

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

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

**For God's Healing & Discernment** ~ Ann; Louis Potter; Bernie Bier; Dottie Connolly; Sherry T.; Jennifer Dolan; Lorraine & Robert Soehl; Kayla Davis; Sheryl Lutgen; Barbara T.; Linda Jenkins; Steven & Nadine Woodward; Victoria Krauss; Carole Exel; Steven Exel; Tiny; Marsha Brandt; Daryl Mafia; Jason Gilman; Paul Rue; Ed Weisbrot; Carole Jansen; Bob Wynn & Denise Vaccaro; Christine Urban; Dale Stucky; Suzy; Steve Woodward; Bob & Pam Marsh; Sadie; Kyle Wilhelm; Nancy & Rev. George Reid; Sally Potter; Danny Huyler; Donna Craft; Diane F.; Michael Claus; Christine Morgan; Joseph Ensinger; Michelle Reyes; Jeff Merceron; Mrs. Nunez; Lois Pozsar; Patrick Jemas; Helen Wooley; Gary; Levi Kern; Rich Rosfjord; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Sara Carpini; Andrea Almeida; Bill Wehner; Rich C.; Chris Mignone; Randy M.; Lois; Sue & Rich Newman; Gail Matuska; Monika & Fred Sisbarro; Marilyn Slate; Shirley; Aubrey; Rosalie Mulvaney; Frank & Mary Timmerman; Cynthia Pedemonti; Andrea Schenker; Helen DeLa Cruz; Peg Bea; Shannon Callaghan; Will Cotton; Patricia Potter; Susan Schlotter; Joan McGavin; Phyllis Smith; Bill & Becky Buglione; Lorraine, Katrina & Peter Borchester; Pat Grant; our whole Church Family.

**For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss** ~ Family of Bill Connolly; Family of Mae Berry; Family of Gregory Russell; Family of Dawn Slate; Family of Russel Gudiatis Jr.; Family of Serina Norall; Family of Mel Rosenbloom; Family of Jay Young.

**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 Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine; Vermont, Virginia; 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. Murphy; Praying an outpouring of God's spiritual renewal and healing of all the people of America.

*Lacey United Methodist Church Easter Sunday ~ April 20, 2025*

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

*Liturgist: Sheryl Lutgen Music Director: Matthew Holmberg*

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

Prelude

Welcome

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

\*Call to Worship

Christ asked Peter if he loved him.

**Peter affirmed three times his love of the Lord.**

Christ asks us if we love him.

**We affirm our love of the Lord in our worship**

Christ calls us to demonstrate our love in service.

**Lord, help us to witness to your love in the ways in which we**

**Care for others. Amen.**

Young Disciples' Time

Prayer of Illumination

**Risen One, with Mary Magdalene, help us recognize you this day as we hear your word and feast together. You are "Rabboni," our Teacher, our Guide. Come speak to us, that we might be messengers of your love and doers of your word. Amen.**

Gospel Lesson: John 21:3-12, 15-19

Message: Love Reigns: "Forgiven to Love"

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

\*Affirmation of Faith UMH 882

Pastoral Prayer and Announcements

Offering

*Anthem: He is Risen*

\*Doxology UMH 95

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Radiant God, whose love endures forever, we gather today in the light of resurrection hope, offering these gifts as a response to the abundant grace we have received. In this period of spiritual**

**renewal, may our giving reflect the joy of the empty tomb and the promise of life everlasting. Transform our offerings into acts of love that bring light to the world, just as Christ's light dawned in our hearts. We dedicate these gifts to your service, trusting that, in your hands, they will bring forth new life. Amen.**

*Communion Hymn Come, Share the Lord TFWS 2269*

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, you have walked patiently with us throughout our Lenten journey. You have celebrated our successes and our growing understanding of your love; and you have mourned our failures and rejections of your healing mercies. This day, as we have gathered to celebrate the joy of Easter, let us remember that we are to become "Easter People", people of the Resurrection; people who know that what was thought to be impossible has been conquered. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Fill us with your healing love and help us to become the disciples that you need to serve in this world. For we ask this in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. 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

Breaking of the Bread and the Sharing of the Cup

The Prayer of Humble Access

The Reception

The Prayer of Gratitude

\*Hymn *He Lives UMH 310*

Benediction

*Postlude God Be with You till We Meet Again (v. 1) UMH 672*

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.

### Upcoming Meetings

**Fundraising:** May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM **Finance:** June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30PM  
**Church Council:** May 2025 **Trustees:** TBD

### FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Statistics for April 13, 2025:

Attendance ~ 67 in-person; 28 via YouTube

Offerings: \$1,185.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,220.75

Plate: \$74.00 In Memory of Bill Connolly: \$125.00

Spring Bazaar (Nursery Update): \$1,506.44 Discretionary: \$136.00

Joy of Angels Deposit: \$1,404.99

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.**

**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



### County Support Services at LUMC

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> 10AM-1PM:** Board of Social Services will be in Fellowship Hall to provide info. about their services.

### 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 help extend the hours of operation. Contact Maddie Stapleton or Laura McDonald to learn more!!!**

The Arts Community of Lacey is holding an open house on May 1<sup>st</sup> from 7PM to 9PM at the Charles A. Smith Community Center. All artist welcome!

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for  
April 27<sup>th</sup> – Matthew 9:9-12, Luke 6:12-16*

*The flowers that grace our Altar today are given in Glory to God;  
and In Memory of Bill Connolly, Love Dottie.*

*Easter flower bulletins are available!!!*

If you purchased flowers, please ask an usher for a bulletin.

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

### Upcoming Events

**Saturday, May 10: Car Show** All Years/Makes/Models  
Trophies | Music | Food | Fun for All  
\$15 Pre-Registration \$20 Day of Show

**Bake Sales at the Lacey Farmers' Market:**

May 23 | June 13 | July 4 | August 29 | Sept. 19

**Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup> Faith & Family Night at the Blue Claws**  
\$18 includes game ticket, hotdog, soda, and ice cream  
Contact Joann in the LUMC Office to reserve your tickets!

### NexTrex Recycling Program

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.

**“Socks for Seniors” Drive....** This year, every person who registers for Annual Conference is invited to bring pairs of socks for the Socks for Seniors project. Let's send **Pastor Jonathan** and **Dawn Marie Kuch** to Annual Conference with an abundance of socks that will be shared with some of the most vulnerable people in Wildwood and Cape May County. **Collecting until May 18<sup>th</sup>!!!**

**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!! 📞



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**Hope Chest Food Pantry:** Facebook

**Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe:** Facebook