LUMC'S COMMUNITY REVELATIONS

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DO NOT JUDGE A BROTHER

James 4: 11-12: Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you to judge another?

BE PATIENT AND PERSEVERING

James 5: 7-12: Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door! My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord – that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your "Yes" be "Yes," and your "No," "No," lest you fall into judgment.

Join us for Worship Service every Sunday at 9am, with Sunday School beginning after Young Disciples' Message. You can also view Sunday Service on our youtube channel!

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.

MONTHLY PASTOR'S BREAKFAST



This month's Pastor's Breakfast will be held on Monday, June 13th, at 9:00am at the Lacey Perkins (113 South Main Street in Forked River). Everyone is welcome to be part of the food, fellowship and fun!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VBS

Volunteers are needed for Vacation Bible School. We will be teaming up with our friends from the Forked River Presbyterian Church from 5:00pm until 7:30pm during the week of July 25th (Monday thru Friday). A free dinner is being offered at 5:00pm. Kids should dress appropriately for crafts, games and water play. This event is open to children in Kindergarten thru 4th grade. Please contact Eric DeLa Cruz at (609) 709-9713 if you can help. You can also visit www.myvbs.org/frpc to register as a participant or volunteer.

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

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 are also accepting donations of reusable shopping bags. For more information, contact the LUMC Office at (609) 693-5222.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR PROVIDENCE HOUSE

Providence House, a domestic violence shelter, is in need of laundry detergent and paper towels. Drop off to Maddie Stapleton on Sundays or the LUMC Office during the week.



THE LACEY FOOD BANK NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Lacey Food Bank has a need for volunteers to help maintain their raised vegetable gardens. Please contact Ed Weisbrot for further details.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN EVENTS

Wednesday, June 8: "Girl Talk" at America's Keswick. Meeting at LUMC Parking Lot at 9:30am. \$12 per person.

Thursday, June 23: 6pm Meeting in the Prayer Garden. Contact Monique Wojciechowski or LUMC Office for more info.

SUMMER FLEA MARKETS

Outdoor Flea Markets are currently scheduled for Saturdays: June 4, July 9, and August 6 from 9:00am until 2:00pm. \$20.00 per space. Rain dates will be the following Saturday. Bring your own tables and chairs. Food will be available for purchase. For more information, contact the LUMC Office at (609) 693-5222.

GREETERS & LITURGISTS WANTED

Looking for church members who would like to enhance their church experience by signing up to be a greeter or a liturgist for our Sunday 9am services. If interested, contact Dominic Gregoria at (732) 904-9945.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP SCHOL ABOUT MASS SHOOTINGS

Speak tenderly, comfort my people says God. - Isaiah 40: 1

Dear Friends in Christ,

There are no words.

Shootings and killings in the last two weeks of African Americans in a Buffalo, NY supermarket, an Asian church in Southern California and a school in Uvalde, Tx leave us all hurt, wondering and angry. We grieve for those who died and their families. We pray for their souls, their peace and their comfort.

What good is it if you claim to have faith but don't do anything about it. - James 2: 14

Something is wrong, something is broken and we are not protecting children, people of color and other vulnerable populations from rage, hatred, guns and mental illness. As a Nation and even more so as a church, we are failing to preach, teach and act to bring an end to the sins of hatred, division, racism and cure the illness such as mental illness.

We live in a time when politicians as well as community and church people speak in ways that creates further division, fear and even rage. We even cheer when someone representing our views spews hatred and harm. Our encouraging "our side" or saying or doing nothing only inflames incivility and violence. If you say you have faith and your words create division, it is not faith in Jesus Christ.

We all can pray and comfort those who mourn. Today we are called to support one another because acts of hatred like these can open up old wounds of those around us. Be sensitive to one another and comfort each other.

Let us also work together to end the sin of racism, advocate for an end to gun violence and support better and more mental health care and offer a witness of Christ that does not tolerate those who spew hatred, division and violence.

I call all our churches to pray this weekend and find specific actions your church will take to stand against and do something about the hatred and violence in our communities and world. Keep the faith! Bishop John Schol

PENTECOST PARTY

On Sunday, June 5th, there will be a Pentecost Party at the Parsonage, located at 744 Devon Street in Forked River from 3:00pm until 6:00pm. Food will be provided, as all are welcome and invited. Contact the LUMC Office at laceyumcnj@gmail.com to RSVP.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Our Confirmands will be taking over the service and receive their Confirmation on Sunday, June 12th, at 9:00am. So, let's please fill the pews and welcome them into the fold.

PASTOR REAPPOINTED

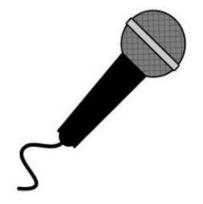
Pastor Jonathan Campbell has been reappointed to the Lacey United Methodist Church for another year. The Pastor stated in a post,: "I am looking forward to continuing to serve this wonderful community as your pastor. May we continue to open ourselves to the grace and leading of the Holy Spirit so that we will draw closer to each other and be transformed to serve our neighbors and be the city on a hill Jesus has called us to be."

COMING SOON: BOUNTY OF THE BAY II – OCTOBER 18

"I'll build a boat in the desert place And when the flood and the water starts to rise, yeah I'll ride the storm 'cause I got You by my side With Your wind in my sails, Your love never fails or fades ++++++++++++++++++++++++++ I'll build a boat, so let it rain" ++++++++++++++++++++++++

Colton Dixon

MEDIA TEAM



Volunteers are needed to join our Media Team! Contact Steve Michalkowski to learn how you can help to

ensure that are Sunday Services



and other special events can be broadcasted on our youtube channel

This Fall, the LUMC Drama Club will be entering a new phase! New students, as well as current students, can sign up by emailing Dominic at donnieg777@hotmail.com.

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