

 *Lacey United Methodist Church*
March 15, 2026

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

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Tyler; Deb & Rick Waddell; Dale & Paul Stuckey; Wayne Kellstrom; Bill J. Romano; Robert & Mary Cicale; Peggy Rafuse; Chip & Bonnie Marshall; Laura & Tim McDonald; Robert Rockafellow; Joan McGavin; Lisa Smith; Sue Smith; Samantha Maida; Sue Bolanwski; Irene; Lorraine & Robert Soehl; Cynthia Pedemonti; Dave C.; Luke Denning; Jaden Maggio; Alease & Ken King; Donna Craft; Annabelle Littlefield; Doug Hopkinson; Sharon Callaghan; Tom C; Neil Barnett; Dan; Jaime; Susan Smith; Hannah Maloney; Eddie Grant; John R.; Phyllis Smith; Louis Potter; Dottie Connolly; Sheryl Lutgen; Lois Pozsar; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Andrea Almeida; Frank & Mary Timmerman; Peg Bea; Lorraine, Katrina & Peter Borchester; our whole Church Family.

For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss ~ Family of Linda Papetti; Family of Joe McGuigan; Family of Brian Callaghan.

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ For the birth of Alice Nicole Krauss - parents Matthew and Victoria and grandmother Leah Kern! Thanks be to God for answered prayer!

For Those Serving in the Military ~ Peter Borchester; Jordyn Breur; 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 Cynthia Moore-Koikoi; DS Rev. Ronell Howard; Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas ~ People of Denmark, Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden; Florida, Georgia; Lacey Township Committee, Leaders & First Responders; Senators; Congressmen and leaders of our United States of America; Uniting of all American political parties; President Donald Trump & Vice President JD Vance; Gov. Sherrill; Praying an outpouring of God's spiritual renewal and healing of all the people of America.



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Head Ushers: Deb & Rick Waddell
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Lacey UMC is called to teach, serve, and love individuals so they will follow Jesus Christ and help us transform the world.
Teach. Serve. Love.

Welcome in the Name of Jesus Christ to All Visitors, Members, Family and Friends!

** Please feel free to rise in body or spirit*

Prelude and Welcome

*Hymn *Welcome* *W&S 3152*

*Call to Worship

Every sense is bombarded daily with the sound of hurtful words and the touch of polluted air and water. **God's Spirit cleanses us with every breath we take as we breathe out our praise.**

Every sense is bombarded daily, with the taste of food that does not satisfy and the whiff of corruption. **God's Spirit cleanses us with every breath we take as we breathe out our praise.**

Every sense is bombarded daily with sights that disturb and distract. **God's Spirit cleanses us with every breath we take as we breathe out our praise.**

Let us praise our maker while we have breath.

Young Disciples' Time

Prayer of Illumination

Even in the midst of tragedy and loss, God is at work, preserving a remnant. **Even in the midst of insult and injury, God is at work, healing the needy.**

Even in the midst of abandonment and rejection, God is at work, saving the faithful. **God challenges us to look beyond our differences and embrace what we have in common.**

God's grace unites us in a fellowship of love.

Thanks be to God! Amen

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 15:21-28

Message: Jesus Said What?: "The Dogs"

*Hymn *Seek Ye First* *UMH 405*

*Affirmation of Faith *UMH 886*

Announcements

The Prayers of the People

Offering

Anthem: The Lord Is My Salvation

*Doxology *UMH 95*

*Prayer of Dedication

God of love and mercy, we give you thanks that the compassion of Christ was challenged to move beyond the people of one community. May it be a reminder to us, his disciples, to follow this example in our living and our giving. Help us to see beyond our walls, beyond our communities, and across the divides of nation, race and creed, and to be generous as we share our blessings that have their source in you, God of us all. We pray in the name of our rock and redeemer; in Christ, we pray, Amen.

Communion Hymn One Bread, One Body UMH 620

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

When we try to go it on our own lacking faith in divine providence, **Lord have mercy.** *Time for personal reflection and confession.*

When we have not recognized God at work in the faith of others, **Christ have mercy.** *Time for personal reflection and confession.*

In all that we have done and all that we have left undone, **Lord have mercy.** *Time for personal reflection and confession.*

A Time of Silent Confession and Reflection

The Assurance of Pardon

God calls each of us by name and cries out with tears of joy as we recognize God in our admission of need. **Praise be to God who welcomes us as we are, challenges us to let go of our guilt and provides a way for us to walk on together. Amen.**

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

The Reception

Prayer of Gratitude

*Hymn *Pass It On (vs. 1,3)* *UMH 572*

Benediction and *Postlude

Mission Statement: Lacey UMC is committed to creating inspiring worship, enriching teaching, and hands on service opportunities so that individuals become passionate followers of Jesus Christ.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Statistics for March 8: Attendance ~ 50 in-person; 29 via YouTube
Offerings: \$1,305.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,267.32
Plate: \$53.00 Hope Chest Food Pantry: \$50.00 Book Study: \$50.00
Donation from VetWork: \$900.00 Discretionary: \$417.00
Joy of Angels Deposit: \$1,779.40

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.

WAYS TO GIVE



ONLINE

Visit our website laceyumc.org or click the link below to set up electronic giving.



IN PERSON

VIA TITHING
ENVELOPE
cash/check



MOBILE GIVING

Donate to Lacey UMC by using the venmo app on your tablet or phone.

Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe

Normal Hours of Operation:

Tuesday: 10:00AM – 4:00PM 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 work during the hours of operation. Contact Maddie Stapleton or Laura McDonald to learn more!!!**

NexTrex Recycling Program is back!!!

When we collect more than 1,000 pounds of soft film plastics (NO CLAMSHELL/CLEAR PLASTIC CONTAINERS) in a 12-month span, we will be awarded a Trex® furniture bench for our Prayer Garden! Questions? Contact Laura McDonald at 609-276-0702.

Breakfast with the Pastor: April 13th at 9:30 AM

Location: Kristy's, Waretown. Everyone is welcome!

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
Sunday, March 22 – Matthew 25:14-30*

*The flowers that grace our Altar today are given in Glory to God;
And for the Irish and those who wish to be!*

Easter flowers are now on sale! Order forms are available.

TODAY is the deadline to place your order!!!
Please see Laura McDonald after worship to place your order!

♪♪ **Praise Team Practice – Wednesdays at 5:30 PM** ♪♪
No prior experience necessary...all you need is a desire to sing!

Opportunities to Grow in Faith
Sunday Bible Study: Following Worship in Fellowship Hall
Bible Study: Thurs. at 6:30PM - Connolly Center Conf. Room
Please contact Pastor Jonathan for more info.

↪↪ **Membership Class is forming!!!** ↪↪
Please contact Pastor Jonathan at 845-893-9157 if you would like to join the LUMC family!

Pot Luck Dinner and Trivia
Tuesday, March 17 at 6PM in Fellowship Hall.
Join us for a night of food, fellowship, and trivia!

County Support Services at LUMC
March 24th 10AM-1PM: Board of Social Services will be in Fellowship Hall to provide info. about their services.

Upcoming Meetings
Finance: May 18 at 5:30 PM **Trustees:** March 16 at 5:30PM
Church Council: March 16 following Trustees **Fundraising:** TBD

Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...
*canned pasta/ravioli *soups *snacks
*bottled juices *frozen dinners *frozen pizza
SHALOM Mission Needs paper towels – thank you!



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