# <> 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; Michael Claus; Paul Olsen; 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.

<u>Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer</u> ~ For the birth of Jarrett Emmanuel Chen Stapleton! Thanks be to God for answered prayer!

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

<u>For Greater NJ Annual Conference</u> ~ 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 Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Western Sahara, Tunisia; Illinois, Indiana; 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.





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Music Director: Dawn Slate Special Music: Betty Carhart
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!

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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 and Announcements**

\*Hymn Spirit of the Living God UMH 393

#### \*Call to Worship

In Jesus Christ, there is a new creation.

Everything old has passed away. Everything has become new.

This newness is from God, who has reconciled us through Jesus Christ.

Rejoice and be glad! Everything has become new.

#### Young Disciples' Time

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

O God, teach us the way that we should go; counsel us in the ways of life. We wait upon your teaching and counsel, for we are lost without it. Amen.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Message: Rebuild: "Rebuilding with Jesus"

\*Hymn Lord, I Want to Be a Christian UMH 402

\*Affirmation of Faith UMH 882

### **Pastoral Prayer**

## Offering

Anthem: Special Music Offered by Betty Carhart

\*Doxology UMH 95

### \*Prayer of Dedication

Long-suffering God, we hear the words of the familiar parable and, at different times, see ourselves as either son. We have received—or demanded—blessings to which we were not entitled and squandered them in self-indulgent living. We have also looked out from our place of superiority and favor and have been indignant over your lavish dispensing of love and mercy. As we bring our gifts this day, we do so in the humble gratitude and recognition that any and all blessings in our life come as your gift of grace. We pray in the name of your greatest gift, Jesus our redeemer. Amen.

#### The Invitation

### **Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, when we wander to distant places, you watch the road to greet us when we finally come home. Whenever we are far from you, remind us that we are your beloved children, the longing of your heart, and give us the strength and courage to return to your open arms. When we have sinned against heaven and before you, forgive us, for we are coming home! 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 Gift of Love UMH 408

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.

# FINANCIAL STATISTICS Statistics January 21, 2024:

Attendance ~ 48 in-person; 25 via YouTube
Offerings: \$1,160.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,253.65 Plate: \$101.00
Hospitality: \$28.00 NA/AA Rent: \$50.00 Food Pantry: \$500.00
Discretionary: \$330.00 Joy of Angels Deposit: \$1,411.19

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.

TODAY — Pancake Breakfast to benefit Cub Scouts Pack 156
Beginning at 10AM at St. Pius X, Forked River.
\$10 cash pp at the door. \$40 maximum per family.

# 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.

# Holy Grounds Coffee Hour - Today after Worship

Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for February 4<sup>th</sup> – 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Praise Team Practice – Starting Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> - Tues. at 6PM Christine Urban will be leading our Praise Team through Easter! Interested in joining Praise Team? No prior experience necessary; all you need is a desire to sing! Please contact Christine at 609-693-6853 for more info.

Choral/Organ Concert – 4:30PM on February 4<sup>th</sup> 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 your number on the front of the envelope to ensure your giving is recorded!

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Fundraising: Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 6PM Trustees: February 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM Church Council: February 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30PM

# WHITE ELEPHANT Gift Exchange Sunday, February 11th 11:30am in Fellowship Hall

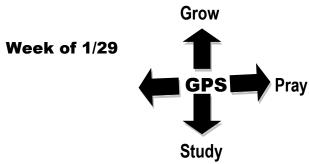
All you need to bring is a wrapped gift to exchange (valued up to \$10), a smile, and a sense of humor! Everyone is welcome!

© Re-gifting is strongly encouraged. ©

Contact Dawn Marie Kuch or the LUMC Office for more information

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

"Friends in Faith" invite you to see *Rabbit Hole* at OCC's Grunin Center for the Arts on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30PM! Tickets are \$15 for seniors and \$18 for adults. Deadline to purchase is January 17<sup>th</sup>. 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!



Study
Monday- Luke 15: 1-7 Why do you think there is more joy in heaven over a sinner that repents then 99 righteous people that have no need to change?
Tuesday- Luke 15: 8-10 What is a time you have experienced great joy finding something that you lost? Reflect on the joy in heaven when God found you?
Wednesday- Luke 15:11-32 Which character in the parable do you relate to most? Why?
Thursday- Luke 15:11-32  Have you ever struggled to forgive someone? Were to finally able to forgive them? What helped you to forgive?

# Friday- Luke 15:11-32

Why do you think Jesus placed forgiveness at the heart of his teachings?
Saturday- Luke 15:11-32  If there is someone you need to forgive, write a prayer for the strength to help you forgive them.
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