

<>< *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; Nancy & Rev. George 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; Will Cotton; Carole Exel; Karen; Tom & Mary; Leslie Bivins; Patricia 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 Hults; Bill & Becky Buglione; Melody Pryor-Tasco; Lorraine; Katrina & Peter Borchester; Sally & Don McErlean; Pat Grant; Bill Keyworth; 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; Virginia Schoeneberg 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; 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.

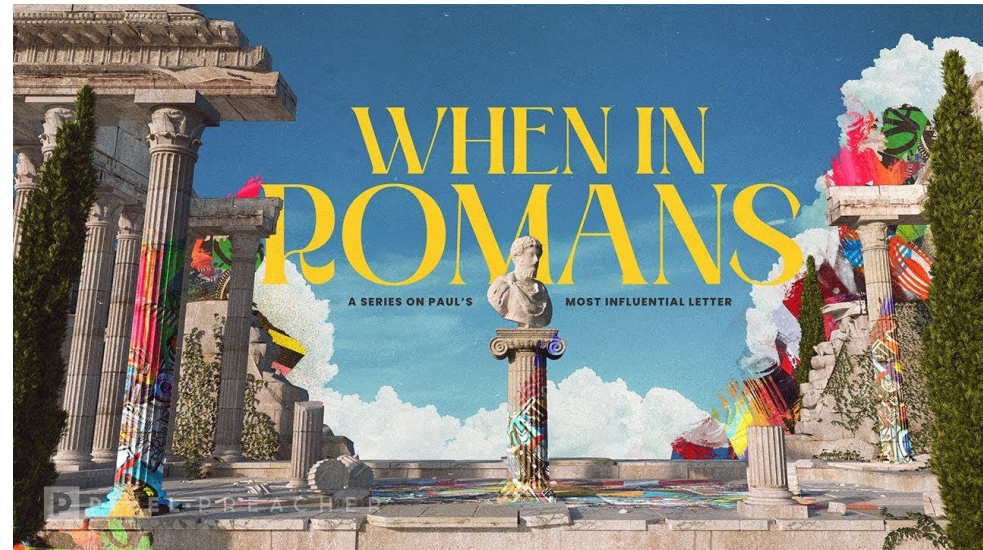
For Greater NJ Annual Conference ~ Bishop John & Beverly Schol; DS Rev. Ronell Howard; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas ~ People of Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda; Florida, Georgia; 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

July 2, 2023



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

Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Lori Osborn

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!

All Music Used with Permission – CCL#2274807

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, and Announcements

***Hymn** *America the Beautiful* **UMH 696**

***Call to Worship**

Come, all who need help!

Our help comes from God, the one who made heaven and earth.

Come, all who desire blessing! **Our blessing comes from God, the God of Abraham, the God of the ages.**

Come, all who long for salvation! **Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ, the one sent by God to save the world.**

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 4:1-5, 13-17

Message: "Father Abraham?"

***Hymn** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* **UMH 452**

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

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

God Bless the USA *Soloist: Kenny Pitman*

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

Prayer of Dedication

Generous God,
you shower us with gifts, including the greatest gift of all, your own Son, Jesus Christ. In thanksgiving and praise, we offer you our time, our money, our very selves. In these actions, we proclaim our intention to be a blessing in your world. Amen.

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

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

God of salvation, you shower our lives and our world with love, yet

we too often turn away from your blessing. It is just so easy to complain! There are little annoyances each day, but they pile up into a mountainous burden that becomes a curse on our lives. Free us from our unwise choices, O God.

When we are distracted and confused, redirect our attention to the abundant opportunities to experience your love. Focus our hearts on you, that we may choose the blessing of salvation offered us each day through Jesus Christ, in whom we pray. Amen.

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

God did not send Jesus into the world to condemn it, but that the world might be saved through him. Through the saving love of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and blessed! **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

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs from under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us, Amen.

The Reception

Prayer of Gratitude

God of all, we give you thanks and praise that, when we were still far off, you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us so we and all your children shall be free and the whole earth live to praise your name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Praise Song** *God Bless America*

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.

Fundraising Team Meeting: Monday, July 10th at 6PM at the home of Monika & Fred Sisbarro, 118 Heatherington Court, Lanoka Harbor. The heated pool will be open so feel free to bring your bathing suit! RSVP to Monika at 732-503-0363.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Statistics for the week of June 25, 2023:

Attendance ~ 39 in-person; 20 via YouTube

Offerings: \$1,050.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,078.66 Plate: \$25.00

Summer Lunch Program: \$25.00 Facebook Donation: \$11.00

Discretionary: \$530.00 American Rescue Plan (Discret.): \$293.71

Sight & Sound Deposit: \$700.00

Weekly Deposit from Joy of Angels: \$1,116.25

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 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
July 9– Romans 5:1-8, 12-19*

Bible Study: Wednesdays 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, July 21

Bakers and volunteers needed to help make the bake sales a huge success! Please contact Debbie at 732-966-4632 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

Payment is due by Friday, July 7th – please contact Joann in the office asap if you would like to join us!!

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

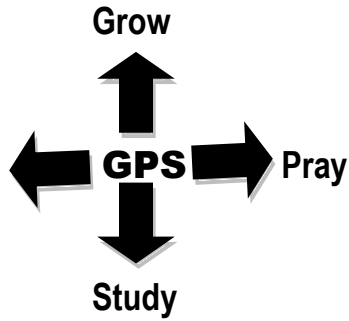
Sept. 9: Car & Truck Show

Sept. 30: Lacey Day at Gille Park

This Fall: Drama Club

Details to follow...

Week of 7/3



Monday- Romans 4:1-5

What does Paul mean that righteousness is “credited” to us?

Tuesday- Romans 4:6-12

What does it mean for you when you think about Abraham being your father?

Wednesday- Romans 4:13-17

What does God ask of you?

Thursday- Romans 4:13-17

Paul uses faith as a nothing word for trust. How do you trust in God? Where in your life do you struggle trusting God?

Friday- Romans 4:18-25

Paul talks about how Jesus, Abraham, and Sarah experienced God’s resurrection power. How have you experienced resurrection in your life?

Saturday- Read Romans 4

Does Paul make sense in his explanations?

Notes:
