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

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Jay Youngs; Victoria Krauss; Carole Exel; Steven Exel; Tiny; Marsha Brandt; Daryl Mafia; Jason Gilman; 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 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; 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 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 Argentina, Paraguay; Vermont, Virginia; 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*
September 22, 2024



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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 *Count Your Blessings*

Welcome

*Hymn *How Great Thou Art* UMH 77

*Call to Worship

We come this morning full of ourselves:

Our concerns, our plans, our opinions, our schedules.

In this moment, help us empty our minds of the relentless 'I' and make space for you. **Enable us to put down our priorities; to set aside our assumptions and schemes.** Open our hearts to recognize your love in action in our lives. **Reassure us of your divine vision, and let us rest in your unending care.**

Young Disciples' Time

Prayer of Illumination

Dear God, as we hear your word, may we be transformed into a true community of believers, ready to go into the world to testify that Christ is alive and active in our lives today. Amen.

New Testament Lesson: Acts 16:16-22; 19:18-20, 23-31

Message: Go!: "God vs. Our Idols"

*Hymn *Great Are You Lord*

Affirmation of Faith UMH 882

Pastoral Prayer and Announcements

Offering

Anthem: "Njalo"

*Doxology UMH 95

*Prayer of Dedication

God of justice and mercy: The temptation is strong to make our gifts to you on Sunday feel as if we've done all that is expected, then wake up on Monday and live like all the rest of the world. Deep in our souls, we know that's not what Christ called us to do, but the safe road is so much easier. God of compassion, embolden us to be involved in some "good trouble." Embolden us to stand out against the backdrop of a world that says, "take care of your own." Embolden us to use our voices to speak on behalf of the voiceless, to use our ears to hear the discouraged

and defeated, and to use our arms to help the weak and powerless. In the name of the one who conquered death. Amen.

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

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith.

Through your Spirit we stand in the assurance of your acceptance. Forgive us when we are shackled by our narrow understandings of discipleship and our clouded sense of purpose.

Through your Spirit we are drawn into the illumination of your empowering love. Forgive us when we are frightened of the future or pull back from the demand of your calling. Forgive us when we fail to sense your presence in our past, to acknowledge your grace in the present moment, **and to trust you for our future. Through your Spirit we offer ourselves in discipleship. We stand together as your disciples. We seek renewed and renewing faith. Touch us now with your Spirit, Lord. Touch us now with your Spirit.**

A Time of Silent Confession and Reflection

The Assurance of Pardon

Let the light of God's eternal love flood into your hearts this day. Feel the healing presence of God in your lives. Accept God's love and hope for you. This is the gift freely given for you by Jesus Christ, God's risen Son our Lord. 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'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* FWS 2153

Benediction

Postlude His Name is Wonderful UMH 174

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 Sept. 15, 2024: Attendance ~ 45 in-person; 40 via YouTube
Offerings: \$1,106.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,111.13
Plate: \$35.00 NA/AA Rent: \$50.00 Harvest Fest: \$245.00
BayShore Fellowship Rent: \$1,311.27 Bounty of the Bay: \$2,075.00
Capital Campaign: \$340.00 Hospitality: \$17.00
Transfer from Gift Card Acct. to Capital Campaign: \$3,000.00
Discretionary: \$350.00 Joy of Angels Deposit: \$1,549.75

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.
Contact Maddie Stapleton or Laura McDonald to learn more!!!

County Support Services at LUMC

Tues., Sept. 24th 10AM-1PM: Board of Social Services will be in Fellowship Hall to provide info. about their services.

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

**“Surviving the Election” Conversation
with Pastor Don & Pastor Jonathan Tues., Oct. 15 at 6:30PM**

Sunday School Parent Meeting - Sept. 29th after Worship!

**Safe Sanctuaries Training
TODAY!!! Sunday, Sept. 22 Following Worship**

United Methodist Men: Breakfast meeting Sat. 10/12 at 6:30AM

Church Conference – Saturday, October 19 at 10:00 AM
The Conference will be held in our Sanctuary.

“Shoe” Us the Love!!! We are collecting **new or gently used pairs of shoes** for a fundraiser to benefit LUMC!
All sizes/styles accepted. Contact the Sheryl Lutgen for info.

Upcoming Meetings

Finance: Oct. 7th at 5:30 PM **Trustees:** October 7th at 6PM
Fundraising: Oct. 7th at 6:00 PM **Sisters-In-Faith:** October 2024
Church Council: November 18th

Monthly Pastor's Dinner: Oct. 18 at 6:00 PM at Kristy's in Waretown. Please rsvp to Joann. Everyone is welcome!

Lacey Day - Saturday, Sept. 28th 12pm-4pm at Gille Park
Let Pastor Jonathan know if you can help 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!

Women's Night – October 16th at 7PM at the home of Diane Collins. Please bring an appetizer, snack, or dessert to share.
Questions? Contact Diane at 609-618-7346.

Halloween Party – Oct. 27th 2PM to 5PM in Fellowship Hall
Join us for games, snacks, and Halloween fun! Ages 3 to 12 yrs.
Volunteers welcome – please contact Dominic to sign up!

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.

