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For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Covid sufferers & Care Givers; 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; Cindy Dreher; Nancy Dean; Allyson Cotton; Sally & Trevor Potter; Tommy Britton; Dawn Marie & Stash Kuch; Kyle Kuch; Phyllis Smith; Bill Jones; Bill Hults; 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; Darrell Astwood Family; Prag and Weisbrot families mourn the loss of Sheila Prag; Robert Fisher Family; Andrew Williams Family; Jack Lagowicz Family.

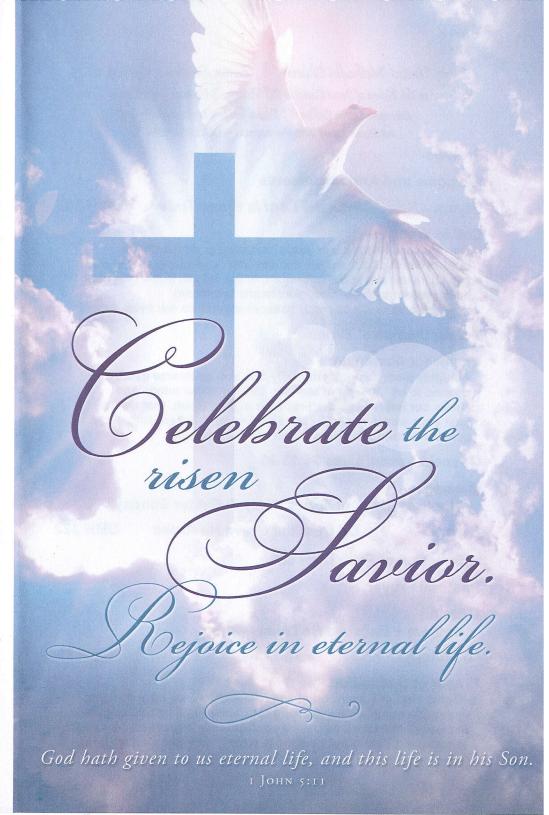
Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ Thanks be to God for answered prayer!

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 Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania; South Dakota, Tennessee; 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 Easter Sunday ~ April 9, 2023
Welcome in the Name of Jesus Christ to All Visitors, Members, Family and Friends!

Liturgist: Diane Collins * Please feel free to rise in body or spirit

All Music Used with Permission – CCLI#2274807

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn Christ the Lord Is Risen Today UMH 302

Call to Worship

How glorious it is to hear of Jesus' resurrection. At his death, our hearts cried out and we felt lost. But he comes to us and walks with us, even now. In the holy word, in the music, in the prayers, he is present with us. Open your hearts to the Lord. Lord, help us really be ready to receive you into our lives. Amen.

Young Disciples' Time

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the light of eternity. Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts with the presence of your Spirit, that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge in the reading of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:13-35

Message:

The Final Days of Jesus: "Day 7: Easter Sunday"

*Hymn Up from the Grave He Arose UMH 322

Affirmation of Faith UMH 882

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Anthem ~ Because He Lives (Amen)

*Doxology UMH 95

Prayer of Dedication

Mighty God of Resurrection and Redemption, we offer our gifts alongside our alleluias! We long for Easter to fill us and soak into our bones like those who were confronted in a graveyard by angels announcing, "He is not here, he is risen!" May we run from here,

not walk, because we and every corner of the world so desperately need to hear the news the angels share! Before we speak a word, may others see in our faces that the world has been turned upside down. You win; death loses. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Hymn Broken for Me TFWS 2263

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you are so patient with us. You brought us to Easter and we rejoice at the news of the resurrection of your Son our Savior. You come to us on the road, you find us where we are. You come to us in our everyday lives, moving out of this pristine setting of worship into the work world. But we aren't always ready for you and don't always see you or feel your presence. We let so many things crowd in on our lives and these intrusions blot out our awareness of your presence. Forgive our lack of awareness and our stubbornness. Help us keep our hearts open to you, to see and tell the good things you have done in our lives. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Even though you have not seen Jesus, face to face, you have assurance of his presence and his love with you. The promises of God are always true. God is with us, in the resurrection of Jesus, in our journeys, in our lives. Praise be to God. **Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

The Sharing 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 Because He Lives UMH 364

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

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Statistics for the week of April 2, 2023: Attendance ~ 59 in-person; 22 via YouTube

Offerings ~ \$1,559.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$1,164.11
Plate ~ \$71.35 Easter Flowers ~ \$255.00
American Rescue Plan Grant (general fund) ~ \$305.64
American Rescue Plan Grant (discretionary) ~ \$518.00
Discretionary ~ \$195.00 Shalom Bathroom ~ \$370.00
Shoe Drive ~ \$1,008.40
Weekly Deposit from Joy of Angels ~ \$1,311.75

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!!

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

Extended Hours!!!

Saturday ~ 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.

The Fundraising Team is **collecting plain paper bags** to be decorated and used at upcoming bake sales. Contact the Dawn Kuch for info!

Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for April 16 – Deuteronomy 6:1-3

Bible Study Opportunities

- [☆] Wednesday evenings at 6:45pm.

Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: April 10th at 9:30 AM at Lacey Perkins. Everyone is welcome!

Friends in Faith Meeting (formerly UMW) – May 9th 6:30PM in Fellowship Hall

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

All women are welcome to join us!

Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...

1. bottled juice 2. snack items Items can be dropped off at the LUMC office during the week or after worship service on Sundays. Thank you!

Safe Sanctuaries Training

If you were unable to participate in the last training session, please contact the LUMC office to sign up for a special small group training. This training is necessary for volunteers.

Car & Truck Show Saturday, June 17th 9AM – 2PM

Food | Music | Trophies | Fun for All \$15 Pre-Registration \$20 Day of Event Visit laceyumc.org for more info and a registration form. Volunteers are needed to help make the Car & Truck Show a huge success! Please speak to Judy or Dominic to sign-up.

LUMC is going to the ballpark for "Faith and Family Night" on Thursday, August 3rd with the Jersey Shore BlueClaws!! \$12 game ticket

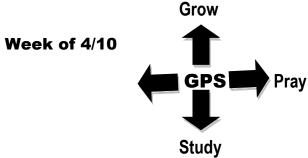
\$17 game ticket – includes hotdog, beverage, and ice cream

Contact Joann in the LUMC Office to

reserve your tickets before they sell out!



We're social! Like & follow us on... LUMC: Facebook, Instagram, & YouTube Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe: Facebook



Why would the author end with the words "terror and dread," adding that the women "said nothing to anyone"? Monday- Luke 24:13-35 Saturday- Matthew 28:1-15 Why do you think the disciples only recognize Jesus in the Belief in the risen Christ requires an act of faith, to which breaking of the bread? witness is given by women and men as disciples. What lesson does this teach us? **Tuesday- Luke 24:13-35** How do you see Jesus in Holy Communion? Notes: Wednesday- Luke 24:1-12 Why do you think the disciple struggle in believe in the empty tomb? Thursday- John 20:1-18 What is the relationship between Peter and the Beloved Disciple?

Friday- Mark 16:1-8