

<>< *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; Gail Matuska; Gesine Klein; Marilyn Slate; Doris & Yook Moy; 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; Dawn Slate; Carole Exel; Karen; Tom & Mary; Davette & Leslie Bivins; Linda & John Ansbach; Patricia Potter; Michael Potter; Sara Carpini; Joseph; Ed & Monique Wojciechowski; Emmett & Gloria Bivins; Brittney; Diane Collins; Rick & Ashleigh Handchen; Marousis Family; Ike & Joan Icenhower; Susan Schlotter; Colleen Brandt; Barkley Family; Joan McGavin; Cindy Dreher; Nancy Dean; Allyson Cotton; Sally & Trevor Potter; Tommy Britton; Dawn Marie & Stash Kuch; Kyle Kuch; Phyllis Smith; Bill Jones; Sue & Rich Newman; Bill Hults; Bill & Becky Buglione; Melody Pryor-Tasco; Lorraine; Katrina & Peter Borchester; Sally & Don McErlean; Hunter; 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; Sheila Forney Family; Amy Haas Family; Ronald Slate 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; James Lubbers; 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.

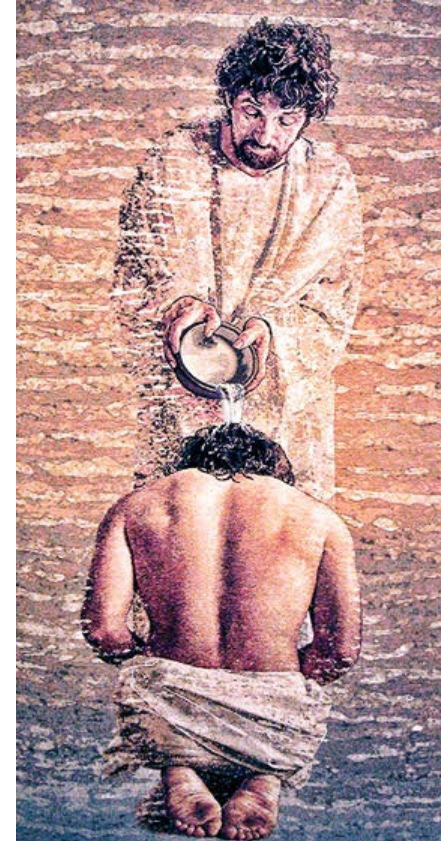
For Greater NJ Annual Conference ~ Bishop John & Beverly Schol; DS Rev. Héctor A. Burgos; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas ~ People of China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau; Kentucky, Louisiana; 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

January 8, 2023



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

Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Judy Mihalkovitz

Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Dominic Gregoria

Music Director: Dawn Slate 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** *We Three Kings* **UMH 254**

***Call to Worship**

The Voice of God prods our hearing

The activity of God stretches our seeing.

Together they invite us down into the waters of life where the Spirit flows.

**From there we may rise to go, to dare, to walk, and to serve
beyond where we have been before.**

Hymn *Baptized in Water* **TFWS 2248**

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

**Please welcome our new brother in Christ,
Edward Alexander Weisbrot**

Hymn *I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry* **TFWS 2051**

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts,
that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have
commanded. **Amen.**

Epistle Lesson: Romans 6:3-14

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:13-17

Message: I'll Do It Tomorrow: "Deep Clean"

***Praise Song** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Anthem ~ In Christ Alone

***Doxology**

Prayer of Dedication

God of the water that cleans us, the land that feeds us, and the air that allows us to breathe your Spirit in and out of us; you claim us in our baptism, but too few of us even remember our own baptism. And if we remember (or imagine) our baptism, we too rarely grasp its meaning and power. As we present our tithes and offering in worship and witness Christ's baptism once again, may we remember that in that water we were, like Christ, commissioned to go: to teach, preach, heal, and even to take up a cross. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

