

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

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

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Steven Exel; Marsha Brandt; Daryl Mafia; Jason Gilman; Amy; Paul Rue; Pat Stack; Ed Weisbrot; Carole Jansen; Bob Pentland; Bob Wynn & Denise Vaccaro; Ellen Larney; Bill Jones; 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; John E. Rue; 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; Linda & John Ansbach; 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; Carole Exel; 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 Joan Marie Michalkowski; Family of Carolyn Biggins; Family of Betty Carty; Family of Marshall Reeves; Brian Ross Family; Keith Gibbons Family.

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ For the Birth of Westley Edward – parents Jimmy & Heather; grandparents Maddie & Jim Stapleton! 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 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 Angola, Mozambique; Texas, Utah; 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*
August 25, 2024



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Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Dominic Gregoria
Music Director: Dawn Slate

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 Thank You, Lord UMH 84

Welcome

*Hymn Standing on the Promises UMH 374

*Call to Worship

Today is the first day of our week.

Lord, help us to find peace and joy in this week.

Open your hearts and receive God's breath of new life.

Lord, help us to be ready to hear your words of life.

Come, let us worship the Lord with great joy!

Praise be to God. Amen.

Young Disciples' Time

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Lesson: Acts 6:1-7

Message: Go!: "Empowered to Serve"

*Hymn Here I Am, Lord UMH 593

*Affirmation of Faith UMH 882

Pastoral Prayer and Announcements

Offering

Anthem: Help Us Accept Each Other UMH 560

*Doxology UMH 95

*Prayer of Dedication

O God of our Salvation, we are witnesses to your amazing deeds! By the resurrection of your Son Jesus, you have opened the gate to eternal life. We are grateful for your gifts of forgiveness and a new start. Let the obedience of Christ, the righteous one, become the chief cornerstone of our lives. Help us to use our spiritual gifts and monetary blessings be a testimony to your glory. We dedicate ourselves and our offerings through Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

Communion Hymn Let Us Break Bread Together UMH 618

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

We use a lot of words, Gracious God, but do little to turn them into deeds. Instead of being of one heart and soul, we choose sides and form groups of folks just like us. Blessed with great grace, we have trouble sharing it with those who need it the most. Forgive us, God of love. Forgive us, as we step out of our shadows into your light. Restore us, as we reveal our brokenness. Hear us, as we proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and our God.

A Time of Silent Confession and Reflection

The Assurance of Pardon

This is the good news we have declare: God leads us out of the shadows to walk in the light of Christ.

This is the word we have heard: our faithful God forgives our sins and raises us to new life. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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 I Surrender All UMH 354

Benediction

*Postlude What a Friend We Have in Jesus UMH 526

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 August 18, 2024:

Attendance ~ 45 in-person; 25 via YouTube

Offerings: \$1,320.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,210.13

Plate: \$49.00 Capital Campaign: \$640.00 Harvest Fest: \$350.00

Bounty of the Bay: \$270.00 Discretionary: \$340.00

Sale of Tables: \$440.00 Joy of Angels Deposit: \$1,530.50

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

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



Please help us complete the Sanctuary Altar Flooring

All you have to do is buy ShopRite cards through LUMC!

ShopRite makes a \$50 donation to LUMC for every \$1,000 we sell in ShopRite gift cards! Cards are available through the LUMC Office or on Sundays after Worship.

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.

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

Bake Sale at the Lacey Farmers' Market: August 30th

Upcoming Meetings

Fundraising: Sept. 9th at 6:00 PM **Trustees:** August 26th
Church Council: September 16th **Finance:** Oct. 7th at 5:30 PM
Sisters-In-Faith: October 2024!

County Support Services at LUMC

Tues., Aug. 27th 9:30AM-1:30PM: Board of Social Services will be in Fellowship Hall to provide info. about their services.

Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: Sept. 9th at 9:30 AM
at **Breakfast at Bryant's**, Forked River. Everyone is welcome!

Lacey Day - Saturday, Sept. 28th

12pm-4pm at Gille Park

Please let Joann know if you can help out at the LUMC booth!

BOUNTY OF THE BAY Tuesday Oct. 1st 6:00pm-8:00pm

Appetizers, Entrees and Desserts from local restaurants.

\$35 Adults / \$10 children 8 yrs. and under Silent Auction!

Bounty of the Bay Donations

Please help us make the upcoming Bounty of the Bay an amazing success! We are looking for individuals to donate gift cards for local restaurants and stores to be used in creating gift baskets that will be auctioned off at the event. Monetary donations or gift cards can be placed in the red donation box that can be found in the entrance of the Sanctuary.

HARVEST FEST ~ November 23rd 9AM – 2PM

BAKED GOODS | HOMEMADE SOUPS & CHILI |

PICS WITH SANTA (10AM-1PM) | CRAFTS | VENDORS

Contact the LUMC Office 609.693.5222 for more information.

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!! 📞



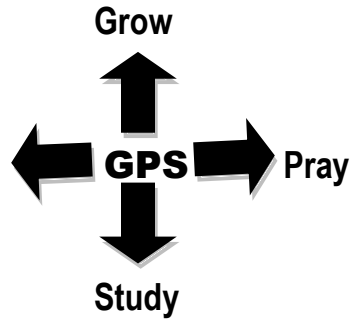
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LUMC: Facebook, Instagram, & YouTube

Hope Chest Food Pantry: Facebook

Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe: Facebook

Week of 8/26



Monday- Acts 4:36-5:16

What role does greed play in our dealings with others?

Tuesday- Acts 5:17-42

How could you follow Gamaliel's advice in your own life?

Wednesday- Acts 6:1-7

What created this situation? How was the problem resolved?

Thursday- Acts 6:1-7

What insights about dealing with conflict can we learn from how the apostles dealt with this problem?

Friday- Acts 6:8-7:53

Why does the writer note that Stephan's face was "radiant"?

Saturday- Acts 6:8-7:53

How might Stephen's sermon appeal to the Synagogue of Former Slaves?

Notes:
