

<>< *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; 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 ~ Sally McErlean Family; Jayson Cugliari Family; Don Reppert Family; Daniel Watkins Family; Kevin McGrath Family.

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ 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 Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen; Hawaii, Idaho; 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

January 14, 2024



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Music Director: Dawn Slate
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 **Sanctuary** **FWS 2164**

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn** **Amazing Grace** **UMH 378**

***Call to Worship**

God's glory is pouring forth from the heavens.

Earth below receives the good news with great joy.

The promise is sure and true, that Jesus has come to show us the best ways to serve God. **By serving and caring for others, we truly serve God.** Come, let us prepare ourselves for joyful service.

Lord, make us ready for great service in your name. Amen.

Young Disciples' Time

Prayer for Illumination

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Hebrew Scripture Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Message: Rebuild: "Rebuilding with Nehemiah"

***Hymn** **Holy Ground** **FWS 2272**

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

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Anthem: Everlasting God W&S 3021

***Doxology** **UMH 95**

***Prayer of Dedication**

God who created us, as we gather to worship you, we are conscious that we are all one body in Christ. When one part of the body is hurting, the whole body is wounded; when healing happens, the whole body is blessed. May our giving this morning bring love to the parts of Christ's body that are feeling unloved and forgotten; and may it bring justice and mercy to those parts that are oppressed and burdened. In our giving, may we find the joy of blessing the whole body of Christ. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn **Holy, Holy, Holy** **UMH 64**

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

Ever present One, you call us to be your presence, your body in this world, **but too often we get caught up in being a hand or a foot, and lose sight of the overarching mission you set before us.** We fracture into pieces. We go our separate ways, forgetting we need each other to be whole. **You have given us your law to be our guide, but we turn our backs on what we see as rules and restrictions, fearful that we will not live up to your expectations.** Help us see with new eyes, and hear with the ears of our heart, the liberating spirit of the law that strengthens and revives and enables us to be and do all you call us to be and do. **O God of liberation and justice, help us be faithful witnesses to your law of love and unity. Amen.**

A Time of Silent Confession and Reflection

The 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

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** **Have Thine Own Way Lord** **UMH 382**

Benediction

***Postlude** **Cornerstone**

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.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Statistics December 31, 2023 (Love Feast):

Offerings: \$562.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,218.61
Plate: \$146.00 Discretionary: \$20.00

Statistics January 7, 2024:

Attendance ~ 36 in-person; 29 via YouTube
Offerings: \$1,555.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,378.18 Plate: \$42.00
Discretionary: \$278.00 Building Improvements (EDA Grant): \$5,852.50
Donation to Mt. Zion: \$150.00 NA/AA Rent: \$100.00
Bay Shore Rent: \$1,311.27 Joy of Angels Deposit: \$804.15

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.

Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...shelf-stable milk and juice!
Drop off at the LUMC office during the week or after worship.

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.

Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe

Normal 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 – 4:00PM

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.

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
January 21st – Genesis 33:22-31*

Choral/Organ Concert – 4PM on February 4th
at Christ Episcopal Church, 415 Washington St., Toms River
Sacred Music | Brass Ensemble | Choir
Presented by American Guild of Organists. Free-will offering.

Offering Envelopes for 2024 are available!
The envelopes are on the table as you walk into the Sanctuary.
Don't have an envelope number yet? No problem!
Available numbers are highlighted in yellow on the sign-up sheet – simply write your name on the corresponding line and take a box to start using this week!
Please remember to write you envelope number on the front each week to ensure we record your giving correctly!

Upcoming Meetings

Sp. Ch. Council Meeting: Sunday, January 21st at 10:45 AM
Fundraising: Monday, February 12th at 6PM
Trustees: February 19th at 5:30PM
Church Council: February 19th beginning at 6:30PM

Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: February 12th at 9:30 AM
at Lacey Perkins. Everyone is welcome!

☞☞ **Membership Class – Starting Soon!!!** ☞☞
Please contact Pastor Jonathan at 845-893-9157 if you would like to join the LUMC family!

Visioning Retreat – Saturday, January 20th
Members of Church Council are encouraged to attend.
More details to follow...

Join our media team!!! The media team coordinates the live stream, sound, and video screen presentation during worship.
☞☞ Contact Steven at 732-300-1956 to learn more!! ☞☞

"Friends in Faith" invite you to see **Rabbit Hole** at OCC's Grunin Center for the Arts on **Feb. 23rd at 7:30PM!**
Tickets are \$12 for seniors and \$15 for adults. Deadline to purchase is January 17th. **ALL** are welcome and invited.
Please visit grunincenter.org for more info. about the play.
Contact Diane Collins at 609-618-7346 to order tickets!