Praise Song *One Small Child*

Prayer of Confession

We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord. We have entered the season in which Your Light has been given to the world, your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet all we can think about is our own problems, our own needs, our own desires. Help us to desire you, Lord. Help us to yearn for your presence. Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance. Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you. Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be. Again, let us receive the blessings offered in creation, in the birth and baptism of Jesus, and in the ministry of the saints of light. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

The love of God is always offered to us, freely, joyfully, for all eternity.
Rejoice, dear friends, this is the Good News of our Lord. **Amen.**

***Hymn** *There's a Song in the Air* **UMH 249**

Benediction

***Postlude**

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Statistics for the week of December 18, 2022:

Attendance ~ 44 in-person; 31 via YouTube

Offerings ~ \$1,555.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$1,238.99 Plate ~ \$45.00
Harvest Fest ~ \$45.00 Rent ~ \$1,311.27 Pass Thru ~ 75.00
Shared Ministry ~ \$200.00 Discretionary ~ \$62.00

Statistics for December 24, 2022:

Attendance 7PM ~ 74 in-person; 24 via YouTube

Attendance 10PM ~ 27 in-person; 14 via YouTube

Offerings ~ \$1,565.00 Plate ~ \$167.00

Statistics for the week of December 25, 2022:

Offerings ~ \$6,586.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$1,108.02 Plate ~ \$60.00
Facebook Donation ~ \$191.00 Book Study ~ \$20.00
Transfer from Joy of Angels to Discretionary ~ \$696.89
Transfer from Joy of Angels to General Fund ~ \$2,787.58
Transfer from Joy of Angels to Building Improvements ~ \$2,787.58

Statistics for January 1, 2023 will be posted next week.

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!!

Church Council Meeting: January 9th at 6PM

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



Memorial Brick Orders

4" x 8" Brick / 4 lines / 18 characters each line including spaces = \$50
8" x 8" Brick / 6 lines / 18 characters each line including spaces = \$100
Please visit our website or contact the LUMC Office for an order form!

Shop Online? Here are two ways you could earn donations for LUMC!

- ✓ umcmarket.org - You earn for LUMC every time you click through the umcmarket.org site to shop. Sign up for free at umcmarket.org!
- ✓ [amazonsmile.com](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2279634) - Support LUMC by starting your Amazon shopping at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2279634>

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!

🛒 ShopRite gift cards make great gifts 🛒

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.

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
Sunday, January 15 – 1 John 2:15-17*

Bible Study Opportunities

- ✠ Wednesday morning Bible Study will return soon!
- ✠ Thursday evenings at 6:45pm.

Children/Youth Events

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

S.H.A.L.O.M. (Showers/Hot Meals/Advocacy/Laundry/Outreach/Mission) **Needs...** Laundry Detergent (any size, brand) & Volunteers
LUMC offers showers and laundry on Tuesday & Thursday.
Contact the LUMC Office if you are interested in volunteering!

Shoe Drive: We are collecting **new or gently used pairs of shoes** for a fundraiser to benefit LUMC!

All sizes/styles accepted. Contact the LUMC Office for info.

Epiphany Party at the Parsonage – Today from 3PM to 6PM

Please join Pastor Jonathan as we celebrate Epiphany Sunday!
The parsonage is located at 744 Devon Street, Forked River.

Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: January 9th at 9:30 AM
at Lacey Perkins. Everyone is welcome!

Shoe Drive Fundraiser coming to LUMC!

We are collecting your new or gently used pairs of shoes.
Shoes can be dropped off to the LUMC Office during the week!

Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe

Hours of Operation: Thursdays ~ 8:00AM – 11:00AM
Tues., Wed., Fridays, & Sat. ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM

- ↪ The Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe is a vital mission of Lacey UMC. Volunteers are needed to help extend the hours of operation. Please contact the LUMC Office to learn about volunteering!

Trivia Night & Potluck! Friday, January 27th at 6PM

Join us for a fun night of trivia! Trivia questions for all ages.
Please bring a potluck dish to share.
Everyone is welcome to be part of the food, fellowship, and fun!

