

<>< *Lacey United Methodist Church Prayer Page* ><>

<>< YOUR WILL, LORD GOD, BE DONE ~ NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS, NOTHING ELSE ><>

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Kathleen; Lorraine & Robert Soehl; Kayla Davis; Sheryl Lutgen; Barbara T.; Linda Jenkins; Barbara & Bob Pentland; Steven & Nadine Woodward; 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 Reyes; Jeff Merceron; Mrs. Nunez; Lois Pozsar; Patrick Jemas; Helen Wooley; Gary; Levi Kern; Greg R.; Rich Rosford; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Sara Carpini; Andrea Almeida; Bill Wehner; Rich C.; Chris Mignone; Randy M.; Lois; Sue & Rich Newman; Dawn Slate; Gail Matuska; Monika & Fred Sisbarro; Marilyn Slate; Shirley; Aubrey; Betty Carhart; Rosalie Mulvaney; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Frank & Mary Timmerman; Cynthia 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.

For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss ~ Family of Jay Young; Family of Linda Ansbach; Family of Bill Hults; 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.

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

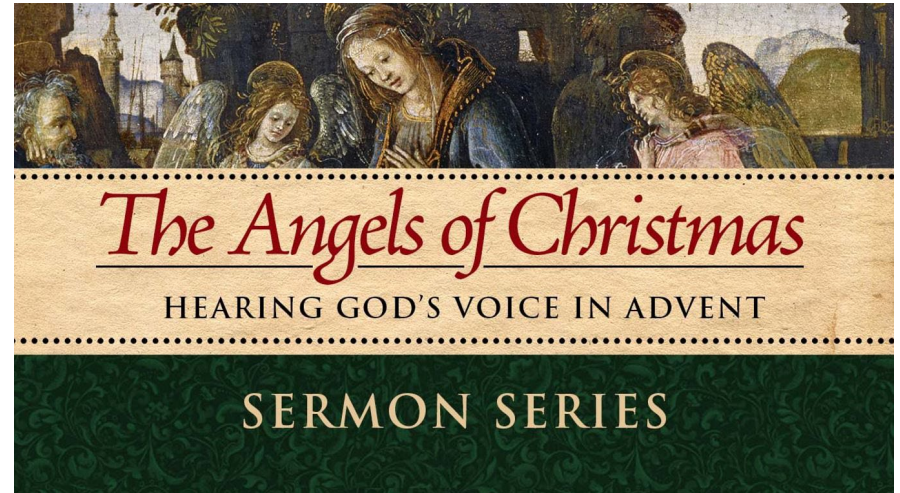
For Those Serving in the Military ~ Peter Borchester; Jordyn Breur; Kevin Carhart; Luke Derflinger; Ellen Hammer; Gavin Hammer D'Adamo; Raymond Kitson; T. Ryan McDonald; Ryan Palmieri; Daniel Schenker; Jason Schenker; for all Soldiers; Sailors; Marines; Airmen; and Guards-Men/Women of our Armed Forces.

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.

For Greater NJ Annual Conference ~ 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 Japan, North Korea, South Korea; 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; Praying an outpouring of God's spiritual renewal and healing of all the people of America.

 *Lacey United Methodist Church*
December 22, 2024



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Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Dominic Gregoria
Music Director: Matthew Holmberg Liturgist: Sally Potter
Advent Family: The Meelheim Family
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!
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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 Angels from the Realms of Glory (v.1,2,4) UMH 220*

*Call to Worship

Children of God, the arrival of the Promised One is almost here!

We wait as people of God's promise. The message of the prophets and the expectation residing in Mary's womb call to us today. **We listen as people of God's promise.**

Mary's "yes" and Elizabeth's faithfulness guide our path, showing us that we too have a role to play in bearing God's good news into the world. **We follow as people of God's promise.**

This is the promise Mary, Elizabeth, and the prophets bore that we continue to carry even today—God is with us!

God is with us! We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

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 2:1-20

Message: The Angels of Christmas:

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

**Hymn While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks (v.1,2,6)*

UMH 236

*Affirmation of Faith

UMH 882

Pastoral Prayer and Announcements

Offering

Anthem: Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow TFWS 2096

*Doxology

UMH 95

*Prayer of Dedication

Glorious God, as the shepherds rejoiced at the angel's news, we too bring our offerings with joy. Bless these gifts, that they may spread your good news of great joy to all people. Use them to bring peace, justice, and hope to our community and beyond. In this season of Advent, may our giving reflect the light of Christ, and may we be your instruments of love and generosity. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Communion Hymn In Remembrance of Me TFWS 2254

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

God of Light, we confess that we have gone astray and have left Your light. We follow the dim lights of the world of success and fortune. We follow the dim lights that call us to be more religious by following rules. We follow the fading light of personal salvation. Forgive us for not seeking the true Light of Your love for all the world. Forgive us for not following the ways of Jesus, who commanded us to love one another. Call us to be light-bearers of love, compassion and justice, in which the Mystery of Your Love is revealed. In the name of Jesus the Messiah, we pray. Amen.

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 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (v. 1,2) UMH 240*

Benediction

Postlude Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (v. 3) UMH 240

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. 8, 2024: Attendance ~ 46 in-person; 34 via YouTube
Offerings: \$1,415.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,556.71
Plate: \$7.00 Bay Shore Fellowship Rent: \$1,311.27
Summer Lunch Program: \$50.00 Discretionary: \$276.00
Joy of Angels Deposit: \$1,555.00

Statistics Dec. 15, 2024: Attendance ~ 60 in-person; 37 via YouTube
Offerings: \$2,705.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,216.17
Plate: \$131.00 Hot Lunch Program: \$20.00 Book Study: \$75.00
Christmas Parade Donations: \$56.00 Discretionary: \$138.00
Joy of Angels Deposit: \$1,524.38

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
 - 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



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

↪ 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

Jan. 14th 10AM-1PM: Board of Social Services will be in Fellowship Hall to provide info. about their services.
Jan. 9th 10AM-1PM: OC Board of Health will be holding a vaccine and information clinic in Fellowship Hall.

Please remember to submit your 2024 vouchers for payment by December 31st. Thank you!

Christmas at Lacey UMC

Sunday, Dec. 22 6:30 PM – Blue Christmas Worship Service

Tuesday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Worship Services:

7 PM: Family Candlelight Service

10 PM: Traditional Candlelight Service

Sunday, Dec. 29 – 9AM Breakfast and Carols in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Jan. 5 3PM-6PM – Epiphany Party at the Parsonage,
744 Devon Street, Forked River

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
December 29 – Psalm 148*

♪♪ **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 the Bible study and/or a book study.*

Upcoming Meetings

Fundraising: Jan. 13th 6:00PM **Finance:** TBD

Church Council: 2025! **Trustees:** 2025!

Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...canned soup and manual can openers! Drop off at the LUMC office or after worship.

Holy Communion for Housebound Members

Holy Communion is offered every Sunday during worship. Please let us know if there is anyone who is housebound that would like to receive communion on Sunday or if you would like to volunteer to bring communion to someone at their home. Please contact Pastor Jonathan Campbell at 845-893-9157 for details.

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.

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!! 📞



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