

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Covid sufferers & Care Givers; Randy M.; Michelle Reyes; Albert Fogliani; Kenshin; Diane S.; Lois; Sue & Rich Newman; Dawn Slate; Jonathan Murphy; Sophia D.; Michael Potter; Louis Potter; Billy Potter; Laurel Helle; Donna; Gail Matuska; Monika & Fred Sisbarro; Gesine Klein; Marilyn Slate; Dawn McLeod; Melissa; Harper & Rachel; Freddy; Kevin; Rhoda & Steve; Amy Russell; Brian; Ashley; Carole Reppert; Gwen Lewis; Aubrey; Betty Carhart; Rosalie Mulvaney; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Daniel Huyler; Isabella; Pamela Sutherland; Michael Niejako; Frank & Mary Timmerman; Cynthia Pedemonti; Andrea Schenker; Helen DeLa Cruz; Alicia; Dave H.; Peg Bea; Jonathan Rock; Kyle; Shannon Callaghan; Rachel C.; Louise; Pete & Kathy Jensen; Virginia Schoeneberg; George Reid; Will Cotton; Carole Exel; Karen; Tom & Mary; Leslie Bivins; Linda & John Ansbach; Patricia Potter; Michael Potter; Sara Carpini; Joseph; Brittney; Diane Collins; Rick & Ashleigh Handchen; Marousis Family; Ike & Joan Icenhower; Susan Schlotter; Colleen Brandt; Joan McGavin; Cindy Dreher; Nancy Dean; Allyson Cotton; Sally & Trevor Potter; Tommy Britton; Dawn Marie & Stash Kuch; Kyle Kuch; Phyllis Smith; Bill Jones; Bill Hulst; Bill & Becky Buglione; Melody Pryor-Tasco; Lorraine; Katrina & Peter Borchester; Sally & Don McErlean; 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; Yook Moy Family; Darrell Astwood Family; Prag and Weisbrot families mourn the loss of Sheila Prag; Robert Fisher Family; Andrew Williams Family; Jack Lagowicz 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; 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. Ronell Howard; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas ~ People of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia; Vermont, Virginia; 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

April 23, 2023



How Jesus Learned to Pray

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

Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Lori Osborn

Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Dominic Gregoria

Music Director: Dawn Slate

Welcoming Team: Lori Osborn & Deb Waddell

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 and Announcements

Hymn** ***Come, Now is the Time to Worship **W&S 3176**

***Call to Worship**

God is calling you today.

Help us to hear God's call in our lives.

God needs your gifts and graces to help others.

May we use the blessings which God has given us to benefit others.

Come, let us worship and celebrate God's love for us.

Let us show our faithfulness in our words and actions. Amen.

Young Disciples' Time

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture Lesson: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Message: Listen Up!: "Listen, Israel!"

Hymn** ***He Is Lord

***Affirmation of Faith** **UMH 882**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Anthem ~ For Those Tears I Died

***Doxology**

UMH 95

Prayer of Dedication

Creator of all we know and all we don't know, as we bring our gifts this day, we ask you to help us trust you more. Forgive us when we entertain the thought that our future lies in bank balances and the accumulation of stuff. Remind us as Peter reminded the early followers that through Jesus, we "have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God".

May our lives reflect that trust to others. In the powerful name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Hymn

Take Time to Be Holy

UMH 395

Prayer of Confession

How often, O Lord, have we believed that the greatest commandment is our love for ourselves solely. We have not heard the cries of those in need; we have turned our backs on opportunities to serve you by serving others. Many times we have thought only of our own wants and desires and ignored the needs of others. Help us to truly understand the commandments to love you with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind. Let us care for our neighbors both far and near. Bring us back to your loving light. For we ask these things in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

In the midst of our darkness and ignorance, the bright light of God's love shines through, healing our anguished souls. Rejoice, beloved of God, for God's love and forgiveness are given to you this day. **Amen.**

***Praise Song**

God is Good

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.

Children/Youth Events

- ⇒ **Sunday School** following the Young Disciples Message
- ⇒ **Drama Club** Wednesdays 5:00-6:30PM

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Statistics for the week of April 16, 2023:

Attendance ~ 62 in-person; 17 via YouTube

Offerings ~ \$7,183.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$1,024.63

Plate ~ \$225.00 Baptism ~ \$100.00 Youth Group ~ \$20.00

Discretionary ~ \$200.00 Building Improvements (bathroom) ~ \$50.00

Mt. Zion Donation from Vetwork ~ \$2,050.00 NA/AA Rent ~ \$50.00

Weekly Deposit from Joy of Angels ~ \$1,050.00

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



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.**

The Fundraising Team is **collecting plain paper bags** to be decorated and used at upcoming bake sales. Contact the Dawn Kuch for info!

Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: May 8th at 9:30 AM
at Lacey Perkins. Everyone is welcome!

Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
April 30 – Deuteronomy 6:4-9; John 21:15-17

Bible Study Opportunities

✠ Sunday 1:00 PM

✠ Wednesday evenings at 6:45pm.

Pastoral Care Coverage while Pastor Jonathan is on vacation...
April 24 to April 28: Rev. Rene Yon Pak at 973-444-9410

Friends in Faith Meeting (formerly UMW) – May 9th
6:30PM in Fellowship Hall

Contact Dawn Marie at 732-232-7270 for information.

All women are welcome to join us!

Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...

1. bottled juice

2. snack items

Items can be dropped off at the LUMC office during the week or after worship service on Sundays. Thank you!

Fundraising Team Meeting – Monday, April 24 at 6PM!

Do you have a few minutes to help count the collection once a month? Volunteers are needed to join our team of counters.

Counters alternate weeks and we can work around your schedule. Please contact Rich at 732-501-8135 if you can help!

Car & Truck Show Saturday, June 17th 9AM – 2PM

Food | Music | Trophies | Fun for All

\$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 Judy or Dominic to sign-up.

LUMC is going to the ballpark for "Faith and Family Night" on **Thursday, August 3rd** with the **Jersey Shore BlueClaws!!**

\$12 game ticket

\$17 game ticket – includes hotdog, beverage, and ice cream

Contact Joann in the LUMC Office to

reserve your tickets before they sell out!



We're social! Like & follow us on...

LUMC: Facebook, Instagram, & YouTube

Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe: Facebook

