For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Covid sufferers & Care Givers: Michael Niejako; Ronald Slate; Frank & Mary Timmerman; Cynthia Pedemonti; Rich Rosfjord: Fred & Monika Sisbarro: Andrea Schenker: Helen DeLa Cruz: Evelyn Handchen: Alicia: Dave H.: Marie Yarger; Rosalie Mulvaney; Peg Bea: Jonathan Rock; Kyle; Joe Bence; Shannon Callaghan; Rachel C.; Louise; Michelle Reyes; Pete & Kathy Jensen; Virginia Schoeneberg; George Reid; Will Cotton; Dawn Slate: Carole Exel; Karen; Tom & Mary; Terry H.; Davette & Leslie Bivins; Lizzie Britton; Linda & John Ansbach: Patricia Potter; Michael Potter; Sara Carpini; Joseph; 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; 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 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.

<u>For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss</u> ~ Covid19 Victims; Nick Juliano Family; Marjorie Moore Family; Sandi Smith Family.

<u>Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer</u> ~ Thanks be to God for answered prayer! For the birth of Reina Jovita Chen to parents Jarrett and Kyrsten Stapleton! For the birth of Elliana Rae to parents Evelyn & Luke Kern! For the birth of Jonathan Rock to parents Jeanette & Jeff Rudzonis!

<u>For Those Serving in the Military</u> ~ 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.

<u>For Greater NJ Annual Conference</u> ~ 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 Ukraine, Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania; Nebraska, Nevada; 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 Palm Sunday ~ April 10, 2022
Welcome in the Name of Jesus Christ to All Visitors, Members, Family and Friends!

Liturgist: Leslie Weishaar \* Please feel free to rise in body or spirit

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#### Prelude and Welcome

\*Hymn Hosanna! Loud Hosanna! UMH 278
Please stand, as you are able, as the Light of Christ enters.

#### Call to Worship

The story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, tells us that after his celebrated arrival.

He went into the Temple and looked around at everything. As we gather here for worship today may it be with a sense that Jesus has walked in too and is looking around.

May our eyes be open to see Him, may our hearts be ready to be seen by Him, may our worship be worthy of His presence, and may we be transformed so that we see the world through His eyes. Amen.

The Covenant of Holy Baptism
Welcoming Tyson Alexander into the Body of Christ

\*Hymn I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry #2051

# **Prayer for Illumination**

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 19:28-40

Message: Follow Me: "Triumphal Entry"

Anthem Blessed Be The Name

**Pastoral Prayer** 

Ministry of Giving and Prayer of Dedication

Triumphant God, we echo the shouts of "Hosanna!" as we relive the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and all that waits in the week to come. Like that first parade so long ago, we may have different ideas of what kind of a messiah we long to welcome. Many of us seek one who thinks like we think, who

will wield power to meet our longings. As we give our gifts this morning, may we be of the heart and mind of submission. You know better than us the messiah that is needed for your kingdom to come on earth, as it is in heaven. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

\*Hymn

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus UMH 277

## **Prayer of Confession**

God of all times and places, we confess that we would rather join the crowds than stand alone. We prefer the popular point of view to a solitary witness for justice and truth. We like safety and security while shrinking from the risk of involvement. We'll sing "hosanna" when everyone else is doing so – but not when the hostile "Good Friday" forces may hear us. We do not like to admit our lukewarm response to you, but neither do we want to be considered fanatics.

We believe Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. We know that means us, not just other folks involved in obvious evils everyone knows about. We ask you to be patient with us, to help us understand our own guilt. Then pour out your forgiveness in such a way that we are forever transformed. In Jesus's name. Amen.

(Time of Silent Confession and Reflection)

#### Assurance of Pardon

God sweeps into our human scene, redeeming all who turn from evil and do good. There is grace, mercy, and renewed strength for all who earnestly seek the new life Christ brings. Let us rejoice together, for even the stones cry out with good news. God forgives. We are freed from the burden of our sin. Praise God!

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Lord's Prayer

# Prayer of Gratitude

Out of your abundance you have fed us what we need, sparing none of your good gifts in Jesus Christ. Thank you, Lord. Thank you! Now may we live as you taught us. Amen.

\*Hymn There's Something About That Name UMH 171

Benediction and Taking the Light of Christ into the World \*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.

**Easter Flowers** – Today is the final day to place your order!

#### FINANCIAL STATISTICS – April 3, 2022 Attendance ~ 22 in-person; 30 via YouTube

Offerings ~ \$6,790.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$991.84
Plate ~ \$26.00 Rent ~ \$1,328.09

Lent Dinner Service 4/1 ~ \$50.00 Discretionary ~ \$144.00
"Match" Donation ~ \$306.00 UMCOR Advance ~ \$20.00
Joy of Angels Transfer to General Fund ~ \$2,249.06

Joy of Angels Transfer to Building Improvements ~ \$2,249.06

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
- 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!

# Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe

*Hours of Operation:* Thursdays ~ 8:00AM - 11:00AM Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, & Saturdays ~ 10:00AM - 1:00PM Please contact Elaine Brandt to volunteer at the Thrift Shoppe!

Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for Maundy Thursday, April 14 – Mark 14:12-25 Good Friday, April 15 – Matthew 27:32-56 Easter Sunday, April 17 – Luke 19:28-40

# 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.

# 2022 Holy Week Services of Worship

- April 14 Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM
- April 15 Good Friday Stations of the Cross Noon-3:00 PM Good Friday Worship at FR Presbyterian, 131 Main Street, Forked River
- April 17 Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 AM at Lake Barnegat Easter Sunday Worship 9:00 AM

# Requests from our Worship Team...

- 1. Donations of artificial flowers/arrangements
- 2. To borrow big (floor) pillows for Maundy Thursday service. Please contact Laura McDonald 609-276-0702 if you can help!

Sports Memorabilia Show Saturday April 23 8AM-3PM Autographs by NY Yankee, Mickey Rivers! Vendors/Food in Fellowship Hall.

# Car Show & Flea Market - Saturday, April 30th - 9AM-2PM

Food available to purchase!

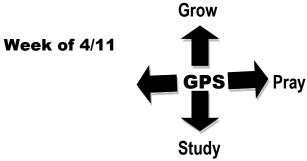
**Car Show**: In honor of Manny "The Hat" Naia. Trophies/Music Visit jerseyshorecarshows.com for an application.

Flea Market: \$10 a table. Space is limited.

Visit laceyumc.org for a flea market registration form.

Old Fashioned Tea Sunday, May 15 11:30am-1:30pm Tickets: \$20pp. Donations of diapers are requested for Makers Place, Trenton. Proceeds to benefit "Barbara's Place at American's Keswick. Reservations required. Contact the LUMC Office to reserve your tickets!

**Volunteers needed for VBS!** We will be teaming up with our friends from FR Presbyterian church for VBS in late July. Please contact Eric DeLa Cruz at 609-709-9713 if you can help!



# **Monday- Luke 19:28-40** How do you celebrate the presence of Jesus in your life? Tuesday- Luke 19:28-40 What effort could you do to make to ease the entry of Jesus into the life of someone close to you? Wednesday- Luke 19:41-44 What are "the things that to peace"? Thursday- Luke 19:45-48 Jesus believed many people were hiding out in the Temple. What are you hiding from?

What would have been your reaction to Jesus' "humble parade"?
Saturday- Luke 19:28-40 Please Pray: Dear Jesus, let me welcome you with the joy with which the disciples welcomed you as you entered the holy city.
Notes:

Friday- John 11:32-44