

<>< *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; Rich Rosfjord; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Sara Carpini; Ronnie Sadowski; Nancy & Rev. George Reid; Dorothy Cochran; Andrea Almeida; Betty Carty; Cindy Kuch; Linda & John Ansbach; Bill Wehner; Rich C.; Connie I; Chris Mignone; Denise Applegate; Randy M.; Michelle Reyes; 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; Sally & Don McErean; Pat Grant; our whole Church Family.

**For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss** ~ Virginia Schoeneberg Family; Deb Burnette Family; Dory Peck Family; Kim Hoffman Family; Rita Peters Family; Wright Family.

**Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer** ~ Thanks be to God for answered prayer!

**For Those Serving in the Military** ~ Peter Borchester; Jordyn Breur; Kevin Carhart; Luke Derflinger; Randall D. Donithan; 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.

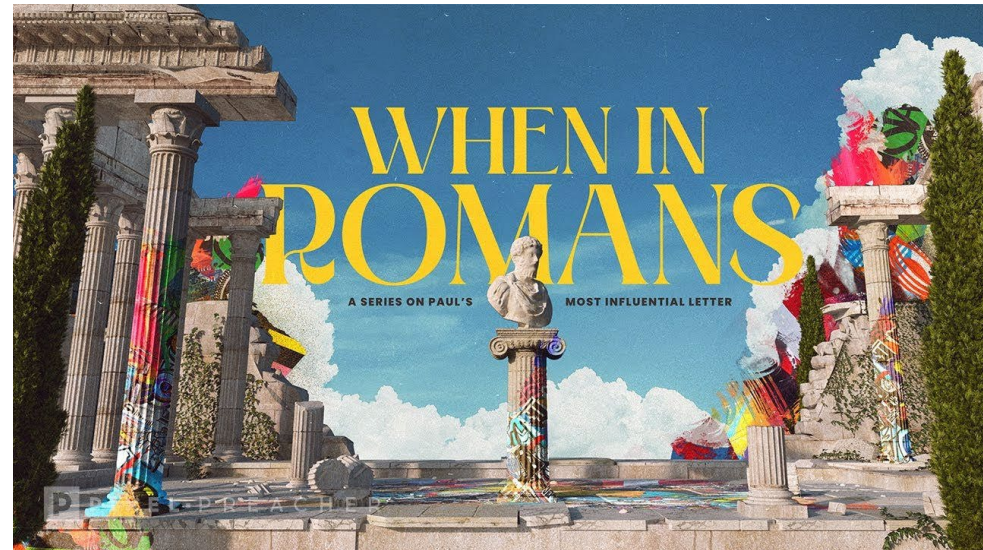
**For Greater NJ Annual Conference** ~ Bishop John & Beverly Schol; DS Rev. Ronell Howard; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

**World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas** ~ People of Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger; Maine, Maryland; 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, NJ Officials working to end CoVid19; Praying an outpouring of God's spiritual renewal and healing of all the people of America.



*Lacey United Methodist Church*

*August 13, 2023*



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Head of the Church ~ Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God

Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Sally Potter

Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Dominic Gregoria

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

### \*Call to Worship

Pilgrims on the way, when we feel lost and ask for a sign to show us the way out of our confusion, **we remember that when we gather to worship, we find God in our midst.** When we face obstacles and barriers that keep us from the life God has called us to, **we remember that God is always at work among us, protecting and tending our well-being.** When cannot find our way out of conflict and discord, **we remember that God calls and equips us for the work of reconciliation.** When we struggle to pay attention to how God is at work all around us, **we remember God's call to sit, eat, and tell one another the stories of God's faithfulness.** Pilgrims on the way, when we watch for signs of God among us, **let us remember that we too are signs of God's presence for others! Amen.**

### Young Disciples' Time

#### Prayer for Illumination

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### New Testament Lesson: Romans 13:8-14

#### Message: "The Law = Love"

\*Hymn ***The Gift of Love*** UMH 408

\*Affirmation of Faith UMH 887

#### Pastoral Prayer

#### Offering

***Anthem: Blest Be the Tie That Binds***

\*Doxology UMH 95

#### Prayer of Dedication

God of love and compassion, we ask you to dedicate the tithes and offerings we bring to worship. We do this in the hope that you will do more with them than we could ever do on our own to heal the brokenness and division in our world. Remind us that the work of reconciliation does not get removed from our list because we put something in the offering and that mission field is within our arms' reach. This we pray in the redeemer's holy name, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Hymn ***Just As I Am*** UMH 357

## The Invitation

### Prayer of Confession

Forgiving and loving God, our hearts are filled today with pain and concern for the future of humankind. Words of anger assail our airways — we cannot escape from the threats being thrown about. In our fear, we cry "Where are you, O Lord?" We wander around in the darkness of the spirit, seeking light and hope. Forgive us when we forget that you are always with us, through times of peace and times of war. Heal our souls. Help us to reach out to others with the assurance of your love and presence, for we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

### A Time of Silent Confession and Reflection

#### Assurance of Pardon

God hears our prayers and our cries. God leads us out of the darkness of the past into the bright promise of today. We are called to stand strong and confident in God's Love. Rejoice, dear friends, for that love which began before creation flows in and through you this day! 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

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 ***They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love***

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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 for the week of August 6, 2023:**

**Attendance ~ 34 in-person; 26 via YouTube**

Offerings: \$704.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,373.16

Plate: \$116.00 Hospitality: \$13.00 NA/AA Rent: \$50.00

Summer Lunch Program: \$100.00 Discretionary: \$194.00

Sight & Sound: \$175.00 Facebook Donation: \$11.00

Weekly Deposit from Joy of Angels: \$1,542.62

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 rear table as you exit is for giving to the Pastor's discretionary fund which enables us to directly help members of our community who are in need.**

*Pastoral care for this week:*

Aug. 14-17: Rev. Dawn Corlew 609-338-9711

Aug. 18-21: Rev. Paul Quevedo 516-458-9699

**Electronic Giving is Here!** Follow these easy steps:

1) Visit our website at [laceyumc.org](http://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



### **ShopRite Gift Card Fundraiser**

ShopRite makes a \$50 donation to LUMC for every \$1,000 we sell in ShopRite gift cards! Cards are available through the LUMC Office. All you have to do is buy cards through LUMC and shop at ShopRite!

*Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe*

**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 – 1:00PM

**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  
August 20 – Psalm 63*

*Bible Study: Wednesdays at 6:45pm.*

☼ **Summer Lunch Program for Lacey's Kids** ☼

We are collecting **kid-friendly soup** to be distributed to participants. Drop off to Judy Mihalkovitz on Sundays or to the LUMC Office during the week.

We're also accepting donations of reusable shopping bags!

**Bake Sale at the Lacey Farmers' Market**

**When: Friday, August 18**

Bakers and volunteers needed to help make the bake sales a huge success! Please contact Debbie at 732-966-4632 to sign-up as a baker and/or booth volunteer. Thank you!!!

**Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM**

at Lacey Perkins. Everyone is welcome!

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Fundraising Team: Monday, Aug. 14 at 6PM

Trustees/Church Council: Mon., Aug. 21 beginning at 5:30PM

Friends In Faith (women group): Tuesday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM

**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!!

*Save the Date for These Upcoming Events*

**Sept. 30:** Lacey Day at Gille Park

**October 3:** Bounty of the Bay (restaurant tasting event!)

**October 21:** Car & Truck Show

**This Fall:** Drama Club

**November 18:** Harvest Fest

*Details to follow...*

**Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...bottled juice & snacks!**

Items can be dropped off at the LUMC office during the week or after worship service on Sundays. Thank you!

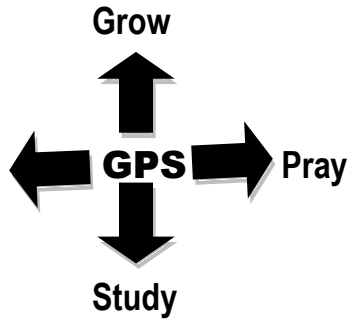


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**LUMC:** Facebook, Instagram, & YouTube

**Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe:** Facebook

**Week of 8/14**



**Monday- Romans 13:1-7**

How hard is it for you to commit to living as a “stranger and immigrant” in this world, with your choices (even political ones) ultimately driven by “otherworldly” values?

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**Tuesday- Romans 13:1-7**

How highly do you value your citizenship in God’s kingdom?

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**Wednesday- Romans 13:8-14**

How might ugly “religious” acts in history (e.g., the Salem witch trials, the Inquisition) have been different if Christians had always remembered that “love is what fulfills the Law”? How can you stand for truths that matter to you without acting unlovingly toward those who disagree?

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**Thursday- Romans 13:8-14**

What attitudes and actions bring peace and build up other people in your neighborhood (or your church or workplace)? Are some of those attitudes and actions practically second nature for you? Identify one or two which do not come so naturally, but in which you would truly like to grow.

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**Friday- Romans 14:1-12**

John Wesley, said in a famous sermon, “Though a difference in opinions or modes of worship may prevent an entire external union, yet need it prevent our union in affection? Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without doubt, we may.” Based on today’s reading, do you believe Paul agreed?

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**Saturday- Romans 14:13-23**

How can you use your God-given freedom in ways that bless others, not just to enhance your own life?

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