

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Covid sufferers & Care Givers; Nancy Reid; Betty Carty; Cindy Kuch; Ted R.; Linda & John Ansbach; Bill Wehner; Rich C.; Connie I; Chris Mignone; Denise Applegate; Randy M.; Michelle Reyes; Albert Fogliani; Kenshin; Diane S.; Lois; Sue & Rich Newman; Dawn Slate; Jonathan Murphy; Sophia D.; Michael Potter; Louis Potter; Billy Potter; Laurel Helle; Donna; Gail Matuska; Monika & Fred Sisbarro; Gesine Klein; Marilyn Slate; Dawn McLeod; Melissa; Harper & Rachel; Freddy; Kevin; Rhoda & Steve; Amy Russell; Brian; Ashley; Carole Reppert; Gwen Lewis; Aubrey; Betty Carhart; Rosalie Mulvaney; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Daniel Huyler; Isabella; Pamela Sutherland; Michael Niejako; Frank & Mary Timmerman; Cynthia Pedemonti; Andrea Schenker; Helen DeLa Cruz; Alicia; Dave H.; Peg Bea; Jonathan Rock; Kyle; Shannon Callaghan; Rachel C.; Louise; Pete & Kathy Jensen; Virginia Schoeneberg; George Reid; Will Cotton; Carole Exel; Karen; Tom & Mary; Leslie Bivins; Linda & John Ansbach; Patricia Potter; Michael Potter; Sara Carpini; Joseph; Brittney; Diane Collins; Rick & Ashleigh Handchen; Marousis Family; Ike & Joan Icenhower; Susan Schlotter; Colleen Brandt; Joan McGavin; Allyson Cotton; Sally & Trevor Potter; Tommy Britton; Dawn Marie & Stash Kuch; Kyle Kuch; Phyllis Smith; Bill Jones; Bill Hulst; Bill & Becky Buglione; Melody Pryor-Tasco; Lorraine; Katrina & Peter Borchester; Sally & Don McErlean; Pat Grant; Bill Keyworth; Deb Burnette; Shannon, Noel, & Brandon Weaver; our whole Church Family.

For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss ~ Covid19 Victims; Yook Moy Family; Darrell Astwood Family; Prag and Weisbrot families mourn the loss of Sheila Prag; Robert Fisher Family; Andrew Williams 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; Kúrios' Kids; 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.

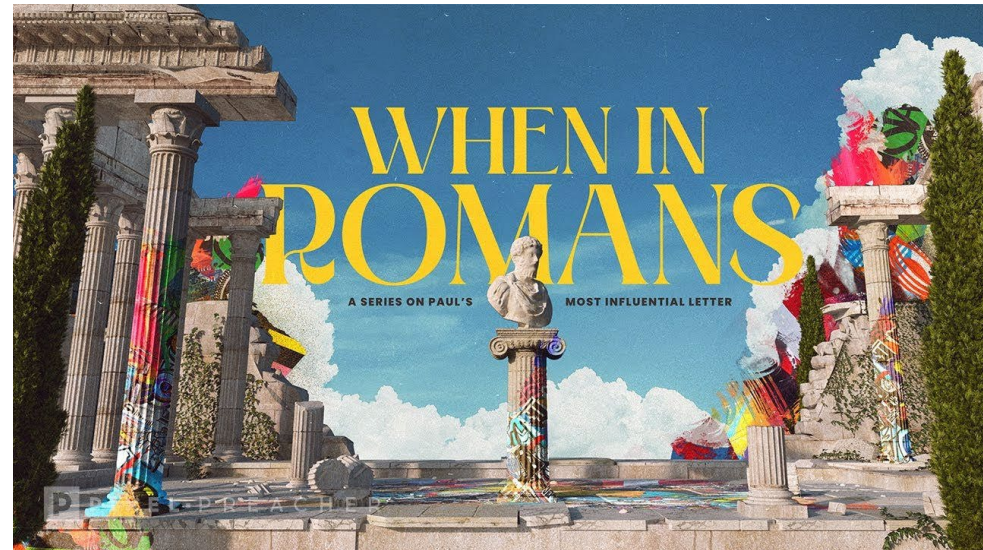
For Greater NJ Annual Conference ~ Bishop John & Beverly Schol; DS Rev. Ronell Howard; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas ~ People of Malawi, Zambia; California, Colorado; 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

June 18, 2023



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

Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Emmett Bivins

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

Junior Head Ushers: Kenshin Frangos & Abby Michalkowski

Thank You to All Who Share Their Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, Witness & Time!

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

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

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn** *Faith of Our Fathers* **UMH 710**

***Call to Worship**

“The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Jacob”.

God has made a new covenant with us in Christ Jesus.

Yet we have turned away, hardened our hearts and spirits.

Lord, help us to change. “I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people”. **But we have failed to be God’s people. We have chosen our own way.** Turn again, says the Lord, through the prophets and through God’s own Son.

Turn us again to you, O Lord, and awaken our spirits to your love and mercy. 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 1:18-25; 2:1-5, 9-11

Message: “The World is a Real Mess”

***Praise Song** *I Give You My Heart*

***Affirmation of Faith** **UMH 887**

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Anthem ~ Who Am I?

***Doxology** **UMH 95**

Prayer of Dedication

**Mighty God, with your powerful arms, hold up your church!
We are struggling through tough times in our churches; we need**

to be renewed again and filled with your power. Reach inside us and open hearts wide that we might give the full measure of our devotion. As you revived the saints who came before us, revive us to go out and welcome the forgotten, heal the sick, speak the words of comfort and hope to the discouraged. In the holy name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Hymn *In Remembrance of Me* **TFWS 2254**

Prayer of Confession

Compassionate Lord, forgive us when we falter on your pathway; when the road ahead seems too uncertain and we are afraid. We admit that following Jesus is not an easy task. Jesus requires us to be willing to make the ultimate commitment of our whole lives and we hesitate and hold back. Draw us back to you, Lord. Give us confidence and courage to face the future with hope. Let us place our trust in you that the message of peace and mercy you have given to us through Jesus Christ may be offered to others through our own witness to your healing mercy. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. Amen.

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Even though the future is clouded; God is with us, guiding, healing, comforting, restoring. Rejoice! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and healed. **Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Lord’s Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread and The Sharing of the Cup

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. **Alleluia.**

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** *How Great Thou Art* **UMH 77**

Benediction and *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.

Children/Youth Events

⇒ **Sunday School** following the Young Disciples Message
⇒ **Drama Club** Wednesdays 5:00-6:30PM

Trustee Meeting: Monday, June 19 at 5:30 PM
Church Council Meeting: Monday, June 19 at 6 PM

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Statistics for the week of June 11, 2023:

Attendance ~ 64 in-person; 19 via YouTube

Offerings: \$1,093.25 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,079.63

Plate: \$88.00 Bayshore Fellowship Rent: \$1,311.27

Summer Lunch Program: \$4,000.00 NA/AA Rent: \$50.00

Baptism: \$150.00 Vetwork Donation: \$1,800.00

Hospitality: \$31.00 Sight & Sound Deposit: \$175.00

Weekly Deposit from Joy of Angels: \$916.00

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!!

Friendly 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.

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



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
June 25 – Romans 3:21-31*

Bible Study Opportunities

✠ Sunday 1:00 PM

✠ Wednesday evenings at 6:45pm.

☀ Summer Lunch Program for Lacey's Kids ☀

We are collecting **kid-friendly soup** and **mac & cheese** 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, June 30

Bakers and volunteers needed to help make the bake sales a huge success! Please contact Judy at 609-290-2150 to sign-up as a baker and/or booth volunteer. Thank you!!!

Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: July 10th at 9:30 AM

at Lacey Perkins. Everyone is welcome!

Friends in Faith Meeting – Aug. 8th (no meeting in July)

6:30PM in Fellowship Hall

Contact Dawn Marie at 732-232-7270 for information.

All women are welcome to join us!

LUMC is going to the ballpark for "Faith and Family Night" on **Thursday, August 3rd** with the **Jersey Shore BlueClaws!!**

\$12 game ticket

\$17 game ticket – includes hotdog, beverage, and ice cream

Contact Joann in the LUMC Office to reserve your tickets!

Sight & Sound Bus Trip – August 2023

Thank you for making this event **SOLD OUT!**

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

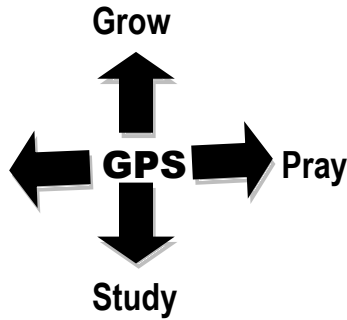
Month of July: Food collection for the Lacey Food Bank

Sept. 9: Car & Truck Show

Sept. 30: Lacey Day at Gille Park

Details to follow...

Week of 6/19



Monday- Romans 1:18-25

In Paul’s training, most people divided the world into two groups: Jews (God’s people) and Greeks (all others). He echoed that in verse 16: “To the Jew first and also to the Greek.” But his central thesis was that the gospel was for “all who have faith in God,” not for any one favored group. Who (if anyone) have you tended to see as exceptionally favored by God?

Tuesday- Romans 1:18-25

What inner comfort levels do you need to stretch to trust and act on Paul’s gospel message?

Wednesday- Romans 1:26-32

What false gods do you have in your life? Think about the “big” false gods: power, pleasure, money, failure to accept personal responsibility.

Thursday- Romans 2:1-16

To be set right with God (“justified”) means, in part, to aim to live like a child of God. Do you resent or welcome the truth that God wants the good news to change your life for the better?

Friday- Romans 2:17-29

When have you seen (or even done) things that are “legal” but not right?

Saturday- Romans 2:1-4

Paul is trying to help his readers realize everyone has sinned, so we should avoid judging others. Write a prayer asking God to bless and strengthen someone you have judged in the past.

Notes:
