

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

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

**For God's Healing & Discernment** ~ Jackie Swomiak; Tyler; Deb & Rick Waddell; Dale & Paul Stuckey; Wayne Kellstrom; Bill J. Romano; 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 Robert Cicale; Family of Linda Papetti; Family of Joe McGuiggan.

**Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer** ~ 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 The Balkans - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia; Iowa, Kansas; 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.

*Lacey United Methodist Church Easter Sunday ~ April 5, 2026*

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

*Liturgist: Sally Potter Guest Musician: Melissa Van Koppen*

*\* Please feel free to rise in body or spirit. All Music Used with Permission – CCLI#2274807*

*Prelude and Welcome*

*Hymn Christ the Lord is Risen Today (vs. 1-4) UMH 302*

*\*Call to Worship*

The tomb is dark, but empty

**The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness**

The stone has been rolled away

**The one you are looking for has overcome death**

The burial clothes are put aside

**The one you are looking for is alive!**

Christ is Risen!

**Christ is Risen Indeed! Let us worship our Risen Savior!**

*Young Disciples' Time*

*Prayer of Illumination*

This is the day that the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

This is the life that our God has brought.

**Let us sing out and be glad in it.**

This is the light that our savior shines forth.

**Let us give thanks and be glad in it.**

This is the love that has conquered the grave.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Gospel Lesson: Mark 16:1-8*

*Message: "The End of the Story?"*

*\*Hymn Up from the Grave He Arose UMH 322*

*\*Affirmation of Faith UMH 882*

*Announcements*

*The Prayers of the People*

*Offering*

*Anthem*

*\*Doxology UMH 95*

*\*Prayer of Dedication*

**God of the victory of life over death; on this glorious Easter Sunday we rejoice in the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Just as the women encountered the empty tomb and the angelic message of new life, we too encounter the living Christ in our hearts and lives. As we come to present our tithes and offerings, may they be an affirmation of our search for the risen Christ, the one who challenges us to see beyond our own expectations. Bless our giving and help us discover the transformative power of the living Jesus in our lives. In the holy name of our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.**

*Communion Hymn One Bread, One Body UMH 620*

*The Invitation*

*Prayer of Confession*

**Gracious and Patient God, we come before you with so many things which weigh us down. We would like an "easy" faith, one that doesn't cause us to look within ourselves, to identify those many ways in which we have forsaken you. But faith is never easy. It requires our very souls. Forgive us, God, for all those things which we have neglected to do that would have helped someone else to be closer to you. Heal our hearts from the wounds which have been inflicted upon us by the anger and misunderstandings which occur in relationships. Prepare our lives to be of service to you. In silence, we wait. We long for your presence and your healing touch. 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*

*The Reception*

*Prayer of Gratitude*

*\*Hymn He Lives UMH 310*

*Benediction*

*\*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 29:** Attendance ~ 73 in-person; 40 via YouTube  
Offerings: \$7,445.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,178.97  
Plate: \$148.00 NA/AA Rent: \$100.00  
Discretionary: \$170.00 Joy of Angels Deposit: \$2,032.61

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](http://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.

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for  
Sunday, April 12 – John 20:19-31*

Pastoral care coverage during Pastor Jonathan's vacation:  
April 6 to April 15: Rev. Dawn Corlew at 609-338-9711

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

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

**County Support Services at LUMC**  
**April 14<sup>th</sup> 10AM-1PM:** Board of Social Services will be in Fellowship Hall to provide info. about their services.

**Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!**  
Apr 12 – Blessing of the Cars/Spring Dust-Off (weather permitting)  
May 9 – Car Show (rain date: May 16)  
Volunteer opportunities available - sign-up today!

**Women's Ministry** will have gather for dinner at 5:30PM on Wed., April 22<sup>nd</sup> at IHOP, Forked River. Please contact Dawn Kuch for more info. at 732-232-7270.

**Annual Conference “Diaper Drive”**  
Let's send Pastor Jonathan and Helen to Annual Conference with an abundance of diapers for the diaper drive.  
**Collecting until May 17<sup>th</sup>!!!**

We will be celebrating the baptism of  
*Asher Hogrebe-Gregg & Alexander Gregg* April 19<sup>th</sup> and  
*Avery McDonald & Raelynn Waszkiewicz*  
on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Breakfast with the Pastor: April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM**  
Location: Kristy's, Waretown. Everyone is welcome!

**Upcoming Meetings**  
**Finance:** May 11 at 5:30 PM **Trustees:** May 4 at 5:30PM  
**Church Council:** May 11 following Finance **Fundraising:** TBD

