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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 Huyler; Donna Craft: Diane F.; Michael Claus; Christine Morgan; Joseph Ensinger; Michelle Reves; 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.

**For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss** ~ Family of Serina Norall; Family of Mel Rosenbloom; 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> ~ 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

<u>World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas</u> ~ People of Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine; Kentucky, Louisiana; 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: Helen DeLa Cruz Music Director: Matthew Holmberg Liturgist: Lori Osborn 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 Majesty, Worship His Majesty UMH 176

#### \*Call to Worship

Arise, shine, for your light has come. The glory of the Lord has risen upon you! **The glory of God shines in the darkness**. Lift up your eyes and look around. Follow the star, wherever it leads! **Take the journey that leads to the child**. Let your hearts rejoice. Be overwhelmed with joy! **We worship the Christ child, the hope of the world**.

Young Disciples' Time

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Please welcome our new sister in Christ, Addison Emelie Cross

\*Hymn Child of Blessing, Child of Promise UMH 611

Prayer of Illumination

Gracious God, open our hearts and minds to the light of your word read and preached. May this good news transform us and guide us as we seek to follow the star of love and light. Amen.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12

Message: "Following the Star"

*Hymn	We Three Kings (v. 1,5)	UMH 254
*Affirmation of Faith		UMH 882
Pastoral Prayer and Announcements		

## Offering

Anthem:	There's Something About That Name	UMH 171
*Doxology		UMH 95

## \*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious Lord, whose light guides our steps, we bring these gifts in humble adoration. May they be used to spread your truth and love to all nations. As we journey into this new year, let our hearts remain focused on your presence and our hands open to your service. In the name of Christ, our guiding star, we pray. Amen.

Hymn Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast (v.1,3,5) UMH 616

#### The Invitation

## Prayer of Confession

Lord of living light, we hear the story of the Magi and tie it together with our warm Christmas celebration. It feels comfortable to us. Break those bonds of comfort and help us to realize the risk of witness and discipleship for those who follow your light. Shine brightly in us and through us. Forgive the closed eyes we so often offer to you. Give us the courage to open our eyes so we might see what you would have us be and do in the Light of Your Love. 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

\*Praise Song As With Gladness (v. 1,2)

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. 22, 2024: Attendance ~ 49 in-person; 43 via YouTube Offerings: \$1,327.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,335.98 Plate: \$51.00 Hospitality: \$33.00 Summer Lunch Program: \$100.00 Book Study: \$30.00 NA/AA Rent: \$100.00 Memorial Donation: \$200.00 Discretionary: \$50.00 Joy of Angels Deposit: \$1,991.89

Statistics Dec. 24 and Dec. 29 will be printed in the next bulletin. We apologize for any inconvenience

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

↔ 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. 14<sup>th</sup> 10AM-1PM: Board of Social Services will be in Fellowship Hall to provide info. about their services.
- Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> **10AM-1PM:** OC Board of Health will be holding a vaccine and information clinic in Fellowship Hall.

## Epiphany Party at the Parsonage – TODAY from 3PM to 6PM

Please join Pastor Jonathan as we celebrate Epiphany Sunday! The parsonage is located at 744 Devon Street, Forked River.

Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for January 12 – Luke 3:21-23

### ♪ ♪ 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**.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

**Fundraising:** Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM **Finance**: TBD **Church Council**: Jan. 20 5:30PM **Trustees**: Jan. 20 6:30PM

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

# Offering Envelopes for 2025 are available!

The envelopes are on the table as you walk into the Sanctuary. **Don't have an envelope number yet?** No problem! Available numbers are highlighted in yellow on the sign-up sheet – simply write your name on the corresponding line and take a box to start using this week! **Please remember to write your envelope number on the front** 

each week to ensure we record your giving correctly!

## **NexTrex Recycling Program**

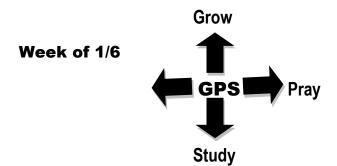
When we collect more than 1,000 pounds of soft film plastics and packaging in a 12-month span, we will be awarded a Trex® furniture bench for our Prayer Garden! Questions? Contact Laura McDonald at 609-276-0702.

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- Isaiah 60:1-6

God promises God's people restoration. What do you need restored?

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#### Tuesday- Psalm 72

How do you show reverence to God in your daily life?

#### Wednesday- Ephesians 3:1-13

Through the actions of Jesus, Paul changed his view of the differences between Jews and Gentiles. What prejudices do you hold on to?

#### Thursday- Ephesians 3:1-13

What separates you from others?

#### Friday- Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi saw something in Jesus Herod didn't. What do you see in Jesus?

# Saturday- Matthew 2:1-12

How can you express faith in Jesus today?

#### Notes: