

LUMC'S COMMUNITY REVELATIONS

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Lacey United Methodist Church

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Pastor: Linda Applegate

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Pianist-Choir Director: Dawn Slate

Chimes Director: Bill Applegate

Facility Maintenance – Grounds: Mike Orlick

Trustee Chair: Bill Jones

Church Council Chair: Rich Rosfjord

Staff Parish Team Chair: Rose Coram

Children-Youth Education: Sue Newman

Finance Chair: Steven Michalkowski

Head Counter: Becky Buglione

Thrift Shoppe: Elaine Brandt

Mission: Donna Jones

Outreach: Kenny Pitman

Worship: Dawn Marie Kuch

Hospitality Kitchen: Bill Buglione

Hot Lunch Mission: Roseann DePasquale & Ed Weisbrot

Summer Lunch Mission: Sherry Exel & Gail Matuska

BIBLE VERSES FOR LENT

Joel 2: 12 - 14: *Yet even, now, says the Lord, turn back to me wholeheartedly with fasting, weeping, and mourning. Rend your hearts and not your garments, and turn back to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, long-suffering and ever constant, ready always to relent when he threatens disaster. It may be he will turn back and relent and leave a blessing behind him, blessing enough for grain-offerings and drink-offerings to be presented to the Lord your God.*

Matthew 6: 16 – 18: *So too when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites: they make their faces unsightly so that everybody may see that they are fasting. Truly I tell you: they have their reward already. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that no one sees that you are fasting, but only your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will give you your reward.*

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TAMIYA MINI 4WD RACING RETURNS!!!

Saturday, April 4: 10:00AM – 2:00PM

Doors open at 9:00AM – LUMC Youth Group Fundraiser

\$8.00 per car per category

2 categories = \$15.00 / 3 categories = \$20.00

Box stock (all ages) / Tuned (all ages) / Jr. (14 and under)

3 lane track will be used.

Prizes will be rewarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

You can pre-purchase a car through us for \$20.00.

Cars will be available for purchase on day of event.

You can also purchase cars on your own before day of event.

Cars do not come assembled!!!

Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Contacts for more info:

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST & EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 11

9:00AM Breakfast / 10:00AM Easter Egg Hunt

Bring your camera for pictures with the Easter Bunny.

RSVP to the LUMC Office at (609) 693 – 5222 or laceyumcnj@gmail.com.



Safe Sanctuaries, Outside Groups & Local Church Liability

Churches in Greater New Jersey are required to protect children and other vulnerable persons from abuse. Two primary ways we ensure this protection is by requiring all congregations to enact the Safe Sanctuaries program and create written usage agreements with all outside groups, including those that are chartered or sponsored by the congregation. Information about Safe Sanctuaries and the steps to become compliant can be found in the resource area of both the GNJ website (www.gnjumc.org) and the NextGen website (www.gnjnextgen.org).

Outside groups who use the church building or are chartered or sponsored by the congregation must also have applicable policies in place. Tiffany Lupo, GNJ's Account Manager at Sovereign Insurance Group advises, "Each church must have written usage agreements including indemnification, hold harmless, waiver of subrogation, minimum limits of insurance, primary and non-contributing wording, certificate naming the church as an additional insured and policy endorsements that show the church is an additional insured."

The news of the recent bankruptcy filing of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) have many congregations asking questions. BSA have their own policies in place to protect youth. BSA does background checks on volunteers every two years at minimum and requires each participant to be certified every two years as trained with testing in their constantly updated Youth Protection Program. In addition, Lupo reports that the usage agreement provides coverage for the church under the BSA insurance policy.

All congregations who charter, sponsor or host an outside organization are encouraged to review the Safe Sanctuary Policy and usage agreements. If you have additional questions about a specific situation in the church with regard to outside groups and insurance agreements, please contact Sovereign Insurance Senior Account Manager Tiffany Lupo at 610 – 535 – 6800 x3389 or tiffanyl@sovinsurance.com.

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DRAMA CLUB NOTES

*** The LUMC Drama Club will be performing "Shell Of My Self" at the Holy Thursday service on April 9. ***

***** Members of the LUMC Drama Club will be performing at "Celebration of the Centuries" at Murray Grove on Saturday, April 4. They will be repeating a very short play about Potter and Murray. *****

***** There will be no Drama Club session on Tuesday, March 17. *****

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EXCERPTS FROM BISHOP SCHOL'S RECENT MESSAGE

The writing of a new Book of Discipline, *The Connection: the Life and Order of The United Methodist Church*, began last August when there was a concern for the renewal of the life, mission and polity of The United Methodist Church. The catalyst for the project was a recognition by leaders, both clergy and lay, from across the church that our form of government was not working and enhances conflict rather than helps the church move forward by honoring different cultures, contexts and understandings. There was also the belief that the church needed renewal, that we were losing what is core to United Methodism, our Wesleyan Path.

The General and Jurisdictional delegates from GNJ, after prayerful and thoughtful conversation, indicated they could not support a called special session to move the project forward at this time for the following reasons:

1. Members of the delegation disagreed with aspects of *The Connection*.
2. The delegation did not believe there was enough input from others.
3. *The Connection* would potentially create confusion in light of the release of the protocol proposal during the first week of January.

In light of the delegation's concerns, the cabinet decided that Psalm 27:14 was the appropriate path forward and rescinded its call for a special session of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference to review and vote on a proposed new Book of Discipline for the denomination. You can find the work done to date at www.theumconnection.org. I ask for your continued prayers for The United Methodist Church. I believe God will see us through this time.

Keep the faith!
Bishop John Schol
United Methodists of Greater New Jersey

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

6:00PM at America's Keswick, 601 County Road 530, Whiting, NJ

Thursday, March 12: Guest Speaker: Pastor Mike Woods, NJ National Guard

Contact Bill Jones at (609) 276 - 7467 for more info.

LADIES LUNCHEON

Wednesday, March 11: 10:00AM at America's Keswick

Contact Donna Jones at (609) 276 – 7383 for more info.

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

Friday, March 6: 6:30PM – SNAKE NIGHT! (Learn all about snakes.)

Friday, March 13: 7:00PM – FAMILY SWIM NIGHT AT KESWICK!

Friday, March 20: 6:30PM - MAKE YOUR OWN PIZZA NIGHT!

Saturday, March 21: 9:00AM – 11:00AM – RISE AGAINST HUNGER!

at Scullville Volunteer Fire Company Station

Friday, March 27: 6:30PM – CRAFT NIGHT!



“PI DAY” ICE CREAM PARTY

2PM: Hosted by the LUMC Sunday School Team.

RSVP to LUMC Office at (609) 693 – 5222.



LUMC HELD SCOUT BADGE PRESENTATION AT FEBRUARY 9TH WORSHIP SERVICE



“BOUNTY OF THE BAY” IS BACK!

Tuesday, April 28: 6:00PM – 8:00PM

Tickets (\$20.00 / adults & \$5.00 / kids 10 and under) are being sold in advance only!

The event sold out last year, so buy your tickets early by visiting LUMC Office!

Big Barlow's BBQ & Catering (last year's winner) & Chinese Gourmet are already signed up!

***“I know that
the cross has
brought
heaven to us
But make no
mistake,
there’s still
more to
come”
MercyMe***

JONATHAN CAMPBELL HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO LACEY UMC



Jonathan Campbell serves as the pastor of Old First UMC in West Long Branch. He previously worked as Operations Director at CUMAC – ECHO, a large feeding and ministry center, in Paterson. He serves the GNJAC as the Peace with Justice Coordinator. He is also the co-chair of the United Methodist Association of Ministers with Disabilities. Jonathan believes the church is called to reclaim the model of ministry found in Acts 2, by devoting ourselves to God, prayer, Scripture,

Holy Communion, and serving others. He is blessed to be the father of three amazing young men, Jeremiah (16), Nathan (13), and Christopher (11).

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*Send all submissions to LUMC Revelations to
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