

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

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

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Stash & Dawn Marie Kuch; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Donna DeFort; Laurel Helly; Trevor & Sally Potter; Sean, John, & Jill; Bill C.; Carole Jansen; Andrea Frangos; Jordyn, Joey, & Family; Jo-Anne Entrikin; Adelyn Garcia, Cathy Cicero, Jan Kuhl; Rich Budnicki Sr.; Bill and Becky Buglione; Cyndie & Doug Hopkinson; MaryAnn Richter; Linda Becker; Tonilynn Gilanyi; Nancy & George Reid; Family B.; 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; 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; 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 Matthew Zonkowski Sr.; Family of Joseph Saldiveri; Family of Mya and Sigmund Golabek.

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; Kenshin Frangos; T. Ryan McDonald; Ryan Palmieri; 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 B The Caribbean; Illinois, Indiana; 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. Mikie Sherrill; Praying an outpouring of God's spiritual renewal and healing of all the people of America.



Lacey United Methodist Church

October 25, 2026

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Growing in Grace. Living Generously.

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Lacey UMC is called to teach, serve, and love individuals so they will follow Jesus Christ and help us transform the world.



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

*Hymn For the Beauty of the Earth (vs. 1,6) UMH 92

Call to Worship

Come, let us remember the goodness of God.

Every good gift comes from the Lord.

Come, let us remember God's faithfulness.

God has sustained us through every season.

Come, let us worship the One who gives life, hope, and purpose.

With grateful hearts, we come to worship God.

Young Disciples' Time

Prayer of Illumination

O God, your word is more precious than fine gold, and sweeter than purest honey. As we turn to your Scripture, send your Holy Spirit to infuse your Scripture with truth and grace — so that the good news of your love would shine before our eyes and delight our senses ... so that we cannot help but respond with wonder, faith and trust. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture Lesson: Deuteronomy 8:11-18

Gospel Lesson: John 15:1-8

Message: Connected: "Everything is a Gift"

*Praise Song Goodness of God

*Affirmation of Faith UMH 882

The Prayers of the People

Offering

Anthem

*Doxology UMH 95

*Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and trust. Use them to proclaim good news, strengthen your church, serve our neighbors, and bring hope to the world. Multiply what is offered and continue your work of grace within us and through us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Communion Hymn Fill My Cup, Lord UMH 641

The Invitation: Prayer of St. John Chrysostom (347-407)

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we often forget. We forget your faithfulness when life is difficult. We forget your provision when life is abundant. We forget that all we have and all we are comes from you. Too often we cling to the illusion of self-sufficiency. Too often we focus on what is missing rather than what has been given. Forgive us. Renew thankful hearts within us. Restore the joy of your salvation in us. Teach us, again, to trust in your grace. Amen.

A Time of Silent Confession and Reflection

The Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: The God who created us, redeems us, and sustains us is rich in mercy and abounding in steadfast love.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. 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

The Reception

Prayer of Gratitude

Community Life

*Hymn Pass It On (vs. 1,3) UMH 572

Benediction and *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 October 18: Attendance ~ 30 in-person; 51 via YouTube
Offerings: \$2,170.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,268.95
Plate: \$22.00 Wedding: \$500.00
Bosco's Shopping Passes: \$20.00 Harvest Fest: \$155.00
Discretionary: \$304.00 Joy of Angels Deposit: \$3,095.01

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 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!!!**

"Shoe" Us the Love!!! We are collecting **new or gently used pairs of shoes** until **November 15** for a fundraiser to benefit LUMC! All sizes/styles accepted. Contact the Sheryl Lutgen for info.

We will be celebrating *Lauren Prosser's* birthday today following worship!

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
November 1 – Isaiah 58:6-12; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27*

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!
Contact Matt Holmberg for more information: 609-339-5533

Breakfast with the Pastor: Nov. 9th at 9:30 AM
Location: Kristy's, Waretown. Everyone is welcome!



Join us for Holy Grounds Coffee Hour
after Worship on November 22nd!



The **Women's Ministry** dinner scheduled for
Wed., October 28th has been **canceled**.

☞☞ **Membership Class is forming!!!** ☞☞
Please contact Pastor Jonathan at 845-893-9157 if you
would like to join the LUMC family!

Upcoming Events

Harvest Fest: November 21 9 AM – 2 PM
BAKED GOODS | HOMEMADE SOUPS & CHILI |
PICS WITH SANTA (10AM-1PM) | CRAFTS | VENDORS
Contact the LUMC Office 609.693.5222 for more information.
Volunteer sign-up sheets are on the rear table!

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!! 📞

Upcoming Meetings: **SPRC:** Oct. 26 at 5:30 PM
Finance: Nov. 9 at 5:30 PM **Trustees:** Nov. 16 at 5:30PM
Church Council: Nov. 16 following the Trustees meeting

According to verse 11, what specific action defines "forgetting" the Lord?

In verses 14–16, what specific hardships and divine provisions from the wilderness journey are the Israelites commanded to remember?

How can you practically remember and celebrate God's blessings in your life?

Jesus commands His disciples to "**abide**" (or remain) in Him. What does abiding look like in everyday, modern life?

What are some areas in your life where you routinely try to operate out of your own strength rather than relying on Jesus?

What is the practical difference between being "pruned" to bear more fruit and being "cut off" because of fruitlessness?

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