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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 Huvler: 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 Rosfjord; 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.

<u>For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss</u> ~ 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.

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

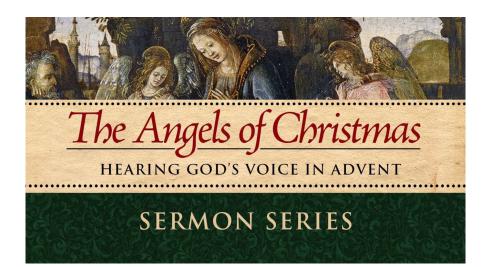
For Those Serving in the Military ~ Peter Borchester; Jordyn Breur; Kevin Carhart; Luke Derflinger; Ellen Hammer; Gavin Hammer D'Adamo; Raymond Kitson; T. Ryan McDonald; Ryan Palmieri; Daniel Schenker; Jason Schenker; for all Soldiers; Sailors; Marines; Airmen; and Guards-Men/Women of our Armed Forces.

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.

<u>For Greater NJ Annual Conference</u> ~ Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi; DS Rev. Ronell Howard; Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

<u>World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas</u> ~ People of Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, and the Mainland of China; Illinois, Indiana; 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.





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Head of the Church - Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Dominic Gregoria Music Director: Matthew Holmberg Liturgist: Rose Coram Advent Family: The Staples 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! 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

Welcome

*Hymn	Emmanuel, Emmanuel	UMH

*Call to Worship

We have been looking for a sign. **Emmanuel—God with us.** We have been waiting for a savior. **Emmanuel—God with us.** The time is near—can it be? **Emmanuel—God with us.** Come let us worship the God of sign, wonder, and promise.

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: Matthew 1:18-25

Message: The Angels of Christmas: "Acting on the Unbelievable"

*Hymn	It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (v. 1,2,4)	UMH 218
*Affirmation of Faith		UMH 882

Pastoral Prayer and Announcements

Offering Anthem:	Come, Emmanuel	W&S 3130
*Doxology		UMH 95

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy God of hope and promise: when the children were in deep despair, you promised them a sign, the indication of a Savior coming into their midst. As we bring you our tithes and offerings this day, so many of us are discouraged, trying to find our way. We need your sign, we need your Son, not as simply a reminder of history but as a new direction, a revolution of love that starts in our hearts, a resurrection of compassion that looks beyond self and the accumulation of more and more things that don't satisfy. We need what only a Savior can give us. Guide us by your signs on this day and as we begin the journey to Bethlehem once again. In the Savior's name, we pray. Amen.

Communion Hymn In Remembrance of Me TFWS 2254

The Invitation

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Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, Light of the World, you caused light to shine out of darkness in the advent of Jesus our Christ; you constantly open to us the ways we are to prepare. We confess our unwillingness to see the light and to walk in your ways. We have not always opened our eyes to the needs of others, and our feet have wandered from the paths of justice and peace. We ask that the Spirit of Christ be born anew within us, that our hearts be stirred to glorify the nativity with acts of compassion and service. 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 Angels We Have Heard on High (v. 1) UMH 238

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

Statistics Dec. 8, 2024: Attendance ~ 46 in-person; 34 via YouTube

The collection information for be published in next week's bulletin. We apologize for any inconvenience. Offerings via Vanco: \$1,556.71 Joy of Angels Deposit: \$1,555.00

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

A 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.
- **Dec. 19th 10AM-1PM** OC Board of Health will be holding a vaccine and information clinic in Fellowship Hall.

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

Holy Grounds Coffee Hour - Today after Worship!

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 22 – Luke 2:1-20

♪ ♪ 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**.

Women's Night – December 17th at 6PM at the home of

Dawn Marie Kuch, 409 Coolidge Ave., Bayville. Please bring an appetizer, snack, or dessert to share. Questions? Contact Dawn at 732-232-7270.

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.

Upcoming Meetings

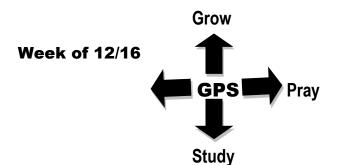
Fundraising: Jan. 13th 6:00PM Finance: Dec. 16th at 6:00PM Church Council: 2025! Trustees: 2025!

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!!



We're social! Like & follow us on... LUMC: Facebook, Instagram, & YouTube Hope Chest Food Pantry: Facebook Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe: Facebook



Monday- Matthew 1:18-25

Reflect on Joseph's decision. How does it affect your understanding of the law?

Tuesday- Matthew 1:18-25

Why do you think Matthew shares the story of Joseph's dream?

Wednesday- Psalm 80

What problems of God's people today are reminiscent of the defiled temple and the broken walls of Jerusalem?

Thursday- Isaiah 7:1-16

Why do you think Matthew saw a connection to Jesus in this prophecy of Isaiah to King Ahaz? Where in the Old Testament do you see connections to Jesus' life?

Friday- Romans 1:1-17

Paul is defending his gospel of grace and faith. Is this your understanding of teaching of Jesus?

Saturday- Romans 1:1-17

Salvation comes through faith. What does this statement mean to you?

Notes: