

# LUMC'S COMMUNITY REVELATIONS

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## CHRIST'S BIRTH ANNOUNCED TO MARY



Luke 1: 26 – 38: Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored

one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"

But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible."

Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

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JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 9AM IN-  
PERSON OR ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TAKES PLACE AFTER THE YOUNG  
DISCIPLES' MESSAGE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL!

## FAMILY BOX OF PLENTY THANKSGIVING MISSION BASKETS

Please bring your box (or bag) with Thanksgiving contents to LUMC’s Altar on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, to be distributed to families in need. The contents should include (1) a jar of peanut butter, (2) a bag or box of stuffing mix, (3) a dessert mix, (4) a jar of applesauce, (5) canned sweet potatoes, (6) cranberry sauce, (7) canned beans, (8) a box of crackers, (9) a package of rice, (10) a box of macaroni and cheese, (11) a package of pasta, (12) a jar of spaghetti sauce, (13) chicken noodle soup, (14) a can of fruit, (15) a box of cereal, (16) a can of corn or green beans, (17) a box of potatoes, (18) a jar of gravy and (19) shelf-stable milk. If you are unable to complete a box alone, maybe you can team up with somebody. Thank you all for your generosity!

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### BREAKFAST WITH THE PASTOR

Join us for breakfast with Pastor Jonathan on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30am at CJ’s, located at 429 Lacey Rd., in Forked River. Their phone number is (609) 971-2627. All are welcome to be part of the food, fellowship and fun.

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### TURKEYS AND HAMS NEEDED

As we approach Thanksgiving, the Food Pantry could use some turkeys and hams for those in need to help celebrate the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. The Hope Chest Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30pm until 1:30pm. For more info, contact the LUMC Office at (609) 693-5222.

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### NEX TREX RECYCLING PROGRAM

We are collecting soft film plastics and packaging. This is an effort to be awarded a bench for our Prayer Garden. For more info, contact Laura McDonald at (609) 276-0702.

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### BOUNTY OF THE BAY WINNERS

While every restaurant who participated in the Bounty Of The Bay were winners, congratulations go out to Captain’s Inn (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), CJ’s (2<sup>nd</sup> Place) and 3 Flags (1<sup>st</sup> Place) for leaving with plaques, as voted by all of those in attendance.

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### THANKSGIVING HAPPENINGS

Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>: Ecumenical Worship Service at 7:00pm.

Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Dinner at 1:00pm in Fellowship Hall.

Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>: Hanging Of The Greens – Help decorate the Sanctuary for the Christmas Season at 8:00am. Breakfast provided!

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### HARVEST FEST

On Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Harvest Fest will be taking place from 9:00am until 2:00pm. Baked goods, homemade soups and chili will be available for purchase. In addition, there will be many vendors, and crafts for sale. Santa Claus will be available for photos beginning at 10:00am until 1:00pm. Contact the LUMC Office at (609) 693-5222 for more information. Volunteers are needed for set-up the night before at 5:00pm.



## LACEY CHRISTMAS PARADE

The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Lacey Christmas Parade, sponsored by Lacey Lodge #2518 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, will take place on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00pm. The parade begins at the Lacey United Methodist Church and heads west on Lacey Road ending at the Lacey Township Municipal Building. Canned and non-perishable goods will be collected along the parade route for the Lacey Food Bank. There will be an appearance by Santa and a tree lighting ceremony at Town Hall. Contact the LUMC Office for info and ways to volunteer.

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## CHRISTMAS TREE TRIMMING

Christmas trees should be arriving around the weekend of Thanksgiving. Local businesses, organizations and members of the church are encouraged to select a tree to decorate. Last year, we held our own tree lighting ceremony, so keep reading church literature or listening to the announcements during Sunday Services to find out as to what will take place this year.

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## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>: Remembrance Service at 4:00pm.

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>: Family Candlelight Service at 7:00pm.

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>: Traditional Candlelight Service at 10:00pm.

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the set-up and for working in our future Nursery. This is being created so that parents can enjoy church services while their little ones are being entertained. Contact Dominic Gregoria at (732) 904-9945 if interested.

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## FAMILY SERVICE

Any family that is going to attend the Family Service on Christmas Eve should let me know if they are interested in having their children take part in a short skit during the service. I have been making announcements but haven't received any definite responses yet. I understand that plans for that evening may still be up in the air but I would need time to put it together. Contact me at (732) 904-9945 if interested. God bless you all, Dominic Gregoria

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**PASTOR JONATHAN CAMPBELL GETS MUMMIFIED AT LUMC HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY FOR THE YOUTH FROM OUR COMMUNITY!**

(Thank you to all who attended, donated or volunteered!)

EVERYONE'S INVITED  
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 TO SIT AT THE TABLE  
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 DON'T MATTER IF YOU'RE  
 FEELING  
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 FIT OR UNFAITHFUL  
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 'CAUSE EVEN WHEN YOU'RE  
 GUILTY  
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 OUR GOD IS ABLE  
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 TO LOVE YOU  
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 ON AND ON AND ON AND ON  
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 ALL YOUR LIFE  
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**TENTH AVENUE  
 NORTH**

**HELP OUT OUR COMMUNITY BY CHECKING  
 OUT OUR VARIOUS AREAS TO VOLUNTEER:**

- JOY OF ANGELS THRIFT SHOPPE**
- HOPE CHEST FOOD PANTRY**
- HOT LUNCH PROGRAM**
- SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NURSERY**
- SHALOM PROGRAM AND MORE!!!!**

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**RING IN THE NEW  
 YEAR**

- APRIL 6: BLESSING OF  
 THE VEHICLES**
- MAY 10: CAR SHOW**
- (RAIN DATE: MAY 17)**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!!!**