination**

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen.

## **Epistle Lesson: Philippians 4:4-9**

## **Message: The Life of Joy: "Gratitude"**

## **\*Hymn**

*Give Thanks FWS 2036*

## **Affirmation of Faith UMH 882 The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Lord's Prayer**

## **Ministry of Giving and Prayer of Dedication:**

Mighty God, deserving of all honor and praise: we bring our gifts this morning, remembering that the offering you truly seek is the offering of our whole lives. Help us, we pray, to live a life that is worthy in your sight. When we struggle and stumble, help us up and put us on the path. On the advice of the apostle Paul, may our lives be focused on "whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable", so that our offering may be pleasing in your eyes. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

## **\*Hymn**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus UMH 526*

## **Prayer of Confession**

God of mercy, in our impatience for answers, we sometimes turn to idols of our own making and forget our covenant with you. Passionate for what is right, we wrong those with whom we differ. Pleased at the invitation to your banquet, we fail to arrive with humility and thanksgiving. Forgive us when our faith is weak and our zeal too strong. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*(Time of Silent Confession and Reflection)*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Do not worry; the Lord is near. God hears our prayers with compassion and with abundant, steadfast love. Rejoice, for in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

## **\*Hymn**

*I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me FWS 2151*

## **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.

### **Volunteers are needed to join our Media Team!**

The media team coordinates the live stream, sound, and video screen presentation on Sundays.

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

### **FINANCIAL STATISTICS – January 23, 2022** **Attendance ~ 38 in-person; 14 via YouTube**

**Envelope Offerings ~ \$735.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$1,312.44**  
**Rent ~ \$50.00 LUMC Merch. ~ \$70.00**  
**Discretionary Fund ~ \$130.00**

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!!

### **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!
- ✓ amazonsmile.com - Support LUMC by starting your Amazon shopping at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2279634>

### **Electronic Giving is Here!** Follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit our website at [laceyumc.org](http://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



### **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!

### **FEBRUARY MEETINGS**

TRUSTEES – 21<sup>ST</sup> AT 6PM  
FUNDRAISING TEAM – 23<sup>RD</sup> AT 6PM  
CHURCH COUNCIL – 28<sup>TH</sup> AT 6PM

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for*  
**February 6 – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

### *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.

### *\* Winter Hours for the Hope Chest Food Pantry \**

The food pantry will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM.

### *♪♪ LUMC Music Ministries ♪♪*

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

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

Contact Dominic 732.904.9945 or [donnieg777@hotmail.com](mailto:donnieg777@hotmail.com) for info. Open to all children and youth, reading age and up.

### **Liturgist Schedule is Forming for 2022!**

If you would like to be considered to take on the role of liturgist on any given Sunday, please contact Dominic Gregoria at (732) 904-9945 or [donnieg777@hotmail.com](mailto:donnieg777@hotmail.com).  
Thank you for contributing to our Sunday worship services!

**Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: 9:00 AM Monday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>**  
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. (5<sup>th</sup> Grade and older)  
**Youth Group:** Fridays 6:30PM (5<sup>th</sup> Grade and older)  
Youth Group is returning in February!

### *Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe*

### **Now open Wednesdays!**

**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!

