

<<< *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; Gesine Klein; Ronald & Marilyn Slate; Doris & Yook Moy; Dawn McLeod; Melissa; Harper & Rachel; Freddy; Gail Matuska; Kevin; Rhoda & Steve; Amy Russell; Brian; Ashley; Carole Reppert; Aiden & Ariel Edgcomb; Gwen Lewis; Aubrey; Betty Carhart; Rosalie Mulvaney; Kay Laux; 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; George & Adrienne Melnyk; Ike & Joan Icenhower; Susan Schlotter; Dee & Paul Burrowes; Colleen Brandt; Barkley Family; Joan McGavin; Cindy Dreher; Nancy Dean; Allyson Cotton; Lisa Burger; Sally & Trevor Potter; Tommy Britton; Dawn Marie & Stash Kuch; Kyle Kuch; Phyllis Smith; Bill Jones; Sue & Rich Newman; Bill Hulst; Bill & Becky Buglione; Melody Pryor-Tasco; Lorraine; Katrina & Peter Borchester; Sally & Don McElean; 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; Kay Johnsen Family; Sheila Forney Family; Amy Haas Family; Betty Ann Britton Family; Patrick Sisbarro Family; Ed Johnson Family.

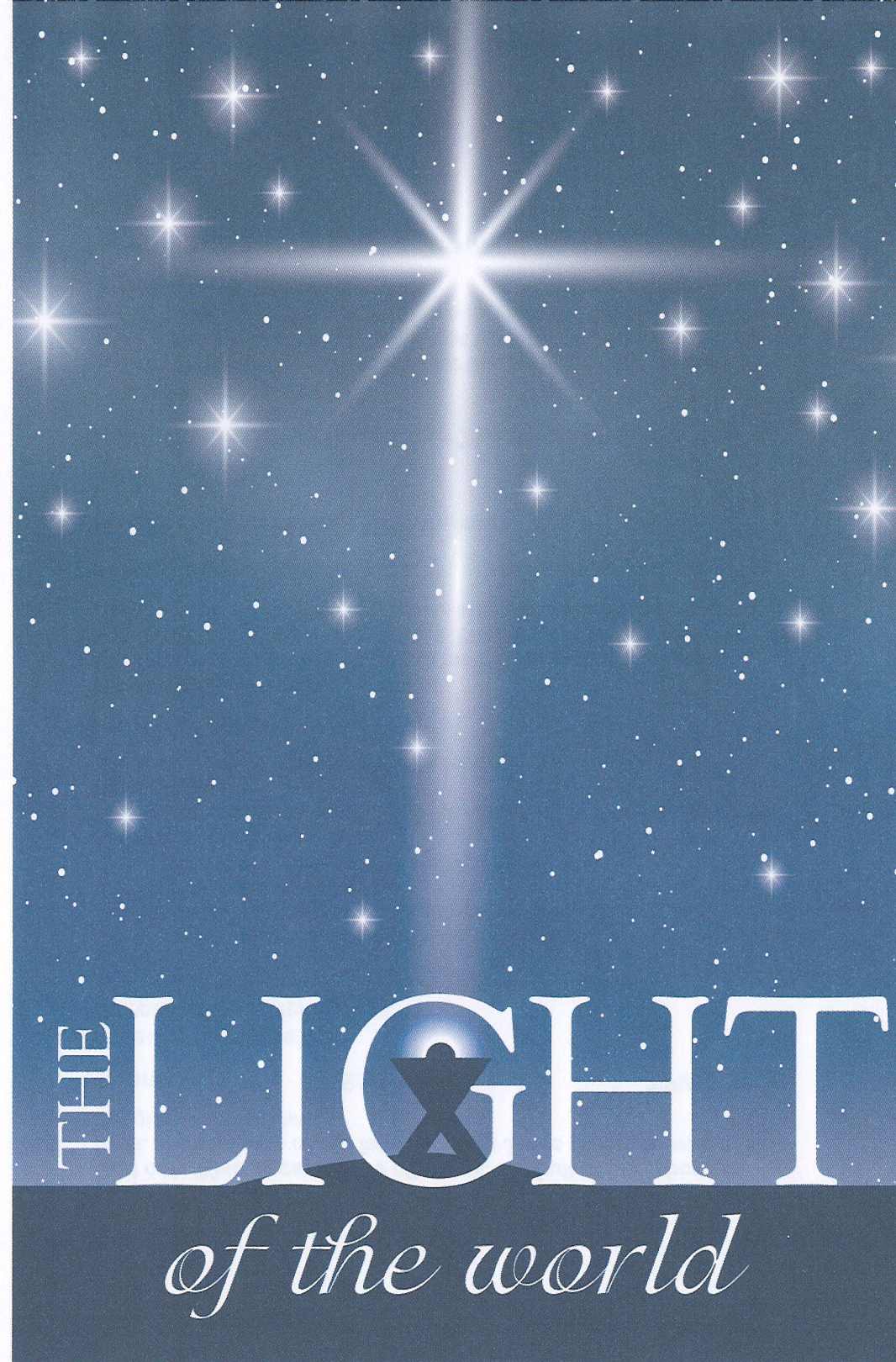
Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ Thanks be to God for answered prayer!

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 Cambodia; Laos, Vietnam; Iowa, Kansas; 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 December 11, 2022

Welcome in the Name of Jesus Christ to All Visitors, Members, Family and Friends!

Liturgist: Lori Osborn Advent Readers: Betty Carhart & Carly Carpini

Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Music Director: Dawn Slate

** Please feel free to rise in body or spirit*

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful vs. 1&2 UMH 234

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.

Advent Wreath Lighting

Readings: Isaiah 35:1-10 and Psalm 146:5-10

Advent Hymn: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel v. 3 UMH 211*

Prayer for Illumination

Speak to us, Lord. Speak to us in the waiting, the watching, the
hoping, the longing, the sorrow, the sighing, and 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: Light of the World: "The Promise of Potential"

Hymn *To a Maid Engaged to Joseph v.1,2,4 UMH 215

Canticle of Mary (Magnificat) UMH 199

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Anthem ~ Mary, Did You Know?

***Doxology**

Prayer of Dedication

**God only Wise, accept these offerings, the fruit of our labor and
lives, in obedience of our faith, through Jesus Christ, to whom be
the glory forever! Amen.**

***Hymn**

Star-Child vs. 1,5

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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.

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

The Holy One forgives and bestows favor on each of us, even and
especially when we are lowly in spirit. We are blessed from generation to
generation by the Mighty One, whose strength and mercy are forever.

Passing of the Peace

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread and The Sharing of the Cup

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**

What a Beautiful Name

Benediction

***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.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Our projected weekly need to meet ministry obligations is \$5,120.00. Statistics for the week of December 4, 2022:

Attendance ~ 44 in-person; 23 via YouTube

Offerings ~ \$2,165.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$1,148.47 Plate ~ \$33.00

AA/NA Rent ~ \$50.00 Summer/Winter Lunch Program ~ \$65.00

Parade Donations ~ \$127.00 UMM ~ \$100.00

Brick Campaign ~ \$50.00 Discretionary ~ \$155.00

General Fund Total: \$3,523.47

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



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 🛒

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 Elaine Brandt to volunteer!

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
December 18 – Luke 2:1-7*

Bible Study Opportunities

✝ Wednesday morning Bible Study will return soon!

✝ Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm at the home of Donna Jones.
Please contact Donna at 609-276-7383 for more information.

✝ Thursday evenings at 6:45pm.

✝ Disciple Bible Study – starting in January!

Children/Youth Events

⇒ **Sunday School** following the Young Disciples Message

⇒ **Drama Club** Wednesdays 5:00-6:30PM

**Christmas Cantata TODAY - Sunday, December 11th
4:00PM at FR Presbyterian Church**

Favorite carols and Christmas classics performed by FRPC & LUMC Choirs. Freewill donation | Full Reception to follow!

Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: December 12th at 9:30 AM
at Lacey Perkins. Everyone is welcome!

Christmas at Lacey UMC

Saturday, Dec. 17th 5:30 PM – Caroling followed by hot chocolate in Fellowship Hall.

Wed., Dec. 21st 7:00 PM – Blue Christmas Worship Service

Saturday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Worship Services:

7 PM – Family Candlelight Service

10 PM – Traditional Candlelight Service

Sun., Dec. 25 9:00 AM – Christmas Brunch and Carol Service in Fellowship Hall

Sun., Jan. 1st 9:00 AM – "Love Feast" Service in Fellowship Hall

We are collecting **warm 80% wool socks** for soldiers in the Ukraine. Please contact Monika Sisbarro at 732-503-0363 for more info! **December 11th is the deadline for sock donations!**

❄❄ **Winter Lunch Program for Lacey's Kids** ❄❄

We are collecting **kid-friendly soup** to be distributed to participants of our Lunch Program for Lacey's Kids. Drop off after worship or through the LUMC Office by December 11th!

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 mornings. Please contact the LUMC Office if you are interested in volunteering!

