<> Lacey United Methodist Church Prayer Page ><> <>< YOUR WILL, LORD GOD, BE DONE ~ NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS, NOTHING ELSE <><</p>

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Kathleen: Lorraine & Robert Soehl: Kayla Davis; Sheryl Lutgen; Barbara T.; Linda Jenkins; Barbara & Bob Pentland; Steven & Nadine Woodward; Jay Youngs; Victoria Krauss; Carole Exel; Steven Exel; Tiny; Marsha Brandt; Daryl Mafia; Jason Gilman; Paul Rue; Ed Weisbrot; Carole Jansen; Bob Wynn & Denise Vaccaro; Ellen Larney; Christine Urban; Dale Stucky; Suzy; Steve Woodward; Bob & Pam Marsh; Sadie; Kyle Wilhelm; Nancy & Rev. George Reid; Sally Potter; Danny Huyler; Mel Rosenbloom; Donna Craft: Diane F.; Michael Claus; Christine Morgan; Joseph Ensinger; Michelle Reves; Jeff Merceron; Mrs. Nunez; Lois Pozsar; Patrick Jemas; Helen Wooley; Gary; Levi Kern; Greg R.; Rich Rosfjord; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Sara Carpini; Andrea Almeida; Linda & John Ansbach; Bill Wehner; Rich C.; Chris Mignone; Randy M.; Lois; Sue & Rich Newman; Dawn Slate: Gail Matuska: Monika & Fred Sisbarro: Marilvn Slate: Shirlev: Aubrev: Betty Carhart: Rosalie Mulvaney: Dottie & Bill Connolly: Frank & Mary Timmerman: Cvnthia 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.

<u>For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss</u> ~ Family of Dave Runyon; Family of Pat Stack; Family of John E Rue III; Family of Florence Galapia; Family of Kathleen McDonough; Family of Michael Santos.

<u>Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer</u> ~ For the Birth of Sofia Marie – parents Christina & Nicholas Iapicco; Thanks be to God for answered prayer!

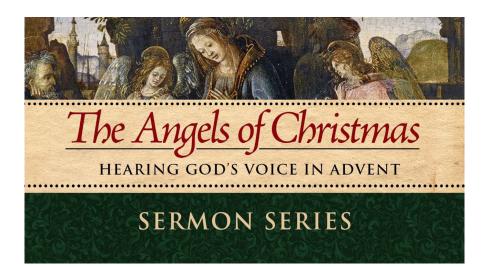
For Those Serving in the Military ~ Peter Borchester; Jordyn Breur; Kevin Carhart; Luke Derflinger; Ellen Hammer; Gavin Hammer D'Adamo; Raymond Kitson; T. Ryan McDonald; Ryan Palmieri; Daniel Schenker; Jason Schenker; for all Soldiers; Sailors; Marines; Airmen; and Guards-Men/Women of our Armed Forces.

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.

<u>For Greater NJ Annual Conference</u> ~ 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 Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam; Hawaii, Idaho; 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; Praying an outpouring of God's spiritual renewal and healing of all the people of America.





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Head of the Church - Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Dominic Gregoria Music Director: Matthew Holmberg Liturgist: Leah Kern Advent Family: Sally & Trevor Potter Welcoming Team: Lori Osborn & Deb Waddell Head Ushers: Sherry Exel & Rick Waddell Thank You to All Who Share Their Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, Witness & Time! All Music Used with Permission – CCLI#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

*Hymn Hail to the Lord's Anointed (v.1,2) UMH 203

*Call to Worship

Host of Hosts, from sunrise to sunrise, and generation to generation, we are your people. You have been with us wherever we have gone. You will be with us wherever we may go. You planted us in a land flowing with milk and honey, then you planted our salvation in Mary's womb. Jesus, who is the Christ, is planted firmly in each one of us. Our souls magnify the Holy One. Our spirits rejoice in God, our Savior.

