

<>< *Lacey United Methodist Church Prayer Page* ><>

<>< YOUR WILL, LORD GOD, BE DONE ~ NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS, NOTHING ELSE <><

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Diane Sadowski; Danny Huyler; Karen Knapp; Mel Rosenbloom; Donna Craft: Carolyn; Diane F.; Michael Claus; John E. Rue; Keith Gibbons; Christine Morgan; Joseph Ensinger; Michelle Reyes; Jeff Merceron; Mrs. Nunez; Lois Pozsar; Patrick Jemas; Helen Wooley; Gary; Sally Potter; Gary; Levi Kern; Greg R.; Frank Huscha; Rich Rosfjord; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Sara Carpini; Ronnie Sadowski; Nancy & Rev. George Reid; Andrea Almeida; Betty Carty; Cindy Kuch; Linda & John Ansbach; Bill Wehner; Rich C.; Chris Mignone; Denise Applegate; Randy M.; 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; Don McErlean; Pat Grant; our whole Church Family.

For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss ~ Elliott Freeman Family; Chelsea Diehl Family; Bill Schrieber Family; Paul Olsen Family; Don Reppert Family; Daniel Watkins Family; Kevin McGrath Family; Samuel Little Family.

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ For the Birth of Caden Pennec – parents Lauren and Matt; great grandmother Joan McGavin! Kidney transplant for Jake Wiesner! For the birth of Jarrett Emmanuel Chen Stapleton! Thanks be to God for answered prayer!

For Those Serving in the Military ~ Peter Borchester; Jordyn Breur; Kevin Carhart; Luke Derflinger; 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 Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania; 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; Praying an outpouring of God's spiritual renewal and healing of all the people of America.



Lacey United Methodist Church

March 17, 2024



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Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Lori Osborn
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 – CCLI#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

***Hymn *Just A Closer Walk with Thee* (v. 1,2) TFWS 2158**

***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

Holy God, reveal your presence to us this day as we journey this path with your Son. Through all of life's trials and tribulations your Word sustains us for the journey ahead. Send your Spirit upon us that we might listen, discern, and take heart. Be near us this day and may your Word with us stay and dwell with us forevermore. Amen.

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 9:11-14

Hebrew Scripture Lesson: Leviticus 16:2-10, 20-22

Message: Greater Than: "The Day of Atonement"

***Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* v. 1-3 UMH 298**

***Affirmation of Faith UMH 884**

Pastoral Prayer and Announcements

Offering

Anthem: Save Your People

***Doxology UMH 95**

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of justice and love, transform these offerings, that they may be gifts of justice and love for a world in need of hope and help.

Let love flow through these offerings, that they may become gifts of love for the world. Amen.

The Invitation

In this meal, Christ fills the hungry. All are welcome—rich and poor, old and young, healthy and sick. You, who long to taste heaven's goodness, come. Come to our Lord's table and be fed.

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.

A Time of Silent Confession and Reflection

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 character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us, Amen.

The Reception

Hymn: Amazing Grace UMH 378 Praise Team

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 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*
(v. 1,4,5) UMH 269**

Benediction and *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.

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
March 24 – Luke 19:28-44, 1 Peter 2:2-10*

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Statistics March 10, 2024:

Attendance ~ 47 in-person; 19 via YouTube

Offerings: \$975.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,408.18 Plate: \$47.00
Amer. Rescue Plan Grant: \$1,330.00 Discretionary; \$671.86 Hot Lunch
Discretionary: \$115.00 Art Auction Tickets (Mt. Zion): \$300.00
Joy of Angels Deposit: \$1,617.37

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



Please help us complete the Sanctuary Altar Flooring

All you have to do is buy ShopRite cards through LUMC!
ShopRite makes a \$50 donation to LUMC for every \$1,000 we sell in ShopRite gift cards! Cards are available through the LUMC Office.

Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...shelf-stable milk and juice!

Drop off at the LUMC office during the week or after worship.

Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe

Normal Hours of Operation:

Tuesday ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM Wed. ~ 10:00AM – 4:00PM
Thursday ~ 8:00AM – 4:00PM Friday ~ 10:00AM – 4:00PM
Saturday ~ 10:00AM – 4:00PM

↪ The Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe is a vital mission of Lacey UMC.
Volunteers are needed to help extend the hours of operation.

Dinner with the Pastor: April 19th at 6PM
at Kristy's, Waretown. Everyone is welcome!

Opportunities to Grow in Faith

Bible Study: Mondays at 9:00AM in the Connolly Center

Prayer Lab: Wednesdays at 6:00PM in the Sanctuary

*Disciple Bible Study: Thursdays at 6:00PM and
Sundays at 1:00PM*

Please contact Pastor Jonathan or the LUMC Office for more info.

Praise Team Practice – Tuesdays at 6PM

Christine Urban will be leading our Praise Team through Easter!
Please contact Christine at 609-693-6853 for more info.

County Support Services at LUMC

Tues., March 26th 9:30AM-1:30PM: OC Board of Social Services will be in Fellowship Hall to provide info. about their services.

Thurs., April 6th 11AM-1PM: OC Board of Health will be holding a vaccine and information clinic in Fellowship Hall.

Upcoming Meetings

Trustees: March 18th at 5:30PM

Church Council: March 18th beginning at approx. 6:30PM

Sisters-In-Faith: Tuesday, April 2nd at 6PM

Fundraising: Monday, April 8th at 6PM in Fellowship Hall

2024 Holy Week Schedule

March 24 – Palm Sunday

March 28 – Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00PM

March 29 – Good Friday Stations of the Cross 12:00PM-3:00PM
Good Friday Worship at FR Presbyterian 7:00PM

March 31 – Easter Sunrise Service 6:30AM at **Meadowlark Beach**
Easter Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary 9:00AM

Undies for Easter

Each inmate arriving into the Philadelphia Prison System is given ONE pair of underpants and no undershirts.

This campaign will focus on providing briefs and undershirts to prisoners in the Eastern PA prison system. Interested in donating?

Items must be purchased by March 24th using this Amazon registry:

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gi/guest-view/2JOXBF3YI3MU1>

Paintings with a Purpose: Art Auction to Benefit the Mt. Zion Celebrating the Works of John M DiCesare

Friday, April 12 6:00PM to 8:00PM

Lacey Twsp. Community Center, 15 East Lacey Road, FR
\$25 pp includes buffet dinner. Tickets available at the Office!

Save the Date

April 6: "Egg"cellent Hunt

April 14: Blessing of the Vehicles

May 11: Car Show