Young Disciples' Time

Advent Candle Lighting

Prayer of Illumination

Speak to us, Lord. Speak to us in the waiting, the watching, the hoping, the longing, the sorrow, the sighing, the rejoicing. Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days, and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 1:26-38

Message: The Angels of Christmas: "Let It Be"

*Hymn	The Angel Gabriel	
*Affirmation of Faith	UMF	1882
Pastoral Prayer and Ann	ouncements	
Offering Anthem: Mary, Did You	u Know?	
*Doxology	UM	H 95
*Prayer of Dedication God of Advent iov, we bring our offerings with hearts open to		

your transformative call. In this season of anticipation, may our gifts help mend what is broken and share the promise of redemption. Empower us to live fully present, giving generously and acting justly. Let these offerings be seeds of hope and joy that will draw us closer to your kin-dom. Bless our giving, that it may reflect your love and bring light to our world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Communion Hymn Come to the Table of Grace W&S 3168

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

Compassionate, Forgiving God, we trespass on your mercy and take your favor for granted. **We think only of ourselves.** We forget the lessons of those who came before us, and ignore our responsibility to those who will follow us.

We grow proud and seek power.

We do not see the destruction of our actions and how it distances us from you. We do not recognize our hunger for what it is, or where it leads us.

We grow faint. Bring us home to you, Merciful Beloved.

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

The Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

The Prayer of Humble Access

The Reception

Prayer of Gratitude

*Hymn O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (v. 1,2) UMH 211 Benediction

Postlude O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (v.4) UMH 211

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.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

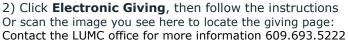
Statistics Dec. 1, 2024: Attendance ~ 55 in-person; 25 via YouTube Offerings: \$990.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,556.82 Plate: \$202.00 Hospitality: \$40.00 Building Improv.: \$40.00 NA/AA Rent: \$50.00 Thanksgiving: \$100.00 Harvest Fest: \$44.00 Shoe Drive: \$1,186.80 Books: \$45.00 Discretionary: \$112.00 Joy of Angels Deposit (Week of Nov. 24): \$1319.25 Joy of Angels Deposit (Dec. 1): \$1,549.50

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



Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe Normal Hours of Operation:

Tuesday ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM Wed. ~ 10:00AM – 4:00PM Thursday ~ 8:00AM – 4:00PM Friday ~ 10:00AM – 4:00PM Saturday ~ 10:00AM – 4:00PM

A 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!!!

County Support Services at LUMC

 Dec. 10th 10AM-1PM: Board of Social Services will be in Fellowship Hall to provide info. about their services.
 Dec. 19th 10AM-1PM OC Board of Health will be holding a vaccine and information clinic in Fellowship Hall.

Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...snacks, fruit cups, oatmeal and juice! Drop off at the LUMC office or after worship.

There will be a Special Church Conference on **Sunday**, **December 8, 2024**, **following worship at approximately 10:30AM.** The sole purpose of the Special Church Conference will be to discuss and vote on the sale of the former Lanoka Harbor UMC property. LUMC members are encouraged to attend.

Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for December 15 – Matthew 1:18-25

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

Please reach out to Pastor Jonathan if you are interested in joining **Bible study** and/or a **book study**.

Lacey Christmas Parade ~ TODAY at 3PM Help is needed in extending hospitality to those marching in the parade. Volunteers, please come by 1:30PM. THANK YOU!!!

Breakfast with the Pastor: Dec. 9th at 9:30 AM at CJ's, Forked River. Everyone is welcome!

Women's Night – December 17th at 6PM at the home of Dawn Marie Kuch, 409 Coolidge Ave., Bayville. Please bring an appetizer, snack, or dessert to share. Questions? Contact Dawn at 732-232-7270.

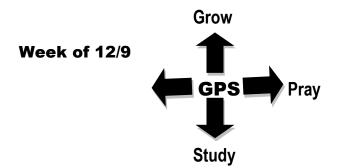
The Winter Wonderland Trees Celebration
 Monday, December 9th at 7:00PM – Join us for carols and fellowship in celebration of the Christmas season!
 Reach out to the office if you are interested in decorating a tree!

NexTrex Recycling Program

When we collect more than 1,000 pounds of soft film plastics and packaging 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.

Upcoming Meetings

Fundraising: Jan. 13th 6:00PM **Finance**: Dec. 16th at 6:00PM **Church Council**: 2025! **Trustees**: 2025!



Monday- Luke 1:26-38

If you were asked what Mary was asked, what would have been your response?

Tuesday- Luke 1:26-38

What does Mary teach us about discipleship?

Wednesday- Luke 1:39-56

How is Mary's prayer like Hannah's (1 Samuel 2:1-10)?

Thursday- Luke 1:39-56

What about Mary's prayer stands out for you?

Friday- Romans 16:25-27 What mystery about God and God's plan is revealed in Jesus?

<u>Saturday- Micah 5</u> What are your false gods?

Notes: